

Bishop Robert Brom, Fr. Peter McGuine, and Fr. Ken Kieffer, OFM, presided at the dedication of our land in December 1999.

This space will be featuring different memories from our history each week. See page 4 for more details.

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

September 12, 2010 • Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor's Column

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Perseverance

If you are interested in the works of Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, a Jesuit priest and a paleontologist who died in the 1950's, I would encourage you to read his book, *Letters from a Traveller*. It is a compilation of his correspondence to a variety of people. The book is out of print, but copies can be found in used bookstores.

Fr. Pierre was raised in France and spent much of his life in China. He was a scientist and a mystic who attempted to create a theology that united science and Christianity within the framework of the Catholic Faith.

During his lifetime he wrote a number of books. All his writing was prohibited from being published by the Catholic Church because his theology was considered "unorthodox." Pierre

Teilhard de Chardin struggled with this prohibition all his life, but he remained a faithful priest and member of the Church and abided by this order.

Only after his death were his books published! He knew that someday there would be a time and a place for his ideas. In the last 40 years his writings continue to gain much popularity and provide much in helping people to once again look at God and the universe with a sense of awe and mystery rather than a sense of dread and fear.

His works include: *The Phenomenon of Man*, *The Future of Man*, *The Divine Milieu*, and *Hymn of the Universe*.

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Did You Know?

All of the trees on the Parish Campus are once again in need of trimming. This trimming is necessary for their proper growth in the future, and needs to be done on a regular basis. Total cost is a little over \$5,000. We are holding off at this time due to constraints on our Operations Budget. Your gift to the "Did You Know?" Campaign will help us properly maintain the landscaping that graces our Parish Campus.

Our Mission is to: worship God,

Mass Schedule:

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

Rite of Reconciliation (Confession):

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

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

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

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

Communion for the Homebound/Hospitalized:

Contact Parish Office at 760-758-4100 x100

Anointing of the Sick: Contact Parish Office

Matrimony:

Contact Parish Office a minimum of nine months in advance

*For further information, call Rev. Michael Ratajczak
at 760-758-4100 x100 or michaelr@stmoside.org.*

teach and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ,

Inquiry into the Catholic Faith:

First and third Thursday evenings

Religious Education for Youth & Children:

Two times a month, September-May, on Sundays

Religious Education for Adults: Various times, September-May

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

Little Rock Scripture Study:

Weekly sessions, morning or evening

High School Youth Ministry: Monday evenings

Middle School Youth Ministry:

Two Monday evenings per month

Preparation for the Sacraments:

Baptism (for infants):

Begins with an appointment with the Pastor

Baptism (7-14 yrs.)/RCIA:

One to two year process with children and parents

Baptism (adults)/RCIA:

One to two year process; weekly sessions

First Reconciliation: In home process begins in Level 1

First Communion:

In home process begins after First Reconciliation

Confirmation: Minimum two year process of preparation;
begins in high school

*For further information, call Kathleen Bell
at 760-758-4100 x110 or kathleenb@stmoside.org.*

and serve God's people in word and deed.

There are many groups who serve our Parishioners
and provide outreach to the local community.

*For further information, see page 10, or call Chris Smith
at 760-758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org.*

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

Knowing this about his life, these words of his on perseverance written to a friend in France, take on even more meaning:

Never give up: try to attack it from another angle, the correct angle—where success is in proportion not to the extension of the individual but to the constancy in the effort to make the world around God less harsh and more human. If the pressure of events can induce you to make the mental sacrifice of every personal ambition in favor of a higher duty, I am convinced that you can reach a degree of emancipation and clearness of vision in relation to the external world, far greater than you imagine. One must contrive to preserve a real appetite for life and action whilst at the same time renouncing any desire for personal happiness. Therein lies the secret—and not illusion—of living in the “Divine Milieu.”

His message, which is so counter cultural in today's world, is life giving. It is a message of promoting the Common Good over personal ambition and fulfillment. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin knows of what he speaks!

May we continue to work for and choose the common good over personal ambition and fulfillment.

F. Mike

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.

