

## 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."*

## Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time October 31st, 2010

### Halloween – What Does it Mean? - by Fr. Rick Van De Water

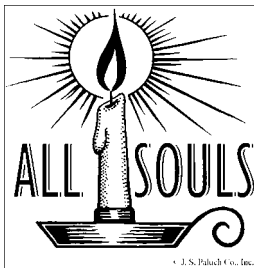
*Everyone is thinking about Halloween this week...but did you ever wonder what the word "Halloween" means? The fact is that the origins of the word are in Catholic faith. In old English, the word "hallow," as a verb, meant "sanctify," and as a noun, meant "saint." The expression "Halloween" is thus a contraction for "All Hallows Eve," or the evening before the Feast of "All Hallows," or All Saints, on November 1. What is the history of this feast?*

During the sixth century, the Catholic Church evangelized the pagans of Europe. Often, however, the newly converted pagans would continue to celebrate their traditional pagan festivals. This posed a dilemma, for if the festivals were banned, the people would be tempted to return to paganism. The solution was to Christianize those pagan festivals, giving them a new meaning. The celebration of the Feast of All Saints began at the pagan Pantheon in Rome, which had been erected in honor of all their gods. On May 13, AD 609, Pope Boniface IV consecrated the Pantheon to the honor of all the saints and made that date a yearly feast. In the following century, Pope Gregory III moved the feast from May to November 1, to make it fall on the date of some popular pagan feasts and thus to Christianize them.

The Feast of All Saints reminds us of two important points. The first is that we are all called to become saints. We are encouraged in this by the example of the multitude of ordinary people who have gone before us and lived heroic lives of faith and love. Let's not imagine that becoming saints means withdrawing from the responsibilities of our daily lives in order to strive for Christian perfection. Quite the contrary, we are called to become saints in whatever state of life we find ourselves. The saints of heaven thus include, not only those whose names and heroic virtues are well-known to all, but also a multitude of unknown heroes whose hidden holiness beatifies them with the Lord. What God did in their lives, He can also do in ours. That is why we remember all our departed loved ones on the day following the Feast of All Saints, which is the day of All Souls, our Christian Memorial Day.

The second message of the Feast of All Saints is what we say when we recite the creed: "we believe... in the communion of saints." What it means is that when we are united to Christ in full communion with His Church, we are also in communion with the saints of heaven. They are aware of our situation in this world and want to support us with their prayers as we run the race of faith. As the Bible says, "With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started" (Hebrews 12:1). According to the Bible, the saints of heaven are continually in prayer, not only worshiping God, but also interceding for us (Rev. 5:8-12; 6:9-10). That is why we should continue to ask them for their prayers. As the Bible tells us, "the heartfelt prayer of a righteous one works very powerfully" (James 5:16). We, in turn, pray for those of our loved ones who have recently departed this world, asking the Lord's mercy upon them as their souls are made perfect (Hebrews 12:23).

Now that you know all what lies behind Halloween, don't let it be limited to parties and "trick-or-treat." Join in our worship on All Saints Day, Monday, Nov. 1st, at 8:30 a.m. Remember your departed loved ones at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 2nd, at our All Souls Mass at 5:30pm. And don't forget: you're called to become a saint – you're called to greatness!



## Prayer for the Faithful Departed November 2010

May God support us all the day long, till the shadows lengthen  
and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed  
and the fever of life is over and our work is done-  
then in His mercy may He give us safe lodging  
and a holy rest and peace at the last.

