

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 16, 2009 • Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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\$5 Million – Ready...Set...Go!

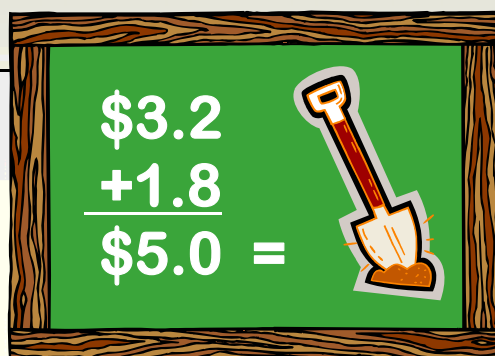
Recently I met with Diocesan Personnel in regard to the building of our permanent Church.

We all agreed upon the fact that it would be advantageous for St. Thomas More to build during this present economic downturn, because construction costs have plummeted.

It is estimated that we could save up to \$1 million on our project if we could build in this present climate.

The Bishop is eager to help us achieve this goal. He is willing to exempt us from the 25% debt service ratio and would allow us to receive a new loan for the Church even if we still have not totally paid down our present debt. The remainder of that loan could be added to the new loan.

All hurdles have now been cleared for us except one. We need to have \$5 million on deposit with the Diocese. When we achieve that goal, we will be able to receive a loan for all that we will need to build our new Church and Daily Chapel.



Presently, we have almost \$3.2 million on deposit. So we need to raise \$1.8 million. This is the only hurdle we now have before us! We now have only one solid and tangible goal to achieve.

The sooner that we raise that money...the sooner we have the ability to take advantage of low construction costs...the sooner we build...the sooner will be settled in our new and permanent Worship Space.

In the coming weeks, as a Parish, we will be engaged in finding and creating ways in which can reach this \$1.8 million goal that will bring us to our final goal of \$5 million.

Chris Smith, our Director of Stewardship and Development, Bill Ipsen, the Chairperson of our Capital Campaign, "*Our Journey Into The Future . . . Together,*" and I have already begun discussion as to the ways in which we can move forward and engage our Parishioners in this timely opportunity and final challenge.

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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.*

So for now, I desire your prayers; I seek your input; and, I ask you to open your minds and hearts to this immediate challenge that now lies before us.

Stay tuned! We are closer than ever.

St. Thomas More ~ Pray for us!

(As context for this article, I would encourage you to read, if you haven't already, my article in the latest edition of our Parish Newsletter, "The Tower." Go to www.stmoside.org and click on "The Tower" Newsletter, then click on Volume VII, No.2—July 2009.)

F. Mike

Rosary

A communal Rosary is prayed after every morning Mass (Tuesday-Friday) in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Please join us!



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 \$CRIP table after weekend Masses or the Parish Office during the week. Thank you!

Readings for the Week Ahead

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

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
Monday, August 17 (419)
Judges 2:11-19
Psalm 106:34-37,39-40,43-44
Matthew 19:16-22
Tuesday, August 18 (420)
Judges 6:11-24a
Psalm 85:9,11-14
Matthew 19:23-30
Wednesday, August 19 (421)
John Eudes, priest
Judges 9:6-15
Psalm 21:2-7
Matthew 20:1-16a
Thursday, August 20 (422)
Bernard, Abbot, doctor
Judges 11:29-39a
Psalm 40:5,7-10
Matthew 22:1-14
Friday, August 21 (423)
Pius X, pope
Ruth 1:1,3-6,14b-16,22
Psalm 146:5-10
Matthew 22:34-40
Saturday, August 22 (424)
The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Ruth 2:1-3,8-11;4:13-17
Psalm 128:1-5
Matthew 23:1-12
Sunday, August 23 (122)
Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Joshua 24:1-2a,15-17,18b
Psalm 34:2-3,16-21
Ephesians 5:21-32
John 6:60-69

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 15, 5:00pm Edmund Perun ☩
Sunday, August 16, 8:30am Tom Perretta ☩
Sunday, August 16, 10:30am Bill & Theresa Goeltz
Tuesday, August 18, 8:15am Christopher Marlatt ☩
Wednesday, August 19, 8:15am Denis Callan ☩
Wednesday, August 19, 9:30am Raymond O'Donnell ☩ <i>Emeritus of Oceanside</i>
Thursday, August 20, 8:15am Mary Bridget McGuire ☩
Friday, August 21, 8:15am Jay Ahmann ☩
Saturday, August 23, 5:00pm William Greeley ☩
Sunday, August 23, 8:30am Paul Ibbetson ☩ <i>(uncle of Parishioner Paul Ibbetson)</i>
Sunday, August 23, 10:30am Departed souls of the Parmar Family ☩