Brother Benno's Annual Toiletry Drive

September 25-26

It's time for the annual Brother Benno's toiletry and underwear drive. Gather all the goodies you have been saving over the last year, and donate them on the weekend of September 25-26. Soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, men's and women's razors, shaving cream, deodorant, etc., and NEW men's, women's, and children's underwear and socks will be accepted. Look for the marked donation vehicles before and after each Mass. As always, thank you for your generous support of Brother Benno's.

JustFaith Begins This Week!

Consider JustFaith and Catholic Social Teaching

JustFaith sessions begin this week, so for those who have signed up, remember to attend your session!

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



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, September 12 (132)
Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Exodus 32:7-11,13-14
 Psalm 51:3-4,12-13,17,19
 1 Timothy 1:12-17
 Luke 15:1-32

Monday, September 13 (443)
John Chrysostom, bishop, doctor
 1 Corinthians 11:17-26,33
 Psalm 40:7-10,17
 Luke 7:1-10

Tuesday, September 14 (638)
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
 Numbers 21:4b-9
 Psalm 78:1b-2,34-38
 Philippians 2:6-11
 John 3:13-17

Wednesday, September 15 (445/639)
Our Lady of Sorrows
 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13
 Psalm 33:2-5,12,22
 John 19:25-27 or Luke 2:33-35

Thursday, September 16 (446)
Cornelius, pope, martyr, and Cyprian, bishop, martyr
 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
 Psalm 118:1b-2,16ab-17,28
 Luke 7:36-50

Friday, September 17 (447)
Robert Bellarmine, bishop, doctor
 1 Corinthians 15:12-20
 Psalm 17:1bcd,6-7,8b,15
 Luke 8:1-3

Saturday, September 18 (448)
 1 Corinthians 15:35-37,42-49
 Psalm 56:10c-14
 Luke 8:4-15

Sunday, September 19 (135)
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Amos 8:4-7
 Psalm 113:1-2,4-8
 1 Timothy 2:1-8
 Luke 16:1-13

Mass Intentions	
Saturday, September 11, 5:00pm	Jeff & Philip Lavelle ☩
Sunday, September 12, 8:30am	Donna Smith
Sunday, September 12, 10:30am	Luci Palmer ☩
Tuesday, September 14, 8:15am	Teresa Monts & Family
Wednesday, September 15, 8:15am	Frank Santacroce & Family
Thursday, September 16, 8:15am	Bonnie Swit & Family
Friday, September 17, 8:15am	Kelly & Todd Snyder & Family
Saturday, September 18, 5:00pm	Bernie Weiler ☩
Sunday, September 19, 8:30am	Mary Margaret O'Toole
Sunday, September 19, 10:30am	Duilia Colucci ☩

