



## SAINT THOMAS MORE CHURCH CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY

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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."*

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## Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time August 22nd , 2010

### Gospel Summary:

Luke reminds us once again that we are on the "way to Jerusalem" with Jesus. This means that the guiding principle in our lives ought to be the loving concern that took Jesus himself to the climax of his career as he gave his life for us in Jerusalem. Though it would be nice if we could all visit the modern city of Jerusalem, this is not what Luke had in mind. He is thinking instead about the true purpose of this human life that God has given us.

As we make this spiritual journey, we must inevitably ask the question posed in today's gospel: "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" Or, more directly, "Lord, am I among those who will make this journey successfully?" And Jesus answers our question with words that dispel any smugness that we may have been entertaining: "Strive to enter through the narrow gate." To love as he did will not be easy.

Finally, Jesus warns us about the terrible disappointment in store for those who have not taken his teaching seriously. They will discover, only when it is too late, that they have not made room in their lives for the One who alone can bring them to that ultimate joyful banquet that our Creator has prepared for us in his kingdom.

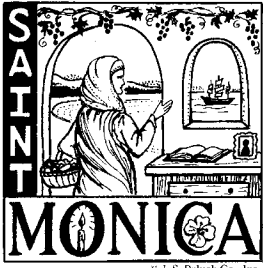
### Life Implications:

Most of us live in a world that is full of wonderful opportunities. A telling metaphor is the superabundance of our grocery stores. When we enter the supermarket, we scarcely know where to turn in view of all the delightful attractions that surround us. It has been noted that those who come here from impoverished countries are almost overwhelmed by amazement at the seemingly endless riches of these grocery stores.

We should all be grateful for such convenience in our lives, but we also know that such displays of worldly goods do not represent the real meaning of happiness. Some years ago, it was common to find contests offered on the radio with the winner awarded "20 minutes of free shopping in the supermarket." One can easily imagine the winner's frenetic search for the most desirable items. But I like to imagine a different scenario where the winning contestant would spend those precious minutes helping others with their shopping needs. And when questioned about this strange behavior, he would reply simply, "Oh, didn't you know that my Father owns the supermarket and that, if we are kind and thoughtful during our 20 minutes of life, the whole store will be ours forever?"

What a pity it will be if we finally see what life is all about only when it is too late! But there is still time to resist the powerful distractions that dazzle us and tell us how much more we need when only one thing is really necessary, that is, to love our gracious and generous God and to be kind and forgiving toward his precious people.

Demetrius R. Dumm, O.S.B.



**Patron of Wives and Abuse Victims.** **St. Monica** was married by arrangement to a pagan official in North Africa, who was much older than she, and although generous, was also violent tempered. His mother lived with them and was equally difficult, which proved a constant challenge to St. Monica. She had three children; Augustine, Navigius, and Perpetua. Through her patience and prayers, she was able to convert her husband and his mother to the Catholic faith in 370. He died a year later. Perpetua and Navigius entered the religious life. St. Augustine was much more difficult, as she had to pray for him for 17 years, begging the prayers of priests who, for a while, tried to avoid her because of her persistence at this seemingly hopeless endeavor. One priest did console her by saying, "it is not possible that the son of so many tears should perish." St. Augustine was baptized by St. Ambrose in 387. St. Monica died later that same year, on the way back to Africa from Rome in the Italian town of Ostia. (from: [http://www.catholic.org/saints/f\\_day/aug.php](http://www.catholic.org/saints/f_day/aug.php))

