Why I Remain a Catholic

The following article, “Why I Remain a Catholic,” was written by Elizabeth Scalia, a contributing writer to First Things Magazine, ft@firstthings.com. She is a blogger known as “The Anchoress.” This article has been reprinted by permission.

The question has come my way several times in the past week: “How do you maintain your faith in light of news stories that bring light to the dark places that exist within your church?”

When have darkness and light been anything but co-existent? How do we recognize either without the other?

I remain within, and love, the Catholic Church because it is a church that has lived and wrestled within the mystery of the shadow lands ever since an innocent man was arrested, sentenced, and crucified, while the keeper of “the keys” denied him, and his first priests ran away. Through 2,000 imperfect, sometimes glorious, sometimes heinous years, the church has contemplated and manifested the truth that dark and light, innocence and guilt, justice and injustice all share a kinship, one that waves back and forth like wind-stirred wheat in a field, churning toward something—as yet—unknowable.

For the rest of the article, click the link below:

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Do you believe that God calls all people to spread the Good News? How are you responding to the call? Do you want some help? Next week is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Come, join with the Parish in prayer for special blessings that each person will be strengthened in their vocation.
Our Mission is to:

**worship God,**

**teach and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ,**

and **serve God’s people in word and deed.**

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**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.

**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.

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.
**Readings for the Week Ahead**

**Sunday, April 18 (48)**  
Third Sunday of Easter  
Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41  
Psalm 30:2,4-6,11-13  
Revelation 7:9,14b-17  
Psalm 100:1-3,5  
Acts 13:14,43-52  

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
Sunday, April 25  
John 6:60-69  
Psalm 116:12-17  
Acts 9:31-42  

**Wednesday, April 21**  
John 6:30-33  
Psalm 117:1-2  
John 6:52-59  

**Saturday, April 24**  
Acts 9:31-42  
Psalm 116:12-17  
John 6:60-69  

**Sunday, April 25**  
Fourth Sunday of Easter  
Acts 13:14,43-52  
Psalm 100:1-3,5  
Revelation 7:9,14b-17  
John 10:27-30  

**Prayer List**

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

- The Adams Family
- Bob McWilliams
- Mary Alexander
- Carol Michael
- Lucia Ambriz
- Joseph Michael Moore
- Patricia Barbour
- June Mitchell
- Cindra Bell
- Nancy Moore
- John Bennici
- The Morgan & McCarthy Families
- Regina Bentz
- Margie Myers
- George “Whitey” Betts
- The Navarro/Orantes Family
- Tamara Bouquet
- R. Northrup
- Beatrice Brooks & Family
- Helen O’Connell
- Monica Broussard
- Jeanette Oravetz
- Janet Brown
- Ed Orosz
- Roseanne Burg
- Lupe Casas Pelletier
- Shelby Campbell
- Helen Pingelllia
- Claudia Caplinger
- Anne Post
- Paul & Elaine Cassidy
- Otila Quiroz
- Flor Catap & Family
- Janet Raiman
- Paul Cipowski
- Isabel Ramires & Family
- Dolly Cole
- Joanne Robinson
- James Coleman
- Wilma Rolland
- James Colome
- Sr. Lovola Roney
- The Colucci Family
- Cecelia Roper
- Susan Contreras
- Dorothy Rouse
- Thomas Connell & Family
- Rose Rowland
- Karen Flaharty Daley
- The Russo Family
- Shirley Darcy
- Nancy Seali
- Cecilia DeSimone
- Freda Schweitzer
- Linda Dosman
- Jane Sekela
- Kathryn Ernst
- Richard Sikora
- Robert & Lois Falconer
- Nick Soltau
- The Fiore Family
- Ed Sox
- Peggy & Jack Fischer
- Gilda Spiegl
- Ryan Flum
- Joan Stringer
- Kathryn Franklin
- Maria Surmenidou
- Joe Freire
- Stephen Toth, Jr.
- James Gallagher
- Barbara Upson
- Carmen Garcia
- Jose & Regina Vasquez
- Cierra Germain
- Arnie Velasco
- Gerard Garza
- Dominic Vienna, Jr.
- Paul Gibbons
- Vanessa Vittaleza-Koble
- Rick Gonzalez
- Wanda Walsh
- Eileen Gough
- Jim Walters
- The John Graham Family
- Kevin Watson-Graaff
- Rosemary Haefelin
- Ed Wesel
- Anita Hage
- Marilyn Wesel
- The Hainsworth Family
- John Whitton
- Susan Hallahan
- The Harker Family
- The Fiore Family
- The Hoefner Family
- The Jacqueline Johnson Family
- The Harker Family
- Sue Johnston
- Eileen Jones
- Eileen Gough
- Eileen Jones
- The Harker Family
- Rosemary Haefelin
- The Hoefner Family
- John Whitton
- The Jacqueline Johnson Family
- The Harker Family
- Sue Johnston