Prayer List

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

Mary Alexander
Mary Baker
The Baker Family
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
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
The Lape Family
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
Howard Montgomery
Nancy Moore
Margie Myers
R. Northrup
Helen O'Connell
Margie O'Connor
Luci Palmer
Lupe Casas Pelletier
Helen Pingtella
Anne Post
Otila Quiroz
Janet Raiman
The Reynolds Family
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
Joan Stringer
Maria Surmenidis
The Treister & Cascino Families
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 16 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
- Aug 23 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
- Aug 23 First Annual Pastor's Dinner

The Month Ahead

- Aug 28 Parish Potluck

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 17-18 Women's Guild Bake Sale
- Oct 18 New Member Reception
- Nov 8 Choral Concert: *Missa Romantica*
- Nov 22 Stewardship Appreciation Reception
- Dec 6 Towers of Faith Reception

Next Year—2010

- April 30 Eleventh Annual Golf Classic

Questions? Contact Henny at 760-758-4100 x100 hennyj@stmoside.org.

Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioners

Tomo & Cyndy Hamasaki
Louesta Newmyer

Flower Donations

We would like to gratefully acknowledge the contribution of:

Ralph & Flora Fallone

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

Congratulations to

Paul & Bette Johansing

who celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary this week.

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

In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the souls of :

Marianne Treister, who died recently. Her funeral services were held in Orange County last week. Please keep Marianne's family, including her daughter Meg Cascino and family, in your prayers.

William Baker, who died recently. His funeral arrangements are pending. Please keep William's family, especially his son Jim Baker, Parishioner and Grand Knight of the STM Knights, in your prayers.

Eleanor Lape, who died this week. Her funeral arrangements are pending. Please keep Eleanor's family in your prayers.

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Help Support Your Neighbors in Need.

Did you know that Catholic Charities Emergency Services has a Food Resource Center Vista? In addition to providing food, the Center helps clients apply for food stamps and makes shelter, medical, counseling, job training, and financial assistance referrals. In June we averaged 94 families a day providing service for 2,210 individuals!

None of this would be possible without volunteer support. There are immediate openings for volunteer Intake Workers, Food Distribution Assistants, and Drivers. The hours are Monday-Friday, 9:00am-12:00pm and 1:00-4:00pm. Training is provided.

Can't make an on site shift? There are ways to help off site. The Center needs administrative supplies such as copy paper, stamps, bulletin boards, and HP2035n ink cartridges. Also janitorial supplies such as 55-gallon trash bags, paper towels, and carpet cleaning services. Then there are logistic supplies such as grocery bags, zip lock baggies, and the monthly use of a truck with a lift gate. There is a need for graphic or artistic design talent to update and maintain our message/resource boards. Join the Vista Crew and help your neighbors in need. Thank you.

Lisa DuMolt, Program Coordinator
Vista Food Resource Center, Emergency Services
Catholic Charities, 760-631-4792

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

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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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.

Knights of Columbus News

St. Thomas More Knights of Columbus Council 11439 will be hosting a Corporate Communion on Sunday, August 30, at the 8:30am Mass. All Knights, their ladies, and families are invited to join us. A Continental Breakfast will be held immediately after Mass in the lower level of the Parish Center. Please RSVP to Dick Belprez at 760-295-1431.

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 760-598-1269 or sondraparks@hotmail.com.

Women's Guild News

Our annual membership drive continues. 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 next weekend, August 22-23. 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.



NUCCI'S NIGHT

Monday, August 17
7:00-8:30pm

Call Gale at 726-7236
for more information

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.



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.

St. Thomas More Vehicle Donation Program



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

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.

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
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SINGING “THOSE” SONGS

As the Parish’s director of music, I get a variety of questions about the songs we sing during the liturgy, and the most intriguing set of questions center around the basic query: “Why do we sing *those* songs?”

For a few, the question is a serious inquiry about how music for the liturgies is chosen, but for most, the tone is querulous and with the clear implication that the song or songs in question should be stricken from the rolls immediately and permanently.

For some, “those” songs refer to the hymns we sing—“Alleluia, Sing to Jesus” or “How Great Thou Art” or “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You”—which have come out of European and early American churches. “Not Catholic enough,” they say.

For others, it is the recently penned “praise” songs—“Here I Am to Worship” or “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High” or “Shout to the Lord”—that one might hear on the Christian music stations on the radio and over the internet. “Too pop-like.”