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## **This Week's Events**

### **Mon. August 23rd**

**Charismatic Prayer Group:**

**Brazilian Community**

7:00 PM-9:00 PM

### **Tue. August 24th**

**Legion of Mary,**

Scanlan Hall 6:00 PM

**Communion & Liberation,**

Scanlan Hall 8:00 PM

### **Thur. August 26th**

Liturgy Committee Meeting

Scanlan Hall, 7:30 PM-9:00 PM

### **Fri. August 27th**

**AACC Youth Group**

Scanlan Hall, 6:30pm

### **Prince of Peace**

Scanlan Hall 8:30pm

### **Sat. August 28th**

**SBYAG meeting,** Scanlan Hall 1:00pm

**Bible Study Group,** Alma Via 7:00pm

**Couples for Christ,** Scanlan Hall 6:00pm

### **Sun. August 29th**

**Charismatic Prayer Group in English**

Scanlan Hall 6:00pm

## **SCHEDULE**

**Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 PM, English**

### **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 6:00 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.

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**August 22nd—August 28th, 2010**

8/22 Sun 10:00am People of STM  
8:00pm Catalina Varas de Valdes †  
8/23 Mon 8:30am Dr. Barry Rosenbloom (Sp.Int)  
8/24 Tue 5:30pm Violeta Macondi †  
8/25 Wed 8:30am Lawrence Nanini †  
8/26 Thu 5:30pm Narcisa Villafuerte †  
8/27 Fri 8:30am Manuel Tolentino †  
8/28 Sat 8:30am Souls in Purgatory  
5:00pm Aurora Roño †

*Attending the Mass you offer is appreciated.*

**Ethnic Communities News, etc**

**\*All ethnic Communities:** Sister Maria Hsu, Ethnic Communities Director of the Archdiocese is asking for 2 representatives from each ethnic group at STM at the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Robert Mc Elroy, September 7th, 2:00 PM at the Cathedral. Pls. call the office with their names asap.

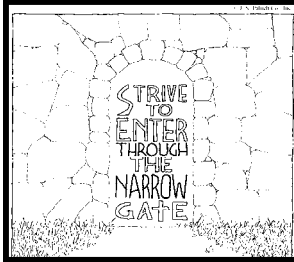
**\*Thank you** to all of who attended Bernard's farewell party. Thank you for your presence, prayers and support. He left for the Seminary to study to become a priest.

**\*Brazilian Community:** Dia 29 de Agosto, acontecerá um Encontro em El Cerrito. Será dirigido por Pe. Felix e todos os católicos brasileiros da Bay Área estão convidados a participar. Terá início as 8:00am e terminará as 4:30pm.

O grupo de oração Vida em Cristo tem encontros toda segunda-feira as 7:00pm no salão do cafezinho e esta promovendo a Segunda Gincana Bíblica para o mês de Setembro.

**\*Campus Ministry:** We welcome all San Francisco State University students, especially all freshman back. Please join us at our open house event, "Spaghetting to know you", Thursday, Sept 2nd, 7pm on campus. Pls contact the Verbum Dei sisters at (415) 573-9062 for more details.

**\*STM SCHOOL:** We welcome the staff, the teachers and students back to school. We wish to all of them a very successful school year with the blessing of the Lord.



**\*RCIC:** Come to Scanlan Hall for a parents' meeting and reunion with other graduates on Saturday, August 28 from 12 to 2 PM Please call Kathy Sanford (650) 738-0646 or Elvira (415) 452-9634 to RSVP.

**\*STM's Job Support Network.** We hope many found the first meeting informative and helpful in their job search. Future meeting dates and times will be announced as they become available.

**\*Episcopal Ordination** of Bishop-designate Robert McElroy will be on Tuesday, September 7, 2010 at 2 pm Everyone is invited to St. Mary's Cathedral for this very special occasion.

**\*Holy Spirit Conference** sponsored by the Archdiocese of SF Charismatic Renewal will be on September 17– 19, 2010. It will be at the Archbishop Riordan High School, 175 Phelan Avenue, across from SF City College. Please check the bulletin boards for more details.



**Pray for ...** **All the sick people to be read during Masses:** Maritess Leonidas, Capone Garrick, Ghassan & Larry Totah, Joseph Ramos, Illuminada Sotto 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 15th, 2010**  
**\$ 5,235.59**

**2nd Collection:**  
**\$ 693.62**

**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](mailto:stmchurch@aol.com)

