Jerusalem, the Mother Church

This reflection was penned almost ten years ago while I was on sabbatical for three months in Jerusalem. These thoughts came to mind again as I am preparing to lead the pilgrimage to the Holy Land from November 1-15, 2011.

This week I would ask you to go to the Scriptures and from the New Testament read the first two chapters of the Acts of the Apostles. (If you need to search for it, it comes right after the Gospel of John).

In these two chapters, we are given the beginnings of the Christian Church. Where does the Church begin? Yes, in Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is the Mother Church and the Mother of all Churches! So often, when we think of the Mother Church, whatever our Christian denomination, we think of where “headquarters” is presently located. But we need to keep going further back, tracing our roots, historically, if we are to move forward, historically, in ecumenical dialogue.

As we do so, we come to the realization that Christians, despite all of our different beliefs, customs, rituals, practices, and dress, can trace our roots to the one Church, the Mother Church of Jerusalem. What a great “attitudinal platform” for all of us as Christians to have! From that common foundation, we enter into dialogue with one another, not as competitors after a prize, but as brothers and sisters of one Church, sharing Jesus Christ, “The Way, the Truth and the Life,” as we have come to know Him as individuals and as churches.

In that dialogue, with a sense of belonging to one another, we search for an ever greater understanding of that Truth that is the Christ.

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Mass Schedule:
Saturday at 5:00pm; Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am;
Tuesday-Friday at 8:15am;
watch bulletin for holydays
Rite of Reconciliation (Confession):
Saturday from 4:00-4:30pm (or by appointment)
Eucharistic Adoration:
Monday-Friday, 6:30am-7:30pm
Liturgical Ministry:
Contact Douglas Lynn at 760-758-4100 x140
Music Ministry:
Contact Douglas Lynn at 760-758-4100 x140
Communion for the Homebound/Hospitalized:
Contact Parish Office at 760-758-4100 x100
Anointing of the Sick:
Contact Parish Office
Matrimony:
Contact Parish Office a minimum of nine months in advance
For further information, call Rev. Michael Ratajczak at 760-758-4100 x100 or michaelr@stmoside.org.

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
Liturgical 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 (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.

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Living here in the midst of those realities, one views life differently! How one views the Latin Rite Church and how one views other Christian Churches changes dramatically. Being a minority in a minority puts a new “twist” on things! There are many things you simply do not take for granted.

Most people around you think and act differently. You begin asking yourself, “What do I believe? Why do I believe this? How can I explain this to those around me?”

You quickly come to a better knowledge of who you are, what you believe and why you believe it. And you then begin to share with other Christians, who now seem much more like kin to you, simply because of the small number of Christians, in greater trust and confidence!

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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.

SAVE THE DATE! Friday, June 3

Golf Tournament at Arrowood Golf Club
Miniature Golf at Boomers! Vista
Happy Hour, Dinner, Evening Festivities at STM!
Traditional and new fun, plus surprises await you!
Details and signups coming in early March!
Skip Wilson, Chairman
ripit@pacbell.net or 760-330-3293

