

The STM music ensembles return from summer break this weekend. To join one of our ensembles, see page 6 for rehearsal times.

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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 11, 2011 • Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor's Column

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September 11, 2011—A Memorial Day of Sadness and Challenge

This weekend we mark the 10th anniversary of 09/11/01. It is a "Memorial Day" of sadness and challenge. I wrote these words ten years ago shortly after that event:

We pray for all who have died and for their loved ones who must bear the loss. We pray for all the rescue workers who continue the difficult task of recovering bodies from the debris.

We pray for our leadership, especially President Bush, that they may continue to lead with calm and deliberation. We pray that we may 'take in' the events of September 11, 2001, and the events to come with faith and with a gospel vision.

We pray that our nation and the entire human race will work to eliminate evil, hatred, and cowardice in our world through deliberate, well-thought out, and measured responses.

We pray that our responses will not be 'an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth,' but a response that rises above what was done to us, a response that brings an end to this kind of violence and does not become a reason for more.

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Did You Know?

What would we ever do without telephone service and internet?
How would the day to day activities of Parish life be conducted?

Our phone service charge for FY 2010-2011 was \$2,816. Our internet service charge for FY 2010-2011 was \$1,637.

The total is \$4,453. The monthly average is \$371.

"Can you hear me now?"

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

We pray that we may remember that good exists in all peoples, nations, and creeds, and that the deeds of a few are not the deeds of all.

We pray for Arab-Americans in our midst, both Christian and Muslim, who help form the beautiful tapestry that is America; that they may be assured of our love and support during these times.

We pray for our enemies. We pray for all who oppress us, that with God's help we may experience justice, reconciliation, and peace.

What happened to the citizens of the United States of America on September 11, 2001, happened to all the citizens of Earth, our global village. The 'earth-shattering' events of that Tuesday remind us, I believe, that we are at the point of human evolution in which we must see ourselves, not as citizens of specific countries or people of specific religions, but as 'terrestrials'—one people of one village.

There are no more national or religious borders. The only border is between good and evil.

As the leadership of the United States of America moves forward in response, I pray that they do not act alone, but as much as possible, move forward with other 'terrestrials' of good will on behalf of the entire village of Earth!

On this tenth anniversary of September 11, we are mindful that we have been roused. We have been shaken to the very depths. The whole framework of life was shaken. There was a shattering awakening. The horrific acts of September 11 have awakened us to the truth of ourselves. We have remembered who and what is truly important—as we experience a resurgence of love and commitment to family, church, and the community.

As we continue to move forward in these days, and as we conduct this "War on Terrorism," I would ask that we consider these thoughts:

1. We dedicate ourselves to rooting out evil. May we do so in keeping with the Gospel Message of Jesus—not seeking "an eye for an eye," but in "loving our enemy and praying for our persecutors." Let us continue to take the "higher ground" as we attempt to bring those responsible to justice.
2. In many circles of life, we hear arguments calling for revenge. We should keep in mind the advice of the old wise man, Tevye, from the musical "Fiddler On The Roof:" "If we keep seeking an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth, very soon the whole world will be blind and toothless!"
3. As we attempt to root out the evil of terrorism in other places and in other peoples, we need to be willing to root out the evil within us. We must seek the grace and courage needed for self-evaluation. We need to be willing to ask the difficult questions: "Why do so many people, in other parts of the global village, hate us? What can we do differently? How can we be more engaged in activities to

create a greater sense of cooperation and understanding on a global level?"

4. As we debate the ways in which to confront and end terrorism, we must remember that if a person or group of people come to a conclusion that is different from our beliefs or a policy adopted by the leadership of the United States, we should never brand those differing opinions as unpatriotic or disloyal. To call into question one's loyalty to this country because of differing opinions is not a witness to the very essence of this great nation. Such labeling will do a disservice to this country and will weaken our efforts to bring terrorism to an end.
5. We need to rid ourselves of the stereotypes regarding the root cause of terrorism. Islam is not the cause of terrorism. The Middle East is not the cause of terrorism. The Arab population is not the cause of terrorism. Fundamentalism is.

We see a growing phenomenon of fundamentalism in Islam, in Christianity, and in Judaism. Combining religion and politics and approaching them fundamentally are causing our problems today. Seeing my group and myself as right and everyone else as wrong and having the need to forcefully and violently move others into my way of thinking and acting are the causes of terrorism.

The belief that uniformity brings unity causes violence. Forced uniformity creates a shallow and skin-deep unity that is just waiting to explode, more often than not, violently, when opportunity presents itself.

We must strive for not just tolerance, but a radical equality and respect in which differences are accepted and celebrated. It is a unity created in the midst of diversity that touches the heart and soul that then brings an end to violence and a beginning of peace through justice.

