

Church of St. Thomas More

A Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of San Diego

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Spirituality + Tradition + Community

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday
8:30am-12:00 noon and 12:30-4:00pm

Mass Schedule
Saturday at 5:00pm
Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am
Tuesday-Friday at 8:15am
First Monday of the Month at 7:00pm

Eucharistic Adoration
Monday-Friday, 6:30am-7:30pm

Reconciliation (Confession)
Saturday, 4:00-4:30pm

March 2, 2008 • Fourth Sunday of Lent

Join us for the Lenten Communal Penance Service

Celebrate God's mercy and forgiveness

Sunday, March 2, at 4:00pm

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Pastor's Column

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An Examination of Conscience

On Sunday, March 2, at 4:00pm, our Parish celebrates our Lenten Communal Penance Service.

Hopefully many will take advantage of this opportunity to praise God and to celebrate God's mercy and forgiveness.

I share with you the Examination of Conscience that will be used in our Penance Service.

You may want to save it as a prayer/reflection throughout the year!

Brothers and sisters, our compassionate God knows all our failings, but asks us to call them to mind so that we may seek out God's forgiveness.

Have I listened to the voice of God? How can I better converse with God in prayer? How can I worship God more faithfully in communal liturgy?

Do I pray daily?

Do I receive the sacraments regularly?

Do I keep Sundays and holy days sacred?

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Calendar Highlights

Also check the parish website for complete calendar info:
www.stmoside.org, then select "Schedules and Calendars"

The Week Ahead

- Mar 2 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and
10:30am Masses
 Mar 9 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
 Mar 9 Spirited Seniors travel to Rolling Hills Covenant
Church to see "Pageant of Our Lord"
 Mar 9 RE.A.CH classes, including high school

The Month Ahead

- Mar 16 Palm Sunday of Our Lord's Passion
 Mar 20 Holy Thursday—Mass at 6:00pm
 Mar 21 Good Friday—Liturgies at 12:00pm and 7:00pm
 Mar 22 Holy Saturday—Mass at 8:00pm
 Mar 23 Easter Sunday—Masses at 6:30am, 8:30am, and
10:30am
 Mar 29-30 Women's Guild Bake Sale
 Mar 30 RE.A.CH classes

The Year Ahead

- Apr 6 STM Music Ministry Presents
Spring Sing—Ecumenical Celebration of Song
 Apr 24 Spirited Seniors Present *Music by Emmalyn*
 Apr 26 Women's Prayer Breakfast
 Apr 26 Women's Guild Fashion Show
 June 6-8 Parish Campout
 June 14 Women's Guild Installation Luncheon
 June 20 Ninth Annual Golf Classic/Evening Festivities
 July 21-25 *Power Lab* Vacation Bible School
 Nov 9 Towers of Faith Dinner

Questions? Contact Henny at 758-4100 x100
 or hennyj@stmoside.org.

Prayer List for Deployed Military

As a faith community let us pray for all who serve our country in these troubled times. We pray especially for those connected to our parish who have been deployed:

Gy. Sgt. Barry Bull, USMC
Christian Caplinger, US Army
Nicholas B. Dawson
Capt. Gregory Day, USMC
Lance Corporal Brandon Doyle, USMC
MSGT Steve Gallegos, USMC
Sgt. Stephen Gerke, 101st Airborne
Lt. Col Robert T. Green, USAF
Cpl. Michael Guty, USMC
Col. Kathleen Henderson
Cpl. Andrew G. Klidzejs, USMC
Med. Staff Sgt. Jana Alexander Madrid, USAF
Ronald Meyers, US Navy Search & Rescue
Lance Cpl. Steven A. Michaels, USMC
Spec. Jared Ratzlaff, US Army
SPC Robert Sullivan, US Army
Capt. Thomas Zeff, USAF

All-powerful God, be their constant companion and strength in every adversity. May they experience your faithful presence, gentle love and compassionate healing.

Contact the parish office at 758-4100 x102 to add a name.

Readings for the Week Ahead

Sunday Year A; Weekday Year II
 Readings online at www.usccb.org.

