

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

August 8, 2010 • Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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Join the *JustFaith* Journey!

JustFaith is an innovative national program that is coming to our Parish beginning in September.

JustFaith works in partnership with the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, Catholic Charities USA, and Catholic Relief Services.

JustFaith provides a practical, proven strategy for empowering people to become thoughtful, energetic agents of the Church's efforts to create a more just world.

JustFaith has changed a lot of people's lives. And this, in turn, has made some Parishes' efforts in social ministry come alive. We are looking forward, as a Parish, to deepening our commitment to social justice through the *JustFaith* experience.

JustFaith is a 30-week justice education process that meets weekly employing books, videos, lecture, discussion, prayer, retreats, and hands-on experiences. The intent is to provide a tapestry of learning opportunities that emphasize and enliven the remarkable justice tradition of the Church.



JustFaith participants are exposed to not only a substantive and demanding course of study but are also afforded the privilege of becoming community with other participants and sharing a journey of faith and compassion that is both life-giving and challenging.

JustFaith will be a partnership between St. Francis Parish and St. Thomas More Parish. 37 people have already signed up and a number of small groups have formed which will be meeting on different days and times. Three other North County Parishes are getting onboard as well. The process begins in September.

JustFaith will be "co-facilitated" by Sr. Maureen, our Pastoral Associate, and our Parishioner, Cathy Blecki. If you would like more information, please contact either of them. (Sr. Maureen: 760-758-4100 x131; Cathy Blecki: 760-603-8930)

JustFaith is a very exciting and faith enriching experience. I am very excited that our Parish is involved. There is still time to get onboard!

JustFaith—join the *JustFaith* journey!

Fr. Mike

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.*

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 8 (117)
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wisdom 18:6-9

Psalms 33:1,12,18-22
Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19
Luke 12:32-48

Monday, August 9 (413)
Ezekiel 1:2-5,24-28c
Psalm 148:1-2,11-14
Matthew 17:22-27

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

Wednesday, August 11 (415)
Ezekiel 9:1-7;10:18-22
Psalm 113:1-6
Matthew 18:15-20

Thursday, August 12 (416)
Ezekiel 12:1-12
Psalm 78:56-59,61-62
Matthew 18:21-19:1

Friday, August 13 (417)
Ezekiel 16:1-15,60,63
Isaiah 12:2-6 (Psalm)
Matthew 19:3-12

Saturday, August 14 (418)
Maximilian Mary Kolbe, priest, martyr
Ezekiel 18:1-10,13b,30-32
Psalm 51:12-15,18-19
Matthew 19:13-15

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 7, 5:00pm
Dolores Murchison ☩

Sunday, August 8, 8:30am
Michelle Morowe ☩

Sunday, August 8, 10:30am
Raymond Staehr ☩

Tuesday, August 10, 8:15am
William Hoogestraat ☩

Wednesday, August 11, 8:15am
William Baker ☩

Wednesday, August 11, 9:30am
*All the sick of our Parish
Aegis at Shadowridge*

Thursday, August 12, 8:15am
Eleanor Lape ☩

Friday, August 13, 8:15am
Zoe Dorsa ☩

Saturday, August 14, 5:00pm
Jim & Nell McGlone

Sunday, August 15, 8:30am
Tom McGeary ☩

Sunday, August 15, 10:30am
Steve Brown ☩

Prayer List

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

Mary Alexander
Laura Allenfort
Lucia Ambriz
Patricia Barbour
Cindra Bell
John Bennici
Regina Bentz
Roseanne Berg
George "Whitey" Betus
Tamara Bousquet
Beatrice Brooks & Family
Monica Broussard
Janet Brown
Roseanne Burg
Jean Calderone
Shelby Campbell
Claudia Caplinger
Paul Cassidy
Flor Catap & Family
Paul Cipowski
Dolly Cole
Carl Coleman
James Coleman
The Conley Family
Thomas Cornwell & Family
Karen Flaharty Daley
Cecilia DeSimone
Lupe Diaz
Mary Dolnik
Betty Dorsa
Linda Dossman
The English Family
Kathryn Ernst
Beth Ewing
Bob & Boo Falconer
The Fiore Family
Peggy & Jack Fischer
Ryan Flum
Matthew Foster
Kathryn Franklin
Joe Freire
Carmen Garcia
Cierra Gerardi
Rick Gonzalez
Phil Goscienski
Eileen Gough
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