**Deployed Military**

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

- Gunney Sgt. Fernando Andrade, Jr.
- 1st Lt. Jeffrey Bauer, USMC
- Pfc John Brandone
- Lance Corporal Brandon Doyle, USMC
- Sr. Airman Robert Speare, USAF
- Pte. 2nd Class Matthew Seneca
- Capt. Ross Phillips, US Army
- Pte. 2nd Class Matthew Seneca
- Nobleit, US Army
- Pte. 2nd Class Matthew Seneca
- Contractor Jesse Daniel
- Lance Corporal Katelyn Scott, USMC
- Lance Corporal Brandon Doyle, USMC
- Pte. 2nd Class Matthew Seneca

**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**

Apr 17-18  
Birth Choice  
**Baby Food Drive**

Apr 18  
Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses

Apr 18  
Spring Sing—  
Choral Concert

Apr 25  
Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass

Apr 25  
RE.A.CH Classes at church

**The Month Ahead**

Apr 30  
Eleventh Annual Golf Classic

**The Year Ahead**

May 9  
First Communion

May 11  
Resurrection People: Boldly Facing End-of-Life Issues with Faith Presentation

May 11-12  
Elephant Bar Dine Out Fundraiser

May 15  
Confirmation

May 22  
Women’s Guild Annual Luncheon at Shadowridge Country Club

June 4-6  
Parish Campout

June 12-13  
First Communion

June 14  
Women’s Guild Installation Luncheon

Jul 19-23  
Vacation Bible Camp

Aug 22  
Second Annual Pastor’s Dinner

Oct 17  
STM 25th Anniversary Celebration

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

**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.

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Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioner
Elizabeth Harrison
Shawn & Theresa Hobson-Figueroa & Family
Bonnie Kemmerer
Robert & Cheryl Rowland

In Memoriam
Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

David A. Beglicter Wayne, who died recently. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, April 17, at 1:00pm at St. Thomas More. Please keep his mother, Parishioner Jacqueline Johnson, and the family in your prayers.

Helen McCullough, who died on April 8. Her Memorial Service will be celebrated on Saturday, May 8, at 11:00am at First Presbyterian Church, 2001 South El Camino Real, in Oceanside. Please keep her son-in-law, staff member Douglas Lynn, his wife Gail, and all of Helen’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.

STM Scrip News
Thanks to all who participate in the Scrip Program. Please consider purchasing Scrip for the merchants that you use. The merchants on the list are willing to help us build our permanent Church. Let’s take them up on their offer! Scrip is sold after all weekend Masses and on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:00-10:00am.

STM 11th Annual Golf Classic ~ Friday, April 30
Social event of the year! Enjoy fun, fellowship, and exciting events with friends and family!

♦ GOLF AT FALLBROOK GOLF CLUB ~ MORE WELCOME ~ FOURSOMES AND SINGLES!
♦ MINIATURE GOLF AT BOOMERS! ~ MORE WELCOME ~ FOURSOMES AND SINGLES!
♦ OH, WHAT A NIGHT! ~ EXCITING EVENTS AND DINNER AT STM!

