

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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Deacon Thomas A. Goeltz

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

August 9, 2009 • Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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Ten Signs of a Vibrant Parish

Denise Simeone is a writer and consultant skilled at group facilitation, long-range planning, and mission development.

She has written an article entitled, "Ten Signs of a Vibrant Parish," which appeared recently in the *National Catholic Reporter*.

She begins her article by saying:

Stand on the platform of an incoming subway train and you can feel the train get closer. Stop alongside a car with a blaring stereo and your car shakes with the sound. Listen to

the summer cicada; the air pulsates with their deafening noise. Feel the pulsing of a roller coaster under your feet as it whips around the track. Vibrations that beat and pulsate imply a pulse, and a pulse means life.

What makes a vibrant parish, one with vitality and a healthy life people recognize? A vibrant parish is alive with a pulse that is felt and seen from within by its members and externally by those who know it by its works, ministries and reputation.

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Did You Know?

The economy continues to play havoc with our Operations Budget. The "Did You Know?" Campaign has helped greatly to "make ends meet." Your continued support is needed.

If you are in a situation to do so, please consider a special gift to St. Thomas More with the use of a "Did You Know?" envelope.

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 holydays

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

Music Ministry: Contact Douglas Lynn at 758-4100 x140

Communion for the Homebound/Hospitalized:

Contact Parish Office at 758-4100 x100

Anointing of the Sick: Contact Parish Office

Matrimony:

Contact Parish Office a minimum of nine months in advance

*For further information, call Rev. Michael Ratajczak
at 758-4100 x100 or michaelr@stmoside.org.*

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: 8:30am 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 or kathleenb@stmoside.org.*

and serve God's people in word and deed.

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

*For further information, see page 10, or call Chris Smith
at 758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org.*

The following are ten signs of a vibrant parish:

1. *All who enter experience welcome and hospitality*
2. *Liturgy inspires active participation and offers an experience of God*
3. *Parishioners recognize their parish mission*
4. *Collegial leadership is practiced*
5. *Members are recognized as gifted and called forth to use their gifts*
6. *Faith is nurtured*
7. *Outreach to the Body of Christ is practiced*
8. *There is a plan for a sustainable and responsible future*
9. *Communal life abounds*
10. *Baptism's vocational call is cultivated*

In her article, each of these ten signs is expounded upon in detail. I would encourage you to read the full article by logging on to www.ncronline.org/news/10-signs-vibrant-parish.

I believe that St. Thomas More is faithful to her ten signs of a vibrant parish, and, according to her criteria, we are, indeed, a vibrant parish!

We recognize, though, that there is always room for improvement. I encourage you to reflect upon these ten signs and ask where we may be able to do better. Let me know what I, or the Parish Staff, can do better and, just importantly, what are you willing to do to make it better!

F. Mike

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 760-727-2668 or annemarshall@sbcglobal.net.



Can't Get to Mass?

Our Parish has ministers who can bring Holy Communion to anyone who is unable to attend Mass—the homebound, those in the hospital, those in convalescent homes.

For information, please call the Parish Office at 760-758-4100.

Seniors Special Needs and Services

Are you aware that there are many services for seniors with special needs in North County? One of the services is Interfaith Community Services, which helps elderly seniors in many ways. To obtain more information about senior services, please contact Ann Eriksson at 760-599-7151.

Readings for the Week Ahead

Sunday Year B; Weekday Year I
Readings online at www.usccb.org.