Sunday, March 2 (31)

Fourth Sunday of Lent
 I Samuel 16:1b,6-7,10-13a
 Psalm 23
 Ephesians 5:8-14
 John 9:1-41

Monday, March 3 (244)

Katharine Drexel, virgin
 Isaiah 65:17-21
 Psalm 30:2,4-6,11-12a,13ab
 John 4:43-54

Tuesday, March 4 (245)

Casimir
 Ezekiel 47:1-9,12
 Psalm 46:2-3,5-6,8-9
 John 5:1-16

Wednesday, March 5 (246)

Isaiah 49:8-15
 Psalm 145:8-9,13c-14,17-18
 John 5:17-30

Thursday, March 6 (247)

Exodus 32:7-14
 Psalm 106:19-23
 John 5:31-47

Friday, March 7 (248)

Perpetua and Felicity, martyrs
 Wisdom 2:1a,12-22
 Psalm 34:17-21,23
 John 7:1-2,10,25-30

Saturday, March 8 (249)

John of God, religious
 Jeremiah 11:18-20
 Psalm 7:2-3,9b-12
 John 7:40-53

Sunday, March 9 (34)

Fifth Sunday of Lent
 Ezekiel 37-12-14
 Psalm 130
 Romans 8:8-11
 John 11:1-45

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 1, 5:00pm
 Luther Crowell ☩

Sunday, March 2, 8:30am
Missa Pro Populo

Sunday, March 2, 10:30am
 Joe Coccaro ☩

Monday, March 3, 7:00pm
For the Youth of the Parish

Tuesday, March 4, 8:15am
 Barbara Foster ☩

Wednesday, March 5, 8:15am
 Ann Buko

Wednesday, March 5, 9:30am
 Maureen Hughes ☩
at Aegis

Thursday, March 6, 8:15am
 Owen Fredette ☩

Friday, March 7, 8:15am
 Helen & Cornelius Garrigan ☩

Saturday, March 8, 8:15am
 James Tutino ☩

Sunday, March 9, 8:30am
Missa Pro Populo

Sunday, March 9, 10:30am
 Mary Donahue ☩

Prayer List

Michael Ainis
 Phyllis Allar
 The Atkinson Family
 Patricia Barbour
 Carl Bechtold
 Thomas Beck, Jr.
 Edward Bednarz
 Cindra Bell
 Tom Belprez
 Joe Bozanich
 Janet Brown
 Ann Buko
 Carl Coleman
 James Coleman
 Barbara Colton
 Tom Connors
 Thomas Cornwell & family
 April Craft
 Judy Crane
 Deborah Darsey
 Linda Dossman
 Daphne Dunn
 James Echter
 The Esmonde Family
 The Fiore Family
 Larry Fisk
 Edmund Fredette
 The Gandolfo Family
 Joe Garcia
 Bob Gardiner
 Lewis Garrett
 Rick Gonzalez
 Anita Hage
 The Harker Family
 Bud Hazlett
 Frank Hoerman
 Cynthia Horner
 Bernie & Ginny Jaeger
 Sue Johnston
 Colleen Kaup
 Paul Kennedy
 Debbie Kinny
 Sr. Anne Kremenik
 Lillian Lachance
 The Lamelin Family
 Brandon LeBlanc
 Lois Leonard
 Jackie Lynn
 James MacArthur
 Lisa Martin
 Ken Mauro
 Patrick McCarthy
 Nancy Moore
 Deacon Bob Mueller
 Margie Myers
 Judith Nichols
 R. Northrup
 Patricia O'Gaffney
 Tom Padilla, Sr.
 Ana Patterson
 Sylvia Perez
 Helen Pingtella
 Ante Pitesa
 Anne Post
 Bill Pulver
 Sr. Loyola Romey
 Dorothy Rouse
 Lynne Rumpf
 The Russo Family
 Marilyn Sinkez
 Dorothy & Ray Staehr
 The Vernaci Family
 Lee Vincent
 Vanessa Vitiello-Koble
 Kevin Watson-Graff
 Lorie Whitmore

Call 758-4100 x102 to add a name for four weeks.

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Do I fulfill my commitments as a member of my Faith Community?

What is my attitude toward the sacrament of reconciliation?

Have I tried to grow in the life of the Spirit through prayer and the reading of the Word of God?

Do I trust God's goodness and providence, even in times of crisis and doubt?

In my daily living do I listen to the voice of God?

Do I respect my own body as a gift from God?

Do I control my vices, including abuses of food and drink?

Have I made good use of the gifts God has given me?

Do I work too hard and too long?

Do I neglect my family and my health?

Have I been lazy and given too much time to leisure or entertainment?

Have I listened to the voice of God when it comes to my relationships with others?

In my household, have I contributed to the well-being and happiness of the rest of my family? Am I patient? Am I loving?

Do I treat my parents with respect?

Am I ever angry with those I love?

Have I been faithful in my relationships?

Have I imposed my will on others without respecting their freedom and rights?

Am I intolerant of others' ideas or needs?

