

Another of our Parish traditions is the Blessing of Easter Food on Holy Saturday, where Parishioners bring food items they will be using for Easter Sunday dinner. Mark your calendars now for Saturday, April 23, and plan to join us!



This space will be featuring different memories from our history each week..

A Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of San Diego

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Deacon Thomas A. Goeltz

Office Hours: Monday-Friday
8:30am-12:00noon and 12:30-4:00pm

Mass Schedule
Saturday at 5:00pm
Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am
Tuesday-Friday at 8:15am

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

Reconciliation (Confession)
Saturday, 4:00-4:30pm

March 27, 2011 • Third Sunday of Lent

Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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The Mark of a Christian

As we continue to make our journey through this Season of Lent, as we lose ourselves in the disciplines of prayer, fasting, and alms, as we prepare to participate in our upcoming Parish Mission, we ready ourselves to be refreshed and renewed in our Baptismal Promises.

On Easter Sunday, with renewed vigor, as we renew our Baptismal Promises, we take on again "The Mark of a Christian." May these words of St. Basil strengthen us in these efforts:

What Is the Mark of a Christian?

That we be holy and blameless and so eat the Body of Christ and drink his Blood.

And what is the mark of those who eat the Bread and drink the Cup of Christ?

That they keep in perpetual remembrance him who died for us and rose again.

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Knights of Columbus Friday Dinners During Lent - 5:30-6:30pm

Menu for April 1: Fish Taco Dinner

2 Fish Tacos, Mexican Rice and Beans, Salsa, Corn Tortillas, and all the goodies, Beverage Bar, plus Bob Wong's Famous Cakes and Pies

Adults: \$7; Children: \$4; Extra Taco: \$1.50 - Table reservations available; call 760-940-9546



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)*

What is the mark
of those who keep such remembrance?
That they live not for themselves
but for him who died for us and rose again.

What, then, is the mark of a Christian?

That our justice abound in all things,
to watch daily and hourly
and to stand prepared in that state
knowing that the Lord comes
when we least expect Him.

So, then what is the mark of a Christian?

That we love one another
as Christ loves us.

What is the mark of a Christian?

To set the Lord always in our sight.

—St. Basil (329CE – 379CE)

Continue to be faithful to your Lenten resolutions so that these days of Lent will help us to bear the marks of a Christian, to carry and wear the wounds of Christ Crucified!

Fr. Mike

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**

The "First Easter Bunny" Video

Fr. Rich Lewandowski, who is with us while I recover from back surgery, has created a wonderful children's story that is meaningful for people of all ages. Many of you already have the book or the video.

Through March 28, the "First Easter Bunny" DVD will be available in the Parish Office or at the Information Table on the Plaza after Masses on the weekends. Fr. Rich will be very happy to personally autograph copies for you.

If you have not yet seen this magical DVD, I would encourage you to make the purchase. The cost is \$10. Fr. Rich has authored several children's stories. Your purchase of this DVD helps him in his creative efforts. Thank you! —Fr. Mike Ratajczak, Pastor

Readings for the Week Ahead

Sunday Year A; Weekday Year I
Readings online at www.usccb.org.

Sunday, March 27 (28)

Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 17:3-7

Psalm 95:1-2,6-9

Romans 5:1-2,5-8

John 4:5-42

Monday, March 28 (237)

2 Kings 5:1-15b

Psalms 42:2-3;43:3-4

Luke 4:24-30

Tuesday, March 29 (238)

Daniel 3:25,34-43

Psalm 25:4-9

Matthew 18:21-35

Wednesday, March 30 (239)

Deuteronomy 4:1,5-9

Psalm 147:12-13,15-16,19-20

Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday, March 31 (240)

Jeremiah 7:23-28

Psalm 95:1-2,6-9

Luke 11:14-23

Friday, April 1 (241)

Hosea 14:2-10

Psalm 81:6c-11,14,17

Mark 12:28-34

Saturday, April 2 (242)

Hosea 6:1-6

Psalm 51:3-4,18-19,20-21ab

Luke 18:9-14

Sunday, April 3 (31)

