

Church of St. Thomas More

A Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of San Diego

Spirituality † Tradition † Community



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8:30am-12:00noon and 12:30-4:00pm

Mass Schedule
Saturday at 5:00pm
Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am
Tuesday-Friday at 8:15am

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

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

February 21, 2010 • First Sunday of Lent

Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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Transitions

Several months ago Jeff and Gale Gibbons informed me that they felt it was time to “let go” of their High School Youth Ministry responsibilities here at St. Thomas More. Believe it or not, they have been hard at work here for the past 13 years! They felt it was time to take a bit of a respite from their Youth Ministry duties, and think about moving in some new directions in their involvement in Parish Life.

They have been faithful stewards of this ministry and have built a very strong foundation of high school youth presence and involvement in so many areas of Parish Life. As a Parish, we owe them a debt of gratitude!

After reflecting upon their decision, and in consultation with our Middle School Youth Ministers, Ron and Louise Briseno, and our Faith Formation Director, Kathleen Bell, I came to the conclusion that it was now time to hire a Youth Advocate for the Parish—one person who would be responsible for developing and operating a

Parish-based pastoral ministry with youth including middle school, high school, and young adults. This person would be engaged in this ministry at 30 hours per week, and would have an office in the Parish Center. This expanded ministry will help create an even greater presence, participation, and influence of our middle school, high school, and young adult members in the life of our Parish.

In order to create this position, Ron and Louise Briseno were willing to give up their responsibilities as our Middle School Youth Ministers. They have been in their positions for the past seven years! They too have done much to create a youthful presence and participation in our Parish activities, and, as a Parish, we are grateful for their commitment to this ministry over the years.

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STM 11th Annual Golf Classic & Evening Festivities
Friday, April 30



Watch your mail for details!
Plan to join us!

Our Mission is to: worship God,

Mass Schedule:

Saturday at 5:00pm; Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am;
Tuesday-Friday at 8:15am;
watch bulletin for holydays

Rite of Reconciliation (Confession):

Saturday from 4:00-4:30pm (or by appointment)

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

Liturgical Ministry: Contact Douglas Lynn at 760-758-4100 x140

Music Ministry: Contact Douglas Lynn at 760-758-4100 x140

Communion for the Homebound/Hospitalized:

Contact Parish Office at 760-758-4100 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 760-758-4100 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 760-758-4100 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 760-758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org.*

Pastor's Column *(continued from page 1)*

Also, Kathleen Bell will “spin off” her oversight of the Confirmation process and High School Faith Formation. Due to her dedication, we have an excellent Confirmation process that now will become the responsibility of our Youth Advocate.

As I make this announcement, I am also happy to announce that we have hired a Youth Advocate. With the recommendation and support of Jeff, Gale, Ron, Louise, and Kathleen, Marc Raymundo has been hired and will begin his ministry here at St. Thomas More on July 1.

We are very fortunate that this transition is happening so smoothly and seamlessly!

I give thanks to God for these events!

In the near future, there will be the opportunity to properly thank Gale, Jeff, Louise, and Ron as they end their ministries on our behalf.

For now, let us pray to God to say “Thank You” for what has been, and “Yes” for what will be!

F. Mike

Marc Raymundo—Our Youth Advocate



Marc Raymundo is an experienced worship leader and speaker for retreats and camps across the nation. Marc began his ministry working with St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Chino Hills, California, in 2000. Shortly after, he decided that serving Christ is his true calling, and has been traveling to serve in conferences and camps throughout the nation. He has the ability to use his energy, enthusiasm, and love to connect with youth of all ages and inspire them to grow closer with

Christ. Recently, Marc has been a consultant to youth ministries and retreat programs throughout southern California. His favorite scripture is from Colossians 3:23-24, “Whatever you do, let it be from the heart, as if you were working for the Lord rather than for people, in the knowledge that as your reward you will receive an inheritance from the Lord. Serve Christ the Lord.” He is excited and honored to be a part of the St. Thomas More community and is looking forward to working with and meeting our family. Marc begins his ministry here on July 1, 2010.

STM 11th Annual Golf Classic

SAVE THE DATE! Friday, April 30

- ◆ Golf Tournament at Fallbrook Golf Club
- ◆ Miniature Golf at Boomers! Vista
- ◆ Happy Hour, Dinner, Evening Festivities at STM!
- ◆ Traditional and new fun, plus surprises await you!
- ◆ Registration/details are in the mail and on the Plaza.