Have I perpetuated racism, sexism, prejudices and stereotypes?

Do I treat people with disabilities with respect?

Have I listened to the voice of God and brought God's love to the world?

Do I share my time and my treasure with others in need?

Do I fail to speak out on behalf of the poor or the oppressed?

Have I accepted suffering as a share in the suffering of Christ?

Have I indulged in reading, conversation or entertainment that is contrary to Christian Decency and respect for human life?

Do I use the earth's resources wisely?

Do I purchase a lot of material goods that I don't really need?

Have I listened to the voice of God? Where is God leading me?

Am I ever afraid to act in a Christian manner, afraid of what others might think?

Is the hope of eternal life my inspiration for all I do?

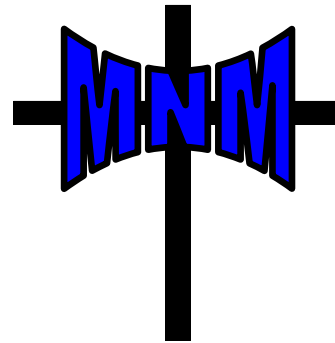
Do I sincerely want to be set free from sin, turn again to God, and resolve to begin again?

May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sin, and bring all of us to life everlasting!

F. Mike

FOR — DETAILS UNVEILED!

St. Thomas More 2008 Golf Classic
Save the Date ~ Friday, June 20, 2008
Check the table on the Plaza!
Watch your mailbox!



**MONDAY
NIGHT
MASS**

**March 3
7:00pm**

Mass will be celebrated by

**Auxiliary Bishop
Salvatore Cordileone**

Diocese of San Diego

**We will be collecting "New" men's & women's socks for
"Stand Up for Kids" a homeless teen day shelter
in Oceanside.**

**Youth Ministries—Middle School and High School
Join Us!**

**For more information please contact Ron Briseno
at 758-4100 x153 or ronb@stmoside.org**

Update from New Orleans

The rest of the volunteers will be returning after two weeks of helping parishioners at St. Peter Claver Parish repair their homes. Check out the daily reports on the parish website (www.stmoside.org). Click on Pastoral Staff/Ministries, then Sr. Maureen Brown, then Volunteer Reports.

Lenten Communal Penance Services

March 2	4:00pm	St. Thomas More, Oceanside
March 4	7:00pm	Nativity, Fairbanks Ranch
March 5	7:00pm	St. James, Solana Beach
March 6	6:30pm	Mission San Luis Rey, Oceanside
March 10	7:00pm	St. Margaret, Oceanside
March 11	6:30pm	St. Patrick, Carlsbad
March 12	7:00pm	St. Elizabeth Seton, Carlsbad
March 14	7:00pm	St. Mary Star of the Sea, Oceanside
March 17	6:30pm	St. Mark, San Marcos
March 18	6:30pm	St. Francis, Vista

Our Mission is to: worship God,

Mass Schedule: Saturday at 5:00pm; Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am;
Tuesday-Friday at 8:15am; first Monday of the month at 7:00pm;
watch bulletin for holidays

Rite of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturday from 4:00-4:30pm
(or by appointment)

Eucharistic Adoration: Monday-Friday from 6:30am-7:30pm

Liturgical Ministry: Contact Douglas Lynn at 758-4100 x140

Choirs and Music Ministry: Contact Douglas Lynn at 758-4100 x140

Communion for the Homebound/Hospitalized: Contact Parish Office

Anointing of the Sick: Contact Parish Office

Matrimony: Contact Parish Office a minimum of 9 months in advance
For further information, call Rev. Michael Ratajczak at 758-4100 x100

teach and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ,

Inquiry into the Catholic Faith: First and third Thursday evenings

Religious Education for Youth & Children: Two times a month,
September-May, on Sundays

Religious Education for Adults: Various times, September-May

Liturgy of the Word for Children: 8:30 and 10:30am Masses

Little Rock Scripture Study: Weekly sessions, morning or evening

High School Youth Ministry: Monday evenings

Middle School Youth Ministry: Two Monday evenings per month

Preparation for the Sacraments:

Baptism (for infants): Begins with an appointment with the Pastor

Baptism (7-14 yrs.)/RCIA: One to two year process with children and
parents

Baptism (adults)/RCIA: One to two year process; weekly sessions

First Reconciliation: In home process begins in Level 1

First Communion: In home process begins after first reconciliation

Confirmation: Minimum two year process of preparation; begins in
high school

For further information, call Kathleen Bell at 758-4100 x110

and serve God's people in word and deed.