*** All item donations and payments due by Monday, April 19! ***
Please submit payments at Golf table, in the offertory collection, or to the Parish Office.

ACTTS BBQ
It’s (almost!) summer time in San Diego—join us for a backyard BBQ! ACTTS will be getting together for a backyard BBQ and bocce ball game on Sunday, April 25 at 12:30pm at the Frost’s house. Bring your favorite drink, BBQ meat/fish, and a side to share. Don’t forget your hat and sunscreen! Call Jen Frost at: 858-692-7438 for address and directions. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Adult Catholics in their Twenties and Thirties who Socialize
actts@stmoside.org

For more information, contact Jim or Suzy Bailey at 760-754-1635 or jimsuzybailey@cox.net
Resurrection People:
Boldly Facing End-of-Life Issues with Faith
Tuesday, May 11, 9:30-11:30am
The Rev. Dr. Lewis S. León, an ordained Presbyterian Minister associated with Eternal Hills Mortuary and Memorial Park in Oceanside, will engage us in conversation on end-of-life issues that every person and every family eventually faces. Dr. León has specialized in family ministries, especially for loved ones who are in grief. Many of us feel prepared to meet a crisis spiritually, but have many uncertainties and questions on the temporal aspects of terminal illness, dying with dignity, death, and burial. Ways to address our temporal needs are through advanced conversations with loved ones, advanced planning with guidance from spiritual leaders, and pre-arrangement information. Join us for thoughtful reflection and gathering of information. How prepared are you?

Women’s Guild News
Top Chef’s Award—goes to Vera Bayliss and Siggie Ogan for creating that delectable Italian meal, which included stuffed shells with tomato sauce, meat balls, wonderful Italian desserts, and even a special cookie (which I couldn’t pronounce) ordered in—from New Jersey!! Many thanks to this very talented duo.

Spring in Bloom—Our annual spring luncheon will be held Saturday, May 22 at Shadowridge Country Club, starting at 11:00am. The day begins with viewing and bidding on all those fantastic opportunity baskets put together so beautifully by Terry Bedford. This will be followed by a delicious three course meal, door prizes, and entertainment by The Fabulous Earrings. This is a trio you are sure to enjoy as they take you down memory lane with their varied repertoire. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses the first three weeks in May. You may purchase individual tickets or tables of ten. Space is limited. Note: if you have an opportunity basket to deliver, please get it to Terry by May 14.

Board Meeting—The next board meeting will be Monday, May 3 at Mary Dahlberg’s home, 2005 Oak Glen Drive, Vista; phone 760-598-1330.

Annual Catholic Appeal 2010 Update
St. Thomas More’s “Fair Share”: $43,000
Pledge Total to Date: $32,285.99
Households Responding: 239
Average Gift per Household: $135.09
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, our Foster Grandparent Program and Senior Companion Program provided one-on-one services to 490 children and 122 seniors.

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

Our Journey Into The Future . . . Together!
Phase II ~ Our Permanent Church
Help Needed ~ $728,960 in 21 Months
Thanks to the 453 donors who have already responded. Current pledge total is $1,271,040!

Please help your Parish achieve our goal of building your permanent worship space! We need to hear from everyone, even if you cannot contribute. All responses and pledges are needed and much appreciated.

❖ 21 months remain in our two-year Phase II Campaign to collect $2 million.
❖ Prayerfully consider what you can do to help us make the finish line and break ground.
❖ Thanks to those who have already generously responded to our “Adopt a Family” pledge, initiated by a Parishioner who understands the economic situation facing several families at this time. Some responses indicate financial hardship. Extra donations help bridge this gap. This is confidential and no one’s records are disclosed.
❖ Packets are available after all Masses, in the Parish Office, and on our website: www.stmoside.org; click on Our New Church.

THANK YOU DONORS!!!

