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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."

Our Lord Jesus Christ the King, November 21st, 2010

This is a true story, at least according to James S. Hewitt. A retired teacher decided to volunteer some time tutoring children in a local children's hospital. She was given the name and room number of a nine year old. There was also a note saying that the boy's class in school was studying nouns and adverbs. The tutor got hold of her fourth grade material and headed over to the hospital. She was shocked to find that the boy was in the burn unit. She almost turned around and went home, but she got up her courage and went inside. He looked even worse than she feared. "Hi," she said, "I'll be your teacher while you're here. It's important that you learn about nouns and adverbs." And she went right into the lesson. When she finished, she said she'd be back the next week. And she hurried away. A few days later the teacher received a call from the boy's mother asking if she would be coming for a lesson that day. Thinking that she had really done a poor job with the child and that the boy's mother would rather he be left alone, the lady apologized for her nervousness and said that she would certainly understand if the boy's Mom would rather she didn't return. "No, no," said the Mom, "You have it all wrong. I don't know what you said to my son, but since your visit he has really been fighting hard to respond to his treatment. It seems that he has finally decided to live."

The teacher returned the next day and found the child with a therapist and his mother. He was doing his best to cooperate with the therapist. When the boy saw the teacher he said to his mother, "I know I'm going to live. They wouldn't send a teacher to work on nouns and adverbs with a kid who's dying, would they?"

He has given us hope that we will live. God wouldn't send his Son if we were a lost cause. He wouldn't make Him a King if that King were to have no subjects. He wouldn't allow him to die on the cross if He didn't realize that some of us would call out to him with our lives, "Jesus, remember us, when you come into your kingdom." Modern day prophets of doom who see negative in every aspect of life have given up on society. But Jesus has not given up on us. He refuses to give up. He is the King who loves his subjects. He loves them to death. That's the story and its teaching. Now I would like to talk about goals and dreams. The only goal that matters, the only dream that matters is the dream of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ and our participation in this Kingdom. This dream includes the purpose for our lives, the formation of a community of God's love that makes life meaningful. The community of love includes reverence and respect for the presence of the Lord in our families, in each individual in the family, and in each individual in the world.

All other goals and dreams are transitory and illusory. All other goals, no matter how important they may seem at the time, will pass away. For example, political seasons come and go, thanks be to God. Some of the candidate lose. They, and the people on their staffs worked hard and sacrificed much to fulfill the dream of their man or woman taking a position of leadership in Congress, or perhaps in the Statehouse or the governor's mansion. But they lose and there is nothing left save the tears and the wondering where the campaign went wrong. All the work, all the dreams, were abruptly ended when the final vote tally became official. The dreams are gone. Some people's dreams are caught up in business. Some people devote not just their careers, but their lives to forming a successful enterprise. No sacrifice is too great, no obstacle too difficult, no day too long. Their operation becomes one of the top companies in the field. They have recognized the American dream: security and stability are yours if you are willing to work for them. And then, in one of those complex Wall Street maneuvers, their company is sold to an international conglomerate that coldly sells off the assets and lays off the workers. In the blink of an eye, the dreams of a lifetime are wiped out forever. Some people's dreams are wrapped up in the good days that lay ahead in retirement. They work hard to save for that glorious time. They move from the only area of the country they had ever lived in to come to the Florida sun. They sell the house that they raised their children in so they can build their dream house overlooking the Gulf, or the golf course. But before they can feel comfortable in their new homes sickness and death robs them of their dreams. The last Sunday of the Church year challenges us to decide: *What are the dreams that really matter?* What are the values and principles that we are willing to fight for? What hopes are we willing to believe in enough to sacrifice ourselves for?

Our baptism into the life of Christ was and continues to be a bold statement to the world: Jesus is Lord and King of our lives. We dream His dreams. We share His hopes. We believe that nothing, not even death, can steal the dream of his Kingdom from us. He has not given up His hope for us. We cannot give up our participation in His dream. The Solemnity of Christ the King is not just the conclusion of the church year, it is a summary of our lives as Christians: His dreams are our dreams. *His hope is our hope. His present is our future.*

By Fr Joseph Pellegrino

REMEMBER
ME IN YOUR
KINGDOM

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Prayer for All Our Beloved Departed

Dear God, Please take the soul and spirit of these dear departed ones into the sweetest corner of Your mind, the most tender place in Your heart, that they, and I, might be comforted. For now they have gone, and I pray, dear God, for the strength to remember that they have not gone far. For they are with You and shall remain so forever. They remain within me, for we are all in You together. The cord that binds us one to the other cannot be cut, surely not by death. For you, dear God, have brought us together, and we remain in eternal connection. There is no power greater than You. Death is not Your master, nor mine. These things I believe and ask my heart to register. I surrender to You my grief. I surrender to You my pain. Please take care of Your servants, my dear ones who have passed. And please, dear Lord, take care of me. Amen.