There are many groups who serve the parishioners
and provide outreach to the local community.

For further information, call Chris Smith at 758-4100 x120

Annual Brother Benno's Food Drive

This weekend, Deacon Tom will be in the parking lot with his truck to collect canned goods and non-perishable food items for Brother Benno's. This is our annual collection to help the poor and under-employed supplement their food budget. It not only assists the soup kitchen but also those whose paychecks do not last to the end of the month. In this season of alms giving, please be generous.

Interfaith Shelter Network Program

The Church of St. Thomas More and the First Presbyterian Church of Oceanside will jointly participate in this year's Interfaith Shelter Network Program from March 2-March 16. Twelve homeless people will be housed and fed at the First Presbyterian Church. Our parish will be responsible for paying for their breakfast and lunches. Donations may be made after the 8:30am and 10:30am Masses on Sunday, March 2.

The Pageant of Our Lord Trip—Space Available!

The Senior Seniors trip still has room on the bus going to the Pageant of Our Lord performance at the Rolling Hills Covenant Church on March 9. Call Leah Stevens at 630-0788 or Joyce Frink at 724-8091 for your reservation. Cost is \$45 per person.

Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioner

Irene Germain

Roy & Linda Heaton, Jr. & Family

Gregory & Cheryl Abrahms & Family

Congratulations to:

John and Patricia Jones

who are celebrating their 62nd wedding anniversary on Sunday.

*May God continue to bless your marriage, and may you be an
inspiration to other married couples.*

In Memoriam:



Please pray for the soul of **Thomas Patrick Esmonde**, who died on February 9. Thomas is the father of Karron Esmonde. Please keep the Esmonde family in your prayers.

May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed,

Holy Thursday Dinners

It is a tradition in our Parish on Holy Thursday to have dinners in Parishioners' homes after the liturgy. Loaves of bread and bottles of wine are blessed after Mass for consumption at these dinners. We need "Hosts" who provide the setup in their home, and "Guests" who will be assigned to those homes to bring a dish to share. Host families determine the number of guests they can accommodate and if their home is suitable for children. This is a random assignment of Guests to Host homes. This event is not for Host homes who have pre-planned dinner guests invited. This is meant as a way to meet new fellow parishioners as well as extend the blessings and meaning of this holy night. Sign ups to be either a Host Home or Guest will take place after each Mass the weekends of February 23-24, March 1-2, and March 8-9. The last day to sign up will be Sunday, March 9, after the 10:30am Mass. If you would like more information, call Henny Jocelyn at 726-1177 or Lisa Reaves at 945-3212.

Women's Guild

Board Meeting—Monday, March 3, at 12:30pm at Germaine Wilmott's home to discuss plans for March 10 meeting and other events. Try to attend. RSVP to Germaine at 758-9949.

March Luncheon Meeting—Monday, March 10, at 11:00am. We will have speaker—Joan Jones, with a presentation on Bereavement Planning, followed by a delicious lunch. Cost will be \$7. Plan to come and join us. RSVP by March 7 to Mary Vernaci at 599-4386 or Germaine Wilmott at 758-9949.

2008 Annual Catholic Appeal

February 25, 2008

Our parish assessment for this year is \$34,000. All money raised over this assessment is returned to us for our Parish use. It will be directed toward our Operational Budget. Thank you to those who have responded to date!

Household returns: 47

Total pledged: \$7,702.50

Average gift: \$163.88

Materials were mailed to all registered households and are also available at the parish information table on the Plaza after weekend Masses and at the parish office during the week.

Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

FRIDAY, MARCH 7

8:45am - 6:30pm

Family Hour: 5:30 - 6:30pm

St. Perpetua & St. Felicity

“When my father in his affection for me was trying to turn me from my purpose by arguments and thus weaken my faith, I said to him, ‘Do you see this vessel—water pot or whatever it may be? Can it be called by any other name than what it is?’ ‘No,’ he replied. ‘So also I cannot call myself by any other name than what I am—a Christian.’”

So writes Perpetua, young, well-educated, a noblewoman of Carthage, mother of an infant son and chronicler of the persecution of the Christians by Emperor Septimius Severus.

Despite threats of persecution and death, Perpetua, Felicity (a slavewoman) and three companions, Revocatus, Secundulus and Saturninus, refused to renounce their Christian faith.

Persecution for religious beliefs is not confined to Christians in ancient times. Consider Anne Frank, the Jewish girl who, with her family, was forced into hiding and later died in Bergen-Belsen during World War II. Anne, like Perpetua and Felicity, endured hardship and suffering and finally death because she committed herself to God.

