



## 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-third Sunday in Ordinary Time November 14th, 2010

### Gospel Summary:

It has been traditional to reflect on an end-of-the-world gospel passage as we approach the end of the liturgical year. We will also be offered a similar gospel passage on the First Sunday of Advent. It is important to note this because, from a biblical perspective, the end of one world is not such a tragic event since it also announces the beginning of a new one. A sorrowful Goodbye must sometimes be accepted before there can be a joyous Hello!

We should note that in today's gospel the end of the world is presented on various levels. The immediate end is the chaotic and painful experience that came when the Romans destroyed the Jewish temple. For Christians at least, this represented the end of the Old Testament era. Secondly, there are hints also of the final, cosmic end of our world with falling stars and dimming of the sun and moon. Finally, in both of these endings we see the elements of the end of our own earthly world in the event we call death.

The phenomena that accompany the final, cosmic end are surprisingly similar to the experiences that often come with our own last days. The failure of the sun and moon and the erratic behavior of the stars are replicated among us when we lose the security represented by these usually reliable heavenly bodies. For instance, when we grow old we sometimes find it hard to remember what time of the day it is. But this is only the end of a world that was never meant to last. We hate to see it go, but God knows what is best for us.

### Life Implications:

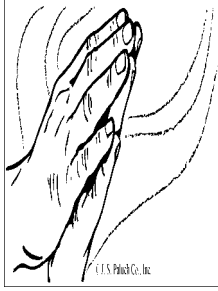
When we try to understand the gospel passages concerning the end of the world, it may be helpful to compare this event with human birth, which, for the infant being born, must surely be a traumatic experience. In fact, if an infant were able to choose, I suspect that it would opt for a continued existence in the warm, safe womb of its mother. The infant does not yet know how tragic it would be to miss all the possibilities of independent human life.

We too live in this world in a kind of womb that is meant to prepare us for birth into a new and better existence. Unlike the infant, however, we can resist that birth and we may even see it as a kind of personal tragedy. If our faith were as strong and vital as it should be, this would not be the case. Instead, we would embrace our present life with gratitude and still be ready to leave it with grace and peace, as we welcome the homecoming that God keeps in store for his beloved children.

But we don't have to wait until death to begin living by the wisdom of the Bible. In our lives there are little worlds ending all the time--the end of childhood, of education, of employment, of strength, etc. The courage and generosity and trust with which we deal with these endings will prepare us for the final ending. It is also true that every time we love unselfishly we die a little bit to our own precious plans and preferences. If we die daily in these small ways, we will have little difficulty with the final dying as our plans are once again revised and we offer our lives, once and for all, to a merciful and loving God.

A confrere, in a pensive mood, said to me one time that it didn't seem fair for God to give me life without consulting me and then to allow me to make a mess of it. I thought about that and concluded that the baptismal experience, as one begins to see its implications, is that incredible opportunity to agree with my Creator, that life is always a wonderful gift and we should be saying continuously: "Thank you, dear Lord!"

**Demetrius R. Dumm, O.S.B.**



## Prayer for the Departed

*In Paradisum*

**May the angels lead you into Paradise; may the martyrs come to welcome you and take you to the holy city the new and eternal Jerusalem. May choirs of angels welcome you and lead you to the bosom of Abraham; and where Lazarus is poor no longer may you find eternal rest. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.**

*(<http://www.saintandrewsabbey.com>)*

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### This Week's Events

**Mon. November 15th**

**Prayer group:**

**Brazilian Community**

7:00 PM-9:00 PM

**Tue. November 16th**

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

**Communion & Liberation, Scanlan 8PM**

**Thurs. November 18th**

**Job Support Network**

7-9pm Scanlan hall

**Fri. November 19th**

**AACC Youth Group**

Scanlan Hall, 6:30pm

**Third Friday of Month Adoration 8pm**

**Prince of Peace**

Scanlan hall 8:30pm

**Sat. November 20th**

**SBYAG**

1pm-5pm in Scanlan Hall

**Couples for Christ**

5pm-11pm in Scanlan Hall

**Bible Study Group,**

Alma Via 7:00pm

**Sun. November 21th**

**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.

**\*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 any candle box by the Blessed Mother or in the Sunday offering basket. Please do not leave donations in the basket beside the Tree of Life.

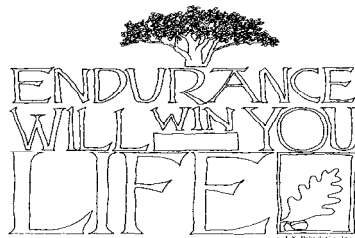
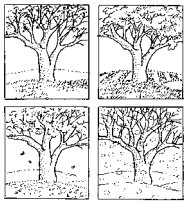


God is God of the living

**\*We thank our Brazilian Community for their festive "Forro" event** this Saturday Nov 13th that is an expression of our diversity as one Church and One Family. We thank all those who volunteered their time & talent to help our parish as we try to meet our goal for the Annual Archdiocesan Appeal.

**\*Missalettes for 2011** All who have requested names to be remembered for the new missalette will need to check for correct spelling of names in the insert of this bulletin. Please call the parish office for corrections.

**\*Thanksgiving Day Mass:** As every year, Thursday Nov 25th we will be having only one Mass at 10am. There will be no other Mass on that day. There will also be a special blessing of bread, wine, or any item that you wish to be blessed for your Thanksgiving meal.



**\*Annual Needy Dinner:** The **Ramalah Club** will be holding it's annual dinner to help families in need on **Sat Nov. 20th** at the club starting at **6:00pm**. It will include a traditional Thanksgiving Feast with some Arabic food as well. The donation is \$30.00 per person. You can buy your tickets from Jiries Nazzal Tel: 650-867-5095, George Sahourieh Tel. 415-797-2191, Jad Jaber 650-703-8859, or Anton Jaber Tel.415-531-3687. If you cannot attend you may still donate money to help.

**\*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!

**\*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.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Nov 14th—Nov 20th , 2010**

11/14 Sun	10:00am	Ceferina Baluyut †
	8:00pm	People of STM
11/15 Mon	8:30am	Irene & Russell De Haven †
11/16 Tue	5:30pm	Federico Tañedo Sr. †
11/17 Wed	8:30am	Manuel Tolentino †
11/18 Thu	5:30pm	Sabina Gonzales †
11/19 Fri	8:30am	Max Cabahug †
11/20 Sat	8:30am	Souls in Purgatory †
	5:00pm	Carolina Borromeo †

*Attending the Mass you offer is appreciated.*

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



Pray for ...

Catalina Yan, Dionne O'Born, Ailee Binauhan, Rhona Palencia, Maritess Leonidas, Jeff Semelka,

Ghassan Totah, 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 those mentioned on the Tree of Life for November.**

*(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:  
Nov 7th, 2010**

**\$3,664.24**

**2nd Collection:**

**Tithing:**

**\$3,109.00**

**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](mailto:stmchurch@aol.com)