Pledge Statistics as of April 13

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Total to Date $1,271,040 453
Still Needed $728,960 552
Total Goal $2,000,000 1,005

Chris Smith, Director of Stewardship and Development 760-758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org
From its very beginning, there has been division in Christ’s church. Thomas led the way, although he quickly rejoined the fold. With early division between east and west, followed by the split between Catholics and Protestants, and even today as demonstrated by a host of issues that continue to divide us, the simplicity of Christ’s message to us—love God, love one another—remains elusive.

Forty-five years ago, at the Second Vatican Council, the Catholic Church called for renewed vigor to find the common ground that would eventually lead to unification of all Christian churches.

Theologians and other learned and well-intentioned people are still arguing, and the divide between all of us seems to be growing greater every year. Some groups have even stopped talking to each other.

Some commentators have noted that unification will likely have to be made from the ground up, by individuals and small groups of Christians chipping away at the differences until there are none left for the “leadership” to argue about.

At the local level, the grass roots if you will, people are still passionate about showing themselves as Christians who have common interests, demonstrating love and charity and hope to a world in need.

This weekend, passionate people will be joining together to celebrate their oneness in Christ at St. Thomas More. Their tool will be music.

Eight church choirs from around North County will gather this Sunday at 4:00pm to celebrate in song. Catholics, Lutherans, Methodists, and Presbyterians—Christians all—will gather on the upper level of our Parish Center to sing for you, for themselves, for charity, and for God.

We hope you will join us. We hope you will bring a canned good or three for the Interfaith Community Services food pantry. We hope you will bring your friends and neighbors, especially the ones who may not go to church with you. We hope you will be touched by our song, and by the message that these dozens of singers offer as they stand side by side, singing God’s praises, loving God, and one another.

—Douglas
Faith Formation

Faith: The Main Ingredient

Fr. Mike’s Bookies

An Altar in the World by Barbara Brown Taylor is our next book for discussion on June 2. It is available for $11 outside the Faith Formation Office. Gale Gibbons will be facilitating the discussion.

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—Michael Lerner

Information for Growth

# 22—Answer

When the Church refers to the “domestic church,” she means that

A) the family is a special manifestation of the whole Church.  
(CCC 1666)

# 23—Question

What is the primary function of Jesus’ parables?

A) to show people exactly how to solve practical, everyday problems
B) to give laws and guidelines that Christians must follow
C) to tell interesting stories about God to his followers
D) to invite people to enter his Kingdom

PBJ Update

Food for children at Catholic Charities in Vista

2010 GOAL: 365 jars
Collected to date: 274 jars

Today is a RE.A.CH day at Home

Check your Annual Plan for today’s faith-sharing

Sunday Sign-Up's

for 2010-2011

If your family is currently enrolled in St. Thomas More’s Religious Education program, OR

If you have children from age 3 through 17 and would like to partner with your parish in their faith formation, please

• Plan to complete your (re) enrollment packet at our April 25 RE.A.CH session from 9:45am-2:00pm and 4:00pm-6:30pm
• Pick up your packet in the lower level hallway at the beginning of class
• Fill it out at the available tables or bring it back at the end of class
• Tuition may be paid by
  ★ cash, check, credit card
  ★ a written payment plan
• Classes will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis

Summer Bible Camp

High Seas Expedition

• Sets sail July 19-23, from 8:45am-12:00noon
• Kids 3-12 explore the mighty love of God!
• Teens and adults are needed as deck hands to keep the ship sailing the briny blue
• Enrollment forms (for all size people) available:
  ★ Bulletin board opposite Faith Formation Office
  ★ www.stmoside.org; click on Ministries/Pastoral Staff, then click on Vacation Bible School
• Enrollment is limited!

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Stewardship & Development

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

We Become What We Practice Most

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These special people are my parents. They never had a lot of earthly treasures, but were gifted with a rich and generous spirit and they have worked hard to pay it forward.

—Carol F. Farm, KY, Stewardship, April 2010 (with permission)

What a great testimonial to parents who have obviously made a practice of taking care of God’s gifts. In doing so, they made a lasting impression on their daughter, and certainly to others who know them.