Theologian, Hans Kung, once wrote these haunting words: "There will be no peace among the peoples of the world without peace among the world religions. There will be no peace among the world religions without peace among the Christian churches."

6. As we move forward in these years after 09/11/01, let us keep in prayer the people of Afghanistan, the people of Iraq, and all the Coalition Forces and their families. We pray in a special way for all who have died at the hands of terrorism.

May we not grieve the Holy Spirit of God. May we continue to pray and work for global understanding, and justice that leads to peace. May we not lose heart! May we never give up on the biblical challenge that we, as "terrestrials," will, one day, turn our swords into plowshares and our spears into pruning hooks.

F. Mike

Readings for the Week Ahead

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

Sunday, September 11 (130)

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 27:30-28:9
Psalm 103:1-4,9-12
Romans 14:7-9
Matthew 18:21-35

Monday, September 12 (443)

The Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary

1 Timothy 2:1-8
Psalm 28:2,7-9
Luke 7:1-10

Tuesday, September 13 (444)

John Chrysostom, bishop, doctor

1 Timothy 3:1-13
Psalm 101:1-3,5-6
Luke 7:121-17

Wednesday, September 14 (638)

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Numbers 21:4b-9
Psalm 78:1-2,34-38
Philippians 2:6-11
John 3:13-17

Thursday, September 15 (639)

Our Lady of Sorrows

Hebrews 5:7-9
Psalm 31:2-6,15-16,20
John 19:25-27 or Luke 2:33-35

Friday, September 16 (447)

Cornelius, pope, martyr, and Cyprian, bishop, martyr

1 Timothy 6:2c-12
Psalm 49:6-10,17-20
Luke 8:1-3

Saturday, September 17 (448)

Robert Bellarmine, bishop, doctor

1 Timothy 6:13-16
Psalm 100:1-5
Luke 8:4-15

Sunday, September 18 (133)

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55:6-9
Psalm 145:2-3,8-9,17-18
Philippians 1:20c-24,27a
Matthew 20:1-16a

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

Mary Alexander
Laura Allenfort
Lucia Ambriz
Mary Balli
Alexandra Banwell
Patricia Barbour
Clarice Bednarz
John Bennici
Regina Bentz
Roseanne Berg
George "Whitey" Betus
Mary Betz
Betty Jean Bielich
Lynda Brady
Ethel M. Brogan
Monica Broussard
Diane Brown
George Brown
Janet Brown
Chris Buhalis
Glenn Busse
Shelby Campbell
Brienne Campos
Claudia Caplinger
The Cardillo Family
Paul Cassidy
Lolly Cervantes
Pat Christopherson
The Cipowski & Bednarz Families
Dick Clarke
Dolly Cole
Carl Coleman
James Coleman
Thomas Cornwell & Family
Karen Flaharty Daley
Claire De Ainz
Beverly de Gelder
Bernard Delaney
Judith DiMatteo
John Drazkowski, Jr.
Marge Egan
Sharon Evans
Chuck Fay
Larry, Shirley, & April Ferguson
The Fiore Family
The Fischer Family
Ryan Flum
Matthew Foster
Kathryn Franklin
Joe Freire
Brian Frink
Carmen Garcia
Rick Gonzalez
Eileen Gough
The Guyer Family
Rosemary Haeffelin
Susan Hallahan
The Harker Family
Elizabeth Harrison
Lilian Hills
Susan Hori
Iolanda Iacobelli
The Jensen Family
Sue Johnston
Eileen Jones
Paul Kennedy
Peggy Kiernan
Debbie Kinney
Sr. Anne Kremenik
Helen Kuhn
Lillian Lachance
The Lamelin Family
Peggy Lane Hernandez
Bernie Lanzrath
Christopher Lawrence
Roland Lawrence
Brandon LeBlanc
Ashley Load
Angelica Lopez
Cassandra Loretto
Lauren Loretto
Richard Lynn
James MacArthur
Nancy Marley
The McWalters Family
Bob McWilliams
Joyce Meehan
Kalei Mendiola
Carol Michael
Walt & Rita Mikridge
June Mitchell
Nancy Moore
Conrad Murphy
Margie Myers
Cosmo Nocida
R. Northrup
Helen O'Connell
The O'Donovan Family
Heidi Olson
Lupe Casas Pelletier
Helen Pingtella
The Porter Family
Anne Post
Douglas Price-Williams
Jack Riley
Clinton Ritchie
Rita Ritchie
Joanne Robinson
Maria Rogers
Cecilia Roper
Dorothy Rouse
The Russo Family
Kimberly Schlunt
Linda Schmidt
The Douglas E. Schulte Family
Bob, Joan, & Julie Shea
Elizabeth Shirzad
Richard Sikora
Jeanne Sisson
Mike Snyder
The Solomon Family
Nick Soltau
Fred Spiegl
Gilda Spiegl
Dorothy Staehr
Ted Stanislawski
Jo & George Stephens
Pete Sullivan
Maria Surmenidis
Earl Swede
David Sweet
Sarah Tillinghast
Stephen Toth, Jr.
John Treat
Mary Tysko & Family
Laurie Updyke
Barbara Upson
Arnie Velasco
Bob Vita
Vanessa Vitiello-Koble
Paul & Mai Vo & Family
Kevin Watson-Graff
John Whitton

