

Church of St. Thomas More

A Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of San Diego

Spirituality † Tradition † Community



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Office Hours: Monday-Friday
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

August 1, 2010 • Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor's Column

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Ritual As Kingdom Play

I share some thoughts from Jesuit Fr. James L. Empeureur, vicar and liturgist at the San Fernando Cathedral in San Antonio that may be helpful to you in setting a context as you come to the Eucharist each week:

“Several years ago, Robert Hovda, one of America’s most pastorally oriented liturgists, wrote that the liturgy is like playing at the kingdom of God. What he meant was that in the ritual enactment of liturgical celebrations we momentarily act as if the kingdom of God has arrived. Liturgy is like a rehearsal for a play. When a theatre group is in its final rehearsal it does everything—music, costumes, directions—as if it is the actual performance. Only the full audience is absent. For Hovda, that is what liturgy should be. For an hour on Sunday the Christian community is in its final dress rehearsal. In the celebration it does everything as if the kingdom of God has arrived. All barriers between sexes, classes, races, and generations are brushed away. For

this hour, presider, ministers, and congregation are united in ‘playing the play.’ The only difference is that the kingdom has not yet arrived, and so when the worshipers leave the place of the assembly, all those old injustices, biases, and personal enmities reemerge in their attempt to govern their lives.

What Hovda and others saw so clearly is that all authentic worship must be contextualized by the reform of sinful structures and a ministry to the poor and oppressed.”

As we, the Church of St. Thomas More, gather together each week to celebrate the Eucharist may our worship be authentic. May we leave the Assembly reenergized to move in the midst of our world and society to reform sinful structures, to minister to the poor and oppressed, and to help bring about the kingdom of God for this time and place.

Fr. Mike

Join us for the Appreciation Reception for Jeff and Gale Gibbons and Ron and Louise Briseno
after the 10:30am Mass this Sunday!

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

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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.*

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**

Opportunity to Help Local Families in Need



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

These dates in 2010 are available for dinner adoption:

**September 26,
November 28, and December 26**

Many thanks to those who have stepped up to help with these dinners! For more information, contact Paul & Kalei Mendiola at 760-945-9042 or kaleiann@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.

Food Bank Contributions

Look for the blue barrels on the Plaza at weekend Masses to deposit your contributions for North County Community Services Food Bank in San Marcos. 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.



Readings for the Week Ahead

Sunday Year C; Weekday Year II
 Readings online at www.usccb.org.
Sunday, August 1 (114)
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23
 Psalm 90:3-6,12-14,17
 Colossians 3:1-5,9-11
 Luke 12:13-21
Monday, August 2 (407)
 Jeremiah 28:1-17
 Psalm 119:29,43,79,80,95,102
 Matthew 14:13-21
Tuesday, August 3 (408)
 Jeremiah 30:1-2,12-15,18-22
 Psalm 102:16-21,29,22-23
 Matthew 14:22-36
Wednesday, August 4 (409)
John Vianney, priest
 Jeremiah 31:1-7
 Jeremiah 31:10-12ab,13 (Psalm)
 Matthew 15:21-28
Thursday, August 5 (410)
 Jeremiah 31:31-34
 Psalm 51:12-15,18-19
 Matthew 16:13-23
Friday, August 6 (614)
The Transfiguration of the Lord
 Daniel 7:9-10,13-14
 Psalm 97:1-2,5-6,9
 2 Peter 1:16-19
 Luke 9:28b-36
Saturday, August 7 (412)
 Habakkuk 1:12-2:4
 Psalm 9:8-9,10-11,12-13
 Matthew 17:14-20
Sunday, August 8 (117)
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Wisdom 18:6-9
 Psalm 33:1,12,18-19,20-22
 Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19
 Luke 12:32-48

