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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."

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 8th , 2010

Gospel Summary:

The very first verse of today's gospel reading tells us exactly why the gospel is Good News. Jesus calls us his "little flock" because he knows how powerless we sometimes feel in a world where violence is so prevalent. But we are also told not to fear, because our heavenly Father is pleased to give us the kingdom. It is precisely because we rely on love and generosity rather than on control and violence that we are eligible for this most precious gift of the "kingdom," that is, ultimate freedom and happiness.

To rely on the way of love and kindness, which often appears so unpromising, is in fact to lay up an "inexhaustible treasure in heaven." The danger is that this way of living can often look like so much "pie in the sky." And that is why the remainder of this gospel reading focuses on the need for vigilance. The moment we are distracted from the wisdom of Jesus, we begin to slip back into the ways of the world, that is, we begin to forget what human life is all about.

To be vigilant means, therefore, to keep Jesus and his teaching constantly before our eyes. We recall that, in the garden of Gethsemane, when Jesus returned to his disciples and found them sleeping, he warned them to "watch and pray" (Mark 14:38). He could just as easily have said, "Watch, that is, pray." For it is only our prayerful remembrance of God's presence among us and of the promise of the kingdom that will protect us from the fateful distractions that lead us to live by the world's standards and to be found unprepared when the Lord comes for us.

Life Implications:

We live in a world where the pace of life is far quicker than it was at the time of Jesus. Our planes and automobiles are designed to go faster and faster. Even our medications must work ever more quickly. Sometimes we seem to be in a whirlwind and it is almost impossible to keep our bearings. All of this makes it much more difficult to live in the kind of peaceful world where the voice of God can be heard. Nor is it possible to find such a serene existence without a conscious and deliberate effort on our part.

Being alert to the reality and presence of God in our personal world means learning how to pray. The most important element in prayer is an attitude of being attentive to the Lord. Like Elijah on Mount Horeb, we are surrounded by thunder, lightning and earthquake, but it is the "tiny whispering sound" of God that we need to hear (1 Kings 19:11-12).

God is constantly whispering to us that we are his "little flock"--that we are precious in his eyes and that he wants very much to give us the freedom and joy of his kingdom. But too often we are not listening. We are bombarded by sounds and sights that frighten and confuse us. The only remedy is to attune our ears to the divine sounds of love and harmony and peace. We recall the words of the Book of Revelation: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will enter his house and dine with him and he with me" (3:20). But we need to be quiet if we wish to hear the Lord knocking at the door of our hearts.

We all know how distressing it is to be saying something only to discover that no one is listening. At such times we realize that attentive listening is one of the most precious gift that we can offer to another person. It is also a precious gift to God when we offer him our attentiveness. And when we do so, God will speak to us as he spoke to Jesus at his baptism: You are my beloved child; in you I am well pleased. These words, spoken very softly, can change the world for us.

Demetrius R. Dumm, O.S.B.



St. Clare was a beautiful Italian noblewoman who became the Foundress of an order of nuns now called "Poor Clares." After hearing St. Francis of Assisi preach, her heart burned with a great desire to imitate to live a poor humble life for Jesus and to give herself to God. Through her life, St. Clare suffered great pains, but so great was her joy in serving the Lord that she once exclaimed: "They say that we are too poor, but can a heart which possesses the infinite God be truly called poor?" We should remember this miracle of the Blessed Sacrament when in Church. Then we will pray with great Faith to Jesus in the Holy Eucharist: "**Save me, O Lord, from every evil - of soul and body.**" Her feast day is August 11.

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This Week's Events

Mon. August 9th

Charismatic Prayer Group:

Brazilian Community

7:00 PM-9:00 PM

Tue. August 10th

Legion of Mary,

Scanlan Hall, 6:00 pm

Communion & Liberation,

Scanlan Hall, 8:00 pm

Wed. August 11th

Baptism Preparation Class

6:30pm in Rectory

Fri. August 13th

AACC Youth Group,

Scanlan Hall, 6:30pm

Prince of Peace,

Scanlan Hall 8:30pm

Sat. August 14th

SBYAG meeting, Scanlan Hall 1.00pm

Bible Study Group, Alma Via 7:00pm

Couples for Christ, Scanlan Hall 6.00pm

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.

Ethnic Communities News

***All ethnic Communities: Sister Maria Hsu, Ethnic Communities Director of the Archdiocese is asking for 2 persons to represent each ethnic group at the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Robert Mc Elroy, September 7th, 2:00 PM at the Cathedral.**

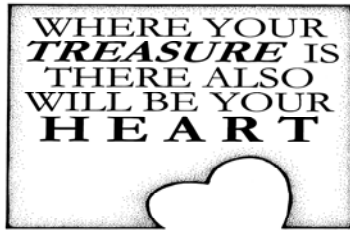
***Arabic Community:** Bernard is leaving for the Holy Land to study for the priesthood. Everyone is invited to his farewell party on Sunday August 15th after the Arabic Mass, to congratulate him, wish him well, and to thank him for all he's done for STM.

***Brazilian Community:** Aconteceu em nossa comunidade o encontro de oração "Reavivamento da Fe" ministrado pela missionaria Claudete Francisco da Comunidade Cancao Nova. O encontro foi promovido pelo grupo de oração Vida em Cristo. Em busca de vocação nossa formar diáconos. Os interessados, falem com padre Antonio Reis.

***Burmese Community:**

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***Filipino Community:** All Filipinos are invited to a Filipino Heritage Celebration Gala with Archbishop Niederauer, Sunday, Sept. 19, 2010. Reception starts at 6:00 PM, dinner will be served at 7:00 PM at St. Mary Cathedral-Patrons Hall.



***RCIC Classes for this Fall** will start with a meeting for parents on **Saturday August 28th** in Scanlan Hall from **12 noon to 2pm**. Please call **Kathy Sanford** to register your children for first Communion or Confirmation at (650) 738-0646.

***Family Community Weekend** on Sept. 17-19at CYO Camp near Occidental, Sonoma County.

***Watch for our STM EXCITING CHRISTMAS RAFFLE:** Grand prize of Smart Car or RV trailer for 6 persons. You may win! Donation: \$50.

***As you may have noticed we are currently painting the Church.** Thank you to the families who voluntarily sent a donation for the beautification of the House of the Lord. May the Lord bless you.

***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.

***St. Anne of the Sunset Bargain Sale:** August 28, 10am-3pm; August 29, 9:30am-12noon. Gift items, slightly used items. Want to sell? Buy a table for \$20 for 1 day or \$30 for weekend. Call Lucy Jacinto at (415) 681-8719.

MASS INTENTIONS
August 8th—August 14th, 2010

- 8/08 Sun 10:00am People of STM
8:00pm Nathalia Soriano (Thankg)
- 8/09 Mon 8:30am Cecilia B, Listana (B'day)
- 8/10 Tue 5:30pm Geoff Sardella †
- 8/11 Wed 8:30am Sara & Collin F. Noguera (hlg)
- 8/12 Thu 5:30pm Special Intention
- 8/13 Fri 8:30am Souls in Purgatory
- 8/14 Sat 8:30am Dorothy Marie Donovan †
5:00pm Irma & Rogers Gobert †

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, Joseph Ramos and for all who are ill & homebound 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 people we should pray for. To facilitate this process, names will be taken off after 3 weeks, everyone is welcome to call the office & let us know of people we should continue to pray for. Thanks.)

Weekly Offering

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Weekend of:
August 1st, 2010
\$ 4295.67

Tithing: \$ 1021.36
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