Jim & Suzy Bailey, Co-Chairpersons
jimsuzybailey@cox.net or 760-754-1635

Readings for the Week Ahead

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

Sunday, February 21 (24)

First Sunday of Lent
Deuteronomy 26:4-10
Psalm 91:1-2,10-15
Romans 10:8-13
Luke 4:1-13

Monday, February 22 (535)

The Chair of St. Peter, Apostle
1 Peter 5:1-4
Psalm 23:1-6

Matthew 16:13-19

Tuesday, February 23 (225)

Polycarp, bishop, martyr
Isaiah 55:10-11
Psalm 34:4-7,16-19
Matthew 6:7-15

Wednesday, February 24 (226)

Jonah 3:1-10
Psalm 51:3-4,12-13,18-19
Luke 11:29-32

Thursday, February 25 (227)

Esther C:12,14-16,23-25
Psalm 138:1-3,7c-8
Matthew 7:7-12

Friday, February 26 (228)

Ezekiel 18:21-28
Psalm 130:1-8
Matthew 5:20-26

Saturday, February 27 (229)

Deuteronomy 26:16-19
Psalm 119:1-2,4-5,7-8
Matthew 5:43-48

Sunday, February 28 (27)

Second Sunday of Lent
Genesis 15:5-12,17-18
Psalm 27:1,7-9,13-14
Philippians 3:17-4:1
Luke 9:28b-36

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 20, 5:00pm
Verna Benner ☩

Sunday, February 21, 8:30am
Agnus "Cass" Aylwin ☩

Sunday, February 21, 10:30am
Rite of Sending

Tuesday, February 23, 8:15am
Carl Bechtold ☩

Wednesday, February 24, 8:15am
Paula Gurrera ☩

Wednesday, February 24, 9:30am
Kevin Hall ☩
Pacific Place

Thursday, February 25, 8:15am
Eugene Masetth ☩

Friday, February 26, 8:15am
Margaret Tomlinson

Saturday, February 27, 5:00pm
John Rodriguez ☩

Sunday, February 28, 8:30am
Marcos Lopez ☩

Sunday, February 28, 10:30am
Pro Populo

Prayer List

Call 760-758-4100 x102 to add a name for four weeks.

- Mary Alexander
- Carrie Allen
- The Baker Family
- Patricia Barbour
- The Bayer Family
- Colleen Bechtold
- Cindra Bell
- John Bennici
- Regina Bentz
- George "Whitey" Betus
- Beatrice Brooks & Family
- Monica Broussard
- Janet Brown
- Margaret Brown
- Roseanne Burg
- Herman Calandro
- Jean Calderone
- Shelby Campbell
- Claudia Caplinger
- Paul Cipowski
- Marilyn Clarke
- Dolly Cole
- Myron Cole
- Carl Coleman
- James Coleman
- Thomas Cornwell & Family
- Karen Flaharty Daley
- Margie Daniels & Family
- Cecilia DeSimone
- Linda Dossman
- Sudy Dotinga
- Ann Edmonson
- Kathryn Ernst
- Robert Falconer
- The Fiore Family
- Peggy & Jack Fischer
- Betty Fisk
- The Fiskan Family
- Ryan Flum
- Kathryn Franklin
- Joe Freire
- Carmen Garcia
- Rick Gonzalez
- Eileen Gough
- Rosemary Haeffelin
- Anita Hage
- Susan Hallahan
- The Harker Family
- Rita Harnacker
- Marge Heath
- Lilian Hills
- Cynthia Horner
- Sue Johnston
- Eileen Jones
- Darleen Kelch
- Paul Kennedy
- Debbie Kinney
- George Kleekamp
- Sr. Anne Kremenik
- Helen Kuhn
- Lillian Lachance
- The Lamelin Family
- Bernie Lanzrath
- Rick Laver
- Brandon LeBlanc
- Paul Leué
- Cassandra Loretto
- Lauren Loretto
- Antonio Lugo
- James MacArthur
- Helen McCullough
- The McGeary Family
- Virginia McWalters
- Bob McWilliams
- Carol Michael
- Howard Montgomery
- Nancy Moore
- Margie Myers
- R. Northrup
- Helen O'Connell
- Lori Marie Olivares
- Geneve Peer
- Lupe Casas Pelletier
- Helen Pingtella
- Linda Pinson
- The Piro Family
- Anne Post
- Otila Quiroz
- Janet Raiman
- Virginia Regula
- Joanne Robinson
- Sr. Loyola Romey
- Dorothy Rouse
- Rose Rowland
- The Russo Family
- Nancy Scali
- Kurtis Schmidt
- Freda Schweitzer
- Richard Sikora
- Nick Soltau
- Ed Sox
- Loraine Speck
- Gilda Spiegl
- Joan Stringer
- Maria Surmenidis
- Renee Michelle Taylor
- Stephen Toth, Jr.
- Cameron Troncale
- Arnie Velasco
- Dominic Vienna, Jr.
- Vanessa Vitiello-Koble
- Kevin Watson-Graff
- Ed Wesel
- Marilyn Wesel
- Terry Westlake
- John Whitton
- Mary Williams