Fourth Sunday of Lent

1 Samuel 16:1b,6-7,10-13a

Psalm 23:1-6

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

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

Mary Alexander
Laura Allenfort
Lucia Ambriz
Mary Balli
Patricia Barbour
The Cindra Bell Family
John Bennici
Regina Bentz
Roseanne Berg
George "Whitey" Betus
Betty Jean Bielich
Bert Botkin
Lynda Brady
Monica Broussard
Janet Brown
Pat Burkardt
The Byrne Family
Shelby Campbell
Brianna Campos
Claudia Caplinger
Paul Cassidy
Flor Catap & Family
Lolly Cervantes
Pat Christopherson
Paul Cipowski
Dick Clarke
Dolly Cole
Carl Coleman
James Coleman
Karen Flaharty Daley
Beverly de Gelder
Judith DiMatteo
Vivian Doering
The Dorsa Family
Linda Dossman
Debbie Edmeier-Gilmore
Kathryn Ernst
The Ernst Family
Bob & Boo Falconer
The Fiore Family
Peggy & Jack Fischer
Eileen Flood
Ryan Flum
Matthew Foster
Kathryn Franklin
Joe Freire
Carmen Garcia
The Gilmore & Cornwell Families
Rick Gonzalez
Eileen Gough
Jeffrey Guyer
Rosemary Haeffelin
The Hale & Immerso Families
Susan Hallahan
Tom Hannon
James Hansaw
The Harker Family
Rita Harnacker
Lillian Hills
Susan Hori
Iolanda Iacobelli
Barney Ibbetson
Max Isaac
Lorraine Jenkins
Sue Johnston
Eileen Jones
Paul Kennedy
Nancy Kenry
Debbie Kinney
Helen Kuhn
Lillian Lachance
The Lamelin Family
Bernie Lanzrath
Brandon LeBlanc
Ashley Load
Cassandra Loretto
Lauren Loretto
James MacArthur
Paige Mansell
Nancy Marley
Virginia McWalters
Bob McWilliams
Carol Michael
Walt & Rita Mikridge

June Mitchell
Nancy Moore
Denise Popoff Moors
The Murchison Family
Mergie Myers
Nolberto Navarro
Cosmo Nocida
R. Northrup
Helen O'Connell
Heidi Olson
Juanita Matamala Pacheco
Lupe Casas Pelletier
Marilyn Pirkola
Reuben & Evi Quinn
Otila Quiroz
Harvey Raiman
Jack Riley
Rita Ritchie
Joanne Robinson
Maria Rogers
Dorothy Rouse
The Russo Family
Nancy Scali
Linda Schmidt
The Douglas E. Schulte Family
Bob, Joan, & Julie Shea
Elizabeth Shirzad
Richard Sikora
Donna Smith
Mike Snyder
Nick Softau
Fred Spiegl
Gilda Spiegl
Dorothy Staehr
Jo & George Stephens
Leah Stevens
Pete Sullivan
Maria Surmenidis
David Sweet
Elijah Thorsen
Stephen Toth, Jr.
Ngoan Tran
Mary Tysko & Family
Laurie Updyke
Barbara Upson
Ethel Vanderhagen
Arnie Velasco
Dominic Vienna, Jr.
Vanessa Vitiello-Koble
Kevin Watson-Graff
John Whitton

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
Lcpl Greg Bergman, 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, USN
Lance Corp. Samuel D. Krebs
Staff Sgt. Travis M. Meyers, USAF
Pvt. 2 Jess Phillips, US Army
LCPL Matthew Rocha
Sr. Airman Robert Spear, USAF
PVT2 Tyler Timmerman, US Army
LT Billy Turley, USN
Lt. Col. Scott Wadle, USMC
Sgt. Charles Watts, USMC

Calendar Highlights

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

The Week Ahead

Mar 26-27 Women's Guild Bake Sale
Mar 27 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
Mar 27 RE.A.CH Classes at Church
Mar 28 Morning Prayer
Mar 31 Project Linus Coffee
Apr 1 Exposition of the Eucharist
Apr 1 Knights of Columbus Lenten Dinner
Apr 1 Stations of the Cross
Apr 1 Women's Ministry
Apr 3 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
Apr 3 RE.A.CH Classes at Church including high school