Sunday, August 9 (116)
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kings 19:4-8
Psalm 34:2-9
Ephesians 4:30-5:2
John 6:41-51

Monday, August 10 (618)
Lawrence, deacon, martyr
2 Corinthians 9:6-10
Psalm 112:1-2,5-9
John 12:24-26

Tuesday, August 11 (414)
Clare, virgin
Deuteronomy 31:1-8
Deuteronomy 32:3-4,7-9,12 (Psalm)
Matthew 18:1-5,10,12-14

Wednesday, August 12 (415)
Jane Frances de Chantal, religious
Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Psalm 66:1-3,5,8,16-17
Matthew 18:15-20

Thursday, August 13 (416)
Pontian, pope, martyr, and Hippolytus, priest, martyr
Joshua 3:7-10a,11,13-17
Psalm 114:1-6
Matthew 18:21-19:1

Friday, August 14 (417)
Maximilian Mary Kolbe, priest, martyr
Joshua 24:1-13
Psalm 136:1-3,16-18,21-22,24
Matthew 19:3-12

Saturday, August 15 (622)
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Revelation 11:19a;12:1-6a,10ab
Psalm 45:10bc,11-12ab,16
1 Corinthians 15:20-27
Luke 1:39-56

Sunday, August 16 (119)
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Proverbs 9:1-6
Psalm 34:2-7
Ephesians 5:15-20
John 6:51-58

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 8, 5:00pm Nancy Bermudez ☩
Sunday, August 9, 8:30am Rose Mary Wiesen ☩
Sunday, August 9, 10:30am Pasque Colucci ☩
Tuesday, August 11, 8:15am William Hoogestraat ☩
Wednesday, August 12, 8:15am Cirese LaBerge
Wednesday, August 12, 9:30am Carmella Gramlich
Thursday, August 13, 8:15am Zoe Dorsa ☩
Friday, August 14, 8:15am Assumpta Odi-oweï ☩
Saturday, August 15, 8:15am Michele Dvorcek ☩
Saturday, August 15, 5:00pm Edmund Perun ☩
Sunday, August 16, 8:30am Tom Perretta ☩
Sunday, August 16, 10:30am Bill & Theresa Goeltz

Prayer List

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

Mary Alexander
Mary Baker
William Baker
The Barbara Baker Family
Patricia Barbour
Cindra Bell
Regina Bentz
Roseanne Berg
George "Whitey" Betus
Beatrice Brooks & Family
Monica Broussard
Janet Brown
Steve Brown
Herman Calandro
The Caligiuri Family
Shelby Campbell
Ed Carmichael
Marjorie Chapin
Paul Cipowski
B.J. Coberg & Family
Myron Cole
James Coleman
Christy Corliff
Thomas Cornwell & Family
Jean Crowell
Karen Flaharty Daley
Margie Daniels & Family
Bonnie De Maris
Cecilia DeSimone
Victoria Divisek
Linda Dossman
Kathryn Ernst
David Estey
The Fiore Family
Peggy & Jack Fischer
Ryan Flum
Kathryn Franklin
Carmen Garcia
Peter Gavin
The Geiss Family
Don Gilmor
Bob Godley
Rick Gonzalez
Anita Hage
Susan Hallahan
The Hannan Family
The Harker Family
Rita Harnacker
Barry Henwood
Cynthia Horner
Sue Johnston
Fred Jones
Colleen Kaup
Paul Kennedy
Debbie Kinney
George Kleekamp
Dan Kowallek
Sr. Anne Kremenik
Helen Kuhn
Lillian Lachance
The Lamelin Family
Bernie Lanzrath
Brandon LeBlanc
The Lincoln & Gritt Families
Cassandra Loretto
Lauren Loretto
James MacArthur
Ken Mauro
Shirley McAllister
Helen McCullough

Bob McWilliams
Linda Mendez
Carol Michael
Carroll Tom & Nona Miller
Annie Mintle
Muriel Mitchell
Howard Montgomery
Nancy Moore
Margie Myers
Paul Myers
R. Northrup
Helen O'Connell
Margie O'Connor
Luci Palmer
Lupe Casas Pelletier
Helen Pingtella
Anne Post
Otila Quiroz
Janet Raiman
Deana Reynolds
Dort Riley
Sr. Loyola Romey
Dorothy Rouse
Rose Rowland
The Russo Family
Jen Sahr
Nancy Scali
Elizabeth Shirzad
Ed Sox
Gilda Spiegl
Dorothy and Ray Staehr
Maria Surmenidis
Stephen Toth
Juan Vargas
Esther Vasquez
Arnie Velasco
Dominic Vienna, Jr.
Vanessa Vitiello-Koble
Kevin Watson-Graff
Ed Wesel
Marilyn Wesel
John Whitton