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:

- Gunnery Sgt. Fernando Andrade, Jr.
- Capt. Sean Barnes, USAF
- 1st Lt. Jeffrey Bauer, USMC
- Pfc John Brandone
- Lance Corporal Brandon Doyle, USMC
- St Sgt Joseph Duffy, USAF
- MSGT Steve Gallegos, USMC
- Pvt. 2nd Class Matthew Seneca Noblitt, US Army
- Pvt. 2 Jess Phillips, US Army
- Sr. Airman Robert Spear, USAF
- PVT2 Tyler Timmerman, U.S. Army
- Julian Torres, USMC
- LT Billy Turley, USN

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

Calendar Highlights

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

The Week Ahead

- Feb 21 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
- Feb 21 High School RE.A.CH
- Feb 25 Spirited Seniors Bus Tour to Huntington
- Feb 28 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass RE.A.CH Classes at Church (including high school)

The Month Ahead

- Mar 1-4 Parish Mission: Focus on the Gospels
- Mar 4 Lenten Communal Reconciliation Service
- Mar 14 RE.A.CH Classes at Church including high school
- Mar 20-21 Women's Guild Bake Sale
- Mar 22 Women's Guild Day of Reflection
- Mar 25 Project Linus Coffee
- Mar 28 RE.A.CH Classes at Church including high school

The Year Ahead

- Apr 4 Easter Sunday
- Apr 12 Women's Guild Luncheon Meeting
- Apr 18 Spring Sing—Choral Concert
- Apr 30 Eleventh Annual Golf Classic
- June 4-6 Parish Campout
- Jul 19-23 Vacation Bible Camp
- Aug 22 Second Annual Pastor's Dinner
- Oct 17 STM 25th Anniversary Celebration

Pray for Women Religious

Please join us in praying for the women religious who serve in the Diocese of San Diego. They have been assigned to days of the year in alphabetical order.

February 22	Sr. Ana Maria Guzman, SJS
February 23	Sr. Maria Javier Guzman, DCJ
February 24	Sr. Margaret Hama, DMI
February 25	Sr. Joyce Hampel, CSJ
February 26	Sr. Celeste Hanigan, OSF
February 27	Sr. Yvonne Hanke, OCD
February 28	Sr. Barbara Hanna, DMI

In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Virginia Bayer, who died recently. Her Funeral Mass was celebrated on February 18 at St. Paul the Apostle Church in Chino Hills. Please keep Virginia's family in your prayers.

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

Annual Catholic Appeal 2010 Now Underway!

St. Thomas More's "Fair Share": \$43,000

Pledge Total to Date: \$5,975

Households Responding: 37

Average Gift per Household: \$161.48

One of the agencies our contributions support is Catholic Charities, which serves both San Diego and Imperial Counties. Through eleven service centers, Catholic Charities serves 100,000 people annually with food, shelter, counseling, pregnancy services, senior nutrition, immigration services, refugee services, adoption services, and affordable housing. They accomplish this with 215 dedicated staff working alongside 800 volunteers who contribute 181,000 hours of service per year!

In 2008-2009, Pregnancy and Adoption Services counseled 33 birth mothers and 2 birth fathers towards a placement or parenting decision and provided clothing, diapers, and layettes to 345 new mothers. Our adoption case managers secured safe and loving homes for 29 children last year.

Annual Catholic Appeal packets were mailed to all registered Parishioners and are available at the Parish Office. Your generosity will be appreciated!

STM Scrip News

Thanks to all those who are using the Scrip Program. If you have not tried it, consider taking advantage of this easy method—merchants contribute a percentage of every dollar you spend to the St. Thomas More Building Fund.