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

Saquer Abdou
 Mary Alexander
 Laura Allenfort
 Lucia Ambriz
 Patricia Barbour
 Lois Baxter
 Linda Belanger
 John Bennici
 Regina Bentz
 Roseanne Berg
 George "Whitey" Betus
 Tamara Bousquet
 Monica Broussard
 Janet Brown
 Roseanne Burg
 Shelby Campbell
 Claudia Caplinger
 Keaton Cardillo
 Paul Cassidy
 Flor Catap & Family
 Paul Cipowski
 Olivia Cokeley & Family
 Dolly Cole
 Carl Coleman
 James Coleman
 Karen Flaharty Daley
 Cecilia DeSimone
 The Diaz & Gillen Families
 The Dorsa Family
 Linda Dossman
 Betsy Draper
 Kathryn Ernst
 Bob & Boo Falconer
 Flora Fallone
 The Fiore Family
 Peggy & Jack Fischer
 Ryan Flum
 Matthew Foster
 Kathryn Franklin
 The Franklin Family
 Joe Freire
 Carmen Garcia
 Cierra Gerardi
 Rick Gonzalez
 Eileen Gough
 Robert Gray
 Rosemary Haeffelin
 Anita Hage
 Susan Hallahan
 The Harker Family
 Rita Harnacker
 Dorothy Harrison
 Lillian Hazzard
 Marge Heath
 Lillian Hills
 Rosemary Hodgson
 Joshua Johnston
 Sue Johnston
 Eileen Jones
 Paul Kennedy
 Debbie Kinney
 George Kleekamp
 Helen Kuhn
 Lillian Lachance
 The Lamelin Family
 The Langeweg Family
 Bernie Lanzrath
 Rick Laver
 Brandon LeBlanc
 Cassandra Loretto
 Lauren Loretto
 James MacArthur
 The Marie Sterling Family
 Makenna Marlaire & Family
 Nancy Marley
 The McCoy Family
 Virginia McWalters
 Bob McWilliams
 Lorraine Micallef
 Carol Michael
 June Mitchell
 David Moala
 Shannon Moala
 Nancy Moore
 Margie Myers
 Cosmo Nocida
 Eleanor Novosel
 Helen O'Connell
 Lupe Casas Pelletier
 Helen Pingtella
 Anne Post
 Otila Quiroz
 Janet Raiman
 Rita Ritchie
 Joanne Robinson
 Maria Rogers
 Sr. Loyola Romey
 Dorothy Rouse
 The Russo Family
 Nancy Scali
 Linda Schmidt
 The Douglas E. Schulte Family
 Freda Schweitzer
 Elizabeth Shirzad
 Richard Sikora
 Mike Snyder
 Nick Soltau
 Martha Sosa
 Ed Sox
 Gilda Spiegl
 Joan Stringer
 Pete Sullivan
 Maria Surmenidis
 The Thompson Family
 Stephen Toth, Jr.
 Barbara Upson
 Arnie Velasco
 Lucy Vienna
 Dominic Vienna, Jr.
 Vanessa Vitiello-Koble
 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
 Sep 12 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
 Sep 12 RE.A.CH Classes begin

The Month Ahead
 Sep 13 Women's Guild Luncheon
 Sep 19 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
 Sep 19 RE.A.CH High School begins
 Sep 24 Aegis Dinner
 Sep 26 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
 Sep 26 RE.A.CH Classes, including high school

The Year Ahead
 Oct 3 Knights of Columbus Breakfast
 Oct 9 Men's Prayer Breakfast
 Oct 17 STM 25th Anniversary Celebration
 Oct 23-24 Women's Guild Bake Sale
 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

Next Year
 Jan 23 New Member Reception

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.

September 13	Sr. Maria Casas, SJS
September 14	Sr. Margaret Castro, SFCC
September 15	Sr. KyungAh Chang, RSCJ
September 16	Sr. Abigail Chavez, SJS
September 17	Sr. Katia Chavez, SJS
September 18	Sr. Ancilla Chen, SSS
September 19	Sr. Justine C. Church, MMS

Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioner

Pamela Pitts
Jose & Olivia Quintero & Family
Kenneth & Tamara Solari & Family

Flower Donations

We would like to gratefully acknowledge the contributions of:

Pat & Tom Hannon

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



In Memoriam

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Mary Jane McCoy, who died September 5. Her funeral service was celebrated in North Dakota. Please keep her son, Dean McCoy, and 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.

STM Scrip News

Scrip is now available for purchase **FOUR** different ways!

1. Monday-Friday during business hours in the Parish Office
2. Online at www.stmoside.org, click on Contact Us, then click on Scrip
3. Email at scrip@stmoside.org
4. Phone at 760-758-4100 x150

Orders may be picked up after Mass on the weekend or at the Parish Office during the week.

Women's Guild News

REMEMBER!! Our first meeting of the year is this Monday, September 13. Come hear Sally Fay's fun program and enjoy a good lunch and fellowship. It's not too late! We start at 11:00am on the upper level. Call Valerie Thompson at 760-630-1703.

Thank You

I sincerely thank the Women's Guild for sending flowers for my husband Gene's memorial, and most especially for his enrollment in the Sacred Heart Spiritual Society. That is such a blessing to me and deeply appreciated. —Valerie Thompson

Entertainment Books

The Knights of Columbus are offering Entertainment Books again this year. The books more than pay for themselves with great deals on dining out, travel, shopping services, and entertainment. All proceeds go toward supporting St. Thomas More and various charities. See the Knights on the Plaza after most Masses throughout the remainder of 2010 to purchase your book.