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:

1st Lt. Jeffrey Bauer, USMC
Pfc John Brandone
Capt. Gregory Day, USMC
Lance Corporal Brandon Doyle, USMC
St Sgt Joseph Duffy, USAF
Staff Sgt. Julian Fyffe, USMC
MSGT Steve Gallegos, USMC
Mitchell Gentry, USMC
Pvt. 2 Jess Phillips, US Army
Julian Torres, USMC
Corporal Jeffery Lee Wilcox, USMC

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

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Calendar Highlights

Also check the Parish website (www.stmoside.org) for complete calendar information.

The Week Ahead

- Aug 9 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
- Aug 16 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses

The Month Ahead

- Aug 23 First Annual Pastor's Dinner

The Year Ahead

- Sep 13 RE.A.CH Classes start
- Sep 19 Women's Guild Hawaiian Luau
- Sep 26 High School RE.A.CH begins
- Oct 2 Spirited Seniors Hawaiian Luau
- Oct 18 New Member Reception
- Nov 8 Choral Concert: *Missa Romantica*
- Nov 22 Stewardship Appreciation Reception
- Dec 6 Towers of Faith Reception

Looking for Information on the Catholic Faith?

Are you interested in learning more about Catholicism, becoming a Catholic, or returning to the Catholic Church after being away? You're invited to Inquiry Sessions, which meet on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 7:00pm at the Parish Center.

For information, call Jim Treat at 760-598-3602.

Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioners

Capt. John & Lois Byrne
Mr. & Mrs. Guy Headrick & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Fred Jones

Flower Donations

We would like to gratefully acknowledge the contribution of:

Miriam Layden

whose generosity helped to defray the cost of flowers this weekend in our liturgical environment.

Parish Potluck

Our next potluck is Friday, August 28, at 6:00pm in the lower level of the Parish Center. Please bring one of your favorite main dishes, salads, or desserts. A few bottles of wine are always appreciated. Last, but not least, bring your favorite date. If you don't have a date, come anyway! Please RSVP to Germaine Wilmott at 760-758-9949.

STM Scrip News

It's time to think about back-to-school shopping. For those new school year outfits, we carry lots of merchants that sell those new duds—Kohl's, The Gap, Old Navy, J.C. Penney, to name a few. Need school supplies? We have Wal-Mart and Staples scrip. Are your kids off to their first year in the dorm, or moving into their first apartment? You can find all kinds of things they'll need at Bed Bath and Beyond, J.C. Penney, Kohl's, or Wal-Mart. And don't forget, if you buy college textbooks through Amazon.com or Barnes and Noble.com, we carry scrip for both of those too.

Stop by the scrip table and stock up on those back to school needs.

In order for St. Thomas More to benefit from your shopping at Ralphs, Food4Less, and Albertsons you must update your cards. Please stop by the scrip table to find out how, or call Theresa Goeltz at 760-453-2876.

Scrip is sold after weekend Masses and on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:00-10:00am in the Parish Office.

I Want to Earn STM Building Fund \$\$\$ with My...

Albertson's Card #(11 digits) _____

Ralph's Card—Please visit Scrip table for flyer.

Please send me a Food 4 Less Card

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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

Kenya Orphan Sponsorship Opportunity

Fr. Pedro Gonzalez' mission work is in the impoverished rural villages of the Lango Baya district of eastern Kenya. Fr. Pedro and a representative of the Lango Baya Mission Project visited us the weekend of July 18-19 to tell about the orphans in these villages and ask for



our help. Most of these orphans eat only one meal per day of boiled corn flour. Some days they go without food. They suffer from malnourishment which stunts their development and hinders their ability to progress in school. These orphans need sponsors in order to provide food support, medical care, and a school uniform. Various St. Thomas More Parishioners have committed to sponsoring 56 orphans at \$35 per month per child. Envelopes were attached to the bulletin last week for anyone who would like to make a one-time donation to the project. The envelopes may be returned anytime. For further information, contact the Parish Office. Thank you for your generosity!