Calendar Highlights

More details at www.stmoside.org,
Schedule and Calendar

The Week Ahead

Sep 11 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
Sep 11 RE.A.CH Classes begin
Sep 18 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
Sep 18 New Member Reception

The Month Ahead

Sep 23-25 Teen Retreat
Sep 24 Women's Guild Luncheon
Sep 25 RE.A.CH Classes at Church
Sep 25 Vodka Tasting Party
Sep 30-Oct 1 Women's Ministry Retreat

The Year Ahead

Oct 7 Eucharistic Exposition
Oct 8 Treasures 2011 Flea Market
Oct 14-16 Men's Fellowship Retreat
Oct 16 RE.A.CH Classes for High School Begin
Oct 28-29 Women's Guild Bake Sale & Quilter's Treasure Sale

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Jan 14-31 Stewardship Awareness and Renewal
Jan 22 Towers of Faith Reception
Jan 29 Groundbreaking for Permanent Church and Parish Offices
June 1 13th Annual Golf Classic
July 16-20 Vacation Bible Camp

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June 21 Dedication of our Permanent Church

*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 12	Sr. Mary Hotz, RSCJ
September 13	Sr. Bernard Ibrahim, DMI
September 14	Sr. Catherine Rose Iverson, SHF
September 15	Sr. Barbara Jackson, OSF
September 16	Sr. Francine Jackson, RSM
September 17	Sr. Teresa Jaramillo, MMS
September 18	Sr. Yesica Jimenez, HCJS

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 10, 5:00pm	Bernie Weiler ☩
Sunday, September 11, 8:30am	George Melbrod
Sunday, September 11, 10:30am	Tina Ogan ☩
Tuesday, September 13, 8:15am	Joe Sullivan ☩
Wednesday, September 14, 8:15am	Michael Norton ☩
Thursday, September 15, 8:15am	Bill Carrothers ☩
Friday, September 16, 8:15am	Larry Dorsa ☩
Friday, September 16, 9:30am	Marge Heath ☩ <i>Aegis</i>
Saturday, September 17, 5:00pm	Jeffrey & Philip Lavelle ☩
Sunday, September 18, 8:30am	Emilio & Restituta Cabriella ☩
Sunday, September 18, 10:30am	Paul Waters ☩

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
Major Robert Bechtold, USMC
PFC John Brandone
1st Sgt Christian Bull, USMC
Corp. Willie Deel
Lance Corp. Brandon Doyle, USMC
MSGT Steve Gallegos, USMC
Maj. David E. Johnson, US Army
Staff Sgt. Travis M. Meyers, USAF
Pvt. 2 Jess Phillips, US Army
Sr. Airman Robert Spear, USAF
Sgt. Charles Watts, USMC

Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioners

Douglas Doi & Mia Rosales & Family
Deborah Townzen & Family

In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

James Porter, who died recently. His sister-in-law, Lucy Viramontes, and mother-in-law, Maria Elena Quiroz, are grateful for your prayers during his illness. Please keep the family in your prayers.

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

New Member Reception:

Sunday, September 18, 12:00noon

We are hosting a New Member Welcome Reception for those who have joined our Parish family since January 2011. Invitations have been mailed to our newest members, and we look forward to meeting you at this special luncheon. If you are an existing member and were unable to attend the last New Member Reception, you are more than welcome to attend.

In order for us to be adequately prepared as your hosts, please RSVP by Monday, September 12, to 760-758-4100 x154 or parishoffice@stmoside.org. For more information, please call Valerie Thompson at 760-630-1703.

Bible Study

Beginning Wednesday, September 28, at 9:00am or Thursday, September 29, at 7:00pm, please join us for seven sessions as we study and discuss the lessons given to us in the catholic letters of St. James, St. Peter, and St. Jude.

We refer to these letters of the Bible in this way because they were addressed to the whole church and not just to a specific church or individual as in the case of St. Paul's letters. They were written to strengthen Christian communities scattered throughout the Roman Empire. Each letter has a specific purpose and content of its own, and they have very few features in common. St. Augustine says they all have to do with refuting errors which were beginning to appear. All of them evidence the teaching and catechesis given to the early Christian communities. The tone is pastoral and the letters contain religious instruction and moral teaching encouraging people to lead deeply Christian lives.