Perpetua, unwilling to renounce Christianity, comforted her father in his grief over her decision, “It shall happen as God shall choose, for assuredly we depend not on our own power but on the power of God.”

Perpetua, Felicity, and their companions were killed in the Emperor’s games.

Intention for the Day
That we may trust in the power of God
and not our own power.

DISMISSAL OF CATECHUMENS

Perhaps the change in our liturgical life since Vatican II that seems the strangest is the Sunday dismissal of those preparing for initiation into the Catholic church. Each week during much of the year, after the scripture readings and homily, the presider invites those who have publicly expressed a desire for full membership in the church to leave the assembled community and to continue to reflect on the riches of God’s word with a trained leader called a catechist.

Those of us who are old enough might remember the pre-Vatican II division of the Mass into (1) The Mass of the Catechumens and (2) The Mass of the Faithful. This terminology reflected the ancient practice of dismissing the catechumens (who are preparing for Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil) immediately after the homily. What at first seems like an inhospitable act—sending someone out of our midst—is, on another level, an act of true hospitality. Those who are not yet able to eat with us at the Lord’s table are sent out to be further nourished with the word of God. (It might be more inhospitable to eat and drink in front of them!)

The presence of those preparing for initiation is a blessing for any parish community. Each Sunday they remind us of the church’s (often unspoken) invitation to visitors to join our ranks. But perhaps even more profound than that, the question, “Why are they leaving?” leads to the thought, “Why am I staying?” Seen through the eyes of the catechumens, who are not yet able to be nourished at the Lord’s table, our Sunday obligation is transformed into a Sunday privilege.

— © LTP

SAVE THE DATE!

Spring Sing

An Ecumenical
Celebration of Song

Sunday, April 6 at
4:00pm

Upper Level of the Parish Center

Featuring church choirs
from around North County

Hosted by our Adult Choir

free-will offering

~ contact Douglas for more information ~



“...so that
they may be
one...”

John 17:11

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

*Kathleen Bell
Director of Faith Formation
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What's Faith Got to Do With it?

OVER THE HILLS

Part 3



Join other parents of toddlers through teens, with Bret Schanzenbach as facilitator and guide

Thursday, March 6, 7:00-8:30pm Lower Level

FOCUS: Keeping our faith within the media culture

Fun! Interactive! New ideas for creating a Catholic Culture in our homes

Dessert Potluck
bring something to share

For childcare at STM call 758-4100 x159 to sign up (by Wednesday, March 5 at noon)

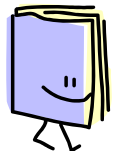
Kid's Tough Questions

"My friends gossip about each other. Should I try to stop them or just keep quiet?"



- "Being quiet and not joining in gossip is a good start, but in time, the child might simply express something like, 'I'd rather not talk about them when they aren't here. I know I'd be hurt if others were talking about me this way.'" ~ *Karl Bastian*
- "If you feel bold, ask your friends if they've talked about you lately when you weren't around. Then you might have a chance to stop gossip. Ask God to help you to be strong. It's hard to take a stand for what's right when others don't see what they're doing as wrong." ~ *Lori Valenzisi*
- "You can't 'push' your friends into doing what's right. But you can take the lead by walking away when they start gossiping. To stay says, 'I'm with you in hurting this person.' So be known as the person who speaks well of others, and take the lead in finding positive things to say about others." ~ *John Trent*
- "Start by asking, 'What do you think about gossiping?' By encouraging the child to think about what s/he already knows about gossiping, s/he'll most likely come to the conclusion that gossiping isn't the best thing to do with friends. How rewarding for a child when s/he comes to his/her own conclusion and is motivated to act wisely!" ~ *Amy Dolan*

Little Books for Easter



The Little WHITE Book for the Easter Season is now available. These six-minute meditations reflect on the weekday Gospels of Easter, 2008. They help us to celebrate the whole of the Easter season from March 24 until May 11.

Your \$2 donation helps cover the cost of the book. They are available, while supply lasts, at the Information Table, or on the Lower Level of the Parish Center. There are 5 books in Spanish.

Peanut Butter and Jelly Update:

2008 GOAL: 365 jars
TOTAL to date: 208 jars



A great way to give alms to the poor!

Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

Chris Smith
Director of Stewardship & Development
chriss@stmoside.org; 758-4100 x120

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

From Fear To Trust

The emotion of fear alerts us to the presence of threat and triggers our natural systems of protection and survival, namely flight or fight. The gospel asks us to trust, but that trust—that fidelity to the gospel—s never instinctive. We find that trust only when we are aware of feelings of fear.