For another group, it is the many of the songs written by the three H’s (David Haas, Marty Haugen, and Bob Hurd) and their contemporaries which cause eye-rolling and a strong desire for something that we haven’t been singing for at least 20 years. “Boring!”

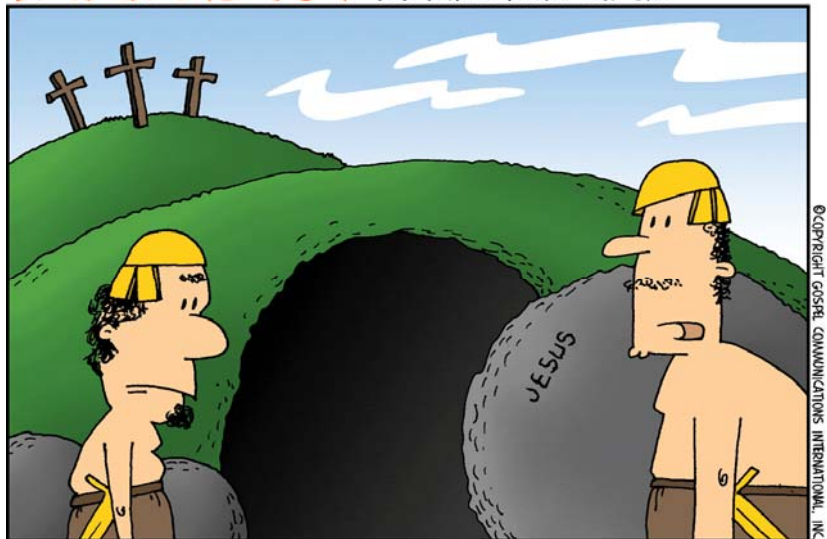
A quick read through the music blogs that focus on music in the Catholic Church illuminate a wide-ranging discussion on the relative merits of every style now present in the grandly multi-cultural, multi-generational entity we call the Roman Catholic Church. On these pages there are fierce proponents of Gregorian chant in seemingly mortal combat with those championing the songs written at the end of the millennium and today.

At this Parish, one word that could be used to describe the musical choices made within our liturgies is “universal”. Not in the sense that

everyone likes them, or even that everyone can sing them the first time they encounter them, but that the body of music we call ours has something for everyone who is part of this faith community.

At St. Thomas More, we sing those songs penned by Christians centuries ago. We sing those songs that our younger generations hear on the radio and on their iPods. We sing those songs that other generations discovered as the Church explored new musical territory after the Second Vatican Council.

REVEREND FUN WWW.REVERENDFUN.COM



BETCHA TEN SHEKELS THOSE CHRISTIANS HAVE FIFTY NEW SONGS BY THIS WEEKEND

We sing those songs accompanied with piano...and organ...and guitars...and drums...and with nothing—the voice alone.

Our Parish repertoire, our corporate song list, the music we sing as part of our conversation with God, is a living entity, growing and changing over time as our faith community itself grows and changes over time. Songs are added to the repertoire list. Older songs may be removed. Some new songs are tried a few times and discarded. Other new songs are actually “oldies” that haven’t made it onto our musical radar until just recently.

Each week, each year, we keep singing—one faith, one hope, one Lord, and one universal and ever-changing body of song. *Those* songs. *All* those songs. For the glory of God.

Douglas Lynn

Music Ministry Next Week

AUGUST 22/23

5:00pm Mass

Cantor

8:30am Mass

Cantor

10:30am Mass

Cantor

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

Kathleen Bell
Director of Faith Formation
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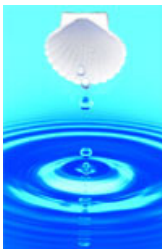
Religious Education for Adolescents and Children

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 a registered parishioner 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

They're Back !

Once again, Deacon Tom and Patt will be presenting **REDISCOVERING CATHOLICISM** ~ a class for those adults seeking Confirmation, returning Catholics who want to brush up on their church, catechists seeking continuing education, and anyone who wants to discuss and talk about the basics of their faith.



The class runs for 12 sessions beginning September 15 and ending February 16 with a cost of \$15 for materials. To register, please contact Kathleen Bell or Deacon Tom or Patt Goeltz. This is an interactive class (i.e., discussion) broken into four pods of Faith, Sacraments, Church, and Prayer. Please join us. We look forward to sharing with you.

Help Wanted ~

Is the Holy Spirit calling you to share your faith with children as a catechist? We are in need of "a few faithful people" for the 5:00-6:30pm session on Sunday evenings, two times a month.

