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STM Mission Statement

"We are a diverse Eucharistic family united in Jesus Christ and His Church. We accomplish our mission to spread the message of God's love through the gifts of the Holy Spirit who guides and inspires us and with the prayers of our Blessed Mother, Mary."

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 1st, 2010

Gospel Summary:

While Jesus is teaching a crowd of people, someone asks him to settle a dispute about an inheritance. Jesus refuses to act as a judge in the dispute, and uses the occasion to warn the crowd against all forms of greed or covetousness. He then illustrates what he means by telling a story about a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest. The man decided to build large barns to store his grain and other goods. And he thought about the future day when he would say to himself, "Now as for you, you have so many things stored up for many years, rest, eat, drink, and be merry!" But God said to him, "You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you." The story is a warning for all who store up treasure for themselves, but are not rich in what matters to God.

Life Implications:

Jesus' teaching about the deadly sin of covetousness is at the heart of the biblical tradition. David Noel Freedman, in his recent book *The Nine Commandments*, contends that the first nine books of the bible after Genesis tell how Israel from the Exodus to the Exile violated all Ten Commandments and as a consequence suffered God's just punishment: Exodus (idolatry), Leviticus (taking God's name in vain), Numbers (keeping the Sabbath), Deuteronomy (honoring parents), Joshua (stealing), Judges (murder), 1 and 2 Samuel (adultery), 1 and 2 Kings (false witness). Covetousness (the tenth commandment) is the motivating force behind the violation of all the commandments. (This summary is from a review by Daniel J. Harrington, SJ, *America*, March 12, 2001.)

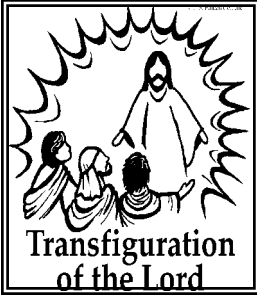
Today's homily could use examples from any of these books to deepen the understanding of Jesus' warning against covetousness. Genesis, particularly the first eleven chapters, also shows how deadly a sin covetousness is. Here the truths that Israel had learned the hard way through the events of its history are revealed to be true for all humanity. Just as covetousness was the motivating force of Israel's violation of the Ten Commandments, so it was also the motivation of Adam and Eve's violation of the commandment God had given to them. The covetousness was expressed in their desire to be like gods. In the account we can also see the connection between covetousness and fear. Sensing their fear of death, Satan had said to Eve, "You certainly will not die." Their fear it seems impelled them to the covetousness that was their downfall.

Covetousness also seems to have made Adam and Eve forget about God as they were about to eat the fruit. They also forgot that they already were like God—created in the divine image and likeness to live and be creative in their beautiful garden of Eden. There is no suggestion of a rebellious, satanic "I will not serve" in the Genesis story of the Fall. Afterwards, God's response seems to be more disappointment than anger, much like the father of the prodigal son who was so covetous of an illusory good life. It is easy to relate to these universal human experiences in our culture of mass production and advertising. We readily succumb to the fear of being "nobodies" and are stimulated to covet all sorts of things that the "somebodies" have, foolishly forgetting what God might think about the matter. Covetousness seems to engender covetousness in others. It is thus not only the original sin, but it is also an originating sin.

Covetousness is a deadly sin because it causes us to forget about God, at times to the point of idolatry (Col 3:5). It also causes us to forget about other people except in resentment or envy. Notice that in Jesus' parable, the rich man thinks only of himself—taking it easy, eating, drinking and having a good time. He does not say to himself, "Now that I have all this money, I will feed the hungry, help the widows and orphans, and give my farm-workers a raise." If he had desired to do such things for others, he would have been rich in what matters to God. "The love of money is the root of all evil" (1 Tim 6:10). Money, on the other hand, at the service of love is the root of countless good things. It takes money to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, heal the sick, do scientific research, or start a business. That love is a good kind of coveting.

At our Eucharist today we might pray that our loves will not be foolish, but will always be in harmony with God's wisdom. In that wisdom, we can work and live without anxiety even though we realize that this night our life may be demanded of us.