. . . But fear does more than alert us to the presence of danger; fear invites us to trust even when there is no assurance that everything will be all right. We should be afraid of the things that Jesus asks of us. *(They are not always easy requests!)*

When we feel fear in response to a gospel call to forgive those who have harmed us, to care for those who may be dangerous, to risk loving those who will not or cannot love us, to speak openly against wrong-doing or about what is truly important to us when it is not popular, fear can push us either toward hiding and inaction or toward aggression and hostility for those who do not support us.

But if fear is an invitation to trust, it calls forth a response to take significant risks. It is risky to come out of the boat in a storm.

We may have learned that fear is the mark of cowards; we may have learned that the strong and the brave are fearless. Nothing could be further from the truth. The fearless are often dangerous, senselessly risking their own lives and the lives of others.

Heroes and cowards alike share the feeling of fear. Their response is what makes them different: flight or fight for the coward; for the hero, the response is trust. *(excerpted from Liguorian, February 2008)*

Once again this weekend we hear about the blind man who was willing to let Jesus minister to him. One can only imagine that in those days this blind man had experienced fear many times, yet he willingly obeyed Jesus. The blind man's trust was evident.



Meanwhile, the Pharisees were so fearful of Jesus' message that they spent all their time and energy trying to disprove a miracle. How sad that their energy and efforts were the result of jealousy, insecurity and anger.

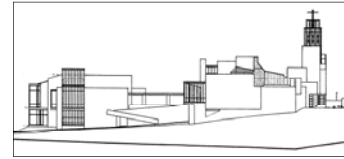
How sad, too, that today some spend incredible amounts of time, energy and money on efforts resulting from fear and mistrust.

As Bishop Brom mentioned when he visited STM in December, it is a good thing to examine our circumstance in life from time to time. We may not realize that while "This is not the ship I signed up for" it may very well be the ship that God assigned to us.

Lent is a good time to reflect upon what is happening in your life. Are you struggling with difficult issues and situations? Pray about them, and consider that they might be part of your assignment. Whatever the cross, carry it with love and trust.

Trust in the Lord.

A WAY TO GIVE ~ A WAY TO RECEIVE



DESIGNATED BANK ACCOUNTS, WILLS, LIVING TRUSTS, STOCKS, LIFE INSURANCE, MUTUAL FUNDS

There have been changes in the tax laws that are beneficial to both the recipient and the giver. A few examples of Planned Giving to STM are: Designated Beneficiary Accounts, Wills, Living Trusts, Stocks, Life Insurance and Mutual Funds.

This program is one way of helping the Parish raise the resources necessary to continue our campus build out and also help plan for our future needs (i.e., Tower of Faith participants). Planned Giving is a generic term that covers the many ways an individual can give to a charity while, in many cases, avoiding taxes.

For more information please contact:

Chris Smith at 758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org.

"Our Journey Into The Future . . . Together"
includes our Faith journey as well as the
build out of our Parish Campus.

Did You Know? Donation Update - February 2008

\$3,399.00

Collection for Week of: February 23/24, 2008

Number of Registered Households:	965
Envelopes	\$ 8,888.61
Children's Envelopes	0.00
Plate	738.00
Total	\$ 9,626.61

Thank you for keeping your Building Fund pledge current and for supporting your parish, even when you are away.

There are many ways to help support your Parish.

We offer a variety of options for easier giving. In addition to the extra "mail-back" envelopes included in your packet, we offer automatic:

- ◆ Credit Card Withdrawal (Visa or MC)
- ◆ Automatic Checking Account Deduction
- ◆ Automatic Savings Account Deduction

*To participate in these time-saving alternatives, please contact the Parish Office at:
758-4100 x100 or parishoffice@stmoside.org*

Eucharistic Adoration

*Monday-Friday • 6:30am-7:30pm
Blessed Sacrament Chapel*



Spend a few minutes (or more) with Jesus!

Many Thanks and Many Kudos...to those who have willingly given their free time to be with the Lord in our Blessed Sacrament Chapel on the days of Eucharistic Adoration, First Fridays and other days of the month! We are always looking for more people to join this devotion, particularly for the 1:30pm and 3:30pm hours. If you can help, please complete a signup sheet (available at the parish information table on the Plaza). We also have a family hour on each of the dates from 6:30-7:30pm. This is a great way to introduce the little ones to this devotion—start them off with just 5-15 minutes.

Exposition of the Eucharist on First Fridays and one other day of each month. Next date: Friday, March 7.