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 31, 5:00pm Georgia Taylor ☩
Sunday, August 1, 8:30am Frank Early
Sunday, August 1, 10:30am Peg & Carl Ayers ☩
Tuesday, August 3, 8:15am Clem Creaturo ☩
Wednesday, August 4, 8:15am Joe Coccaro ☩
Wednesday, August 4, 9:30am Johnny Mollish <i>Emeritus at Oceanside</i>
Thursday, August 5, 8:15am Agnus DeGroote ☩
Friday, August 6, 8:15am Joe Suozzo ☩
Saturday, August 7, 5:00pm Dolores Murchison ☩
Sunday, August 8, 8:30am Michelle Morowe ☩
Sunday, August 8, 10:30am Raymond Staehr ☩

Prayer List

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

Mary Alexander	Carol Michael
Laura Allenfort	June Mitchell
Lucia Ambriz	The Mitchell Family
Patricia Barbour	Nancy Moore
Cindra Bell	Margie Myers
John Bennici	R. Northrup
Regina Bentz	Helen O'Connell
Roseanne Berg	Lupe Casas Pelletier
George "Whitey" Betus	Helen Pingtella
Tamara Bousquet	Anne Post
Beatrice Brooks & Family	Otila Quiroz
Monica Broussard	Janet Raiman
Janet Brown	Josie Ramos
Roseanne Burg	Rita Ritchie
Jean Calderone	Joanne Robinson
Shelby Campbell	Sr. Loyola Romey
Claudia Caplinger	Dorothy Rouse
Paul Cassidy	The Russo Family
Flor Catap & Family	Nancy Scali
Paul Cipowski	Linda Schmidt
Dolly Cole	Freda Schweitzer
Carl Coleman	Teresa Shaffer
James Coleman	Richard Sikora
The Conley Family	Nick Soltau
Thomas Cornwell & Family	Martha Sosa
Karen Flaharty Daley	Ed Sox
Cecilia DeSimone	Gilda Spiegl
Lupe Diaz	Donna B. Stephens
Mary Dolnik	Marie Sterling
Betty Dorsa	Joan Stringer
Linda Dossman	Maria Surmenidis
The English Family	Mike Synder
Kathryn Ernst	Stephen Toth, Jr.
Beth Ewing	Barbara Upson
Bob & Boo Falconer	Arnie Velasco
The Fiore Family	Dominic Vienna, Jr.
Peggy & Jack Fischer	Vanessa Vitiello-Koble
Ryan Flum	Paul & Mai
Matthew Foster	Kevin Watson-Graff
Kathryn Franklin	Bea Wattam
Joe Freire	Ellen Webb
Carmen Garcia	John Whitton
Cierra Gerardi	
Rick Gonzalez	
Eileen Gough	
Judy Gregory	
Rosemary Haeffelin	
Anita Hage	
Susan Hallahan	
The Harker Family	
Rita Harnacker	
Mary Haynes	
Marge Heath	
Lilian Hills	
Sue Johnston	
Eileen Jones	
Paul Kennedy	
Debbie Kinney	
George Kleekamp	
The Catherine Koonce Family	
Sr. Anne Kremenik	
Helen Kuhn	
Lillian Lachance	
The Lamelin Family	
Bernie Lanzrath	
Rick Laver	
Brandon LeBlanc	
Cassandra Loretto	
Lauren Loretto	
James MacArthur	
Nancy Marley	
Bob McWilliams	

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

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.
 1st Lt. Jeffrey Bauer, USMC
 Pfc John Brandone
 PFC Jonathan Chasteler
 Lance Corporal Brandon Doyle, USMC
 MSGT Steve Gallegos, USMC
 BM2 Bobby Hartdegen, US Navy
 LCpl. Brandon Mann, USMC
 Staff Sgt. Travis M. Meyers, USAF
 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
 LT Billy Turley, USN

Calendar Highlights

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

The Week Ahead

- Aug 1 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
- Aug 1 Appreciation Reception for Retiring Youth Ministers
- Aug 8 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses

The Month Ahead

- Aug 11 Restaurant Fundraiser at Famous Dave's BBQ
- Aug 15 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
- Aug 15 New Member Reception
- Aug 22 Second Annual Pastor's Dinner

The Year Ahead

- Oct 17 STM 25th Anniversary Celebration
- Nov 6-24 Stewardship Awareness/Renewal
- Nov 7 Towers of Faith Reception
- Nov 11-12 First Annual STM Women's Retreat
- Nov 21 Thanksgiving Concert presented by the Music Ministry

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.