(St. John Henry Newman)

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### This Week's Events

**Mon. November 1st**

**Charismatic Prayer Group:**

**Brazilian Community**

7:00 PM-9:00 PM

**Tue. November 2nd**

**Legion of Mary, Scanlan 6:00 PM**

**Communion & Liberation, Scanlan 8PM**

**Wed. November 3rd**

**RCIA Confirmation Class**

in Scanlan Hall 7pm

**Thurs. November 4th**

**Job Support Network**

7-8pm Scanlan hall

**Fri. November 5th**

**AACC Youth Group**

Scanlan Hall, 6:30pm

**Prince of Peace**

Scanlan hall 8:30pm

**Sat. November 6th**

**Burmese Day of Recollection 10am-8pm**

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

**Sun. November 7th**

**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.

**\*Next weekend is Daylight Savings**

**Turn Clocks Back** Time. Put your clocks back one hour late Sat night (Nov 6th) to avoid arriving to Mass an hour early on Sunday, Nov 7th!



**\*November is a Month for remembering Beloved Departed.**

There will be special envelopes for remembrance of our beloved departed by the altar. Those listed on **TREE OF LIFE** will be included in our prayers in the whole month of November. Please drop off envelope in the box provided or in the Sunday offering basket.

**\*Mark your calendars for the STM 8PM Choir Christmas Concert & Christmas Annual Dinner Party:**

**Concert will be in the Church** on Saturday, **Dec 4th** at 7:00pm. Tickets will be sold in the vestibule for \$15.00. **Christmas Dinner Party** will be at Hilton/ Airport, on **Dec. 10th**. Tickets are \$60. Come & enjoy these special events and invite family & friends!

**\*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 share in our participation at Mass. [There are some letters (w/ the slip) at the entrances of the church if you lost your copy of the letter.] Please honor a loved one (deceased or living) with a \$100 donation **Thank you to all who have already responded! We hope to print out a preliminary list by the middle of November.**



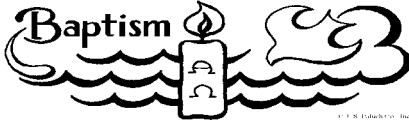
**Please remember to join us for our First Friday Adoration at 7pm & Healing Mass 8pm on November 5th, 2010.**

**\*The Burmese American Catholic Fellowship**

cordially invites all parishioners to their **Annual Advent Recollection Day & 16th Anniversary** on Sat Nov 6th; Event starts at 10am ends at 8pm.

**\*Holy Land Pilgrimage May 7th – 20th, 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](http://www.HolyLandInstitute.org) or call Claudia Devaux at (805) 544-9088.



**We welcome the newly Baptized and their families this October.**

Lorena Ariana D. Cardenas, Kaylee Rose G. Gurion, Liam Melikai Del Rosario, Philippe Isaiah D. Fuerte, and Lucas Anthony Citron.

**Campus Ministry**

**\*Mass on Campus at SFSU:** All students are invited to commemorate “All Souls Day” on **Tuesday, Nov. 2nd** at 12:30pm at Rosa Parks F. There will be a reception after the Mass.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Oct 31st—Nov 6th , 2010**

10/31 Sun	10:00am	Warlito & Edna Silverio †
	8:00pm	People of STM
11/01 Mon	8:30am	Pepito Paraiso †
11/02 Tue	5:30pm	Victoria Medina (B'day)
11/03 Wed	8:30am	Lourdes Tanedo (B'day)
11/04 Thu	5:30pm	Souls In Purgatory †
11/05 Fri	8:30am	Souls In Purgatory †
	8:00pm	Nathan Cruz †
11/06 Sat	8:30am	Napoleon U. Flores Sr. †
	5:00pm	Samiere family (Sp Int)

**Attending the Mass you offer is appreciated.**

*“We will lie down for such a long time after death that it is worthwhile to keep standing while we are alive. Let us work now; one day we shall rest! !” (St Agostina Pietrantoni)*



**All the sick people to be read during Masses:**

Rhona Palencia, Maritess Leonidas, Ghassan To-tah, and for all who are

ill, homebound, and all those with health issues of any kind in our parish. **We also pray for all the deceased in our parish, especially Edward Owen Gallagher (Alma Via)**

*(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 24th, 2010  
\$3,577.44**

**World Missions Collection  
\$1,047.82**

**Next week is Tithing Sunday.**

**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. \_\_\_\_\_  
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