Summer Bible Study for the Whole Family

- ◆ Get out the Bible and read today's Gospel once again:
John 6:51-58
- ◆ Ask each family member to share what they heard in the reading.
- ◆ Jesus continues His teaching about the Living Bread when He explains why He gave us this great gift: so that we might live forever with Him.
- ◆ Jesus spent a lot of time telling us about the Bread of Life. How important was Jesus' word to the people of His time? To today's world? To you?
- ◆ One very good way of responding to the great gift of the Eucharist is gratitude. What could you do to show gratitude to God for the gift of the Eucharist?

PBJ Update

(Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center)

2009 GOAL: 365 jars
Collected to date: 500 jars



Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

What We Are About

It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view.

The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is even beyond our vision. We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work.

Nothing we do is complete, which is a way of saying that the kingdom always lies beyond us.

No statement says all that could be said.

No prayer fully expresses our faith.

No confession brings perfection.

No pastoral visit brings wholeness.

No program accomplishes the church's mission.

No set of goals and objectives includes everything.

This is what we are about.

We plant the seeds that one day will grow.

We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.

We lay foundations that will need further development.

We provide yeast that produces far beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something, and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker.

We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs.

We are prophets of a future not our own. Amen.

— Archbishop Oscar Romero (b. August 15, 1917)



A story was told by Phillip Brooks, a noted pastor and author, of a primitive tribe to whom a sundial had been given. They wanted to honor it and keep it sacred, so they built a small roofed hut to put it in. We should be careful not to smile, for great numbers of civilized people take many of God's gifts and treat them in the way the tribe did that didn't understand what a sundial was for.

How many there are who take God's gifts, not to use for larger life, but to keep and protect. They put them in banks and safe deposit boxes, in the same way housing them and putting a roof over them.

Those primitive people never owned the sundial. It wasn't put to use for the greater service, but kept, guarded and protected. They lived for it, not by it.

Our gifts of treasure and talents from God never belong to us. We need to care for them and share them in such a way that others will be drawn to Jesus.

Nothing really belongs to us until we pass it on to others.

A sense of God's purpose gives energy to your mind and enthusiasm to your heart.

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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). Gifts of this nature are beneficial and much appreciated by St. Thomas More.

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.

Collection for Week of: Aug. 8/9, 2009

Number of Registered Households:		1,002
Offertory*	\$	14,862.21
Offertory (Loose Collection)		941.00
Children's envelopes		1.00
Total	\$	15,804.21

* Offertory Envelopes, Credit Card Withdrawals,
Automatic Checking or Savings Account Deductions
(Credit Card and Automatic Bank Account Withdrawals)

Special thanks to our young donors using the Children's offertory envelopes for their Christian Stewardship efforts.

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, MC, or Discover)
- ◆ Automatic Checking/Savings Account Deduction

To participate in these time-saving alternatives,

please contact the Parish Office at:

760-758-4100 x100 or parishoffice@stmoside.org.

News from the Larger Church

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

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.

Weight Watchers Group Starting at St. Francis in Vista—Wednesday, August 19, 4:00pm. For more information, contact Melanie McPhee at melmcphee@aol.com.

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.

Scout Training for Adult Counselors/Coordinators in San Diego—September 12, 8:00am, at 3350 E St., San Diego. Adult training for counselors/coordinators of Catholic Cub, Boy, and Venturing Scout Religious Emblems. For more information, contact Jim Freed at 619-446-2116 or Catalina Szilvagy at 619-462-0543.

Carmelite Silent Retreat for Women in Alhambra—Friday, September 25-Sunday, September 27. Please consider taking this brief but blessed time out of your routine to refresh your heart and soul in a beautiful rose garden setting at the Sacred Heart Retreat House in Alhambra, sponsored by the Carmelite Sisters of the Sacred Heart. For more information, call Jan Felner of St. Elizabeth Seton Women's Auxiliary at 760-603-9103.

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.

St. Francis Auctions Online Opportunity—Cathedral Catholic High School in San Diego is offering *An Exclusive Day with the Golf Pros* online! This auction opportunity ends September 13. The package includes private lessons/range time, nine holes of golf, autographed items, and lunch at the very exclusive Santaluz Club. For more information on the package, go to www.catholicauctionsonline.com or call Eileen Clifton Benjamin at 858-523-4000 x1114.

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.

Old Mission Montessori School Accepting Applications—Mission San Luis Rey Parish's school is accepting applications for the 2009-2010 school year for students from preschool through eighth grade. For more information, contact www.omms.org or 760-757-3232.

Marriage Encounter Weekends—For more information, contact broy2@san.rr.com.

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