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!

Social Justice

Get on the Bus



We will soon be receiving the names of the children seeking to visit their moms at the Chowchilla State and Federal Women's Prisons this May.

We are still in great need of Parishioners who would be willing to make one visit to the family to fill out the paperwork and then to keep in touch by phone until May. Most of the families reside in San Diego. While it is a sacrifice for any of us to travel to San Diego, *Get on the Bus* is only "life line" most of these children have to be able to see their moms once a year. Please consider reaching out to a child in need!

Call Glory Hartdegen at 760-630-0651.

Food Bank Contributions



Every weekend, we will be collecting non-perishable food items to benefit the North County Community Services Food Bank. Look for the blue barrels on the Plaza at weekend Masses to deposit your contributions. The most needed items include canned meats and protein, pasta and pasta sauce, boxed macaroni and cheese, and canned fruit. Thank you for your support! For more information, contact Ron Briseno at 760-758-4100 x153 or ronb@stmoside.org.

Thank You from Birth Choice of San Marcos

Dear St. Thomas More Parishioners,

Once again your congregation has blessed Birth Choice with an exceeding abundance of layette items from the Epiphany collection. These items are placed into the layettes we present to our clients when they give birth. I wish you could see the joy they bring. None of this could happen without the loving and faithful support of God's people.

Several of your members serve here at Birth Choice as counselors, and we so appreciate their faithful dedication and love for life. Please be sure to pass on our thanks to Jane Kelleher and all who spearheaded the participation and collection. Thank you, too, for your ongoing support of our ministry.

We would welcome any opportunity to help support your church body with our ministry and services we provide

Serving the King,
Mary Rose Stearns, Executive Director

Brother Benno's Food Drive

March 20-21 will be our once-a-year food drive to benefit Brother Benno's. This is a **different project** than the big blue barrels that are out every weekend.

Brother Benno's runs a Soup Kitchen, Food Bank, and five Rehab houses for the poor, needy, and disenfranchised. It does so with **only** volunteer help. It relies on the generosity of the public to accomplish its mission. Last year St. Thomas More provided three truck loads of food items. Deacon Tom will be in the parking lot before all Masses March 27-28 with trucks...as many as we can fill. Please be generous.

Lenten Fish Dinner Every Friday of Lent

5:30-6:30pm • Adults \$6-1 fish, \$7-2 fish, Children \$4-1 fish

Cod with varying types of vegetables, plus Bob Wong's Famous Dessert Station. We encourage family participation!

Tables may be reserved for families/groups—call 760-732-0543.

This dinner is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and their wives. Serving time allows adequate time to eat, socialize, and attend the Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm. Feel free to bring neighbors and friends. We promise friendly and smiling faces to serve you!

Women's Guild News

Bake Sale—Our next bake sale, under the direction of Nancy Wozniak and Pat Wong, will be held the weekend of March 20-21. You may be asked to donate home-baked goodies. We always have a wonderful array of mouth-watering treats, so be prepared!

Day of Recollection—Our March meeting will not be the second Monday as usual. Instead, we are planning our annual Lenten Day of Recollection. Ann Buko has arranged for a guest speaker from the University of San Diego. The theme will be *An Echo of God*. This will take place on Monday, March 22. The cost, including lunch and materials, will be \$12. A flyer will be in the bulletin with full details, but save that date. All members of the Parish and friends are invited, and we are extending the invitation to St. Francis also.

Board Meeting—Next board meeting is Monday, March 1, at 10:00am at Valerie's.

Catholic Widows and Widowers of North County

CWWNC meets the second and fourth Sundays of each month. Sunday, February 28, we celebrate the 11:00am Mass at St. James in Solana Beach. If you'd like to attend lunch after Mass at Paradise Grill in Del Mar, contact Carol Kope at 760-758-4100 or Jackie Cohen at 760-726-4343. For more info about our active group, see the bulletin board on the lower level for our monthly newsletter of activities.

STM Vehicle Donation Program



Do you have a vehicle you want to donate? The St. Thomas More program is easy!



Call us, and we'll have it picked up. You get the tax deduction!

All we need is clear title. Non-operational is OK!



Since 2006 we have netted over \$15,500 from this program.

Thank you donors!

For more information, contact the Parish Office:
760-758-4100 x100 or
parishoffice@stmoside.org



Our Journey Into The Future . . . Together! Phase II ~ This is it! (1/1/2010 – 12/31/2011)

WOW! Thanks to the 287 donors who have already responded for bringing our pledge total to \$1,014,508!