August 2 Sr. Ara Young, OCD
August 3 Sr. Jo Ceal Young, RSM
August 4 Sr. Adriana Rebeca Zuro, SJS
August 5 Sr. Elizabeth Abajo, SJS
August 6 Sr. Laura Abat, OSF
August 7 Sr. Ana Rosa Aceves, SJS
August 8 Sr. Ampelia Acuna, RJM

Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioners

John & Peggy Carroll & Family

In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Marie Sterling, who died on July 13. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, August 5, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please the family in your prayers.

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

Potluck

Join fellow Parishioners on Friday, August 20, at 6:00pm in the lower level of the Parish Center for a potluck. Bring one of your favorite main dishes, salads, or desserts. Wine is always appreciated. This gathering can be a great way to enjoy old friends and meet new ones. Please RSVP to Germaine Wilmott at 760-758-9949.

Missionary Cooperative Appeal

As part of the Diocesan Missionary Cooperative plan, Sister Mary Dietz spoke at all the Masses last weekend. She has been a missionary in Sierra Leone, West Africa, and in Nepal, Asia. She invites your partnership in the missionary work of her religious congregation, the School Sisters of Notre Dame.

Your generous donation unites you as missionary to our brothers and sisters around the world who are most in need of help. Envelopes were attached to the bulletin last weekend and may be returned any time during the month of August. Thank you!

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!

Travel plans this summer? Use Scrip and earn money for the Building Fund while you vacation!

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!

Annual Catholic Appeal 2010 Update

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

Pledge Total to Date: \$40,990

Households Responding: 295

Average Gift per Household: \$138.95

Amount needed to reach our goal: \$2,010

295 households out of 996 households have given a gift this year.

Please consider making a pledge/gift to the ACA. Any amount given will make a real difference. If 201 more households each make a gift of \$10, we can meet our "Fair Share."

Annual Catholic Appeal packets were mailed to all registered Parishioners and are also available at the Parish Office and at the Information Table on the Plaza after Mass. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Women's Guild News

The St. Thomas More Women's Guild is making plans for a great year. Look forward to a Hawaiian luau with delicious island food and Hawaiian dancers and singing, a free book exchange and talk by an author, a fashion show, game day, a new and fun program by Sally Fay, and many more interesting luncheon meetings. Come for the fun, food, and fellowship. Our first meeting will be September 13. Membership directories will be available at that time. More details on our first meeting will follow. In the meantime, join us on the plaza after mass to join the club, or put your registration slip and \$5 in the collection plate or box 35 in the office. We are looking forward to another wonderful year! Call Valerie Thompson at 760-630-1703 if you want more information.

Board meeting is August 2 at 10:00am at Valerie's home.

La Posada Thanks You!

Thank you to all our Parishioners who contributed a total of \$678 to the Fourth of July Raffle supporting the men's shelter, **La Posada de Guadalupe!** They are very grateful to our Parish for our part in helping them raise a net total of \$8,200. In addition, once again this year, two of our Parishioners were winners! Congratulations to Elizabeth Yeatts who won the \$500 first prize, and Donald Bistline who won the \$250 second prize! You may have read in the *North County Times* that the Carlsbad City Council voted last week to release the \$2,000,000 in the city's Agricultural Conversion Mitigation fund for the building of a permanent facility at **La Posada** which will house 50 farm workers and 50 men from the general homeless population. It is now one step closer to a reality!

Catholic Widows and Widowers of North County

CWWNC meets the second Sunday of each month for a general meeting and potluck (August 8 at Calavera Park in Carlsbad). On the fourth Saturday or Sunday of each month, we meet at various Catholic churches in North County for Mass. Prospective members are welcome anytime. Our active calendar of events includes dining, dancing, concerts, golf and several happy hours. For more information, contact Gerri Wilmott at 760-758-9949 or Carol Kope 760-758-4100 x100.