Carol Michael
June Mitchell
The Mitchell Family
Nancy Moore
Margie Myers
R. Northrup
Helen O'Connell
Lupe Casas Pelletier
Helen Pingtella
Anne Post
Otila Quiroz
Janet Raiman
Josie Ramos
Rita Ritchie
Joanne Robinson
Sr. Loyola Romey
Dorothy Rouse
The Russo Family
Nancy Scali
Linda Schmidt
Freda Schweitzer
Teresa Shaffer
Elizabeth Shirzad
Richard Sikora
Nick Soltau
Martha Sosa
Ed Sox
Gilda Spiegl
Donna B. Stephens
The Marie Sterling Family
Joan Stringer
Maria Surmenidis
Mike Synder
Stephen Toth, Jr.
Barbara Upson
Arnie Velasco
Dominic Vienna, Jr.
Vanessa Vitiello-Koble
Paul & Mai Vo
Kevin Watson-Graff
John Whitton
Nina Woodard

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

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

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 11 Fr. Mike's Bookies
Aug 15 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
Aug 15 New Member Reception
Aug 20 Parish Potluck
Aug 22 Second Annual Pastor's Dinner
Aug 27 Evening of Praise and Worship

The Year Ahead

Sep 5 Knights of Columbus Breakfast
Sep 12 RE.A.CH Classes begin
Sep 13 Women's Guild Luncheon
Oct 17 STM 25th Anniversary Celebration
Nov 6-24 Stewardship Awareness/Renewal
Nov 6 Treasures 2010
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 9 Sr. Marie Carmen Aguilar, UCSC
August 10 Sr. Luz Alicia Alvarez, SJS
August 11 Sr. Elizabeth of the Trinity Amabile, MC
August 12 Sr. Mary Amador, RJM
August 13 Sr. Adela Amoroso-Medrano, OLVM
August 14 Sr. Dolores Anchondo, CSJ
August 15 Sr. Mary Jo Anderson, CHS

Congratulations to

Clement & Phillis Hall

who celebrate their 52th wedding anniversary on August 9.

Paul & Bette Johansing

who celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary on August 10.

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

Flower Donations

We would like to gratefully acknowledge the contribution of:

Maria Elena Quiroz

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

Thank You

for your prayers for my son, John Quiroz, who has been on the prayer list, and is now doing much better. —*Maria Elena Quiroz*

In Gratitude

We would like to thank our parish family for all of the kind words, notes, gifts and prayers that you have given us as we transition out of youth ministry.

Please know that we feel very privileged and blessed to have worked with all of you!

*Sincerely in Christ,
Gale and Jeff Gibbons*

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!

An Evening of Worship with Love, Resonate

Friday, August 27 • 7:00-8:30pm

We invite you to join us for an evening of praise and worship at St. Thomas More, enjoying a new and spiritually enriching experience.



We will be led by **Love, Resonate**, a Catholic band from Chino Hills,

California, whose continuing call to follow the Lord has given them the opportunity to lead worship for retreats, conferences, parishes, missions, and at Steubenville San Diego. They will offer their gifts and talents to lead us closer to Christ, with an evening filled with great music, testimonies, and prayer.

Bring your whole family to share in this time of blessing. As always, neighbors and friends are welcome too!

Annual Catholic Appeal 2010 Update

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

Pledge Total to Date: \$41,005

Households Responding: 296

Average Gift per Household: \$138.53

Amount needed to reach our goal: \$1,995

296 households out of 995 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 133 more households each make a gift of \$15, 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

Attention 5:00pm Mass Attendees—Because of a miscommunication, the Women's Guild did not have anyone at a table after the 5:00pm Mass last week. There are still membership forms in Box 35 at the Parish Office, or you can just put your name, address, and phone number in an envelope labeled "Women's Guild" with \$5 and put it in the offertory collection basket. We are sorry for the inconvenience. Please do this soon, as we are putting together the membership directory.