For more information, contact John O'Donnell at 598-6003.

Annual Lenten Collection

This month has been designated for the 2008 Annual Lenten Collection. Special envelopes are stapled to the front of the bulletin for this collection, which supports the works of Catholic Relief Services, the Church in Latin America, and the church in Africa. You may designate your contribution to the causes listed on the collection envelope. Envelopes may be returned any time during the month of March. Thank you for your generosity!

Lenten Fish Dinners Every Friday of Lent

(No Dinner on Good Friday)

Serving Time: 5:30-6:30pm

Price: Adults one fish-\$6, two fish-\$7, three fish-really?

Children one fish-\$4

This dinner is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and their wives. Serving time should allow you adequate time to eat your dinner, socialize, and attend the Stations of the Cross. Feel free to bring your neighbors and friends. We promise friendly and smiling faces will serve you!

Publicize Your Parish Event!

Would you like to publicize a parish event to the general public? Submit a Press Release Form at least three weeks in advance of your event to have it advertised in local news publications. Press Release Forms are available:



- on the parish website (www.stmoside.org, *Contact Us, Parish Forms*),
- the parish office, or
- from Anne Marshall at 727-2668 or annemarshall@sbcglobal.net.

Little Rock Bible Studies

St. Paul's Letter To The Romans

Starting March 26, 9:00am and March 27, 7:00pm

The letter to the church at Rome is unquestionably the most important of Paul's letters and "is to many the most important text in the New Testament itself."

The church of Rome was not founded by Paul as the churches of Galatia, Philippi, and Corinth to mention a few, but this lengthy letter to Romans is one of seven undisputed letters of Paul's.

Why did Paul write his letter to the Romans? There are varying scholarly points of view which will be examined during this course. We hope to come to know the author's purpose "to clarify, and abridge, defend his thesis, and recount history."

If interested, please plan to join us. Any questions, please contact Masako Streling 295-2594 or mstr0619@cox.net.



**St. Thomas More
Vehicle Donation Program**

Do you have a vehicle you want to donate?
Call the Parish Office at 758-4100 x100

STM Scrip News

Thank you to all who participate in this painless way to earn money for our new sanctuary, and thank you to the merchants that are willing to participate by providing gift certificates at a discount.

Scrip is sold on the Plaza after weekend Masses and in the parish office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00-10:00am.

*For information, call Henny Jocelyn at 726-1177
or visit <http://www.stmoside.org/scrip.htm>*

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Please place completed form in the collection basket or return it to the \$CRIP table after weekend Masses or the Parish Office during the week. Thank you!

Want to Make a Difference in Our Community?

St. Thomas More provides monthly dinner meals for the North County Solutions for Change homeless shelter in Vista. Your help with this valuable service is most welcome! Individuals, families, and/or parish groups are welcome to 'adopt' one of the fourth Sundays of each month. The following items comprise this ministerial event:

- ◆ Dinner foods (i.e., casseroles, ham, chicken, lasagna)
- ◆ Fruit or green salad
- ◆ Dessert (i.e, brownies, cookies, cake, cupcakes)
- ◆ Paper goods and plastic utensils
- ◆ Monetary donations to help with any of the above items
- ◆ Your time to deliver and/or help to serve the meal

*For more information, please contact
Paul & Kalei Mendiola at 945-9042.*

News from the Larger Church

St. Patrick's Day Celebration in San Diego—The annual St. Patrick's Celtic Mass celebrating the Feast of St. Patrick will be held on Friday, March 14, at Our Mother of Confidence Church, 3131 Governor Dr., San Diego, at 6:00pm. All are welcome; "*Cead Mile Failte.*" For more information, contact 858-453-0222.

Get Rejuvenated! at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside—Rest, read, or just relax at the next "Quiet Day," Monday, March 17, sponsored by Mission San Luis Rey, 4050 Mission Avenue in Oceanside. Check-in at 9:00am, or later, and spend the next seven hours (until 4:00pm) escaping the hectic pace of everyday life or catching up on your sleep in your own private room. Take some time to wander the Mission grounds, sit in the chapel or the gardens, and enjoy the beauty and serenity of your surroundings. An optional stretch class and a 15-minute massage are also available. \$20-\$25 per person includes lunch. Please pre-register by calling 757-3659.

St. Francis Preschool Open House Invitation—St Francis Preschool is hosting an Open House for parents on Tuesday, March 18, at 8:30am for those interested in enrolling their children in the fall. Children must be 3 years of age by September 1, 2007. For additional information, contact Mrs. Nancy Thomas, Director, at 630-7964.