By Marianne Williamson in "Illuminata"

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This Week's Events

Mon. November 22th

Prayer group:

Brazilian Community

7.00 PM-9.00 PM

Tue. November 23rd

Legion of Mary, Scanlan 6:00 PM
Communion & Liberation, Scanlan 8PM

Thurs. November 25th

Thanksgiving Day Mass at 10AM
(no more scheduled Masses for this day)



Sat. November 27th

St Benedict's YAG

2pm-8pm in Scanlan Hall

Bible Study Group,

Alma Via 7:00pm

Sun. November 28th

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 Young Adults Group (18-late 30's) Saturdays bi-monthly 2:00-4:30 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
St Benedict's YAG

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
Bi-monthly, Sat. 2:00 PM-4:30PM

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.

***The office will be closed on Thursday Nov 25th and 26th** in honor of Thanksgiving Holiday. and re-open at 9AM on **Monday, Nov. 29th.**

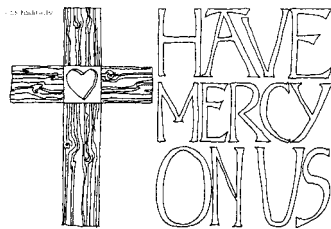
***Thanksgiving Day Mass:** As every year, Thurs. Nov 25th we will be having only one Mass at **10am.** There will be no other Mass on that day. There will also be a special blessing of bread, wine, or any item that you wish to be blessed for your Thanksgiving meal.

***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. **Christmas Dinner Party** will be at Hilton/Airport, on **Dec. 10th.** Tickets are \$60. Come & enjoy these special events and invite family & friends!



A Thanksgiving Blessing for Your Table

God most provident, we join all creation in raising to you a hymn of thanksgiving through Jesus Christ your son. For generation upon generation peoples of this land have sung of your bounty; we too offer you praise for the rich harvest we have received at your hands. Bless us and this food which we share with grateful hearts. Continue to make our land fruitful and let our love for you be seen in our pursuit of peace and justice and in our generous response to those in need. Praise and glory to you, Lord God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



***Missalettes for 2011:** Names to be remembered for the new missalette will need to be checked for correct spelling. Please call the parish office for corrections by **Nov 29th, at 4pm.**

***Holy Land Pilgrimage: May 7- 20'11** Will take no more than 20 pilgrims! Spiritual director: Msgr. Labib Kobti. Visit Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Mt. Carmel, Petra in Jordan and much more! Meet children at Holy Family Creche in Bethlehem & learn about programs for people with special needs in Jordan. Go to the market & fair trade shops. **Informational meeting on Sun Dec 5th at 7pm in Scanlan Hall.** Call Claudia Devaux at 805-544-9088 or visit www.HolyLandInstitute.org.

***St Benedict's Young Adult group** will be celebrating their 2nd year anniversary with a Mass on **Sat Nov. 27th** at **5pm.** A reception will follow in Scanlan Hall after Mass. Come celebrate, enjoy free food, & check out the young adults group at STM!

***STM School Winter Faire & Pancake Breakfast:** on **Sun. Dec 5th from 9am-3:30pm** at the STM School Gym. **Free pancake breakfast is 1st come, 1st served!** (no breakfast served during Mass). If your planning to attend, please drop in a note after Mass today in the box provided in vestibule or contact Linda at lp1114@aol.com or Anarose at anarose0707@gmail.com.

MASS INTENTIONS

Nov 21th—Nov 27th , 2010

11/21 Sun	10:00am	People of STM
	8:00pm	Joanna Soriano †
11/22 Mon	8:30am	Vanah Marie Marcaida
11/23 Tue	5:30pm	Souls in Purgatory †
11/24 Wed	8:30am	Napoleon U. Flores Sr. †
11/25 Thu	10:00am	Bernardo Aguas Family (Thanksg)
11/26 Fri	8:30am	Ramon Toledo †
11/27 Sat	8:30am	Souls in Purgatory †
	5:00pm	Lawrence Nannini †

Attending the Mass you offer is appreciated.



All the sick people to be read during Masses:

Dionne O'Born, Ailee Bin-auban, Rhona Palencia, Maritess Leonidas, Jeff Semelka, Ghassan Totah, and for all who are ill, homebound, & those with health issues of any kind in our parish. **We also pray** for all the **deceased** in our parish, **especially Catalina Yan, Nasir Nasir and those mentioned on our November Tree of Life.**

(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:
Nov 14th, 2010
\$4,387.36**

(This week's 2nd collection is for the Campaign for Human Development)

**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.



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 City _____ Zip _____ Phone (s) _____
 Email: _____ I want to receive the envelopes and commit myself to a weekly contribution.
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