September 13—A date to remember. For our first meeting of the year, Sally Fay has put together a wonderful, new organ program. Sally is a delightful and talented person, and we are so happy to once again have her for a program. She promises that it will be entertaining and fun. We will meet upstairs at 11:00am for the 30 minute program and short business meeting and then move to the downstairs for a delicious luncheon. Cost is \$8. Please call Valerie Thompson at 760-630-1703 or Mary Coxon at 760-599-8760. Membership directories will be available.

Restaurant Fundraisers

It is time again for our monthly restaurant fundraiser. Please check the flyer in today's bulletin. We are returning to Famous Dave's BBQ in Vista.

With your support, St. Thomas More has received \$2,900 so far this year.

Your continued patronage is appreciated!

Missionary Cooperative Appeal

As part of the Diocesan Missionary Cooperative plan, Sister Mary Dietz spoke at all the Masses two weeks ago. 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 two weeks ago and may be returned any time during the month of August. Thank you!

Dear St. Thomas More Parishioners,

Thank you for your warm hospitality during my missionary visit to St. Thomas More Parish. The School Sisters of Notre Dame are most appreciative of your prayer support as well as financial partnership to keep our missionary efforts viable. Know that the sisters also keep you in our prayer.

Congratulations on the 25th anniversary of the founding of your Parish. As I read through your bulletin, I could sense your tremendous participation and outreach. May you also experience God's bountiful blessings as you work together to build your church.

—Very Gratefully, Sr. Mary Dietz, SSND

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 Parishioner-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*

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.

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	\$586,964 386
Total Goal	\$2,000,000 995

† 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.



Chris Smith, Director of Stewardship and Development
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Liturgy & Music

Worship God

Douglas Lynn
Director of Liturgy and Music
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GREAT AND WORTHY!

St. Thomas More constantly pushes the envelope. And, no, I am not referring to the many opportunities for charitable giving that the Parish presents to its members and friends.

A colleague of mine likes to say that we are a medium-sized church acting like a megachurch. *This* is what I am talking about.

In a Parish made up of about 1,000 families, we seem to be doing the good works of a faith community four times our size.

In a diocese where fifty percent of the people is a great response for a capital campaign, *ninety* percent of the Parish responded in the first phase of our current campaign.

At a recent conference for liturgists and musicians, it was heartening to be encouraged to do all sorts of things that this Parish already does.

Our liturgies are up-to-date, incorporating all the things that the bishop has asked his pastors to implement. Our musicians present music in support of the whole faith community, at *all* the Masses. Our ecumenical and interfaith activities are robust, strengthening our ties to our brothers and sisters in faith, Christian and otherwise.

All of this is good. So, one could ask, what might be left to do?

In his apostolic letter *At the Close of the Great Jubilee Year of 2000*, Pope John Paul II wrote about the current and coming need for increased participation by the people of the Church:

"[T]he Church of the Third Millennium will need to encourage all the baptized and confirmed to be aware of their active responsibility in the Church's life. Together with the ordained ministry, other ministries...can flourish for the good of the whole community,

sustaining it in its many needs: from catechesis to liturgy, from education of the young to the widest array of charitable works."

This past spring, Fr. Mike, Liturgy Committee Chairperson Kathy Arciero, and I sat down to begin a process intended to reshape our Liturgy Committee and to start it down the path that will allow it to support the demands that our Parish's future will place upon its liturgies.

This past weekend, the reconstituted Liturgy Committee sat down for the first time to begin a journey that will further strengthen the liturgical actions of this community, encourage the Church's stated goal of full, conscious, and active participation by the assembly, and increasingly support this faith family as they participate in their ministerial roles.

The demands on individual priests are increasing as their numbers decrease, so it is critically important for the non-ordained members (laity) of the Church to step up to assist in areas that weren't previously part of the laity's charge.