No Home or Food for Your Family—Just Imagine!

Our ministry answers the call by Jesus to feed the hungry in our time and neighborhood. The North County Solutions for Change women and children's shelter needs volunteers for meal preparation, servers, and donations (food and paper goods). Any help you can provide is most welcome!



Many thanks to those who have stepped up to supply ten of the monthly dinners for this year!

**These dates are still available for dinner adoption:
 November 29 • December 27**

Contact: Paul & Kalei Mendiola at
 760-945-9042 or kaleiann@sbcglobal.net.

Little Rock Scripture Study

The *Parables of the Kingdom, Part Two*, begins on Wednesday morning, September 9, or Thursday evening, September 10, for six weeks. In *Part One*, we delved into the ways that Jesus invites listeners to experience the Kingdom of God in parables recorded by Mark and adapted by Matthew. We came to know Jesus more fully and glimpsed into the Kingdom of God. This study focuses on the parables unique to Matthew and those developed by Luke. The authors of Matthew and Luke invite us to think in new and fresh ways about the Kingdom of God. Join us. For more information, contact Masako Streling at 760-295-2594 or mstr0619@cox.net.

St. Francis and St. Thomas More Offertory Envelopes

Any St. Francis Offertory Envelopes given to the offertory collection at St. Thomas More will be returned to St. Francis.

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Thank You from Birth Choice

Dear St. Thomas More Parishioners,

We were able to serve 523 women so far in 2009. We have two clients living in host homes. We teamed up with Image Clear Ultra Sound on Mondays at the Oceanside Pier and Thursdays in our parking lot, seeing 81 clients. Many of these are abortion-minded women who have changed their minds after seeing "their baby." On Tuesday, June 16, we started training five new volunteers and we had our fourth "Woman 360" program last week. We sent six volunteers to the Heartbeat International conference in Richmond, VA. We just finished retraining all of our volunteers. Your donation of \$835.38 (I think this beats last year's total) from your Pennies from Heaven project helps to make all of this possible. You are a very important part of this ministry. It is an honor to be working with you, saving babies one mom at a time.

—God bless you, John McDonnell,
President of the Board, Birth Choice of San Marcos

Do You Have a Devotion to Mary?

We are looking for volunteers who will make a monthly commitment to provide flowers to be placed before the statue of Mary on the upper level. Garden varieties are acceptable. If this is a ministry you would be committed to, please contact Sondra Parks at 760-5298-1269 or sondraparks@hotmail.com.

Women's Guild News

This weekend marks our annual membership drive, which will continue on August 22-23. All women of the Parish are cordially invited to join, and dues are still only \$5. We will be on the Plaza after all Masses on these two weekends. We have a very exciting year planned, so don't miss out!



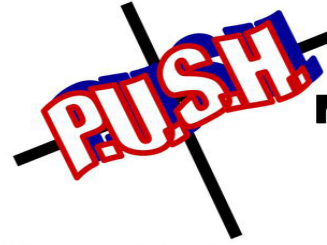
Remember to mark your calendars for Saturday, September 19, our Hawaiian luau. More details in September.

Due to Labor Day being on the first Monday, the next board meeting will be Monday, August 31, at 10:00am at Valerie Thompson's home. RSVP to 760-630-1703 if you cannot attend.

Lifeline Screening Comes to St. Thomas More in September

Do you have high cholesterol or high blood pressure? Have members of your family suffered from these ailments? Do you have a poor diet? If you answer "yes" to any of these questions, you may want to consider being screened for your risk of stroke through the services of Life Line Screening. Life Line Screening uses ultrasound technology to view the plaque build up in your carotid arteries, the main arteries that carry blood to the brain. Blockages in these arteries are a leading cause of stroke. We are pleased to host this Life Line Screening event on September 28. Register for the Stroke, Vascular Disease, and Heart Rhythm Package for \$149. All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. Your health is in your hands, so call 1-888-653-6441, or visit www.lifelinescreening.com, for more information or to pre-register.