St. Thomas More 12th Annual Golf Classic
Readings for the Week Ahead

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

Mary Alexander
Laura Allenfort
Lucia Ambriz
Mary Balli
Patricia Barbour
Clarice Bednarz
John Bennici
Regina Bentz
Roscanne Berg
The Berry Family
George “Whitey” Betus
Betty Jean Bielich
Carol Bock
Lynda Brady
Monica Broussard
Janet Brown
Phyllis Brown
The Brown Family
Shebly Campbell
Claudia Caplinger
Paul Cassidy
Flor Catap & Family
Lolly Cervantes
Pat Christopherson
Paul Cipowski
Dick Clarke
Dolly Cole
Carl Coleman
James Coleman
Carol Crook
Karen Flaharty Daley
Beverly de Gelder
Bernadette Dean
Judith DiMatteo
Vivian Doering
Linda Dossman
Kathryn Ernst
Bob & Boo Falconer
The Fiore Family
Peggy & Jack Fischer
The Flanagan Family
Eileen Flood
Ryan Flum
Matthew Foster
Kathryn Franklin
Joe Freire
Brian Frink
Carmen Garcia
Maria Elena Gonzalez
Eileen Gough
Jeffrey Guyer
Rosemary Haeffelin
Vim Hage
Susan Hallahan
Rita Harnack
Patsy Hawkins
Lilian Hills
Gabe Holliday
Susan Horii
Iolanda Iacobelli
Max Isaac
Sue Johnston
Eileen Jones
Debbie Kinney
Helen Kuhn
Lillian Lachance
The Lamelin Family
Bernie Lanzcraft
Brandon LeBlanc
The Leue & Clark Families
Ashley Load
Cassandra & Lauren Loretto
James MacArthur
Nancy Marley
The McCotter Family
The McNahan & Frost Families
Virginia McWalters
Bob McWilliams
Joyce Meyhan
Carol Michael
Walt & Rita Mikridge
June Mitchell
Nancy Moore
Andy Murchison
Margie Myers
Cosmo Nocida
Eleanor Novosel
Helen O’Connell
Heidi Olson
Juantia Matamala Pacheco
Helen Pingtella
Reuben & Evi Quinn
Otila Quiroz
The Reyes & DeSimonie Families
Jack Riley
Rita Ritchie
Joanne Robinson
Maria Rogers
The Romey & Gonzalez Families
Dorothy Rousse
The Russo Family
Nancy Schmitt
Linda Schmidt
The Douglas E. Schulte Family
The Schweitzer Family
Peter Shaffer & Family
Bob, Joan, & Julie Shea
Elizabeth Shirzad
Richard Sikora
Mike Snyder
Larry Solomon
Gilda Spiegler
Jo & George Stephens
Leah Stevens
Pete Sullivan
Maria Surnenidis
David Sweet
Jim Thompson
Elijah Thorsen
Stephen Toth, Jr.
Laurie Updyke
Arnhe Velasco
Dominic Vienna, Jr.
Vanessa Vitelli-Koble
Kevin Watson-Graff
John Whitton
Zachary Wilbur
Chester Bruno Wojcik

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

Gunnery Sgt. Fernando Andrade, Jr.
Capt. Sean M. Barnes, USAF
1st Lt. Jeffrey Bauer, USMC
Major Robert Bechtold, USMC
PFC John Brandone
PFC Jonathan Chasteler
Corp. Willie Deel
Lance Corp. Brandon Doyle, USMC
SSGT Julian Fyffe, USMC
MSGT Steve Gallegos, USMC
2nd LT Robert K. Gervasio, USMC
FCCM Adam Gregory, USMC
Lance Corp. Samuel D. Krebs
Staff Sgt. Travis M. Meyers, USAF
Pvt. 2 Jess Phillips, US Army
Sr. Airman Robert Speer, USAF
PVT2 Tyler Timmerman, US Army
LT Billy Turley, USN
Lt. Col. Scott Wade, USMC
Sgt. Charles Watts, USMC

Calendar Highlights

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

The Week Ahead
Feb 13 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
Feb 13 RE.A.CH Classes at Church including High School
Feb 17 Spirited Seniors Viejas Trip

The Month Ahead
Feb 21 President’s Day Holiday Mass at 8:15am Parish Office & Chapel closed

The Year Ahead
Mar 4 Parish Potluck
Mar 5 Women’s Guild Luncheon Meeting
Mar 9 Ash Wednesday Masses at 8:15am, 12:00 noon, 5:30pm, and 7:30pm
Mar 11 Knights of Columbus Lenten Dinner
Mar 26-27 Women’s Guild Bake Sale
Apr 4-6 Parish Mission
May 22 Spring Sing Choral Festival
June 3 STM Golf Classic
June 12 Confirmation Mass
July 18-22 Vacation Bible Camp
Aug 30 Third Annual Pastor’s Dinner

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.

February 14
Sr. Bertha Meza, SJS

February 15
Sr. Marilupe Mier y Teran, HMSS

February 16
Sr. C. Rose Miles, SFCC

February 17
Sr. M. Imelda Mission, MC

February 18
Sr. Theresa Monroe, RSCJ

February 19
Sr. Sanjuana Mora, CVI

February 20
Sr. Nora Murphy, OP
Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioners
Daniel & Manuela Alvarez

Flower Donations
We would like to gratefully acknowledge the contributions of:
Carol Kope
whose generosity helped to defray the cost of flowers this weekend in our liturgical environment.