The Month Ahead

Apr 4 Morning Prayer
Apr 4-6 Parish Mission
Apr 8 Knights of Columbus Lenten Dinner
Apr 8 Stations of the Cross
Apr 8 Men's Ministry
Apr 10 Knights of Columbus Breakfast
Apr 10 High School RE.A.CH Classes
Apr 11 Women's Guild Luncheon
Apr 16-17 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
Apr 17 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
Apr 17 RE.A.CH Classes at Church
Apr 20 Holy Thursday
Apr 21 Good Friday
Apr 22 Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil
Apr 23 Easter Sunday
Apr 30 Morning of Reflection on Immigration

The Year Ahead

May 22 Spring Sing Choral Festival

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.

March 28 Sr. Diana Sabia, SSS
March 29 Sr. Gabriel Marie (Evelin) Sales, UCSC
March 30 Sr. Delia Sarabia, CVI
March 31 Sr. Lourdes Saracho, RJM
April 1 Sr. Dolores Cecile Schembri, CSJ
April 2 Sr. Helen Schwarz, SHCJ
April 3 Sr. Esther Segura, HCJS

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 26, 5:00pm Estelle Kull ☩
Sunday, March 27, 8:30am <i>Missa pro Populo</i>
Sunday, March 27, 10:30am Barbara Foster ☩
Tuesday, March 29, 8:15am J. C. Gonzalez ☩
Wednesday, March 30, 8:15am Cathy Davis & Family
Thursday, March 31, 8:15am Joan Jones
Friday, April 1, 8:15am Elizabeth Nead ☩
Saturday, April 2, 5:00pm Eileen Kehoe ☩
Sunday, April 3, 8:30am <i>Missa pro Populo</i>
Sunday, April 3, 10:30am Theresa Burns ☩

Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioners

Mike & Bonni Verdugo
George & Jewell NeFores

In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Freda Schweitzer, who died on January 10. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, April 9, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Robert Hale, who died on March 7. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, April 15, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. He is the stepfather of Mari-Jo Porter, who predeceased him in 2009. Please keep his wife, Josephine Immerso, and the family in your prayers.

Andy Murchison, who died on March 21. His funeral arrangements are pending. Please keep his son, Andy, Jr., and the family in your prayers.

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

Annual Lenten Collection

This weekend has been designated for the 2011 Annual Lenten Collection. Envelopes are attached to the bulletin. This collection supports the works of Catholic Relief Services, the Church in Latin America, and the Church in Africa. You may designate your contribution to the causes listed on the envelope. The envelopes may be returned any time during the month of April. Thank you for your generosity!

Morning Prayer on Lenten Mondays

During Lent, members of this faith community gather for Morning Prayer each Monday at 8:15am on the lower level. Prayer is powerful...and our prayers of praise, of thanksgiving, of petition, and of intercession are an important part of our Lenten journey. Please join us!



STM \$scrip News

TRY US NOW! FREE Fundraising.

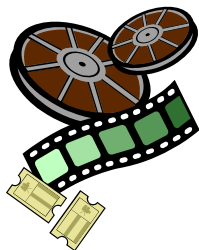
Krikorian Scrip is back! \$8 per ticket!

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

A Morning of Reflection on Immigration: Your Story, Your Family's Story, The Whole Story

Saturday, April 30, 8:30am-12:30pm at St. Thomas More

Who in your family first came to the USA? Each of us has a story to tell about this great journey and the experience of trying to succeed here.

Please join us for this interfaith experience to:

- ✠ Learn about the human reality of immigration
- ✠ Examine this subject through the lens of faith

For preregistration, call: 760-758-4100 x158

Get On the Bus—How You Can Help

Watch the Parish bulletin in the next week for a list of needed items for the backpacks for the children and caregivers when they travel to visit the children's mothers or fathers in prison.