Memories from Our History

For our 25th anniversary year, we will be featuring different historical photos and memories on the bulletin cover each week. If you have any photos or memories you would like considered, please email them to parishoffice@stmoside.org or bring them to the Parish Office.

STM 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION ~ OKTOBERFEST ~ SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17

🍷 Enjoy fun, fellowship, great food, and music with family & friends! 🍷



- 🍷 Festivities in the STM parking lot – shade, tables & chairs will be set up
- 🍷 Celebrate from 12:00-4:00pm; food service from 1:00-3:00pm
- 🍷 Tickets: Adults-\$10 and Children under 12-\$5; Maximum-\$30 for a family; On sale after weekend Masses and weekdays in the Parish Office
- 🍷 Bratwurst or hot dog, German potato salad, green salad, and fruit salad with chips, veggie tray, and dessert
- 🍷 Beer, wine, soda, and water will be available for donation
- 🍷 Bounce house for the kids
- 🍷 LIVE Oktoberfest music provided by the Tommy Thompson band
- 🍷 Karaoke entertainment provided by Lynn Leahy with sound provided by Jim Treat

STM 25TH COMMEMORATIVE T-SHIRTS ~ Maroon Crew and Navy V-necks available

🍷 Anniversary t-shirts ~ Maroon Crew neck \$10 & Navy V-neck \$12 🍷
T-shirts for sale after all Masses at the ticket table on the Plaza

🍷 **TICKETS WILL NOT BE SOLD AT EVENT** 🍷
Last Day to buy tickets ~ October 10th after 10:30 Mass

For more information, contact Henny Jocelyn at 760-758-4100 x100 or hennyj@stmoside.org

North County Solutions for Change Open House

Saturday, September 25 • 11:00am-3:00pm

North County Solutions for Change is a Vista-based agency that has an innovative program for achieving a solution to family homelessness. For several years our Parishioners have been taking meals to the intake facility, as well as providing Christmas gifts, school backpacks, books, and clothing for the resident children.



An Open House for St. Thomas More Parishioners is scheduled for Saturday, September 25, from 11:00am to 3:00pm. This is a great opportunity to visit the California Avenue housing facility in Vista to tour the apartments and support building. There will be a complimentary lunch for Parishioners attending. In addition, there will be activities for the kids, including a puppet show, a bounce house, and face painting. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks!

Questions? Contact Dick & Charlene Belprez at 760-295-1431.

Little Rock Bible Study

Beginning Wednesday, September 15, at 9:00am, or Thursday, September 16, at 7:00pm, you are invited to join us for a six-week session of Little Rock Scripture Study entitled *The Way of Justice and Peace*.



The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines justice as “the cardinal moral virtue which consists in the constant and firm will to give (our) due to God and to neighbor.” Because God is calling each of us to lives of justice, consider being a part of this Bible Study as we discern what God is asking us to do in our world today to follow as God’s disciples.

As we look at our world with its problems, it can become an overwhelming experience. Let us learn together what our response can be to God. For further information, contact Pauline Lapre at 760-727-8339.

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

The journey is essential to the dream.

—St. Francis of Assisi

Pledge Statistics as of August 24

Total Phase II Responses	# of Families Responding
Unable to pledge at this time (10 of these families have been adopted)	33
Under \$100	23
\$100 and up	197
\$1,000 and up	80
\$1,500 and up	129
\$2,500 and up	85
\$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	\$1,426,551 621
Still Needed	\$573,449 374
Total Goal	\$2,000,000 995



O God,
 the builder of all things,
 You have placed on us
 the obligation of toil.

Grant that the work we do
 toward providing our faith community
 with a permanent spiritual home
 for prayer, nourishment and sacrifice
 may serve to better our lives
 and give you greater honor and glory.

Through your goodness,
 may our acts of generosity,
 given not merely from our excess
 but also from our need,
 contribute to the spread
 of the kingdom of Christ,
 who lives and reigns
 with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God forever and ever.
 Amen.

Chris Smith, Director of Stewardship and Development
 760-758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org

Aegis Living
 at Shadowridge

Wow ~ thanks to all those who signed up for this event! Spaces were all reserved by the last Mass on August 29. We now have a waiting list. A great time is in store!



Thank you Aegis!