Would You Like to Join *JustFaith*?

JustFaith provides Parishioners with an opportunity to meet together to explore biblical tradition, the historic witness of the church, Catholic social teaching, and the relationship between spirituality and justice. The main focus of the course is on domestic and international poverty with topics ranging from the scriptural background of particular care for the poor, causes of hunger, racism, violence, consumerism, sexism, and third-world issues, to name but a few.



The course is approximately 30 weeks, one two-hour session a week, beginning the week of Monday, September 13, and concluding during the week of May 9, 2011. We will not meet around holidays like Thanksgiving and Christmas.

We have groups forming on the following days of the week: Tuesday (late afternoon), Thursday (morning), Wednesday (evening), Thursday (evening).

Costs: \$140 approximately, chiefly for books and duplicated material. Some small additional costs for two retreats, one at the beginning and one at the end. You will not pay for everything at once. Assistance is available for anyone who has a hardship.

For more information, contact Cathy Blecki at 760-603-8930 or Sr. Maureen Brown at 760-758-4100 x131.

Jeannie Wood described her experience with *JustFaith* this way: "As a co-facilitator of a *JustFaith* group, I want to convey my excitement, enthusiasm and profound gratitude for this unique and remarkable experience. *JustFaith* is a beautiful gift containing just what each participant needs for a fuller, richer, faith life. I found it to be a well-constructed, very creative course. Through its beautiful symbolic prayers, informative readings and videos, lively discussions as well as practical experiences in helping others, it has deepened my awareness of the needs of the poor and vulnerable here in Fairfax County and the rest of the world too. If you really want to put your faith into action *JustFaith* is just what you need!"

Treasures 2010

All St. Thomas More Parishioners are invited to participate in the excitement of this fundraiser to help build our permanent church. It will be held on Saturday, November 6 in the Parish Center parking lot, 9:00am-2:00pm. It will include Parish donated, salable tag sale items, arts and crafts, jewelry, and a fun *Kids Korner*. Anyone donating tag sale items will store the items in their homes until the event and bring them pre-tagged with prices. We are currently looking for volunteers to help with the planning and organizing of this fundraiser. Our first planning and organizational meeting will be held on Sunday,

August 8, at 6:30pm in the lower level of the Parish Center. Refreshments will be served. Please offer your support, experience, and enthusiastic interest by attending the meeting. Please call 760-758-4100 x157 to RSVP so we can plan on the number attending. Join us in this FUNdraiser by volunteering!



—*Judy & Jerry Buoniconti, Treasures 2010 Co-Chairs*

***Our Journey Into The Future . . . Together!*
Phase II ~ Our Permanent Church**

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SUCCESS

Pledge Statistics as of August 1

Total Phase II Responses	# of Families Responding
Unable to pledge at this time (10 of these families have been adopted)	31
Under \$100	23
\$100 and up	192
\$1,000 and up	79
\$1,500 and up	128
\$2,500 and up	82
\$4,500 and up	31
\$6,000 and up	21
\$10,000 and up	18
\$25,000 and up	2
\$50,000 and up	2
Total to Date	\$1,413,036 609
Still Needed	\$586,964 387
Total Goal	\$2,000,000 996

† **We have now heard from 61% of the Parish and are just over \$1.4 million.**

† **If you can afford \$5 per week (or month) and haven't responded, we'd love to hear from you. Same thing for \$10 per week (or month) and so on. Every gift helps!**

† 387 families have yet to respond. We need to hear from all our households, even if you choose not to donate, but to pray for our success at this time!

† **Thanks to the families who have adopted other families!**

† Please pray for the donations needed to build our new Church.

Packets are available after all Masses, the Parish Office, and on our website: www.stmoside.org; click on Our New Church.



