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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-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 19th, 2010

Gospel Summary:

In order to appreciate fully the import of today's gospel text, which gives us the parable of the Unjust Steward, we must remember that parables, unlike allegories, focus on only one element in the comparison. Thus, the lesson to be drawn from this parable is that the followers of Jesus must also act prudently in regard to their own future prospects. It should also be noted that this steward, though lacking in good management, was probably not as unjust as at first appears. In all likelihood, he was simply subtracting his own substantial commission from the debt owed to his master. This would be similar to the prudence of a small-market baseball team that trades away a good player because he is eligible for free agency and will be lost anyway!

The sayings that follow the parable sharpen its focus by making it clear that what Jesus has in mind is the attitude that his followers must adopt in regard to their earthly possessions, whether they be wealth or personal talents. If one allows these human and temporal things to monopolize one's attention, there is grave danger that the eternal treasure will be lost.

Life Implications:

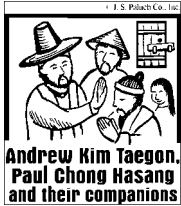
A distinctive feature of Luke's gospel is the deep concern he shows for the dangerous situation of wealthy or talented individuals who have become so engrossed in managing their riches that they are fatally distracted from the real purpose of human life. In this situation, they may very well be so distracted that they will discover, only when it is too late, that they have wasted the only ultimately significant opportunity in their lives. This same lesson is found in the situation of a strikingly beautiful person who has never needed to develop a mature and pleasing personality. This is what is meant when we speak of the "curse" of great talent.

This wisdom is also dramatically portrayed in Luke's parable of the rich man and Lazarus (16:19-31). It is important to notice that this rich man is never presented as one who has acquired his wealth through crime or some other immoral strategy. He ends up in hell simply because he is so preoccupied in managing his wealth that he does not notice that a poor man is starving on his doorstep!

This sensitivity of Luke concerning the danger of earthly possessions derives in part from his observation of the effect of wealth on the inhabitants of his hometown of Antioch. This was a prosperous trading center where the extremes of wealth and poverty were clearly evident. Luke warns, therefore, that possessions can have, in a sense, a drugging effect on their owners. One sees this clearly in Luke's story of the rich farmer who is worrying about building bigger barns for his bountiful harvest whereas God is calling him to face final judgment (12:16-20).

Luke does not condemn wealth as such. What he does condemn is a preoccupation or obsession with riches that precludes one's need to place the awareness of others and of their needs at the top of one's list of responsibilities. When the gospel says that we must choose between God and mammon, it is asking us to declare where we finally put our trust. Wealth and talents can serve God's purposes, but they must never replace God as the center of our attention in life.

Demetrius R. Dumm, O.S.B.



Andrew Kim Taegon,
Paul Chong Hasang
and their companions

Saint Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang & Companions Sept 20th, 2010

The evangelization of Korea began during the 17th century through a group of lay persons. A strong vital Christian community flourished there under lay leadership until missionaries arrived from the Paris Foreign Mission Society. During the terrible persecutions that occurred in the 19th century, 103 members of the Christian community gave their lives as martyrs. Outstanding among these witnesses to the faith were the first Korean priest and pastor, Andrew Kim Taegon, and the lay apostle, Paul Chong Hasang. Among the other martyrs were a few bishops and priests, but for the most part lay people, men and women, married and unmarried, children, young people, and the elderly. All suffered greatly for the Faith and consecrated the rich beginnings of the Church of Korea with their blood as martyrs. Pope JPII, during his trip to Korea, canonized these martyrs on May 6, 1984. (http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=20)

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This Week's Events

Mon. September 20th

Charismatic Prayer Group:

Brazilian Community

7:00 PM-9:00 PM

Tue. September 21st

Legion of Mary,

Scanlan Hall 6:00 PM

Communion & Liberation,

Scanlan Hall 8:00 PM

Thurs September 23rd

Job Support Network

7-8pm Scanlan hall

Fri. September 24th

AACC Youth Group

Scanlan Hall, 6:30pm

Prince of Peace

Scanlan Hall 8:30pm

Sat. September 25th

Bible Study Group,

Alma Via 7:00pm

Sun. September 26th

**STM International Food Festival
9am-6pm at Carroll Hall**

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.

***The Glenmary Sisters** will have their representative speak to us at our Masses about their mission in the US. Today's 2nd collection will be for helping the sisters continue their ministry.

***4th Annual International Food Festival** is on **Sunday September 26th**.

Come & enjoy the fun, food, & entertainment from 9am-6pm at Carroll Hall. *For info & volunteering* contact the parish office (415) 452-9634.

***Infant Jesus Healing Mass with Father Jerome:** **Tues. Sept. 21st** with 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.

***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.

Volunteers Needed: for **S.F. Crisis Care** is a new program in partnership with the S.F. Police and Fire Departments. Volunteers from all walks of life provide immediate on-scene personal support to survivors impacted by infant deaths, serious accidents, suicides and other daily tragedies. If you or someone you know might be called to this unique and challenging ministry, learn more at www.crisiscare.us/sf.

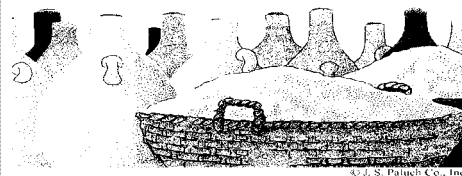


***St Thomas More School Mission Statement:**

"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.

***Project Rachel Archdiocesan Post Abortion Ministry**

is offering retreat days for Spanish speaking women who are troubled about a past abortion at **St Finn Barr Parish**, Fri evening, Sat & Sun, **Oct 15-17**. It will be non residential (includes Sacrament of Reconciliation & Healing Mass). The fee is \$45. For info & reservations call Vilma Merlos (415) 585-6434/ 806-5637; or Maria Molina (415) 572-7546.



MASS INTENTIONS
Sept 19th—Sept 25th, 2010

- 9/19 Sun 10:00am People of STM
- 8:00pm Sara & Collin Noguera(hlg)
- 9/20 Mon 8:30am Missalette Benefactors
- 9/21 Tue 5:30pm Nathan Cruz †
- 9/22 Wed 8:30am Benito Baluyut †
- 9/23 Thu 5:30pm Max † & Elisa Cabahug
- 9/24 Fri 8:30am Souls in Purgatory
- 9/25 Sat 8:30am Sara & Collin Noguera(hlg)
- 5:00pm Pacita Tanedo (B'Day)

Attending the Mass you offer is appreciated.



All the sick people to be read during Masses:

Maritess Leonidas, Ghassan & Larry Totah, Joseph Ramos, Iluminada Sotto and for all who are ill & homebound in our parish.

We also pray for all the deceased in our parish.

(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:

Sept 12th, 2010
\$ 4,986.20

STM School Collection
\$ 1,408.75

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