Eucharistic Adoration
Monday-Friday • 6:30am-7:30pm
Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Exposition of the Eucharist on First Fridays.
Next date: Friday, March 4.
For more information, contact the Parish Office at 760-758-4100 x100.

Rosary
A communal Rosary is prayed after every morning Mass (Tuesday-Friday) in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Please join us!

President’s Day Holiday
Join us for Mass on Monday, February 21 at 8:15am.
The Parish Office and Blessed Sacrament Chapel will be closed for the holiday.

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 $crip News
Scrip for TARGET is now available!
Thanks to all who support our Parish Building Fund by purchasing Scrip gift cards!
Remember, Scrip is available for purchase FOUR 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.

Social Ministries/Outreach

Opportunity to Help Local Families in Need
North County Solutions for Change women and children’s shelter needs volunteers for meal preparation, servers, and donations (food and paper goods). STM has committed to providing one meal per month for this ministry. In this way we answer the call of Jesus to feed the hungry, and this is in our neighborhood. Any help you can provide is welcome!

2011 DATES AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION:
• February 27
• April 24
• June 26
• August 28
• September 25
• October 23
• November 27
• December 25
Organizations as well as individuals are invited to participate with portions or entire meal preparation, drinks, desserts, and/or monetary contributions to offset the cost for those able to cook. Please prayerfully consider which month(s) you are able to help with this important ministry.
For more information, contact Paul & Kalei Mendiola at 760-945-9042 or kaleiann@sbcglobal.net.

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.

Respect Life
How we care for an unexpected child, a parent suffering from cognitive impairment, or an infant with a disability does not reflect the degree of their humanity, but our own. We are as dependent on them as they are on us. There can be no compromise with the standard Jesus set and continually calls us to: The measure of love is to love without measure!
—Flyer, Respect Life Program (2010)
Parish Events

Women’s Guild News

Fashion Show Luncheon—The food, the fashions, the prizes were all wonderful, and everyone enjoyed a delightful afternoon. I wish to especially recognize Bette Johansing for her generosity, as each year she donates three of her beautifully hand-crafted necklaces of semi-precious stones. So many of our members are extremely generous, and I deeply appreciate their commitment to raising money for the building fund and having such fun doing it.

March Luau—We have another big event coming up. On Saturday, March 5, enter a tropical setting where we will again present a Hawaiian luau in a transformed lower level. Come and enjoy delicious luau food, Hawaiian dancers, a special solo singer, and a very entertaining pair of women who sing and play the ukulele. This event will begin a half hour early at 10:30, with the show beginning at 11, followed by the luncheon. Cost is $8. Reservations must be made so we can adequately prepare for this luncheon. Please call Vera Bayliss at 760-739-9061 or Valerie Thompson at 760-630-1703.

Parish Potluck

Join us on Friday, March 4, at 6:00pm on the lower level of the Parish Center. Bring your favorite dish, your favorite date, and a bottle of wine is always appreciated. This is also a chance to enjoy our friendship and hospitality and meet new friends. For more information, contact Germaine Wilmott at 760-758-9949.

Parishioner News

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Marriage & Family Life Corner

Marriage Moments—February 14th is Valentines Day. Repeat your vows to each other today, “I _____, again take you, _____, to be my wife/husband. I promise to be true to you in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health. I will love you and honor you all the days of my life.” Bonus points if you memorize it.

Parenting Pointers—“Clothe the naked.” (Isaiah 58:7) Parents do this Corporal Work of Mercy every day by dressing your toddler and paying for the clothes of older children. Teach the expansion of this practice to your children by honoring hand-me-downs, repairing tears, and donating usable clothes to charities. For more information, visit www.diocese-sdiego.org and click on Ministries, Marriage & Family Life or contact Jen Frost at 760-758-4100 x100.

Facing a Hospital Stay?

If you or someone you know is planning a hospital stay or ends up in the hospital, marking the “Catholic” box on the registration form ensures that the Diocesan Catholic Chaplain assigned to the hospital will know the patient is Catholic. You may also want to request a visit by the Catholic Chaplain. Most hospitals also have teams of ministers from local Parishes who bring Holy Communion to Catholic patients.

Our Journey Into The Future . . . Together!
Phase II ~ Working to Break Ground

St. Thomas More, pray for us!