For us, there are eminently practical implications. Before we move in to our new permanent worship space, we will need a sufficient number of trained ministers—and the ability to recruit, train, encourage, and evaluate them—to support a liturgical space fifty percent larger than the space we occupy now.

In his song, *Great Is the Lord*, Michael W. Smith puts it this way:

Great is the Lord and worthy of glory / Great is the Lord and worthy of praise

What we already have is good, very good at times. What we strive for is to continue to be worthy! For our great God!

—Douglas



Upcoming Music

AUGUST 14/15
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

5:00pm Mass

Cantor & Congregation

8:30am Mass

Cantor & Congregation

10:30am Mass

Cantor & Congregation

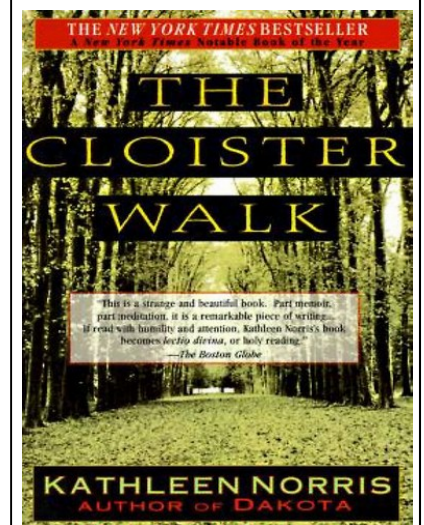
THIS WEEK!

FR. MIKE'S BOOKIES

Wednesday, August 11

9:00am or 7:00pm

Douglas Lynn will lead an exploration of Kathleen Norris' *The Cloister Walk*.



Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

Kathleen Bell
Director of Faith Formation
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New Beginnings

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

for preschool, kindergarten,
elementary, and middle school

Ages 3, 4, 5

- Meet September 12 –May 15
- Two times a month
- During the entire 10:30 Mass

Ages 6-13

- Meet September 12-May 15
- Two times a month
- Either
12:30-2:00pm or
5:00-6:30pm

Home Sessions are outlined for the weeks that are not Church Sessions.

Faith Formation is a partnership with Church Catechists supporting parents in their responsibility to develop children in the Faith.

TEEN FAITH FORMATION

for high school

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- *Phase 1* welcomes high schoolers of all ages who would like to begin the Confirmation process.

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- *Phase 2* is for those who have completed Phase 1 and are committed to prepare for Confirmation, 2011.

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- *Phase 3* welcomes:
 - teens already Confirmed, or
 - teens not called to Confirmation at this time

for Bible Study in a peer group setting

YOUTH GROUP

for middle school and high school

I am so excited to get things started this month and begin the journey with you all!

Hope to see you all here, and bring a friend! It is going to be a great year!



Marc

Middle School Youth Group

- Meets two Mondays each month
- From 5:00-6:30pm
- Beginning August 16

Join us for some great “End of Summer” Activities!

High School Youth Group

- Meets every Monday evening
- From 7:00-8:30pm
- Beginning August 16

LEAD

Youth Leadership Team

- Welcomes all Confirmed high school and college-age students who would like to join the team
- First meeting: Wednesday, August 11, 7:00pm

Last Minute RE.A.CH* Sign-ups:

Next Sunday, August 15, after the Masses
for all registered Parish families

*Religious Education for Adolescents and Children

Watch your mailbox
for the new Adult Faith Formation
brochure on

FAITH: THE ROAD FOR LIFE



Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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

Christian Stewardship

“For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.”

—Luke 12:32-48

The trash we put on the curb to be discarded reveals much about who we are and what we do in life. It contains the packaging of the products that we treasure. It reveals where our hearts are.

What is in our trash? Is it packaging from the latest electronic games, the best type of athletic equipment, the current fashion in clothes (no matter how revealing), the appliances with the most features, containers that held gourmet foods, too many empty liquor bottles and beer cans, and the shredded documents of the fortune we are trying to amass?