For more information, contact Glory Hartdegen at 760-630-0651.

Culture of Life

Respect Life representatives from several local Parishes will be praying in front of the abortion clinic at 120 Craven Road in San Marcos on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 8:00am-12:00noon during Lent.

Please consider coming as often as you can to pray for the protection of the little innocent lives and for the conversion of all involved, whether actively or passively, in abortion.

For more information, contact Jane Kelleher at 760-822-7041.

Little Rock Bible Studies

We will be studying the Book of Wisdom for six sessions beginning Wednesday April 13 at 9:00am or Thursday April 14 at 7:00pm This book of the Bible sings the praises of wisdom and extols its excellence. It portrays the lifestyles of the just and the unjust in sharp contrast.

The just follow the way of wisdom which leads to immortality. The author urges his audience to seek wisdom in order to find God. Won't you join us in this search for wisdom? Sign up on the Plaza after weekend Masses or at the Parish Office during office hours.

Little Books for Easter

The Little White Books are now available. Continue the prayerful pattern you have set up during Lent of setting aside six minutes a day to reflect on the Scriptures using the Little Black Books. This year we are looking at the Scriptures from the Sundays of Easter.

For those of you who evangelize by sending copies to family and friends, the books are now available.

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

Parish Events

Women's Guild News

A **Big Thank You** to Pat Wong and Nancy Wozniak for once again heading up the semi-annual bake sale. Their efforts over the years have contributed a great deal to our St. Thomas More Building Fund.

Thanks also to all those who cooked, decorated, cleaned up, and generally worked to make our Hawaiian luau so successful. We had 70 reservations, a record number! Thanks to all.

The Quilters have been busy making Lap and Nap size quilts. This year we will be raffling off ten quilts. To see the quilts, come to the April 11 and the May 9 Women's Guild luncheons when the quilts will be on display. For further information, call Nancy Wozniak at 760-729-0782.

Knights of Columbus Lenten Dinners

Come join us every Friday during Lent at 5:30pm for a delicious dinner, complete with Bob Wong's famous dessert bar. Menu varies by week. See front page for next week's menu. For more information, contact Mike at 760-940-9546.

Project Linus Meeting

The Spring Project Linus Coffee will be held Thursday, March 31, at 10:00am on the lower level of the Parish Center. It's time to turn in your children's blankets or come learn about this rewarding ministry. For more information, call Mary Coxon at 760-599-8760.

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

St. Thomas More, pray for us!

Pledge Statistics as of March 22

Total Phase II Responses	# of Families Responding	
Unable to pledge at this time (16 of these families have been adopted)		35
	Under \$100	23
	\$100 and up	221
	\$1,000 and up	81
	\$1,500 and up	132
	\$2,500 and up	90
	\$4,500 and up	30
	\$6,000 and up	20
	\$10,000 and up	20
	\$25,000 and up	3
	\$50,000 and up	4
Total Pledges/Gifts	\$1,633,700	659
Still Needed	\$366,300	360
Total Goal	\$2,000,000	1,019
Total Collected	\$1,067,920	

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

12th Anniversary Golf Classic ~ Friday, June 3

Enjoy fun, fellowship, and exciting events with friends and family! Our social event of the year!



- Golf at Arrowood Golf Club ~ foursomes and singles**
- Miniature Golf at *Boomers!* ~ foursomes and singles**
- Evening Festivities at STM ~ dinner, raffles, silent and live auctions, and surprises**

Golf Classic information table on the plaza before and after all Masses!

Please submit registration/payments at Golf table, offertory basket, or to the Parish Office.

Helicopter Ball Drop Contest

- Will your ball land closest to the pin when dropped from the helicopter? **Balls go on sale next week** at \$10/ball or \$100 for 15. Join us on the Plaza June 3 at 4:30pm!



- **Grand Prize:**
\$1,000 Scrip Gift Certificate
- **Second Prize:**
\$500 Scrip Gift Certificate
- **Third Prize:**
\$250 Scrip Gift Certificate

Champagne Diamond Event!