Pledge Statistics as of February 8

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Total to Date $1,565,969 652
Still Needed $434,031 362
Total Goal $2,000,000 1,014

† Payments and donations received to date on Phase II are $996,000! Steady progress is being made and all is much appreciated!

† Don’t feel comfortable pledging? Please consider making a one-time gift donation, or donating as it is possible for you. ALL gifts are needed and appreciated.

† If you can afford $5, $10, $15, or more, per week or per month, please submit this to help with this effort! When everyone does something, progress is made. EVERY gift is important, and none is too small.

† Thanks to all of our donors!

† Only eleven months to go to reach $2 million for Phase III!

Packets are available after all Masses, at the Parish Office, and on our website:

www.stmoside.org; click on Our New Church.

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

Every week, it seems that all the liturgical bases are covered. Readers proclaim God’s word, there is always someone at the head of the Communion line to offer us a share in the Eucharistic feast, the processional cross leads the priest on his way into Mass, and the members of our Parish who cannot come to Mass are visited with the Eucharist at their homes or in the hospital.

The reality is that we are chronically short of a sufficient number of liturgical ministers to allow our current ministers the chance to sit down and worship as part of the congregation without having to serve almost every week.

Can you help?

There are many opportunities for offering your time and talents in service to the Lord at St. Thomas More. Additional liturgical ministers are needed in the following ministries. Please consider joining the more than 200 people in this Parish who give of themselves on a weekly or monthly basis to support our Parish’s liturgies that nurture and care for the more than 1,000 families of this faith community.

Altar Servers

Altar Servers assist the priest or deacon at the altar with the Roman Missal (the big red book), bread, wine, and water. They also carry the processional cross and candles.

Parish youth, fourth grade and older, who are interested in joining the ranks of Altar Servers are encouraged to contact Douglas.

Hospitality Ministers

These are the hosts of the Parish, owners of the smiling faces and warm handshakes that welcome all to our home and to our table each week. These are the people who assist the congregation before, during, and after each Mass.

The Parish is in need of Hospitality Ministers at all three weekend Masses If you are looking for a place to begin their service in the church, this is a terrific starting place. The training for this ministry is not difficult—a smiling presence is all that is required. Contact Douglas is you are interested.

Eucharistic Ministers

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, as they are officially called, function as the primary assistants to the priest as he distributes the Precious Body and Blood of Christ to the people of the Parish.

To become an Eucharistic Minister, you must be Confirmed.

Eucharistic Ministers to Hospitals and Homebound

Although most Eucharistic Ministers help at weekend Masses, the Parish is also looking for people to assist with the weekly or bi-weekly distribution to those who are not able to come to Mass on Saturday and Sunday.

If you would like to take communion to a person in need, or even help one of our ministers with distribution at one of the retirement or convalescent homes, at Tri-City Hospital, or at a person’s home, please contact Douglas to begin the process by which you may serve in this honored and honoring capacity.

Can you help?

Please consider taking up your cross to follow Jesus in one of these Liturgical Ministries. Your Parish family needs you. Thank you.
Faith Formation

Our Family In Need

In March, 33 of our teens will be attending a special Retreat as part of their preparation for Confirmation. For some of our families the $140 Retreat fee is a financial difficulty. Can other members of our Parish family help out? If several families gave a small (or large!) amount, we could help cover some costs for families who would be most grateful.

Any donations would be made out to St. Thomas More and acknowledged as a charitable contribution. They may be sent to my attention.

Gratefully, 
Kathleen

The Future Church

We’re delighted to have more and more Parishioners joining in our reading of this enlightening book by John Allen, Jr. Let the conversation begin! Ask another Parishioner on Sunday about some aspect you find surprising or troubling. Those in RCIA are discussing a small section each week.

When we get to our Parish discussion with Fr. Mike’s Bookies, we will already have a momentum underway. A new set of dates for discussion will be announced as soon as Fr. Mike’s health permits.

It’s not too late to start reading. Old-fashioned hard-copy books are available at the Parish Office or the Faith Formation Office for $20. It is also available from Amazon on Kindle for those who prefer the digital age.

Little Books for Lent

Little Black Books (for Adults)  El Librito Negro (en español)
Little Purple Books (for children ages 6-12)

The Little Book series has proven to provide spiritual nourishment at St. Thomas More and beyond. Many Parishioners evangelize by sending copies to family and friends. For this reason the books are now available, though Lent does not begin until March 9.