30% of our Parish, plus three gifts from non-parishioners, have brought us halfway to goal!

70% of our households have yet to respond, and we can start building our permanent Church very soon! We are already nearly down to 22 months, so please help STM by submitting your pledge form right away, and pray for our success. Opportunity is knocking. ALL gifts are needed and appreciated!

Q. We are financially stretched due to the economy and cannot afford to pledge right now. We hope things will improve before this two-year period is over. Should we send in the Phase II form anyway?

A. Yes please! This gives us a clearer idea of where we stand. We have several households in this position and it is certainly understandable. All forms are confidential. We are fortunate to have families that can, and are, attempting to fill in the blanks for those who are unable to contribute financially at this time.

Q. We lost our paperwork for Phase II. Where can we get more forms so that we can help STM to reach our goal?

A. Informational packets are on the Parish information table after all Masses and in the Parish Office during the week. They can also be downloaded from our website: www.stmoside.org; click on *Our New Church*.

THANK YOU DONORS!!!

Pledge Statistics as of February 16

	Total Phase II Pledges	# of Families Pledging
	Under \$1,000	60
	\$1,000 and up	41
	\$1,500 and up	72
	\$2,500 and up	56
	\$4,500 and up	21
	\$6,000 and up	15
	\$10,000 and up	18
	\$25,000 and up	2
	\$50,000 and up	2
Total to Date	\$1,014,508	287
Still Needed	\$985,492	709
Total Goal	\$2,000,000	996

If you have any questions, please contact:
Chris Smith, Director of Stewardship and Development
760-758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org.

Liturgy & Music

Worship God

Douglas Lynn
Director of Music/Coordinator of Liturgical Ministries
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WHO'S WHO—CATECHUMENS

Who are the Catechumens we hear so much about in church?

Trying to figuring out who's who is a common human activity. At weddings, funerals, family and class reunions we like to know who we are sharing our time with and what relationship they have—or don't have—to us. So it is with the church that gathers on Sunday for Mass. Many of the faces are as familiar as our own, but as with any healthy group, new faces are to be expected and welcomed. Some may be visitors, some may be fellow Catholics who have recently moved into the neighborhood, and some may be responding to a faint or fiery call to find out more about Christ and his church. The church opens its arms to these seekers with the wisdom and rituals of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (commonly called the RCIA).



People who are seeking to learn more about the Catholic faith and its mission fall into two main groups: Catechumens and Candidates. (*Catechumen* is a strange word. It comes from a Greek word meaning "to resound." The words *catechist* and *catechism* are related to it.) A Catechumen is someone who has never been baptized; he or she may be an adult, a teenager, or a young child. The journey to the waters of baptism normally takes place over the course of a year.

After an initial period of inquiry into the Catholic faith, those ready to do so publicly declare their intent to join the church and are accepted into the "Order of Catechumens." Then, with the help of catechists, sponsors, and the entire community of believers, the Catechumens begin to share in the life of the community

and do what Christians do: read the scriptures, gather on Sundays with other believers, and bear witness to the message of Jesus in word and deed. Often the Catechumens are dismissed on Sundays after the homily to continue reflecting on the day's scriptures.

The liturgical year plays an intimate part in their introduction to the Christian way of life. Lent is a period of intensified preparation, beginning with a ritual when the Catechumens are chosen ("elected") for initiation. Now they are called "the Elect." Our Parish's Catechumens will celebrate the Rite of Election with Bishop Brom at 4:00pm this Sunday afternoon.

The Catechumens from all over the diocese who have been preparing for Baptism and those who have been working with them for months and years believe that God has chosen them to be one of us, the baptized. At the Rite of Election, their godparents, sponsors, catechists, pastors, and friends will testify before the bishop that God has chosen these people. They will offer the evidence of their lives among us, hearing and following God's word, praying with God's people, and taking part in the work and the communal life of God's church. After listening to this testimony, the bishop will declare that they are elected for baptism, chosen to be God's own in Christ Jesus—not because they earned it, but because God wants it.

At the Easter Vigil, the Elect are baptized, confirmed, and welcomed to the Lord's table for the first time. The Easter Vigil marks a high point in their journey—in much the same way that a wedding day is a high point in a couple's relationship—but, of course, the adventure has just begun.

—LTP



Children's Easter Choir

The Children's Choir
returns for Easter!