- ◆ Will you be the lucky winner of a gorgeous "Circle of Diamonds" white gold pendant necklace made especially for our event?
- ◆ A sparkling touch of class accompanied by a glass of champagne or sparkling cider.
- ◆ Detailed description of the necklace and photos available soon!
- ◆ Ticket sales begin May 1!



For more information, contact Skip Wilson at 760-330-3293 or ripit@pacbell.net

Liturgy & Music

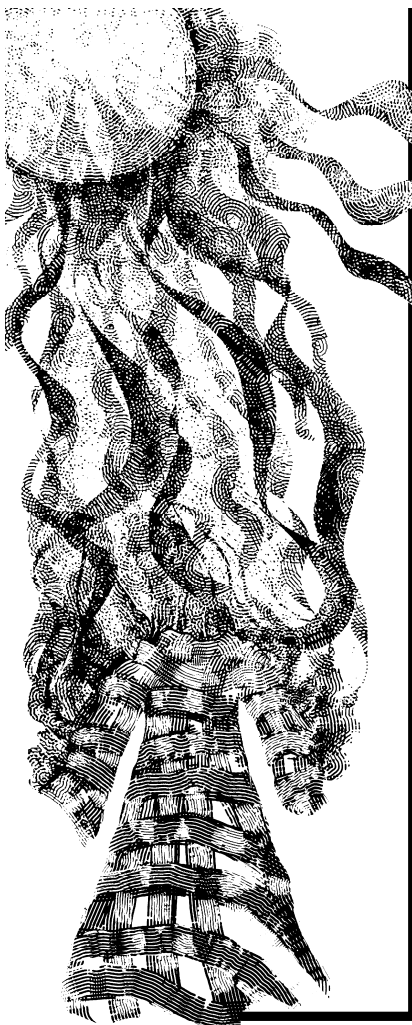
Worship God

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

THE SIGNS OF BAPTISM

The Liturgy of Baptism celebrated during the Easter Vigil incorporates specific meaningful signs and symbols. As we prepare for this year's Easter Vigil, we continue with our brief meditation on these signs and symbols.

GARMENT



“Clothes make the man,” they say (at least they used to). While we can probably object in a thousand ways, we have to admit that what we have on us can both symbolize and affect what is going on inside us. Wearing a favorite blouse can lift our spirits; noticing a smudge on our jacket can erode our confidence. With some people, if they're wearing a certain outfit, you know it's a bad day.

When we were baptized, our parents or godparents helped us put on a new white garment—maybe the family christening gown, or a simple white robe, or a brand-new suit—and there we were, new creations, stunning creatures glistening from the water and the oil, brighter than the sun. And that outward appearance told the truth about the inward reality—we were, in fact, new creatures, reborn in Christ Jesus, alive as never before. “Bring this garment unstained to the judgment seat of our Lord Jesus Christ,” we were told. Each Easter we deck ourselves in our very best and remind ourselves how glorious we are: We are children of God, holy and chosen and loved.

Great outfit!

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Do you
 like to
 sing?



JOIN
 Us!!!

Children's
 Easter Choir

REHEARSALS

Wednesdays, 5:00-6:15pm
 3/30, 4/6, 4/13

Tuesday, 4/19, 7:00pm
 (with the combined choirs)

EASTER MORNING!
 April 24, 10:30am Mass

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

Friday, April 1,
 8:45am - 7:30pm

**FEAST OF
 ST. HUGH OF GRENOBLE**

We pray...that we will love God
 and our neighbor as ourselves.

**Upcoming
 Music**

APRIL 3
 4th Sunday
 of Lent

5:00pm Mass

Sanctuary Choir

8:30am Mass

Praise Team

10:30am Mass

Handbell Choir



WANT TO BECOME AN ALTAR SERVER?

Altar Server Training — Saturday, April 2, 10:00am-12:00noon

Do you want to become an Altar Server? Saturday, April 2, there will be a training class and Chocolate Easter Egg decorating party for all new and current servers.

Contact Rebecca Eyer at 760-216-6553 or psalm_23@live.com to sign up or for more info.