Campion P. Gavalier, OSB



Prayer on The Feast of the Transfiguration Friday, August 6th, 2010

O God, Who in the glorious transfiguration of Your only-begotten Son did strengthen the sacraments of faith by the testimony of the fathers, and Who did wonderfully foreshow the perfect adoption of your children by a voice coming down in a shining cloud, mercifully grant that we be made co-heirs with the King of Glory Himself. Through the same Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. **Amen.**

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This Week's Events

Mon. August 2nd

Charismatic Prayer Group: Brazilian Community
7PM-9PM

Tue. August 3rd

Legion of Mary,
Scanlan Hall, 6:00 pm
Communion & Liberation,
Scanlan Hall, 8:00 pm

Fri. August 6th

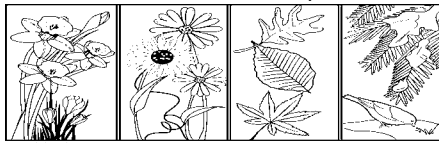
AACC Youth Group,
Scanlan Hall, 6:30pm
Prince of Peace
Scanlan Hall 8:30pm

Sat. August 7th

Bible Study Group
Alma Via 7:00pm

Sun. August 8th

Charismatic Prayer Group in English
Scanlan Hall, 6:00pm



SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 PM

Sunday

8:00 AM Portuguese/Brazilian;
10:00 AM English
11:45 AM Arabic;
8:00 PM English

Weekdays:

8:30 AM
(Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat.);
5:30 PM (Tue., Thu.)

Holy Days:

8:30 AM & 8:00 PM

First Fridays: 8:30 AM Mass

7:00 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Followed by Mass for healing at **8:00 PM**

First Saturdays: 10 AM Burmese Mass

First Sundays: 5:30 PM Tagalog Mass

Sacrament of Baptism (infants): Parents should be registered in the parish. Parents and godparents must attend Baptism Preparation Class. Call the office for Schedule.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sundays 9:30—9:45 AM; Saturday 4:30 PM. Any time upon request.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Registered couples contact us at least 6 months prior to wedding date.

Communion to the homebound and the ill: Anyone who is ill and would like to receive Communion call the office to schedule a visit.

Anointing of the Sick: Any time upon request. If a parishioner is seriously ill at home, please inform the parish office regarding a visit for anointing.

Funeral arrangements: Funeral Director should contact Parish Office.

For Children and Youth: Under 2 years old, STM offers a "Crying Room" where parents can follow Mass, while children play away from the community. Over 6 years old, we have the "Children's Liturgy", RCIC and RCIA and FLA groups and Summer Camps

For Adults: English Charismatic group, Sundays 6:00 PM; St. Benedict's Group (18-late 20's) 2nd and 4th Saturday 2:00-4:00 PM; Arabic Youth Group, Fridays 6:30 PM; Brazilian Charismatic group, Mondays 7:00 PM; Burmese Youth Group, Sundays 2:00 PM; SFSU Campus ministry, Thursdays 7:00 PM (on Campus) [Pls call the office for contact numbers.]

For Families: Bible Study, Saturday at 7:00 PM; Couples For Christ: Saturday 5:00 PM; Legion of Mary; Communion & Liberation; Perpetual Novena to the Sto. Nino; Prince of Peace and Friday adoration, Knights of Columbus, **Holy Land Institute.org**, Pilgrimage ministry. **Queenofpeacefoundation.org**, An independent Foundation created to serve the needy.

Holy Land Museum & Shroud of Turin Exhibit

Open 9-4:30 Monday-Friday

Regular Activities

Parish Council
Liturgy Committee
Legion of Mary
Communion & Liberation
Charismatic groups for different ethnics

To Be Announced
As Announced
Tuesday, 6:30 PM
Tuesday, 8:00 PM
See schedule

Bible Study & Prayer
AACC Youth Group
Perpetual Novena: Sto. Nino
Prince of Peace
FLA Youth Group

Saturday, 7 PM at Alma Via
Friday, 6:00 PM
Third Friday, 7 PM
Friday, 8:30 PM
1st & 3rd Thu, 2nd & 4th Sat, 7 PM

Full Plate Program: Thanks for your support of this program. Pls. bring your donations & place them in the green bins at the vestibule. Menu items: 1 bag of pasta, 1 can of tuna, 1 can of condensed cream of mushroom soup, 1 can of fruit . No glass items, please. Thanks.