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Liturgy & Music

Worship God

Douglas Lynn
Director of Liturgy and Music
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ON A PILGRIM JOURNEY WITH HOPE AND HARMONY



A few weeks ago, I returned from five days spent with 2,000 of my closest musical and liturgical friends at the annual conference of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM). We gathered to pray and sing, to learn and listen, and to re-connect and refresh.

We reveled in our community, thanked God for our differences in styles and gifts, and hoped for a future of new growth as we continue upon the Church's liturgical journey.

Along with twelve pounds of new sheet music for our congregation and music ensembles, I brought back both affirmation that we are doing things well liturgically and guidance for our future from some of the best minds in the business.

The convention was titled *Hope & Harmony*, acknowledging that times are difficult in the Church and in the world, and that we are called through our music, our liturgy, our Christian lives to be beacons of hope for the people of this world.

It was an inspiring week!

Sr. Kathleen Hughes, RSCJ, a former national provincial for her order and our keynote speaker, pointed us toward Peter's response to the conflicts and divisions in Church and in society in his First Letter (3:15):

Always be ready to give an account of the hope that is within you.

She encouraged us to think, study, and pray about our participation in liturgy, asking God's assistance to embrace our role as part of the assembly, avoiding the easy path of superficial participation, and so allow the liturgy to energize us that we might announce hope in our world and recommit ourselves to the obligations of justice and love that Christian discipleship requires.

Steven Janco, director of the Rensselaer Program of Church Music and Liturgy at St. Joseph's College, reminded us that our mission of hope requires that we overcome our differences. In the music arena, this can mean finding ways for our liturgies and music to honor the past, embrace the present, and encourage the new that awaits us in the future.

John Witvliet, director of the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, charged us to dispel the dichotomy of "ritual" versus "passion" in our ministries. He noted that these opposing approaches are at the heart of the Catholic versus Protestant divide, with Protestants finding Catholic worship overly structured and Catholics finding Protestant worship (especially the evangelicals) too unrestricted. In his view, the two approaches are mutually supporting, and the greatest passion for God can occur within ritualistic moments, if (!) we are fully enveloped in the ritual.

And finally, Melissa Musick Nussbaum, author of books and contributor to the National Catholic Reporter, explored the pilgrim journey that we undertake each Sunday—priest and people together on a journey toward God. Pilgrimages are rarely in a straight line, and pilgrimages take time to complete.

So, off we go! Where are we going? I'm not too sure. What direction will the path take? We'll see when we get there. How can we, all together, overcome the obstacles set before us? By walking forward. Together.

To achieve harmony in our community and our world, we must have hope. And we must be ready to give an account of that hope that dwells within us!



In the Book of Jeremiah we encounter a very human prophet, and a God who is alarmingly alive. Jeremiah makes it clear that no one chooses to fall into the hands of such a God. You are chosen, you resist, you resort to rage and bitterness and, finally, you succumb to the God who has given you your identity in the first place.

One monk said he was glad to be reading Jeremiah in the morning, and not at evening prayer, when there are more likely to be guests. "The monks can take it, he said, "but most people have no idea what's in the Bible, and they come unglued."

Excerpted from *The Cloister Walk*, by Kathleen Norris. Join the next installment of **Fr. Mike's Bookies** on Wednesday, August 11, at 9:00am or 7:00pm, as we explore this *New York Times* Notable Book of the Year.

Upcoming Music

AUGUST 7/8
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm Mass

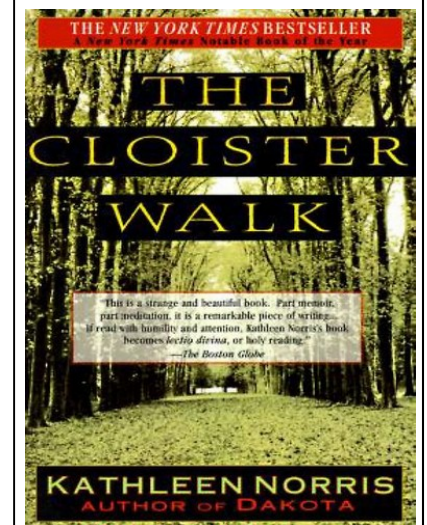
Cantor &
Congregation

8:30am Mass

Cantor &
Congregation

10:30am Mass

Cantor &
Congregation



Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

Kathleen Bell
Director of Faith Formation
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RE.A.CH

Religious Education for Adolescents and Children

Coming Soon for 2010-2011

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 in September, but we really want to get everyone registered now so that we can have enough catechists available. Classes fill on a first come, first serve basis.