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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

Today is a **RE.A.CH** day at CHURCH

STM Parish Mission begins Monday, April 4!

Navigating Life's Whitewater Moments

Fr. Rusty Shaughnessy, a Franciscan priest, comes to us from the San Damiano Retreat Center in Danville, California.

As our whitewater guide, he offers us survival skills for those life moments when we most need help:

- Faith
- Hope
- Grace



This is a great opportunity for local evangelization! Reach out to alienated Catholics and to the unchurched among your neighbors and friends, and invite them to come with you to our Parish Mission.

Don't like to drive at night but want to come to the Mission? Contact Wayne Zych at 760-598-9244 or julianzych@yahoo.com. If you're a Parishioner who would be happy to offer a ride, contact our matchmaker Wayne. This gives us a chance to share our gifts.



If you need childcare here at the Parish Center during the Mission, contact Marc Raymundo at 760-758-4100 x161 with the name(s)/age(s) of your child(ren) no later than Friday, April 1. Children of appropriate age are welcome to join us for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday and Mass on Wednesday.

PBJ Update

Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center

2011 Goal: 365
Collected to date: 206



YOUTH MINISTRY

Middle School

✘ EPIC

(Encrypting People in Christ)

I miss you guys! Our next meeting is Sunday, April 10, and we will dive in deeper to our faith. We will explore through games, deep conversation, and small groups. I will be contacting parents this week about our Mom Squad for food for our middle school teens. More parent help is welcome!

High School

✘ IGNITE

I pray that your flame from retreat is still burning. If you're hungry, join us for our Italian-theme night, food included! If you need to sustain your faith or make it grow, then come out and be in community with us! We have had two great events the past couple of weeks and we want you to be a part of it. Bring yourself, bring your high school brothers and sisters, bring your friends. We have seen many good things come out of this night! See you there!

✘ LEAD

Want to have a direct impact on our teens of this generation? Do you have a story of faith to share? If you want to get involved and make a difference in our community, if you are Confirmed, if you are a young adult, if you are in college and have the desire to do more with your faith, come join us. We are building and fostering an environment that is in love with God, be the salt of the earth.

We meet on Thursday evenings at 7:00pm.

Steubenville San Diego 2011!!!

I know you are all excited to see this!!! Steubenville San Diego is an amazing weekend filled with faith, music, dynamic speakers, Catholic teens, Our Lord, and the one thing that will make it better is YOU! Let's make this one to remember, bring everyone you know! It is July 29-31 and will be at San Diego State University. The cost is \$200 per person, which includes EVERYTHING (room, food, and shirts). I will also be needing adult chaperones for this weekend, so please let me know if you are interested. Pick up a registration form from my office. Payment plans will be accepted. Forms and \$50 deposit due no later than May 1.

Marc
Marc Raymundo
Youth Advocate

Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP Managing God's Gifts . . .

A family counselor's favorite bit of advice is, "Love is a four letter word spelled T-I-M-E." She maintains that the best way to prove your love for anyone is to spend time with them . . . and for them.

The greatest of all commandments is this: "Love the Lord your God." That, too, involves our time. God loved us first, the Bible records.

It is good for us to remember that God proved his love by giving us his time . . . time to share our sorrows, time to teach, time to pay the supreme sacrifice, time for everything we needed. As always, God gave in generous measure.

How sad then, for us to give so little time in return. We, of course, are the losers! Someone has quipped: "We are now stuck with a sixty minute God."

It would be another matter if we didn't much need God's company, or if this world of ours didn't require more loving acts of Christian service. Everywhere empty hearts and broken lives beg silently for some help. The sixty minute God can hardly begin to deal with all these problems, but the real God can do it.

Spend some time where it counts.

Spend some time in God's presence to have your own empty heart filled, and spend some time in God's service filling the needs of people.

"Charge them to do good, to be rich in good works and generous, sharing what they have." —1 Timothy 6:18

May Timothy's letter move us to better see how we are using all that the Lord has entrusted to us; our income, our talents. This sense of stewardship will help us grow in faith and concern one for another.