* **RCIC Classes for this Fall** will start with a meeting for parents on **Saturday August 28th** in Scanlan Hall from **10am to 2pm**. Please call **Kathy Sanford** to register your children for first Communion or Confirmation at (650) 738-0646.

***Cardinal John Henry Newman** will be beatified by Pope Benedict XVI in Birmingham, England on **September 19th**. Cardinal Newman is the founder of Campus Ministries, Newman centers. One of the shrines around the church show a painting of the Cardinal with SF State University.



***Our 2010 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. THANK YOU!**
Parish Assessment is \$ 56,600
Received: \$ 8,798 by 8.1.10
Still Needed: \$ 47,802.

We thank the families who responded to our **ENVELOPE APPEAL** with an extra \$48 donation for the year. Those who have not yet sent in their contribution, please stand with your Church. May the Lord bless you all.

***Looking for a Job?** We will start a **Parish Job Support Network** here at STM Church. Please come to Scanlan Hall on **Thurs. Aug. 19th, from 7pm to 8pm**. For more info take a flyer from the vestibule.



Come join us celebrate the Transfiguration of our Lord (not a holy day of obligation) with 1st Friday Adoration & Healing Mass on August 6th. We'll see you!

***As you may have noticed we started to paint the Church.** We thank the families who had voluntarily sent a donation to support our work to paint the House of the Lord. May the Lord bless you. We have done many things so far



for this house of all of us: wood, church restroom upgrade, sound system, shrines, sidewalk painting, landscape, Scanlan hall upgrade and flowers.

***Separated and Divorced Catholics of the Bay Area Ongoing Support Groups** meet at St. Bartholomew Parish, 600 Columbia Dr. San Mateo, on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday, at 7:00 PM, in the Spirituality Center (650) 591-8452.

***Are you civilly married?** Let us help you to validate & make it a Sacrament of love in Christ and his Church. Call the Church office at (415)452-9634.

***Looking to gain new customers for your business?** Advertise in the **Church bulletin** and let fellow parishioners support your business. This is family supporting its own Church. For an ad in our bulletin call JS Paluch at (800)-675 5051.

MASS INTENTIONS

August 1st—August 8th, 2010

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| 8/01 | Sun 10:00am | Capistrano Fernandez † |
| | 8:00pm | People of STM |
| 8/02 | Mon 8:30am | Laura & Mario Biagini † |
| 8/03 | Tue 5:30pm | Souls in Purgatory |
| 8/04 | Wed 8:30am | Irene & Russell de Haven † |
| 8/05 | Thu 5:30pm | Geoff Sardella † |
| 8/06 | Fri 8:30am | Cecilia B. Listrana (B'day) |
| | 8:00 pm | Souls in Purgatory |
| 8/07 | Sat 8:30am | Sara & Collin F. Noguera (hlg) |
| | 5:00pm | Soliel Doggett (Sp. Int) |

Attending the Mass you offer is appreciated.



All the sick people in our parish, to be read during Masses: Maritess Leonidas, Capone

Garrick, Ghassan Totah and for all who are ill in our parish.

We also pray for all the deceased in our parish. May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

(Please call the office for names of sick people we should pray for. To facilitate this process, names will need to be taken off after 3 weeks, call the office for people we should pray for. put back in. Thanks.)

Weekly Offering



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**Weekend of:
 July 25th, 2010
 \$ 4,667.60**

**Thank you for your Generosity!
 May the Lord & the Holy Mother bless you & your dear family.**

REGISTRATION SLIP FOR ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH



If you are new to the area and not yet registered at Saint Thomas More Parish, we invite you to fill this out, cut it out and return it to the parish office/rectory or drop in the collection basket.
 I choose to become a member of St. Thomas More and commit myself to building a community that seeks to act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with God. I will commit myself to this mission by my active & consistent presence at worship and financial giving even when I can't be present.

Name _____ Address _____
 City _____ Zip _____ Phone (s) _____
 Email: _____ I want to receive the envelopes and commit myself to a weekly contribution.
 Yes, please _____ No, thanks. _____ Subscribe to our mailing list by e-mailing us: stmchurch@aol.com