The idea is to find 6 minutes of quiet time every day during Lent, and reflect on the Scriptures, one day at a time.

We appreciate a $2 donation to cover the cost of the book.

PBJ Update

Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center

2011 Goal: 365
Collected to date: 145
**Stewardship & Development**

**CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP**  
**Jesus Is Our Model**

In today’s Gospel, part of his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus does not speak of replacing the law of the Old Testament. He goes beyond it. He obliges his followers to work at being holier than even the strictest of Pharisees. But the work is not accomplished by following a religious “law”, it requires growing in love for other human beings.

Followers of Jesus know they are required to be good stewards of others. In what way will you exercise good stewardship over other people this week?

The Gospels are filled with examples of our Lord’s prayer life, his relationship with family and friends, his teachings and his ministry. Jesus was obedient to his Father in heaven.

However, he also obeyed and respected his earthly parents. Jesus bowed his head and was baptized by John the Baptist. He preached the Sermon on the Mount, he served those in need. He confronted the rich and powerful. He cured, consoled, healed, and forgave.

As Christian stewards we must also be people of prayer; and like Jesus, we must be willing to bow our heads, serve, cure, heal, forgive, and proclaim the Gospel in creative ways. We too must be people of action.

Let our practical challenge in the month of February be to bravely take steps to model the life and ministry of Jesus, and act in a way pleasing to the Father.

No rationalizing. No exceptions. No age limits. We must live an authentic Christian life each and every day.

Pray, act, live, and love. Do all to the fullest, as Jesus did.

—excerpted from ICSC Parish Newsletter and Rick Jeric, Diocese of Columbus, Ohio, February 2011, (with permission)

**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 $21,000 from this program. Thank you donors!

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

**Parish Financial Report**


For those without internet access, copies are available at the Parish Office.

**Collection for Week of February 5/6, 2011**

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* 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**

**Pregnancy Resource Center in San Marcos**—Birth Choice of San Marcos, 760-744-1313 or www.birthchoice.net.

**Young Adult Ministry Activities in San Diego County**—Visit www.yamsd.org for complete information on events for young adults.

**Mainly Mozart Concert Series in Carlsbad**—St. Elizabeth Seton will sponsor the annual Mainly Mozart concerts at 6628 Santa Isabel St., Carlsbad, featuring world-class artists performing in a brilliant acoustics venue. Tickets are sold either separately or as a series and may be purchased with a credit card by calling 619-239-0100 or online at www.mainlymozart.org. Concerts are held at 2:00pm on the following Sundays: February 13, March 27 and May 1. Tickets are $25, or the series can be purchased as a package for $65; student tickets, $10 each.

**Retreats and Presentations at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside**—Join Father Larry Dolan, OFM at Mission San Luis Rey on February 16 from 10:00am-1:00pm for his “Obedience of Faith” retreat. What does this mean in today’s church? Is there conflict between obedience and reason? How can a thinking modern person give give faithful assent? Please register by February 2. For more information, contact 760-757-3659 or www.sanluisrey.org.

**13th Annual Divine Mercy Conference in Pala**—March 4-5 at Mission San Antonio De Pala. Mass on Friday, March 4, 7:00pm, with Abbot Charles Wright, followed by music and rosary and chaplet. Doors open at 8:00am on Saturday. Mail reservations by February 25 or sign up at www.SDdivinemercy.org or call 619-276-6637.

**Healing Ministry in Solana Beach**—St. James Healing Ministry offers Healing Prayer in either the Adoration Chapel or the Church at the following times: Every Sunday after the 9:00am Mass; First Mondays from 9:00-10:00am.; Second Tuesdays from 7:00-8:15pm, and on Third Saturdays after the 5:00 pm Mass. The next Healing Mass is scheduled for Wednesday, January 26, at 7:00pm, preceded by music and testimony at 6:30pm. All are welcome.

**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.

**Natural Family Planning (NFP) Classes in San Diego**—Sympto-thermal method (99.6% effective). For more information or to register, contact Dave & Cheryl Ross at 619-303-5053 or davidandcheryl@cox.net.

**Marriage Encounter Program in San Diego**—Resolving to have a better relationship in the new year? Choose a Marriage Encounter weekend to start that process! For more information, contact barfive@cox.net or 866-473-7730.

