

# St. Thomas More Society OF SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

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Dear Members and Friends:

I hope this newsletter finds you well, with a humble and reflective start to the Lenten Season. Whether you've chosen to "give up" a material pleasure or "give more" in your faith and charity to others, the season can certainly provide an opportunity for re-orientation and closer connection to God.

With this in mind, the St. Thomas More Society is pleased to offer events and opportunities for spiritual growth throughout Lent. First, I encourage you to take advantage of the Lenten Series offered by our own former president, Don Carroll. This year's series focuses on the Passion narratives in the Gospels. We examined the more somber Gospel of Mark this week and will focus on the other Gospels in the remaining three weeks. Please consider joining us for one - if not all - of these discussions. It is surely a worthwhile way to spend lunch on Tuesday afternoons.

Likewise, we invite you to join us for our March luncheon on Thursday, March 28th. This month's speaker is Father Rene Iturbe, the chaplain of detention ministry for the Archdiocese. Father Iturbe was appointed last year to provide Mass and pastoral care to incarcerated men and women throughout the Bay Area.

## Lenten Series

All members and other interested individuals are invited to the remaining three sessions of our Lenten Series. The series looks to the original intent of the four Evangelists and differing images

of Jesus and the crucifixion set forth in the Gospels. Don Carroll, a former seminarian and president of the Society - is leading the discussion each week.

**Where: Murphy Pearson Bradley & Feeney, 88 Kearny Street, 10th Floor, San Francisco**

**When: March 19, 26 & April 2, 12noon**

**Cost: Free for all members. Please bring your own lunch.**

### **March Luncheon**

Father Rene Iturbe will speak of his experiences as chaplain of the detention ministry. We plan to encourage discussion following his presentation.

**Where: Seyfarth Shaw LLP, 560 Mission Street, Ste. 3100, San Francisco**

**When: Thursday, March 28, 12noon**

**Cost: \$35 for all members; \$25 for law students and clergy**

Members can pay for the luncheon - and include their annual dues if they prefer - in person or at our website [here](#).

### **2019 Dues and Membership**

We encourage all Members to pay their annual dues early in order to help fund our events, scholarships, and community service initiatives. Registration and payment of annual dues also ensures you will receive our monthly newsletters and information about all upcoming events. You can pay your dues online [here](#) or by using the attached membership form.

### **Additional Upcoming Events**

**April Luncheon** - We will soon announce details for our annual April luncheon at De Marillac Academy in San Francisco. De Marillac provides free Catholic education to elementary-age children from underserved communities in San Francisco. The Society has partnered with this school for several years. Each April, we enjoy lunch with students and a tour of the school.

**First Annual St. Thomas More Dinner** - This year, we will host a dinner to celebrate the feast day of our patron, St. Thomas More. The dinner will take place on or around June 20, 2019 (a few days before St. Thomas More's feast day on June 22nd). Please check back here for more details.

**Red Mass** - This year's annual Red Mass is scheduled for Thursday, October 17, 2019 at Sts. Peter and Paul Church in San Francisco. Be sure to mark your calendars.

For more details about these and other Society events, please check our website at <http://www.stthomasmore-sf.org/upcoming-events/>.

I look forward to seeing many of you soon.

Sincerely yours,

Amelia Lancaster  
President