P.U.S.H.
St. Thomas More
Middle School Youth Group



P.U.S.H.
Meets Monday
August 10
6:00 - 8:00pm



Bowling at the

Vista Entertainment Center

435 W. Vista Way Vista CA 92083

760.941.1032 www.vistaentertainment.com

Welcome to all incoming

6th, 7th, & 8th graders.

Cost \$5

Visit our website:

www.stmoside.org/ym

Email: ronb@stmoside.org

Call Ron or Louise Briseno @

758-4100 x 153

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Golf and Adoration Week

August 10, 7-9 PM at Boomer's! Vista
Bring \$\$

Adoration and Starbucks
August 12

Drop off at Blessed Sacrament 7:00pm,
Pick Up Starbucks at 8:30pm

Call Gale at 726-7236 for more information

Facing Surgery or a Serious Illness?

If you, a family member or close friend is facing surgery or has been diagnosed with a serious illness, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick can be powerful and comforting.

For more information, call the Parish Office at 760-758-4100.

Eucharistic Adoration



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

Exposition of the Eucharist on First Fridays.
Next date: Friday, September 4.

For more information, contact
the Parish Office at 760-758-4100 x100.

Liturgy & Music

Worship God

Douglas Lynn
Director of Music/Coordinator of Liturgical Ministries
douglasl@stmoside.org; 760-758-4100 x140



EXAMINING A TRAJECTORY OF CHANGE IN LITURGICAL MUSIC

Part V

In November 2007, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) issued a guideline on liturgical music entitled *Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship*.

In the document's foreword, the bishops write:

We pray that this document will draw all who worship the Lord into the fullness of liturgical, musical prayer.

This final discussion is part five of an exploration of some of the documents that led up to *Sing to the Lord* and that have set the stage for our approach to music-making in Church today.

1972, Music in Catholic Worship; and 1982, Liturgical Music Today (U.S.)

Music in Catholic Worship (MCW) was first issued in 1972 as a statement of the Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy, giving it a rather low official status, but after the drafting of *Liturgical Music Today* in 1982, both documents were ratified by the entire conference of United States bishops. *MCW* especially was to have great influence, extending even beyond the United States into other countries and into language groups other than English.

Particularly influential was its setting out of three judgments for music in worship—the musical, the liturgical, and the pastoral—and this can be taken as a unique U.S. contribution to liturgical renewal. (Note: It is true that these three judgments are not found as such in the Roman documents, but it would not be difficult to show that the content of each of the three judgments is consonant with various statements of Roman documents.)

MCW is short, concise, and inspirational, written in accessible language with many memorable phrases. It does not contain extensive footnotes or citation of Roman documents; *Musicam Sacram (MS)* is cited only six times and rather selectively. For those who had carried forward from preconiliar days the custom of singing four hymns at a spoken low Mass, *MCW* helped musicians grasp the structure of the Mass and the importance of singing elements such as the then still new responsorial psalm and the acclamations (e.g., Holy, Holy, Holy Lord). *MCW* did not follow *MS* exactly in its prioritization of sung elements of the Mass, probably in part because *MS* is problematic in this area and some of its

prescriptions, such as its low prioritization of the responsorial psalm, were in need of correction by later Roman documents.

Liturgical Music Today supplemented *MCW*'s one-sided emphasis on Mass by offering guidance on music in the celebration of other sacraments and rites. It also supplemented *MCW* in its advocacy of the use of traditional repertoires in the reformed liturgy. As criticism of *MCW* grew, it was assailed especially for its failure to follow *MS* in emphasizing sung dialogues and responses. *MCW* also diverged from *MS* in giving rather short shrift to Gregorian chant, traditional choral music, and the proper antiphons of the Roman liturgy. Where *MS* maintained a creative tension between tradition and innovation, between inherited repertoire and the demands of the liturgical reform, *MCW* achieved greater coherence, but at a price. *MCW* offered a compelling vision of music in the reformed liturgy, a vision very much needed in the early years of the vernacular liturgy, but at the expense of the full breadth of Roman directives. Some charged that the U.S. documents advocated one school of thought rather than the fullness of church teaching.