"That isn't the kind of pledge I'm interested in Mr. Fleming, and you know it!"

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A WAY TO GIVE ~ A WAY TO RECEIVE

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This program is one way of helping the Parish raise the resources necessary to continue our campus build out and also help plan for our future needs (i.e., Tower of Faith participants). Gifts of this nature are beneficial and much appreciated by St. Thomas More.

For more information please contact:

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

"Our Journey Into The Future . . . Together"
 includes our Faith journey as well as the
 build out of our Parish Campus.

Annual Catholic Appeal—Paying It Forward

The Diocese has assisted us greatly in helping to develop our Parish, and now we have the opportunity, and obligation, to help our "sister Parishes in the Diocese." Responses so far:

Total pledges to date: \$23,176
Number of families contributing: 180

Collection for Week of March 19/20, 2011

Number of Registered Households		1,019
Offertory*	\$	8,992.18
Offertory (Loose Collection)		1,057.00
Children's envelopes		0.00
Total	\$	10,049.18

* 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 parish.office@stmoside.org.

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Got time ~ for the Lord?

News from the Larger Church

Labyrinth Coming to Oceanside—Monday, March 28-Saturday, April 2, at North Coast United Methodist Church, 1501 Kelly St., Oceanside. Call 760-439-4099 for times. \$10 donation requested. The labyrinth has been used as a guide to Christian meditation since the Middle Ages.

Lenten Retreat at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside—A *Lenten Pilgrimage of the Heart*, Wednesday mornings, April 6, 13, and 20, presented by Barbara Hughes. For more information, contact 760-757-3659.

A Simple Spirituality in the Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much
seek to be consoled as to console;
To be understood, as to understand;
To be loved, as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

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.

Alumni Needed—St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School in Vista is seeking to establish contact with all school alumni in preparation for the school's 50th anniversary to be celebrated in the Fall. All former school staff and alumni are asked to contact the school office at 760-630-7960 or email info@sfs-vista.org. Alumni are also encouraged to visit and join the St. Francis of Assisi Parish School (Vista) Alumni Facebook page.

St. Francis Women's Retreat in Ramona—April 1, 2, and 3 at the Oakbridge Christian Conference Center in Ramona, sponsored by the St. Francis Women's Ministry. This year's theme is *Trust, Hope, Peace, Strength*. The weekend will include speakers, seminars, and activities. For more information, contact Candy at 760-310-8109, Rita at 760-622-2354, or www.stfrancis-women.org.

Marriage & Family Life Corner

Marriage Moments—Marriage is not so much a matter of finding the right partner as being the right partner. Although some people have a natural talent for relationships, some skills can be learned. See www.ForYourMarriage.org for resources.

Parenting Pointers—Does your child know how to examine his or her conscience? With pre-schoolers it can start with bedtime prayer. "What did you like best about today?" "Is there anything you regret?" "Why don't we tell God about it and try to be better tomorrow."

For more information, visit www.diocese-sdiego.org and click on Ministries, Marriage & Family Life or contact Jen Frost at 760-758-4100 x100.

Lenten Communal Penance Services in the Area

Date	Time	Parish
Tue, Mar. 29	7:00pm	Mission San Luis Rey, Oceanside
Wed, Mar. 30	7:00pm	St. Francis, Vista
Mon, Apr. 4	7:00pm	St. Elizabeth Seton, Carlsbad
Tue, Apr. 5	7:30pm	St. Thomas More, Oceanside
Wed, Apr. 6	6:00pm	St. James-St. Leo, Solana Beach
Mon, Apr. 11	7:00pm	Nativity, Rancho Santa Fe
Tue, Apr. 12	7:00pm	St. Patrick, Carlsbad
Wed, Apr. 13	7:00pm	St. John, Encinitas
Mon, Apr. 18	6:30pm	St. Mark, San Marcos
Tue, Apr. 19	11:00am	St. Peter, Fallbrook
Tue, Apr. 19	6:00pm	St. Peter, Fallbrook



Come talk over lunch!



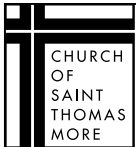
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