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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-third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 5th, 2010

Gospel Summary:

Luke was a native of the ancient city of Antioch in Syria. This was a major trading center where the inhabitants represented extremes of wealth and poverty--something that was unusual in Israel. The cold-hearted philosophy of power experienced by Luke in Antioch caused him to be overwhelmed by the contrasting tenderness of the all-powerful God of Israel. Hence his wonderful gospel stories about the mercy of God, e.g. the parable of the prodigal son.

This discovery of God's unconditional love and mercy caused Luke to insist also on the need to respond to that love in a similarly unconditional way. As this gospel passage makes clear, there can be no waffling or temporizing where commitment to Christ is concerned. Therefore, all other considerations, such as the claims of relatives, friends or possessions, must be subordinated to the absolute claim of God on those who have discovered his love and mercy.

We are often surprised and made uneasy by the rather shocking language Luke uses in reference to our relationship with family members. In that regard, it should be noted that "hating" in this context should simply be understood as the opposite of loving and would have the sense then of "not preferring." This is quite clear in the corresponding text in Matthew's gospel: "He who loves father and mother more than me is not worthy of me" (10:37).

Life Implications:

To the extent that we have personally experienced the merciful love of God--something that may only gradually dawn on us--we should be ready and willing to commit ourselves, as much as humanly possible, to making that same unconditional love available to others. This means, among other things, that we will not ask in advance whether we think they deserve it. Their need should be the only real consideration. Luke reminds us that this will mean following the often painful path of the cross as we put the needs of others before our own wishes. All the while, we will need to keep the love and care of others central in our lives, even as we hear the siren song of the world, including at times the well-intentioned wishes of our own family and friends.

All of this is illustrated by Luke in the unmistakable analogies of a builder who must consider carefully the cost of his total project before he begins his work or of a king who must do the same before committing troops to battle. In other words, following Christ is serious business and demands resolute dedication. There is no place here for dilettantes or eclectics. We hear much today about "cafeteria Catholics" who pick and choose what they like in the teaching of Jesus and of the Church.

The danger here is that we are not naturally inclined to choose to be loving and caring in any absolute way but only in accordance with our personal preferences. In such a context, renouncing all our possessions for the sake of Christ does not mean becoming a beggar. It does mean, however, that we discover that our true identity will no longer be determined by social status but only by our personal and radical devotion to the wisdom of Jesus. Those who try to live in this loving way will also learn how incredibly loving God can be.

Demetrius R. Dum O.S.B.



The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary, September 8th, 2010

Besides Christmas, only two birthdays are celebrated in the Church's liturgical calendar, that of John the Baptist on June 24, and the birth of Our Lady, on September 8. The reason for this is that these two saints are figures of singular importance in Salvation History. Their coming into the world heralds the arrival of the Word's dwelling among men and the redemption of the fallen human race. "Mary's birth lies at the confluence of the two Testaments--bringing to an end the stage of expectation and the promises and inaugurating the new times of grace and salvation in Jesus Christ [...] Mary, the Daughter of Zion and ideal personification of Israel, is the last and most worthy representative of the People of the Old Covenant but at the same time she is 'the hope and the dawn of the whole world.' With her, the elevated Daughter of Zion, after a long expectation of the promises, the times are fulfilled and a new economy is established." (LG, 55). The feast of the Nativity of Mary originated in the Middle East in the sixth or seventh century and was included in the Roman calendar in the eighth. It is celebrated exactly nine months after the feast of the Immaculate Conception. <http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/saint.php?n=357>

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This Week's Events

Mon. September 6th

Charismatic Prayer Group:

Brazilian Community

7:00 PM-9:00 PM

Tue. September 7th

Legion of Mary,

Scanlan Hall 6:00 PM

Communion & Liberation,

Scanlan Hall 8:00 PM

Fri. September 10th

AACC Youth Group

Scanlan Hall, 6:30pm

Prince of Peace

Scanlan Hall 8:30pm

Sat. September 11th

Couples for Christ, Scanlan Hall 6pm

Bible Study Group, Alma Via 7:00pm

Sun. September 12th

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.

Labor Day ***Monday Sept 6th is Labor Day.** The office will be closed. It will open Tuesday, Sept. 7th at 9am.

***Wednesday, September 8th** is the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Mother. It may **not** be a holy day of obligation, but what a wonderful gift to Mother Mary if all Her children came to Holy Mass on Her birthday! Mass on that day is on the regular weekday schedule: 8:30 am.



Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

***Family Weekend: September 10-12** Three days of relaxation, fun and entertainment, co-sponsored by St. John of God, St. Anne's and St. Thomas More at CYO Camp near Occidental in Sonoma County. Adults \$120 children (4-11) \$60, food included. For registration, please, call Sam at (415) 519-4460

***International Food Festival** is on **Sunday September 26th.** **Please call to volunteer** and come to the meetings on Wednesdays at 7:30 Pm at Scanlan Hall.



***STM Golf Tournament**, limited to the first 72 players who call (650)892-2890, this year will be at Round Hill Country Club in Alamo, on **Monday October 18th, 2010.**

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Day of Mourning And Remembrance

***Infant Jesus Healing Mass with Father Jerome:** On Tuesday, **September 21st** there will be a special rosary at 6pm , followed by a healing Mass celebrated by Fr. Jerome Moras at 6:30pm at STM church. Please bring your favorite dish to share in the reception after Mass!

***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.

***Transforming Grief** is a day of spiritual retreat for those who are grieving the death of a loved one. Come together with others who are grieving and presenter, Barbara Elordi, on Sat Oct 2nd, from 9:30am-2:30pm at St Bruno's Church. To register please call Barbara Elordi at (415) 614-5506.



Give us wisdom

MASS INTENTIONS

Sept 5th—Sept 11th, 2010

9/05 Sun 10:00am Lourdes de Jesus †
8:00pm People of STM
9/06 Mon 8:30am Souls in Purgatory †
9/07 Tue 5:30pm Laura & Mario Biagini †
9/08 Wed 8:30am Salud de la Peña †
9/09 Thu 5:30pm Irene & Russell De Haven †
9/10 Fri 8:30am Sara & Collin Noguera (hlg)
9/11 Sat 8:30am All Honored w/ Missalette Donations
5:00pm Samiere Family (Sp. Int.)

Attending the Mass you offer is appreciated.



All the sick people to be read during Masses:

Pray for ... 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 29th, 2010
\$ 4,422
2nd collection for needy
\$696**

(This week's 2nd collection is for Tithing)
**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