Our neighbors at Aegis Assisted Living are gifting us with a fantastic fundraiser to benefit STM! Aegis is assuming the entire cost for this evening with 100% of the monies to benefit our church!

Friday, September 24

First Annual St. Thomas More Gala!

For further information, contact Chris Smith at 760-758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org.

Liturgy & Music

Worship God

Douglas Lynn
 Director of Liturgy and Music
 douglasl@stmoside.org; 760-758-4100 x140

LOST AND FOUND

Scripture Themes for September

by Patricia Datchuck
 Sánchez and Rafael
 Sánchez Alonso,
 Celebration
 September 2010.

By permission.

American psychologist and educational reformer John Dewey (1859-1952) once said that a person never seems to know what anything means until he or she has lost it. This is the reason, suggested Dewey, why losses or the “vanishing away of things” are among the greatest teachers in this world. The full significance and value of family, friends, wealth, ease, and health are not known until these are taken away. In this vacuity, there is much to learn for those who are willing to be instructed by loss.

This month, the sacred texts challenge us to learn the lessons that loss may teach in order that we may become better disciples of Jesus. On Sept. 5, the Lucan Jesus held out the loss or the renouncement of our possessions as a way that we can achieve greater attachment to the true values in our life—the most important of which is our belonging to Jesus and our sharing in his mission of service to others. On Sept. 26, Jesus’ parable features the rich man and Lazarus and offers dramatic testimony to the foolishness of clinging to what is transient while neglecting the needs of others. Not only did the rich man lose his life and all his riches, he also forfeited his share of the treasures of God’s everlasting reign.

Through the loss of his job, the steward featured in Jesus’ parable on Sept. 19 learned how to change his ways in order to ensure his survival. Unlike the rich man, who waited too long to change and whose experience of loss became permanently irreversible, the steward, despite his initial dishonesty, developed coping skills that would sustain him and secure his future.

Triple losses are featured in the uniquely Lucan Gospel on Sept. 12. As the value of each loss escalates—

first a sheep, then a coin, then a beloved son—the pathos of the parable builds. Finding the one lost sheep out of the 100, finding the one lost coin out of the 10, finding the son who chose to be lost...all lead into a verbal crescendo of rejoicing. As it builds, Jesus’ disciples learn that their experiences of loss can become opportunities to be found and forgiven by God, who has perfected a delightful version of “finders-keepers.”

As we allow these texts to speak to our own experiences, we are invited to deepen our appreciation of our losses, both large and small, as teachable moments. Each can be an opportunity for growth and for redirecting our path toward God. Small losses, which are of little consequence, can teach patience. More significant losses, like that of a job or one’s home or one’s savings, offer painful lessons in perseverance and perspective. But even greater losses like that of a loved one through divorce or to addiction, to disease or to death, weigh heavily on the human heart. Still, these losses, however difficult they are to bear, are not the most costly. The loss of oneself or another to sin and the resulting alienation from God—or even worse, the loss of one’s faith in God, who seeks out the lost and waits eagerly for their return—these are losses that can alter lives and that ultimately can end in death.

These are the losses that were addressed in Jesus’ parables, through which he led his listeners to realize the character and the depth of God’s love. Like the shepherd who leaves the 99 sheep to look for the stray, like the father who searches the horizon for a first glimpse of his returning son, so does God long for the safe return of the lost. Today, when a child is lost, an Amber Alert is immediately issued so that all law



enforcement agencies and the general public might cooperate in finding and returning that child to its parents. When necessary, authorities follow up this alert by posting the child’s picture in a variety of public venues. Since Etan Patz disappeared from Soho, New York, in May 1979, parents of the lost have been putting their child’s face on milk cartons, hoping to reach as many people as possible so that their child might be returned. If Jesus’ parables were retold today and set against the backdrop of our 21st-century experiences, he might say that the name of every beloved child of God has been broadcast in an Amber Alert. Similarly, the picture of every lost loved one is posted on a milk carton, and the God who loves and searches for each of us is waiting to throw a party to celebrate our safe return.

Finders keepers!