Educational Conference on Peace in the Holy Land—*Telling the Truth, Prospects for a Just Peace in Palestine and Israel*—Save the dates, June 27-28. Friends of Sabeel North America, voice of the Palestinian Christians, is co-sponsoring an educational conference with the Joan Kroc Institute of Peace and Justice, University of San Diego, June 27-28. The purpose is to educate North American Christians, Jews, and Muslims on how to support a just peace in the Holy Land. Information about Friends of Sabeel of North America is available on the website www.FOSNA.org.

Women's Retreat at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside—*The Gift and Mystery of Love—A Women's Retreat* with Fr. Stan Fortuna, CPR, whose inspiring words and music will help us to encounter, be transformed by and become a reflection of the gift and mystery of God's love in our own lives. Daily Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Stations of the Cross as well as periods of quiet time to pray, reflect and grow in faith. The retreat is scheduled for April 4-6, 2008. The cost is \$210. For more information, contact Judy at 619-884-3829 or salmonja@cox.net.

Young Adult Leadership Conference in San Diego—Thursday, April 3, 9:00am-3:00pm, for Pastors and Parish Leaders. The conference will be held at the Diocesan Pastoral Center located at 3888 Paducah Drive, San Diego. The fee is \$30 for the day (includes handouts and lunch). To register, call Sue Doris at 858-490-8232.

Whispering Winds 26th Annual Dinner Dance Gala and Auction in San Diego—*For Everything there is a Season...A Time to Laugh...A Time to Dance* is the theme of the event benefitting Whispering Winds Catholic Conference Center on Saturday, April 5, 5:00-11:30pm, at the Westin Horton Plaza, San Diego. Early Bird Reservations (postmarked by March 8) are \$150 per person. For details or reservations, call (619) 494-1479.

Catholic Cruise to the Mexican Riviera—Come and sail away on a 7-Night Catholic Mexican Riviera Cruise with Father Herbert Burke, May 25 to June 1, 2008 on the *Carnival Pride* out of Long Beach, CA. Ports of Call: Puerto Vallarta, Mazatlan, and Cabo San Lucas. Prices begin at \$1,626.92 for two passengers, which includes all port fees and taxes. Daily Mass and rosary offered. Deposits of only \$50 per person will reserve your cabin. Space is limited. For further information or to register, contact Doug or Eileen at 860-399-7776/dpayttc@aol.com.

National Alliance on Mental Illness—NAMI North Coastal San Diego County is a grassroots, family and consumer self-help support and advocacy organization of families and individuals whose lives have been affected by serious mental illness. For more information, contact www.nami-northcoastal.org or 722-3754.

University of San Diego's Center for Christian Spirituality in San Diego Announces Spring Schedule—Visit www.sandiego.edu/ccs for details on classes, presentations, and field trips for personal enrichment, social justice awareness, and academic and professional continuing education.

Padre Pio Devotions in San Diego—will be held at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish on the first Monday of each month. Rosary begins at 6:35pm with Mass at 7:00pm. More information? Call 619-697-5958.

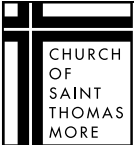
Marriage in trouble?—Try Retrouvaille. For information and dates, call 951-259-9474.

Hospice Volunteers Needed in North County—The Elizabeth Hospice serves all of North County; volunteering will be in your local community. Training is offered several times each year, and classes are taught by Hospice professionals. There is no charge. For details, contact one of our Volunteer Coordinators at 737-2050.

Pray for Life in Carlsbad—Please join us as we pray for an end to abortion in our community. North County parishioners meet the third Monday of every month from 10:00-10:30am to peacefully pray the rosary in front of the Carlsbad Planned Parenthood Clinic. The clinic is located at 1820 Marron Rd. (in the shopping center just west of Plaza Camino Real Mall). For more information, contact Jahna at 586-6356.

Catholic Radio in San Diego—El Sembrador Ministries has begun airing Catholic radio programming on KSON AM 1240. The mostly Spanish language programming is broadcast 24 hours/day, Monday through Saturday.

Minor Home Repair Opportunities—This program of Interfaith's Senior Services Department pairs volunteers with seniors to repair leaky faucets, change light bulbs, install grab bars, and many other items to make homes safer for the senior(s) living there. Right now, the program could use volunteers to assist with these repairs, as well as seniors needing these repairs to their homes! If you know of a senior needing assistance in their home, or of volunteers that would like to donate time to this program, please contact Rebecca Steiner at 489-6380 x247, or rsteiner@interfaithservices.org.



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