All children, grades 2-8 are
invited to sing in the
Children's Easter Choir.

REHEARSALS

Wednesdays
March 10, 17, and 24
5:00-6:15pm

Tuesday, March 30
7:00-8:00pm
(with the combined choirs)

EASTER DAY
Sunday, April 4
10:30am Mass

JOIN US!!!

Upcoming Music

FEBRUARY
27/28
Second Sunday
of Lent

5:00pm Mass
Handbell Choir
8:30am Mass
Youth Praise &
Adult Praise
10:30am Mass
Cantor

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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

PARISH MISSION: FOCUS ON THE GOSPELS February 27-March 4

Saturday-Sunday, February 27-28

Fr. Jude will speak at weekend Masses and RE.A.CH Classes

Monday, March 1

4:00-5:00pm • Individual Reconciliation

7:00pm • The Gospel of Mark: *Simplicity—Arriving Dry and Dusty from the Road*

Tuesday, March 2

8:15am • Mass

9:00am • Heroes of Our Faith: St. Paul—*Redemption/Sent Out as Mission*

4:00-5:00pm • Individual Reconciliation

7:00pm • The Gospel of Matthew—*Beatitudes*

Wednesday, March 3

8:15am • Mass

9:00am • Heroes of Our Faith: Mary—*Availability*

4:00-5:00pm • Individual Reconciliation

7:00pm • The Gospel of John—*The Glory of God*

Thursday, March 4

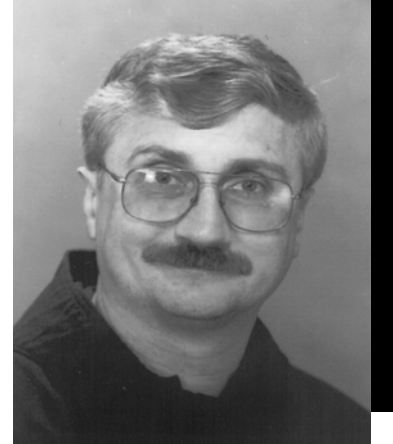
8:15am • Mass

9:00am • Heroes of Our Faith: St. Peter—*Church as Foundation*

7:00pm • Parish Communal Reconciliation Service

The Gospel of Luke—Forgiveness and the Prodigal Son

- Childcare available at 7:00pm sessions upon request •



Fr. Jude Winkler, OFM Conv.

*For more information, contact:
 Wayne Zych at 760-717-1145
 julianzych@yahoo.com*

*Kathleen Bell at 760-758-4100 x110
 kathleenb@stmoside.org*

Lenten Opportunities for Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving

Help Families Around the World

- PRAY as a family
- FAST in solidarity with those who hunger
- GIVE to those in need by placing your sacrifices in

OPERATION RICE BOWL



(Bowls available outside the Faith Formation Office)



Help the Homeless Help Themselves

Books for Change

- Drop off useable books, CD's, DVD's in the container outside the Faith Formation Office
- We will get them to North County Solutions for Change
- There the moms (who are recovering from homelessness) will inventory and process them for resale on Amazon
- This gives the moms something meaningful and purposeful to do while they build the foundation for their new life as productive and healthy citizens

*One book, CD or DVD =
 One Homeless Child's Life Changed for One Day*

Feed the Children in our Local Community

PBJ for Kids

- Peanut butter and jelly are favorite foods for children everywhere
- PBJ is nourishing for children
- Fast from a junk food item and use the money for a jar of peanut butter or jelly
- Bring it in to the container on the lower level, outside the Faith Formation Office
- We will deliver it to Catholic Charities in Vista

*Our goal is one jar for each day of the year
 Here's what YOU have done: 2,456 jars!*

2006	543
2007	501
2008	629
2009	649
2010	148
	(to date)

Stewardship & Development

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CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Opportunities or Irritations?

Today's first reading describes the offering of first fruits the people of Israel were to present to the Lord in thanksgiving for their deliverance from Egypt and the gift of the promised land.

We all know how the people of Israel bitterly complained of their circumstances when they had been put to the test in desert. We can look at their complaints about eating manna when they could have been grateful. It is obvious that God answered prayers but was not thrilled about constant complaining, opposed to counting of blessings.

We can view their actions over material things and frown, but do we see any parallel to our own lives? We are aware, especially during Lent, that we are all put to the test at one time or another in our lifetime. Some more than others.