Upcoming Music

SEPTEMBER
 18/19
 25th Sunday
 in Ordinary
 Time

5:00pm Mass

Sanctuary Choir

8:30am Mass

Praise Teams

10:30am Mass

Handbell Choir

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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

Welcome!

Dear Parishioners, especially parents,

Today as we begin a new year of religious education at St. Thomas More, we are reminded that

“At the heart of catechesis we find, in essence, a Person, the Person of Jesus of Nazareth.”

—Pope John Paul II

Whether you are

- a young person beginning the RE.A.CH program,
- a parent entering into partnership with the church catechist,
- or a parishioner becoming involved in Bible Study or our Adult Faith Formation opportunities . . .

it is all about the Person of Jesus.

Jesus questioned his disciples

“Who do you say that I am?”

—Mark 8:29

Each of us is challenged to respond with clarity and conviction who Jesus is—
for me and for the world.

Our response includes our whole person:
body, mind, spirit.

If my faith is not lived on every level
of my daily life, there is room to grow.

As we grow in spirituality this year, no matter
how young or old we are, may we:

- find new passion in our search to *know Jesus* and his message
- be nourished by the *liturgy and sacraments*
- struggle every day with the demands of the Gospel in our own *moral formation*
- realize the essential value of *prayer* in our own lives
- *live in genuine community*, at home, school, work, church, neighborhood, world
- learn by doing as we live out the *mission of Jesus* to love and serve others

Keep it simple, live one day at a time . . . the reward? . . .
a deeper relationship with the person of Jesus!

With you on the journey,

Kathleen

PBJ Update

Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center

2010 GOAL: 365 jars
Collected to date: 476 jars

Today is a **RE.A.CH** day!

RE.A.CH
Religious Education for Adolescents and Children

9:45-10:20am

Open House for parents and PK-8
students ~ Lower Level

10:30-11:45 Class for 3, 4, 5 year olds

12:30- 2:00 Class for Levels 1-8

5:00- 6:30 Class for Levels 1-8

High School Faith Formation

Core Courses for Teen Faith Formation begin Sunday, September 19 from 6:30-8:30pm. Core Courses last for six consecutive Sundays.

High School Youth Ministry

With the excitement of this new year we have a new beginning! We have started Youth Groups with energy and new style, and we are continually growing!

Each Monday evening from 7:00-8:30pm is filled with fun, interactive games, small groups, community, and fellowship. We engage and talk about our faith in new perspectives that apply to our life, and recognize where the Lord comes alive in our lives. Come join us as we explore our faith on a deeper level and relate faith to issues of today. We would love for you to come!

Marc



Please note:
the sign in this picture was not part of human plan

Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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

Christian Stewardship

We Are Not Consumers

Church involvement takes the investment of all of us: our time, our talent, and our responsible stewardship. To be a truly great church, the contribution of everyone of every age and background is needed.

It is easy to fall into outdated patterns of church membership, and think of the church in terms of what I get from the community.

We cannot think of ourselves as consumers when it comes to church. We are not consumers, but members. We need the involvement of all our members, in literally hundreds of ways, so that our church community will continue to respond well to our own needs, and the needs of those around us.

Ask not "What do I get from my church?" but rather "How can I be an active member of the church and give in a way that enriches the community?"

Nobody pretends that generous giving on top of taxes and college and everything else is going to be easy. But that's all right.

- ✠ We are not challenged by what is easy.
- ✠ We are challenged by what is tough.
- ✠ We like to take the small company and make it big.
- ✠ We like to give enormous chunks of ourselves, 10 to 12 hours a day, to the challenge of our jobs.
- ✠ We can do as much for God.

—Stewardship Newsletter, September 2010 (with permission)

"You are with me always, and everything I have is yours." These powerful words from scripture today should bring us great joy and a tremendous sense of gratitude.

Take some time this week to say prayers of gratitude for all that you have. Then, take some more time to reflect on what you are giving to God in return.



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Annual Catholic Appeal

We have reached our assessment of \$43,000.

Thanks to everyone who contributed!

If you have not yet responded, please consider a contribution using the envelopes that were attached to the bulletin three weeks ago. Envelopes are also available at the Information Table and the Parish Office. Any amounts we collect over our assessment will be returned to us and will help our operating budget.