As I read this piece, so many of our STM Parishioners came to mind! It may sound redundant, but it is so true that our faith community is filled with true Christian stewards whose lifestyles and examples are just what God likes to see.

Our ministry base is very broad, with choices for everyone, even the homebound!

Jesus left us plenty of examples with which to model our lives. The choices are ours, and I thank so many of you for stepping up and making a difference here!

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

TOWERS OF FAITH

Future Support & Estate Planning Options

Towers of Faith is a movement that has arisen due to the visionary leadership and generosity of several of our parishioners. We stress that this is not about the gift amount, but rather the love and thought behind the gift.

These individuals (several anonymous) have included STM in their estate planning. This helps to ensure their ongoing support and a legacy for our Parish. Towers of Faith is a valuable portion of our future support.

Examples of the various future planning vehicles are: Designated Beneficiary Accounts, Last Will and Testament, Living Trust, Life Insurance, Stocks and Bonds, Real Estate, and Endowments.

Any parishioners who have already included STM in their estate plans are Towers of Faith participants. If you are interested, please contact us. Your participation is most welcome and appreciated!

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

Do two people in your family know the location of your will and/or living trust?

Easter 2010 Collections to Date

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St. Francis and St. Thomas More Offertory Envelopes

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As I read this piece, so many of our STM Parishioners came to mind! It may sound redundant, but it is so true that our faith community is filled with true Christian stewards whose lifestyles and examples are just what God likes to see.

Our ministry base is very broad, with choices for everyone, even the homebound!

Jesus left us plenty of examples with which to model our lives. The choices are ours, and I thank so many of you for stepping up and making a difference here!

Rejoice in the Resurrection!
Volunteers Needed for Advocates for Foster Children—
Become a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) and make a lasting difference in the life of a foster child. Much 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.

Theology on Tap for Young Adults in San Marcos—
Wednesday evenings, April 21 and 28, at Acapulco Mexican Restaurant in San Marcos. For more information, visit www.yamsd.org.

Art: A School for Contemplative Seeing Presentation in San Diego—Thursday, April 22, 7:00-8:30pm, Timken Museum of Art, Balboa Park. Presented by art historian Anne Hoehn and artist Regina Shin, RSCJ. For more information, contact 619-260-4784 or visit www.sandiego.edu/ccs.

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. The next concert will be on April 25 at 2:00pm. For more information, contact 619-239-0110 or www.mainlymozart.org.

Free Eye Disease Conference in San Diego—Wednesday, April 28, 9:00am-2:00pm, Braille Institute, 4555 Executive Dr., San Diego. Presentations on the latest research related to macular degeneration and neurological eye conditions, plus technology fair. For more information, contact Dave at 858-404-5000.

Healing Mass in Solana Beach—Wednesday, April 28, 6:30pm, at St. James Church in Solana Beach. Presider will be Fr. Mike Barry. Healing Prayer every Sunday after 9:00am Mass, second Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm, and third Saturday of each month after 5:00pm Mass. For more information, call 858-481-6911.

Interfaith Community Services Thank You Event in Escondido—Friday, April 30, 3:00-5:30pm, at Emmanuel Faith Community Church, 639 E. 17th St., Escondido. Food, entertainment, and loads of fun to celebrate all those who support Interfaith Community Services in many different ways. RSVP to Nustrat Symons, Volunteer Coordinator, at 760-489-6380 x221.

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

News from St. Francis Church—Our Neighbor

A few weeks ago, Fr. Mike and Fr. Bud Kaicher, Pastor of St. Francis Church, established a partnership between St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School and the Church of St. Thomas More. Both pastors are sincerely committed to promoting and supporting the Catholic education provided at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School. As a result of this partnership, St. Thomas More Parishioners will now be extended the same benefits and rewards as a St. Francis Parishioner, including: Parishioner priority for enrollment at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School, equal tuition rates, financial aid opportunities, and fundraising support.

Watch this section for news about St. Francis Church and School activities, and pray for the success of this relationship! Thank you, Fr. Bud and Fr. Mike, for your support!!!
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