The Appearance of *Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship*

It is in the context of such preceding documents that *Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship (STL)* came to be. Official documents from 1903 to the present day treat many aspects of worship music, and the church's experience before and after the Second Vatican Council have given us valuable insights. The themes we have seen in the preceding documents—active participation; "sacred" and "secular" styles of music; which instruments are permitted; choirs; Gregorian chant; hymns versus official liturgical texts; sung liturgy with chanting of the dialogs and responses; the three judgments (musical, liturgical, pastoral) for selecting music; the faithful application of Roman directives in local cultures—all these and more are taken up in *Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship!*

—Anthony Ruff, OSB

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If you want to read the complete document, go to:
<http://www.usccb.org/liturgy/SingToTheLord.pdf>

Music Ministry Next Week

AUGUST 15
**Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:15am Mass

Cantor

AUGUST 15/16
**20th Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

5:00pm Mass

Cantor

8:30am Mass

MNM Music Team

10:30am Mass

Cantor

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

Kathleen Bell
Director of Faith Formation
kathleenb@stmoside.org; 760-758-4100 x110

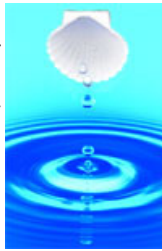


It's Not Too Late!

Dear Parents,

Do you have a child between the ages of 3 and 17 attending public school?

St. Thomas More parish would like to enter into a partnership with you in the religious education of your child. We call it a "partnership" because we do not want to take over the responsibility of educating your child in the Catholic faith, but we do want to be a support and resource for you, as you fulfill the commitment you made when your child was baptized.



Daily living of our Catholic faith definitely takes place in the home and neighborhood within the context of the family. A systematic approach to the teachings of our faith, as outlined in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and a sharing in the riches and tradition of our Church, are sometimes a little more challenging for parents to undertake effectively along with all other parental responsibilities.

RE.A.CH (Religious Education for Adolescents & Children) classes begin September 13, but we really want to get everyone registered NOW!

Our programs meet two times a month, September through May, at the following times:

Ages 3, 4 & 5:

2 Sundays a month during the 10:30am Mass

Grades 1-8:

2 Sundays a month, 12:30-2:00pm

Grades 1-8 (2nd option):

2 Sundays a month, 5:00-6:30pm

High School:

Modular schedule on Sundays, 6:30-8:30pm

If you are registered Parishioners and would like to sign up for this program, please contact the Faith Formation Office right away. It would be our privilege to share in forming faith in your family!

With you in ministry,

Kathleen

Summer Bible Study for the Whole Family

- ◆ Get out the Bible and read today's Gospel once again:
John 6:41-51
- ◆ Ask each family member to share what they heard in the reading.
- ◆ Today's Gospel continues the Bread of Life story, but some people begin to find fault with what Jesus is saying. Jesus makes them a promise. The bread that He brings is "the living bread that came down from heaven and whoever eats this bread will live forever."
- ◆ How could it be that those who eat this bread that Jesus gives will never die?
- ◆ How can we experience the fullness of Jesus' life right now?
- ◆ How do you share Jesus' life?

Help Wanted !!!

If you would like to consider sharing your faith with the children of our Parish through the ministry of catechist, please contact the Faith Formation Office. We are in need of "a few faithful people" for the 5:00-6:30pm session on Sunday evenings, two times a month.

PBJ Update

(Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center)

2009 GOAL: 365 jars
Collected to date: **499 jars**



Fr. Mike's Bookies !

The Shack by Wm. Paul Young is our book for discussion this Wednesday, August 12. Please join us at 9:00am after morning Mass, or at 7:00pm.