Collection for Week of September 4/5, 2010

Number of Registered Households		995
Offertory*	\$	15,249.57
Offertory (Loose Collection)		1,243.00
Children's envelopes		1.00
Total	\$	16,493.57

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

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 parishoffice@stmoside.org.

St. Francis and St. Thomas More Offertory Envelopes

Any St. Francis Offertory Envelopes given to the offertory collection at St. Thomas More will be returned to St. Francis.

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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.

Learning to Let Go and Live in the Here and Now Presentation at Aegis at Shadowridge—Wednesday, September 15, 1:00-3:30pm. Presented by dementia specialist Teepa Snow. When a person is developing dementia, his or her ability to behave, react, and interact is changing. Learn skills and techniques that provide the highest probability of success in helping your loved one be successful and engaged in activities and interactions. Please RSVP to 760-806-3600.

Women's Christian Fellowship Bible Study in Carlsbad—every Thursday starting September 16, 9:30am-12:00pm at St. Elizabeth Seton Parish Hall, 6628 Santa Isabel St., Carlsbad. This year's theme is *Understanding the Power and the Promises of the Prophets*. A \$20 donation is requested for the year, and on-site childcare is available. For more information, please contact Angie at 760-436-3875 or visit www.womenschristianfellowship.org.

Carmelite Silent Retreat for Women in Alhambra—Friday, September 24-Sunday, September 26, hosted by the Carmelite Sisters of the Sacred Heart at Sacred Heart Retreat House in Alhambra, California. For more information, contact Jan Feiner at 760-603-9103.

St. Pio of Petrelcina Feast Day Mass in Spring Valley—Sunday, September 26, 4:00pm, at Santa Sophia Parish. Starting at 1:30pm, there will be a documentary on the life of St. Pio, Holy Hour and Benediction, and an inspiration talk. For more information, call 619-697-5958.

The Seeing of Francis Retreat at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside—Join Fr. Larry Dolan, OFM and Br. Kelly Cullen, OFM for our annual Franciscan Weekend Retreat October 1-3. We will spend the weekend exploring and deepening the ways the Saint of Assisi speaks to us and how we live today. For more information or to register, please call 760-757-3659 or visit the website at www.sanluisrey.org.

Culture of Life Family Services (COLFS) Gala in San Diego—Saturday evening, October 2, at the Hilton San Diego Resort and Spa. COLFS is a life-saving ministry offering Christ-centered crisis pregnancy services as well as ethical family medical care. Features speakers will be Tim Staples, Jason Jones, and Steve Breen. For more information, visit www.colfs.org.

Choir and Orchestra Performance in Rancho Bernardo—Sunday, October 10, 4:00pm, at San Rafael Catholic Church, 17252 Bernardo Center Drive, Rancho Bernardo. Enjoy *Messe Solennelle de Sainte-Cecile (Mass of St. Cecilia)* by Charles Gounod, performed by members of the Festival Choir and Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Dr. Angela Yeung. For more information, contact 858-487-4314.

Junior High Chastity Education Programs in San Diego—Sunday, October 10, 1:00-4:30pm for fathers and sons, and Sunday, October 17 from 1:00-4:30pm for mothers and daughters. These programs will present God's plan for love, sexuality, dating, fertility, and the virtue of chastity for junior high students and their parents. For more information, contact Betty at 619-448-0467.

Retreat for Widowed, Divorced, and Separated Persons at Prince of Peace Abbey in Oceanside—November 12-14 or January 28-30, 2011. A trained team of peers leads participants through a healing and growth experience. If you are willing to put your feelings of anger and despair behind you and desire a new beginning, this weekend may be for you. For further information, call Cathy at 619-222-9093 or Maureen at 619-447-0622.

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. For additional information please contact Frank Grant at 760-533-1520 or fwgrant@earthlink.net.

