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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."

Twenty- Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 10th, 2010

Gospel Summary:

Jesus, continuing his journey to Jerusalem, comes upon ten lepers, and from a distance hears their plea for help, "Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!" He instructs these outcasts from society to go and show themselves to the priests. On the way, they are cleansed of their leprosy. One of them, a Samaritan, returns glorifying God, and falls at the feet of Jesus in gratitude. Jesus remarks, "Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Then to the Samaritan, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you."

Life Implications:

As always in the teaching of Jesus, it is faith that will determine whether we identify with the nine who are cured but not saved, or with the Samaritan who is both cured and saved. All ten lepers are healed. They all experience their return to health and to membership in the community as a good thing. However, only the Samaritan, with the intuition of faith, recognizes the good thing to be a gift of God, and acts upon that intuition. He glorifies God, and returns to thank Jesus whom he recognizes as an agent of God's presence and compassion.

In the language of later theology, the Samaritan's faith enabled him to see with sacramental vision. Without the vision of faith, one can experience countless good things—the wonders of the universe through the eyes of science; the ability to hear, to see, to speak, to feel; a return to health from an illness. But it is only with the intuition of faith that one can experience these good things as gifts of God. Through faith they become symbols or sacraments of the personal exchange of love—God's self-giving to us, and our grateful response in word and deed. Because the Samaritan entered into that personal exchange of divine love and human gratitude, Jesus said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you." To possess health, or for that matter any other good thing of this earth, in the judgment of Jesus is not to be saved..

Faith of course must not be restricted to recognizing a good thing as God's gift only in the miracle moments of life. Rather, as Saint Paul tells us, faith means to live in the awareness of the divine presence as a way of life, "giving thanks always and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father" (Eph 5:20). My favorite part of the Talmud ("Berakhot") illustrates this essential aspect of the biblical tradition by giving examples when a faithful person will bless God in gratitude: "on seeing the ocean, on seeing the first tree blossom in the spring, on seeing a friend after six months, on hearing a sage, on receiving good news, on receiving bad news."

Each Sunday, like the Samaritan, we return to celebrate the Eucharist in gratitude for all the gifts that God has showered upon us as individuals and as a community. With a sacramental vision of faith, we hear the words of the bible as the gift of God's Word to us; we believe that the people around us are the church, the Body of Christ; we affirm the bread and wine truly to be the Risen Lord, the Father's ultimate gift to us. And with hearts lifted up in faith we can pray, "Father, all-powerful and ever-living God, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Campion P. Gavalier, OSB



St Teresa of Avila : Feast October 15th

Born to the Spanish nobility, the daughter of Don Alonso Sanchez de Cepeda and Doña Beatriz. [...]Her mother died when Teresa was 12, and she prayed to Our Lady to be her replacement. Her father opposed her entry to religious life, so she left home without telling anyone, and entered a Carmelite house at 17. Seeing her conviction to her call, her father and family consented. Soon after taking her vows, Teresa became gravely ill, and her condition was aggravated by the inadequate medical help she received; she never fully recovered her health. She began receiving visions, and was examined by Dominicans and Jesuits, including Saint Francis Borgia, who pronounced the visions to be holy and true. She considered her original house too lax in its rule, so she founded a reformed convent of Saint John of Avila. Teresa founded several houses, often against fierce opposition from local authorities. Mystical writer. Proclaimed a Doctor of the Church on 27 September 1970 by Pope Paul VI. (<http://saints.sqpn.com/saint-teresa-of-avila/>)

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This Week's Events

Mon. October 11th

Charismatic Prayer Group:

Brazilian Community

7:00 PM-9:00 PM

Tue. October 12th

Legion of Mary,

Scanlan Hall 6:00 PM

Communion & Liberation,

Scanlan Hall 8:00 PM

Wed. October 13th

RCIA Confirmation Class

Scanlan Hall 7pm

Thurs. October 14th

Job Support Network

7-8pm Scanlan hall

Fri. October 15th

AACC Youth Group

Scanlan Hall, 6:30pm

Prince of Peace

Scanlan hall 8:30pm

Sat. October 16th

Bible Study Group,

Alma Via 7:00pm

Sun. October 17th

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 jar of peanut butter, 1 canned meat or tuna, 2 cans of vegetables, 1 box of granola/cereal bars. No glass items, please. Thanks.

MASS INTENTIONS
Oct 10th—Oct 16th, 2010

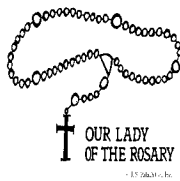
- 10/10 Sun 10:00am Max Wilkerson †
8:00pm People of STM
- 10/11 Mon 8:30am Souls in Purgatory †
- 10/12 Tue 5:30pm Araceli Santos-Giron †
- 10/13 Wed 8:30am Irene & Russell De Haven †
- 10/14 Thu 5:30pm Collin & Sara F. Noguera (hlg)
- 10/15 Fri 8:30am Francia Tiongson †
- 10/16 Sat 8:30am Esther Ballester †
5:00pm Lawrence Nannini †

Attending the Mass you offer is appreciated.



Columbus Day: The Office will be closed on **Mon, Oct 11th** & reopen on Tuesday, October 12th.

October = Holy Rosary Month.



Come to Mass early; pray the rosary with us!

***STM Eucharistic Ministry Training:**

Eucharistic Ministry training will be on **Wednesday October 13**, from 7pm-9pm in the church. If you are interested, please call Arthur Sanchez at (650) 619-1234.

***Adult Confirmation Classes** will begin on **Wednesday Oct 13th** at 7pm in Scanlan Hall. For more info., please call Suzanne Hockel at (415) 826-6834.

***Mass Intention.** Some dates are still available for Mass Intention till the rest of the year. Please call the office if you would like to pray for a deceased [or living] loved one with one of our regularly scheduled Masses. A stipend of \$10 for every Mass will go directly to the celebrating priest.

***2011 Missalette donations.** We are again nearing the end of the Liturgical year and we need to change our Missalletes. As in the past, we invite donors to help us cover the cost of these Missalletes. Each time the Missal is opened for prayer and/or a song, our benefactors and loved ones will be in our thoughts and will share in our participation at Mass. Letters and donations slips go out this week. Please honor a loved one (deceased or living) with a \$100 donation.

***"St. Thomas More Senior Sharing & Support Group"**

You may be the volunteer we are waiting for! If you are not involved in any of our ministries right now, please consider this fun & fulfilling ministry. Do not hesitate to respond to the call of God. Please call the office and help us steer the direction of this new ministry at STM!

***Holy Land Pilgrimage April 30-May 13, 2011**

Spiritual director: Monsignor Labib Kobti. Visit Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Galilee, Mt. Carmel, Dead Sea, Petra, and more. Stay in Christian guesthouses. Meet local people in their homes. See Christianity in orphanage and school for special needs children. Visit fair trade shops. See www.HolyLandInstitute.org or call Claudia Devaux at (805) 544-9088.

***A Lifeline for Marriage: "Retrovaille"**, (pronounced *retro-vi*), which simply means "rediscovery", helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. The program provides the tools to help get your marriage back on track. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other & examine your lives together in a new & positive way. For confidential info about or to register for the next program **Nov 5-7**, call (415) 893-1005 or email sf@RetroCA.com, or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble, But it is a "steering wheel" that directs the right path throughout.



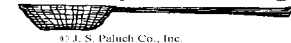
All the sick people to be read during Masses:

Maritess Leonidas, 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.

(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



**Weekend of:
Oct 3rd, 2010
\$ 3,417.55**

**Tithing Collection:
\$1,349.69**

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