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

With you in ministry,

Kathleen

PBJ Update

Food for children at Catholic Charities in Vista

2010 GOAL: 365 jars
Collected to date: 414 jars

“Let Us Give Thanks. . .

. . .to the Lord our God” and to Jeff and Gale Gibbons and Ron and Louise Briseno for their years of dedicated ministry to the youth of St. Thomas More!

Join us this Sunday, August 1, after the 10:30am Mass on the Plaza for a reception honoring these wonderful folks, as they move from this ministry to another form of service in our Parish as the Spirit leads them! We especially give thanks that they are not leaving us, just changing direction!



*Jeff and Gale
Gibbons*



*Ron and Louise
Briseno*

Information for Growth

37—Answer

What is a virtue?

D) a habit or firm disposition of doing good. (CCC 1803)



38—Question

Sacramentals

- A) give the grace of the Holy Spirit in the same way that celebration of the sacraments does.
B) are special prayers the priest says to administer the sacraments.
C) are objects, actions, and blessings that help us grow in holiness.
D) replace the liturgical life of the Church.



Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

Chris Smith
 Director of Stewardship & Development
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Christian Stewardship Mirrors and Windows

Mirrors and windows are both found in most homes and both made of glass, but differ in one very important way. Mirrors tell us about ourselves, while windows tell us about others.

Look into a mirror for even one minute, and you're almost guaranteed to see something you don't like. It may be a crooked hair part (easily fixable with a comb) or a need to lose weight (not so easy, even with a gym membership), but our appearances are so important to us that we're likely to at least want to improve what we can.

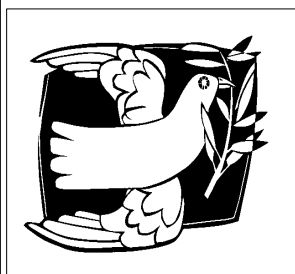
Windows are different. Through a window, we see the world around us. If we look long enough, we may see something or someone that needs help. It may be the lawn of a shut-in that needs mowing. It may be a new neighbor we could invite to church. Maybe it's only a can lying in the gutter, which we could drop in our recycling bin.

The question is, do we actually do any of these things?

If we all spent more time looking through windows instead of at mirrors, we could make the world a much better place.

We hear in today's first reading about the danger of vanity. Even in the old testament, people were warned to beware of vanity in all forms.

Then in the Gospel, we are reminded that we don't own anything here on earth. It is all on loan from God and we are told to be good stewards (managers) of God's gifts.



God gifted us with our talents and we are to use them wisely until Christ returns to hold us accountable. The Holy Spirit is our guide and we are smart to constantly listen to the messages that are sent our way in a variety of forms.

As part of their total stewardship, Christians are concerned about the dedication of their talents. They regard personal abilities to work and to lead as another evidence of God's loving care.

In a spirit of consecration, they desire to have those talents utilized in business, in the home, in church, in such a manner that they will make a contribution to the Kingdom of God on earth. These priorities are important to them, including during the summer months.

You may have a talent sitting inside your heart that you can use to serve your church. Discover what the Holy Spirit is calling you to do with that ability!

—Partially excerpted from *Parish Stewardship, August 2010* with permission

***What you are is God's gift to you.
 What you make of yourself is your gift to God.***

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"Did You Know?" Collection for July 2010 \$1,493

Collection for Week of July 24/25, 2010

Number of Registered Households		996
Offertory*	\$	4,685.44
Offertory (Loose Collection)		1,109.00
Children's envelopes		0.00
Total	\$	5,794.44

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News from the Larger Church

Young Adult Ministry Activities in San Diego County—Visit www.yamsd.org for complete information on events for young adults, including Theology on Tap in August, training for young adult ministry teams and leaders, and more!