There are some people whose hearts are not revealed by their trash. They have no trash. Sadly, they have nothing to throw away. They do not have sufficient food and they have very little clothing.

We would do well to remember these words of Jesus, “Much will be required of the person who has much, and still more of the person entrusted with more.”

When we bring our trash to the curb we should ask, “How much treasure have I been entrusted with? What does this trash reveal about my heart?” —Dcn. Jerry Martinez, Archdiocese of New Orleans, Parish Stewardship, August 2010 with permission

Today’s Gospel gets straight to the point and cuts off any thoughts about procrastination of taking God’s word seriously. Of course, I can only speak for myself, but who would want to be in the position of waiting too long to do the Will of God?

Once again, it feels like “preaching to the choir” here at St. Thomas More, but there just might be some out there reading this who just don’t feel quite ready to become involved or contribute anything to the Church.

Fr. Mike’s description of our Parish as one of intentionality is right on target. We don’t get caught up in making excuses for *not* doing things, but instead get straight to those things that need to be done. It makes us happy to be making a difference.

As Christian stewards, we gratefully return our gifts of time, talents and resources to do the Will of God.



If God knocked at your door today, how would you answer?

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?

Collection for Week of July 31/August 1, 2010

Number of Registered Households		995
Offertory*	\$	7,491.05
Offertory (Loose Collection)		1,011.00
Children's envelopes		1.00
Total	\$	8,503.05

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Ways to Help Support Your Parish

We offer a variety of options for easier giving. In addition to the extra “mail-back” envelopes included in your packet, we offer automatic credit card withdrawal (Visa, MC, or Discover) and automatic checking/savings account deduction. For more information, contact the Parish Office at 760-758-4100 x100 or parish.office@stmoside.org.

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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.

Franciscan Theology Series at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside—Mondays, August 9-August 30 with Fr. Tom Herbst, OFM. Take a fresh look at Christ, the Christian community, the natural world in which we live, and the praxis of living that we call spirituality. For more information, contact 760-757-3659 or www.sanluisrey.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.

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.

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 18, 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.

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.

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.

Separated/Divorced Support Group in Solana Beach—If you are in pain from a separation or divorce, please consider joining our support group. We meet 10:15am Sunday mornings at St. James Catholic Church Ministry Center Offices, 625 S. Nardo, Solana Beach. \$20 for DivorceCare workbook. New support group forming September 12. For additional information please contact Frank Grant at 760-533-1520 or fwgrant@earthlink.net.

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.scrc.org or 818-771-1361.

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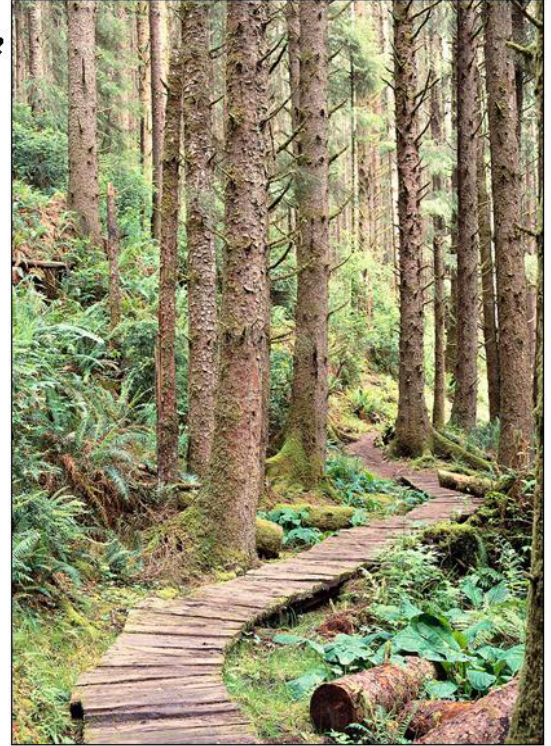


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Sr. Maureen Brown at 760.758.4100 x131, Cathy Blecki at 760.603.8930, or stop by the table on the Plaza after Masses August 7-8 or August 14-15.

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