The bottom line is that offering the very best of what God has provided for us is at the heart of Christian stewardship and what God expects of us.

- ✠ Do we offer the best of ourselves and our gifts to the Lord, or do we offer our leftovers?
- ✠ Do we complain about the number of opportunities presented to us for giving, or do we carefully select those causes which we choose to support and do so graciously?
- ✠ Do we realize that we don't have to donate to *everything* because there are others who favor and support ministries that we choose not to support? And vice versa.
- ✠ Do we understand that if we are in financial distress that God understands and doesn't expect us to contribute if it means we can't feed our family, pay our rent/mortgage, and our transportation? Ditto the Church.
- ✠ Do we realize that it is the Christian responsibility of the Church to present opportunities for *all* legitimate charitable causes so that people can discern which ones to support?

One person cannot do it all and that is OK. There are lots of households with various favorites and capabilities. Guilt should never apply unless one is living a life of luxury and complains about returning God's gifts.

We at St. Thomas More are a generous people and I bet most of us are on mailing lists from a multitude of charities (some legitimate and some not). This is because when we donated to something our names were subsequently sold to a variety of mailing lists and there you have it.



One thing of which you can be sure is that STM only presents legitimate ministerial opportunities. Be grateful for the opportunities presented and for the freedom to choose where you want to donate.

Make an appropriate response for your respective choice, of time, talent, and/or treasure, for the gifts God has given you. Amen.

Prayerfully consider your choices in life.

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

Collection for Week of February 13/14, 2010

Number of Registered Households**		996
Offertory*	\$	7,146.92
Offertory (Loose Collection)		930.00
Children's envelopes		0.00
Total	\$	8,076.92

* Offertory envelopes, credit card withdrawals, automatic checking or savings account deductions (credit card and automatic bank account withdrawals are posted at STM on the 5th and/or 20th of each month).

** As part of its ongoing efforts to ensure the accuracy of our Parish records, the staff conducts periodic reviews of registered households which seem to have become "absent" from the Parish's activities. Changes in this number may reflect these ongoing reviews.

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News from the Larger Church

Be a Man Men's Conference in El Cajon—February 23 at St. Kieran Church with Fr. Larry Richards, Dr. Ray Guarendi, Patrick Coffin and special guests. For more information, contact www.SharingTheTreasures.org or Kurt at 619-583-3810.

3 Mile Race and 1 Mile Fun Run in Vista—St. Francis Catholic School invites the public to participate in a community 3 Mile Race and 1 Mile Fun Run at the Buena Vista Park and Pond at 1749 Shadowridge Drive in Vista on Saturday, February 27. Races begin at 8:00am. Individuals, families, and groups are encouraged to participate. An entry form is available at www.sfs-vista.org/FunRun.htm. For more information or to get involved in this event, contact the school office at 760-630-7960. A pancake breakfast will be available for participants and the public. Donations for this event are welcome.

How to Start and Grow a Young Adult Ministry at Your Parish or Campus Training in San Diego—Saturday, February 27, 9:00am-12:00noon, Diocesan Pastoral Center. Cost is \$10 which includes a light breakfast and materials. Visit www.yamsd.org for more details. Please RSVP by February 23 to cgiebel@diocese-sdiego.org or 858-490-8260.

Vocation Retreat Day for Young Women in San Diego—Sunday, February 28, 9:00am-2:30pm, at Nazareth House, 6333 Rancho Mission Rd., San Diego. For more information, contact Sr. Fintan at 310-216-8170 or Sr. Margaret Spence at 619-563-0480.

Mainly Mozart Concert Series in Carlsbad—St. Elizabeth Seton Church will sponsor the annual Mainly Mozart concerts at 6628 Santa Isabel St., Carlsbad, featuring world-class artists performing in a brilliant acoustics venue. Concerts will be held at 2:00pm on the following Sundays: February 28 and April 25. For more information, contact 619-239-0110 or www.mainlymozart.org.

St. Francis Catholic Preschool Open House in Vista—Tuesday, March 3, at 9:00am or 6:00pm. This event is for parents interested in enrolling their children in the Fall. Parents will receive a tour of the facility, plus information on curriculum and tuition. Licensed by the state of California, St. Francis Preschool offers full- and part-time schedules, plus a Pre-Kindergarten program. The school is located at 525 W. Vista Way. For additional information, contact Mrs. Nancy Thomas at 760-630-7964 or visit www.sfs-vista.org.