Regina Aulisio promises a lively discussion as we share an eye/heart-opening "God Sighting!"

Fr. Mike will continue the conversation with a related book in October, so join us as we take a new look at the Incarnation: God-with-us.

The book is available for \$9 on top of the file cabinet outside the Faith Formation Office.



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What's In It For Me?

Certain events and comments stand out in each of our lives. Some are joyful, such as weddings, births, Baptisms, anniversaries, etc. Others, such as the events surrounding the loss of a loved one, chronic illness and the comments that accompany these times stand out on a more somber note.

There are also mundane comments that stand out.

A situation stands out in my mind, and has since the summer of 2004, when we held four STM Town Hall meetings regarding the plans for the build out of our Parish Campus.

Much research and many Parish leadership meetings took place in advance to insure that we would be prepared to address questions and/or concerns. We received positive response to our proposals and some good ideas as to how to proceed. It was agreed that these meetings served their purpose and we were grateful!

At one of these meetings, our Finance Chairperson was asked a question by a man in attendance. This parishioner wondered why he should participate in the development of our Church.

“What’s in it for me?” was the question.

Without blinking, and in a most sincere and matter of fact tone, came the reply, “Eternal Life.”

Please know that this was in no way a glib response. Rather, it came very naturally from a man who has dedicated much of his life to the service of God’s Church. He has a beautiful wife and family, is very well educated, works hard at his profession and still makes time to share his time, talents and treasure with STM. His wife and daughters are also active stewards.

This is just one of eight members of our Finance Council. These members meet every other month, along with Fr. Mike and the chairpersons from our Pastoral and Development Councils, to make sure our resources are properly handled. In between these meetings, there is always work being done behind the scenes.

We are fortunate to have such talented and dedicated parishioners using their God-given gifts for the greater good. Many in the Parish might not even realize who these individuals are, as they are not in this for themselves—or for the glory of their positions. They serve in response to the call of Jesus to continue His work.

Now, every time I hear, “What’s in it for me?” I chuckle to myself and remember that we really need to look at the bigger picture, as Jesus did. Thankfully, He never asked that question of His Father. He simply, and often painfully, obeyed.

We know that the gifts of God that the angel brought to Elijah—food, water, rest and encouragement—were given, *not for his own good alone, but to strengthen him for service.* God has gifted each of us for service as well. How are you using your gifts?

If you have never been involved, or have taken a long break, please prayerfully consider stepping up. There is something for everyone here at STM. Your assistance is most welcome!

**Your life may be the only version of the Bible
 that some people ever read.**

—Anonymous

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Collection for Week of: Aug. 1/2, 2009

Number of Registered Households:		1,006
Offertory*	\$	9,407.30
Offertory (Loose Collection)		1,081.00
Children's envelopes		1.00
Total	\$	10,489.30

* Offertory Envelopes, Credit Card Withdrawals,
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 please contact the Parish Office at:
 760-758-4100 x100 or parishoffice@stmoside.org.

News from the Larger Church

North County Regional Young Adult Group Meeting—Sunday, August 9, 5:00pm. Mass at St. John the Evangelist Church, 1001 Encinitas Blvd., Encinitas, followed by dinner at Boston Pizza, 624 El Camino Real, Encinitas. For more information, contact Carrie at 858-490-8260 or cgiebel@diocese-sdiego.org.

Free Summer Lunch Programs for Children 18 and Younger—The school districts of Oceanside, Vista, San Marcos, and Escondido are providing free lunches over the summer to children; no application or registration required. For more information about locations and schedules, contact 760-966-4095 (Oceanside), 760-432-2332 (Escondido), or 760-727-7284 (Vista).

Diocesan Workshops in August—Various topics related to religious education. For details, contact www.diocese-sdiego.org/evangelization.htm or 858-490-8230.

Interfaith Community Services Events in North County—August 11: Security Seminar at St. Bartholomew Episcopal Church in Escondido; August 26, Annual Meeting at Rancho Bernardo Community Presbyterian Church. For more information, contact Mary Ferro at mferro@interfaithservices.org or 760-489-6380 x266.