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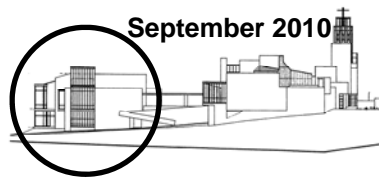
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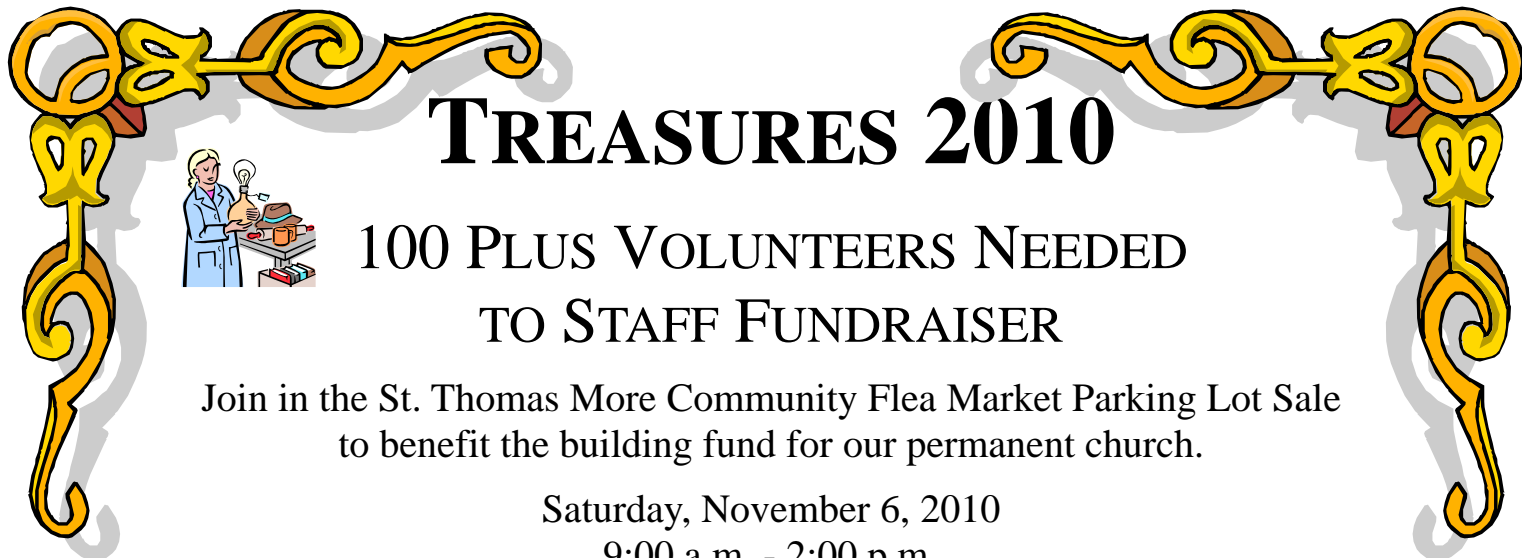
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TREASURES 2010



100 PLUS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO STAFF FUNDRAISER

Join in the St. Thomas More Community Flea Market Parking Lot Sale to benefit the building fund for our permanent church.

Saturday, November 6, 2010

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Parish Center parking lot

We need 100 plus Parishioners to step forward with enthusiasm to sign up and commit to assisting in this opportunity to raise additional funds to build our permanent church. Many hands make light the task! Volunteer for a 3-hour shift and join in the fun of a labor of love for God. "Here on earth God's work must truly be our own." —John F. Kennedy

Men and women of all ages, as well as teenagers, are needed in the areas indicated on the form below. Please complete the form and return it in the offertory collection basket or to the Parish Office by September 19. We will be contacting you.

Our next organizational and volunteer meeting will be on Sunday, September 19, 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. in the lower level of the Parish Center. Please attend. Refreshments will be served.



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TREASURES 2010 VOLUNTEER FORM

Please complete and return by September 19.

Name 1:	Telephone:	Email:
Name 2:	Name 3:	Name 4:

Place a 1 next to the item for which Name 1 wishes to volunteer, a 2 for Name 2, etc.

- Staffing the tag sale areas
- Setting up tarps early in the morning
- Selling raffle tickets
- Sending emails
- Unloading donated items from cars
- Placing signs

- Stuffing envelopes
- Coordinating signs
- Removing tarps after event
- Directing traffic
- Making phone calls
- Cleaning up after the event
- Assisting with miscellaneous tasks