Spirit and Truth Event for Young Adults in San Diego—Thursday, March 4, 7:00-9:00pm, at St. Therese Catholic Church in Del Cerro (College Area), 6016 Camino Rico, San Diego. Includes live praise and worship music, a talk on *Lent—Jesus' Last Words on the Cross* with Dotti Hulbert, adoration, and a social to follow. For more information, visit www.yamsd.org or contact cgiebel@diocese-sdiego.org or 858-490-8260.

Magnificat Women's Prayer Group in San Diego—Saturday, March 6, 9:30am, at the Mission Valley Sheraton. Fr. Cavaná Wallace from our own Diocese of San Diego will share reflections on the simplicity and depth of the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be. RSVP to 858-578-1256.

Mark Price Series in Vista—Unique presentations where Mark Price presents "In His Own Words" for specific bible characters. Catch the remaining appearances in 2010—Doubting Thomas on

April 16 and Simon Peter on June 4, all at St. Francis Church, 525 W. Vista Way, Vista. Discount ticket packages available. For more information, visit www.stfrancis-vista.org/specialevents.htm or call 760-945-8000.

Pilgrimage to the Marian Shrines: Fatima, Lourdes, Avila, Salamanca, Lisieux (home of St. Therese), and Paris—Fr. Adrian Peelo, OFM, Associate Pastor at Mission San Luis Rey Parish, will lead this pilgrimage May 9-23. Celebrate Mass with His Holiness, Pope Benedict, at Fatima Shrine on May 13, the anniversary of the first apparition. Visit the home of St. Teresa of Avila, historic Salamanca, and Zaragoza. For further information, contact Linda Patera at 760-529-9378 or Hermie Garcia at 619-656-1099 before February 23.

Pilgrimage to Turin and Medjugorje—May 18—Join Sr. Margaret Kelly, O.P., Director of Religious Education at Mission San Diego for a trip of the decade! The Shroud will be on display only two months for the first time since 2000. Then see the beauty of Croatia and the Adriatic Sea as we make a crossing from Ancona, Italy, to Split, Croatia, and on to the Marian site of Medjugorje. For more information, call Sister Margaret at 619-624-0900.

St. John the Baptist School in Costa Mesa Looking for Alumni—A yearlong celebration of its 50th anniversary is being planned, including an Open House on Saturday, May 22, and we need the help of all SJB students present and past. For more information, visit www.alumni.sjbschool.net.

The Treasure Box Grocery Plan in North County—is an economic meal program that provides a 21-25 lb. pre-assembled box of frozen food for \$30 (a savings of up to 65% off grocery store prices). For more information, including locations in your area, please visit www.thetreasurebox.org.

Volunteers Needed—Become a child advocate and make a lasting difference in the life of a foster child. More than just a mentor, you can give hope to a child who has none. For more information, call Voices for Children at 858-569-2019 or visit www.speakupnow.org.

Lunch Served for Seniors in Oceanside—The Salvation Army Senior Dining and Social Center, 3935 Lake Blvd., Oceanside (near Emeritus at Oceanside and Pacific Place) serves lunch for \$3 at noon, Monday-Friday, for any seniors 60 and over. For more information and reservations, call 760-631-8279

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

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The Journey Continues

This year, Deacon Tom and Patt will present a second, more intense, session of Rediscovering Catholicism.

It will be a five-week session based upon David Scott's book *The Catholic Passion*, which the author describes as "...a book about Catholics—who we are, what we believe, and why we believe and do the things we do."

The course will again take an interactive-discussion format and will require two chapters from the book to be read *before* each session.

The class begins on Tuesday, April 6 at 7:00pm and concludes June 1. Please see Deacon Tom or Patt Goeltz (760-727-8442), Kathleen Bell (760-758-4100 x110), or Wayne Zych (760-717-1145) for more information and to register. The cost will be \$15 for the book and materials.

The sessions are:

April 6	Chapter I: Chapter II:	Son or Mary, Man of Heaven God, the Hound of Heaven
April 20	Chapter III: Chapter IV:	Living as the Image of God Why the Catholic Church?
May 4	Chapter V: Chapter VI:	The Signs and Wonders of Sacramental Life The Word of Life
May 18	Chapter VII: Chapter VIII :	The Possibility of Prayer The Miracle and Meaning of the Mass
June 1	Chapter IX:	The Life of the World to Come



Please come and join us for spirited and lively discussions about our faith!



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