Free Informational Seminar on Veterans' Benefits in San Marcos—Did you know that if you are a Veteran or a widow of a Veteran you may be eligible for benefits up to \$1,949/month that apply to personalized assisted living? Veteran's Affairs (VA) Aid & Attendance Benefits may be available to a veteran, or spouse of a deceased veteran, providing that the honorably discharged veteran is age 65 or older, served a minimum of 90 days of active duty with at least one day at wartime. Thursday, August 13, 7:00pm, at St. Mark Church, 1147 Discovery St., San Marcos. Presented by Heather Shannon, Director of Sales & Marketing, Brookdale Place of San Marcos. For more information, contact St. Mark Church at 760-744-1540.

Healing Prayer in Solana Beach—every Sunday after the 9:00am Mass and every Tuesday in August, 7:30-9:00pm, and every third Saturday after the 5:00pm Mass. For information, call Lily Loh at 858-481-6911.

Spirit and Truth Young Adult Event in Carlsbad—Thursday, August 20, 7:00-9:00pm at St. Patrick Church in Carlsbad (3821 Adams St., Carlsbad). All young adults, single or married, ages 18-39, are invited. There will be live praise and worship music, a talk on *Aren't We Saved by Faith Alone—The Truth of the Matter* with Fr. Ricardo Chinchilla, adoration, and a social to follow. For more information, contact cgiebel@diocese-sdiego.org or call 858-490-8260.

Magnificat Women's Group Meeting in San Diego—Saturday, August 22, 9:30am, at the Mission Valley Sheraton. Leslie Fisher shares her powerful journey of dealing with fibromyalgia and other challenges, learning to embrace Christ in the circumstances in which you are placed. RSVP to 858-578-1256.

Mass in Honor of St. Pio in San Diego—Sunday, August 23, 5:30pm, at the Immaculata Parish. Other activities in honor of St. Pio of Pietrelcina include documentary video at 2:45pm, Holy Hour with Fr. Solcia at 4:00pm, inspiration talk by Fr. Gismondi at 5:00pm, and procession and blessing following the Mass. For more information, contact 619-697-5958 or www.saintpio.org.

Faith on Fire Young Adult Retreat in Julian—September 11-13 at Whispering Winds Retreat Catholic Camp and Conference Center in Julian. To register, print out the retreat flyer at www.yamsd.org and send in with a check or call Whispering Winds at 619-464-1479 x10 to use your credit card. For more information, contact cgiebel@diocese-sdiego.org or call 858-490-8260.

Natural Family Planning Teacher Training in San Diego—Classes to train Natural Family Planning teachers will be offered in October for both the Sympto-thermal method and the Ovulation method (October 29-November 1). For more information, contact Peggy at 858-490-8295.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land—Fr. Edwin Tutor of St. Pius X Parish in Chula Vista invites you to join him in pilgrimage November 6-16 with Fr. Garret Edmunds, OFM (based in Jerusalem) as tour guide and escort. For more information, contact Lulu Rullan at 619-757-4200.

Marian Journey to France, Spain, and Portugal—October 6-16, 2010. Visit Lourdes, Santiago de Compostela, Fatima, Lisbon, and more under the spiritual direction of Rev. George Dunkley. Cost is \$3,400. For more information, contact Deacon Dennis Sullivan at 760-613-7554 or sullivan211@cox.net.

Catholic Preschool Openings in Oceanside—St. Mary, Star of the Sea Preschool would like to invite your children, ages three through pre-kindergarten, to join us for a wonderful first school experience. Please call Debbie at 760-722-7475 for more information.

St. Francis School Accepting Applications—St. Francis of Assisi Parish School is accepting applications for the 2009-2010 school year. We have a fully licensed preschool and are an accredited kindergarten through eighth grade school. Located in Vista just off the Highway 78. For more information, contact www.sfs-vista.org or 760-630-7960.

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