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

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

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

**Marriage Encounter Weekends**—For more information, contact daveandcheryl@cost.net or 619-303-5053.

**Volunteers Needed for Advocates for Foster Children**—Become a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) and make a lasting difference in the life of a foster child. Much more than just a mentor, you can give hope to a child who has none. For more information, call Voices for Children at 858-598-2235 or visit www.speakupnow.org.

**News from St. Francis Church—Our Neighbor**

St. Francis School is now our Parish School. St. Thomas More Parishioners are extended the same benefits and rewards as a St. Francis Parishioner, including:

- Parishioner priority for enrollment at St. Francis School,
- Equal tuition rates,
- Financial aid opportunities, and
- Fundraising support.

St. Francis School Souper Bowl sets new record!

Thank you to all the families who supported this year’s Souper Bowl collection to benefit the Angel’s Depot during Catholic Schools Week. The Angel’s Depot serves local area seniors in need. This year’s total soup collected was 4,497. This was an enormous increase over the 2010 count of 2689!
### Parish Contacts

**Council Chairs**: Pastoral - Doug D’Agrosa 760-941-6800 | **Finance**: Paul Ibbetson 760-734-1051 | **Development**: Ron Briseno 760-726-4496

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World Marriage Day

World Marriage Day honors husband and wife as head of the family, the basic unit of society. It salutes the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice, and joy in daily married life. Our World Marriage Day Symbol speaks readily of the role and values we proclaim. Husband and wife are symbolically seen as two candle-like figures, reminding us that married love calls us to help enlighten the world. The couple is joined by a heart, focusing on love as the power that fosters unity within the couple and generates the capacity to be life-giving and inspire others to fruitfulness and unity.

The idea of celebrating marriage began in Baton Rouge, La., in 1981, when couples encouraged the Mayor, the Governor and the Bishop to proclaim St. Valentine’s Day as “We Believe in Marriage Day”. The event was so successful, the idea was presented to and was adopted by Worldwide Marriage Encounter’s National Leadership. By 1982, 43 Governors officially proclaimed the day and celebrations spread to U.S. military bases in several foreign countries. In 1983, the name was changed to “World Marriage Day”, designated to be celebrated each year on the second Sunday in February. In 1993, his Holiness, Pope John Paul II, imparted his Apostolic Blessings on World Marriage Day. WMD celebrations continue to grow and spread to more countries and faith expressions every year.

Prayer for Our Marriage

Heavenly Father, we thank You for Your tremendous gift of the Sacrament of Marriage. Enable us to grow in our intimacy with You and with each other. Teach us the beauty of forgiveness so that we may become more and more one in heart, mind, and body. Strengthen our communication with each other, and help us become living signs of Your Love. Help us to become examples of Commitment, Love, and Service to our families and children. Make us a sign of the unity that Jesus prays for at the Last Supper. We open ourselves to the guidance of your Holy Spirit, who empowers us to Love in Jesus’ name and walk in His footsteps. Amen.
World Marriage Day

It's a Fact!

1. A kiss from your spouse, when leaving the house, makes for a safe and more productive day.
2. Hug your spouse often...it helps to relieve stress.
3. Communicating the positive in your heart will increase the happiness in your life.
4. The world's most expressive four letter word is still LOVE.
5. Love wasn't put in you heart to stay. Love isn't love till you give it away!

Celebrate Your Love

1. Give your spouse a hug...and hold it for an extra few seconds.
2. Tell your spouse right now “I Love You.”
3. Take out your wedding pictures tonight and share a memory with family and friends.
4. Show the family movies tonight to celebrate a marriage well done.
5. Bring a gift tonight to your spouse.
6. Fix his or her favorite meal tonight.
7. Share your love for each other with your children tonight.
8. Ask your spouse for a date tonight.
9. Tell each other how much your marriage means to you.
10. Your marriage relationship is the most intimate relationship possible on earth. Be proud of it and the joys and sacrifices that have made it strong.
11. Reach out - not long distance - and touch your spouse.
12. Share your love story with your children tonight.

Retrouvaille...a Lifeline for Marriages

Do you feel lost, alone, or bored in your marriage? Are you frustrated, hurt, or angry with your spouse? Are you constantly fighting? Or, do you simply shut down? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Does talking about it only make it worse?

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