Volunteer Opportunities for the Semi-Retired and Retired—The Jesuit-sponsored Ignatian Volunteer Corps may be for you! Volunteer opportunities are available one or two days per week. Serve the needs of local people who are poor, work for a more just society, and grow deeper in faith through reflection and prayer. All backgrounds are needed, particularly attorneys. Contact Margie Carroll, Regional Director at 619-881-9509 or mcarroll@ivcusa.org. Visit www.ivcusa.org.

Medieval Church History Lectures at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside—Thursdays through August 19, 10:00am or 7:00pm, with Fr. Tom Herbst, OFM. For more information, contact 760-757-3659 or www.sanluisrey.org.

Summer Sings in San Diego—Join the chorus! Based on the popular “Messiah” sing-along, these six Summer Sings represent an opportunity to learn a new work, sing an old favorite, practice your sight-reading, or work with a special conductor. There are NO rehearsals for these “Sings;” just come and enjoy. The next one is on Wednesday, August 4, 7:00pm, at First United Methodist Church, 2111 Camino del Rio South, San Diego. For more information, contact kenglund@sandi.net, 858-273-3288, or www.pacem-music.org/comingevents.php.

Mother of Life Conference in San Diego—Saturday, August 14, Viejas Arena at San Diego State University. Tickets are \$45. Featured speakers are Fr. Mitch Pacwa, Fr. Thomas Euteneuer, Callista and Newt Gingrich, and Lila Rose. Check the flyer in this bulletin or visit www.motheroflifeconference.com.

Dancing in the Courtyard at Aegis Living at Shadowridge—The popular summer series continues on Thursday August 19, 6:00-8:00pm, with *The Caravans*. Enjoy complimentary wine, hors d'oeuvres, live music, and dancing. RSVP by Monday, August 16, to 760-806-3600.

Magnificat Women’s Group Meeting in San Diego—Saturday, August 21, 9:30am at the Mission Valley Sheraton. Speaker Valerie Staples will share her personal testimony and her deep devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe. RSVP to 858-578-1256.

Lite Retreat: Beat the Heat at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside—August 23-September 5. Join us for one day or up to 14 days at our beautiful Retreat Center just four miles from the Pacific Ocean. Sessions on spirituality, lots of free time around the Mission, by our pool, at the beach, for BBQ’s, ocean bonfires, day trips—the days or weeks are your to create. Reasonable rates. For more information, call 760-757-3659.

Natural Family Planning (NFP) Classes in San Diego—Sympto-thermal method (99.6% effective). New class starting Tuesday, August 24 (continuing on September 7, October 5, and November 2) at the Diocesan Pastoral Center. For more information or to register, contact Dave & Cheryl Ross at 619-303-5053 or davidandcheryl@cox.net.

Elizabeth Hospice Summer Volunteer Training in Escondido—August 24, 25, and 26, 8:30am-3:00pm, at the Escondido Chamber of Commerce, 720 N. Broadway, Escondido. Elizabeth Hospice provides hospice and bereavement support to all of North County. Graduates of this training will be invited to volunteer for the Elizabeth Hospice in a variety of ways including Patient care, complementary therapies, support services, transitions, and transportation. For more information, contact Denise at 760-737-2050 or 800-797-2050.

John Michael Talbot in Concert in Anaheim—Saturday, September 4, 3:30-5:00pm, Anaheim Convention Center. This free concert is held in conjunction with the 39th Annual SCRC Catholic Renewal Convention. For more information, contact www.scr.org or 818-771-1361.

Marriage Encounter—Kids are back in school...time for you two! September 10-12. For more information or to registers, contact Mike and Anita Barletta at 866-473-7730 or barfive@cox.net.

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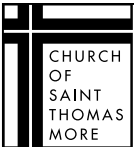
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