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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-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 12th, 2010

Gospel Summary:

The Pharisees and scribes are complaining that Jesus is a companion of tax collectors and sinners: "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." Jesus responds to the criticism through three parables. In the first two parables, a shepherd's finding a lost sheep and a woman's finding a lost coin are compared to the joy of God upon finding a lost sinner. In the third parable, Jesus reveals that God is like a father who welcomes back a prodigal son who had left home and foolishly squandered his share of the estate. Furthermore, the father continues to love an older, resentful son who refuses to join in welcoming back his younger brother.

Life Implications:

In the social-religious culture of that time, sinners and those in dishonorable occupations, as well as those who associated with them, were judged to be excluded from friendship with God. In the parables Jesus justifies his companionship with social and religious outcasts by implying that what he is doing reflects his knowledge of God's nature and God's will. In another place in Luke's gospel, Jesus' claim of acting with divine authority is made explicit: "No one knows who the Son is except the Father, and who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him" (10:22). (This central theme of the Son's knowledge of the Father is developed more theologically in the Last Supper Discourse of the Fourth Gospel.)

In the three parables of today's gospel Jesus reveals the joyful news that God loves us. There could be no deeper source of awareness of our worth than to trust Jesus and to believe that we human beings are truly precious in the eyes of God. Further life-implications may come to light if we imaginatively identify with the Pharisees and scribes to whom the parables are addressed and also with the two sons of the third parable.

We succumb to the self-righteous illusion of the Pharisees and scribes when we judge that some of our fellow human beings are excluded from God's love, and thereby may be excluded from our love. We become like the foolish younger son when we fall victim to the illusion that our happiness and freedom lie in autonomy from God. We become like the older son when we remain in our Father's house, but do not experience the joy of being at home. The older brother did not live as a child of a loving father, but as an employee who keeps track of what the boss owes to him and to other employees as well. In his resentment of unfair compensation, he can no longer recognize his brother as brother.

In Jesus' third parable, only the younger son comes to his senses and returns to his father, who forgetting his own dignity runs to welcome him home as a beloved child. If today we receive the grace to be freed from our own illusions, we can also come to identify with the attitude of Jesus and allow God's love to be present in the world through our actions. This is the most effective way of proclaiming to the world that God truly does love all of us as his own children.

Luke in his gospel repeatedly points out that Jesus sought to be in harmony with his Father's will through prayer. In this way he wants to teach us that only through prayer can we have confidence of acting in harmony with God's will in the particular circumstances of our lives. Also in prayer, we ask for the grace that will enable us to respond to new criticisms of God's ways with the insight and wit of Jesus.

Campion P. Gavaler, OSB



Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross Sept 14, 2010

This day is also called the Exaltation of the Cross, Elevation of the Cross, Holy Cross Day, Holy Rood Day, or Roodmas. The liturgy of the Cross is a triumphant liturgy. When Moses lifted up the bronze serpent over the people, it was a foreshadowing of the salvation through Jesus when He was lifted up on the Cross. Our Mother Church sings of the triumph of the Cross, the instrument of our redemption. To follow Christ we must take up His cross, follow Him and become obedient until death, even if it means death on the cross. We identify with Christ on the Cross and become co-redeemers, sharing in His cross. *“O cross, you are the glorious sign of victory. Through your power may we share in the triumph of Christ Jesus.”* <http://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/>

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This Week's Events

Mon. September 13th
Charismatic Prayer Group:
Brazilian Community
 7:00 PM-9:00 PM

Tue. September 14th
Legion of Mary,
 Scanlan Hall 6:00 PM

Communion & Liberation,
 Scanlan Hall 8:00 PM

Fri. September 17th
AACC Youth Group
 Scanlan Hall, 6:30pm

Prince of Peace
 Scanlan Hall 8:30pm

Sat. September 18th
SBYAG 1pm Scanlan Hall
Couples for Christ, Scanlan Hall 6pm
Bible Study Group, Alma Via 7:00pm

Sun. September 19th
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.

***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.

***Infant Jesus Healing Mass with Father Jerome:** Tues. Sept. 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! **There will be no 5:30 PM Mass** on that day.

***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.**



***Holy Spirit Conference** sponsored by the Archdiocese of SF Charismatic Renewal will be on **Sept. 17- 19, 2010.** It will be at the Archbishop Riordan High School, 175 Phelan Avenue, across from SF City College. Check the bulletin boards for info.

***Blessed Chiara Bandano, Italy, 1971 -1990** will be beatified in Rome on Sept 25th. She will become the Patron of all youth of the 21st century.“ She loved sports, dancing and singing, lost both her legs to bone cancer but was cheerful and lovingly dedicated her illness to Jesus until her death at 18 years old. A special event is being planned for September 24 (Sept. 25, Rome time). Details to follow. Please mark your calendars.

The grace of our Lord is



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***St Thomas More School Mission**

Statement: “St Thomas More School, mindful of its mission to be witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students of any race, color, and national and/or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded to or made available to students at this school. St Thomas More School does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, and national and/or ethnic origin, age, gender or disability in administration of educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship & loan programs, and athletic & other school administered programs.

*** EWTN Coverage of Pope Benedict**

XVI visit to UK will include: Reception by the Queen & Royal family on Sept 16th at 1pm; Evening Prayer in Westminster Abbey with the Archbishop of Canterbury & Christian leaders, Sept 17th at 7pm; Prayer Vigil at Hyde Park on Sept 18th at 7pm; **Beatification of Cardinal Newman on Sept 19th at 6pm.** All times are Pacific. EWTN is carried on Comcast Ch 229, AT&T Ch 562, Dish Satellite Ch 261 & Direct TV Ch 370. For updates go to www.ewtn.com.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sept 12th—Sept 18th, 2010

9/12 Sun	10:00am	Maria Gumabon (hlg)
	8:00pm	People of STM
9/13 Mon	8:30am	Sara & Collin Noguera (hlg)
9/14 Tue	5:30pm	Julian Montesa (B'Day)
9/15 Wed	8:30am	Special Intention
9/16 Thu	5:30pm	Sara & Collin Noguera(hlg)
9/17 Fri	8:30am	Missalette Donors
9/18 Sat	8:30am	Souls In Purgatory
	5:00pm	Teresita Arguelles †

Attending the Mass you offer is appreciated.



All the sick people to be read during Masses:

Maritess Leonidas, Capone Garrick, Ghassan & Larry Totah, Joseph Ramos, Illuminada Sotto, Maria Gumabon 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

Weekly Offering



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Weekend of:

**Sept 5th, 2010
\$ 3448.98**

**Tithing:
\$800.54**

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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