Please join us as we encourage each other to be better Christians. Registration forms available at the information table on the Plaza.

STM \$crip News

TRY US NOW! FREE Fundraising.
Ask about our travel Scrip opportunities!

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

Brother Benno's Toiletry/Underwear Collection

It's that time again when you have the opportunity to unload your travel cases of all those "souvenirs" collected from hotels and motels around the world. The much sought-after shampoos and soaps that were irresistible but are now just clutter. Every year we collect toiletries for the homeless at Brother Benno's for use in their hygiene packs. Of course, they do not have to be the little ones from hostels. They can be larger ones for use at the center, along with new toothbrushes, hair combs, etc.

We are also collecting NEW men's, women's, and children's underwear, which are also always in demand. Please be generous, as always. Deacon Tom's truck will be in the parking lot before all the Masses on the weekend of September 24-25. Thank you!

Marriage & Family Life Corner

The Bishops' Letter on Marriage—Contraception: "By using contraception, married couples may think that they are avoiding problems or easing tensions, that they are exerting control over their lives. At the same time, they may think that they are doing nothing harmful to their marriages. In reality, the deliberate separation of the procreative and unitive meanings of marriage has the potential to damage or destroy the marriage. Also, it results in many other negative consequences, both personal and social." To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

Marriage Moments—"Love is no assignment for cowards." (Ovid) Have you ever stood up for your spouse? Perhaps someone was making fun of her. Or maybe other wives were mocking their husbands and it would have been easy to join the banter. Be true to your absent spouse.

Parenting Pointers—(Anniversary of 9/11) This Sunday the USA remembers with sadness the tragedy of 9/11. It was a day of fear that prompted a decade of security measures. Help your children move beyond their fears.

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

Got COSTUME Jewelry?

Thank you ladies for your tremendous support of my costume jeweled Christmas tree project for the 2012 Golf Classic Auction. I will be able to use a lot of the pieces you have already given and also able to pass along several items for the upcoming Treasures 2011 Flea Market. There are a few more specific pieces I am looking for—if you have any "Avon" Christmas jewelry or other Christmas themed pieces you are no longer wanting in your jewelry collection, that will finish my search. Production of the tree will start soon, so if you could take just one more look in your collection, I'd greatly appreciate it. It will be so exciting to see the finished product and how you made this beautiful tree come to life.

You may bring your COSTUME jewelry to the parish office during the week. Visit www.stmoside.org/golf to see a full-color rendition of a completed tree.

Questions? Call Debbie Ipsen at 760-723-0402.



Parish Events

Women's Guild News

Our next meeting will be coming up fast, so please get your reservations in as soon as you know you can come. We are having the Hawaiian Program this time with a delicious meal, decor, and many dances for your entertainment. I have been told that the troupe will be dancing some new dances and have new costumes as well. The date is Saturday, September 24 at 11:00am on the lower level of the Parish Center.

Please call Vera Bayliss at 760-739-9061 or Siggie Ogan at 760-994-4727 for a reservation. We really appreciate your call to reserve so we will have the appropriate amount of food.

Remember, you are welcome to bring a guest or a husband (not any husband, but yours) to the event. Everyone is welcome. We will have a great time.

The board of the Women's Guild and I will be looking forward to seeing you all at our first meeting.

—Vera Bayliss, President

Women's Ministry/Fellowship Retreat

Mark your calendars for Friday, September 30 (6:30-9:00pm), Saturday, October 1 (8:30am-6:00pm), and the 10:30am Mass on Sunday, October 2. This year's theme is **BECOMING the Woman God Made You to Be** with Tammy Evevard. Registration forms are available at the information table on the Plaza, in the Parish Office, and on the Parish website (www.stmoside.org/women).

Men's Fellowship Retreat

October 14-16 in Julian with keynote speaker Cyril Jones-Kellett. Registration forms are available at the information table on the Plaza, in the Parish Office, and on the Parish website (www.stmoside.org/men).

Knights of Columbus News

The Knights will be selling *Entertainment Books* starting the weekend of September 10-11. They make great gifts!

Treasures 2011 Update

Please sign up and volunteer for the Treasures 2011 flea market in two-hour shifts from 6:00am to 1:30pm on Saturday, October 8 in the Parish parking lot.

Volunteer forms are available at the information table on the Plaza or the Parish Center office. We still need more volunteers for the day!! Only 2 short hour shifts. Come and meet fellow parishioners and have FUN! We need your HELP! Your donation and volunteer sheets should be returned to the Parish Center, Box 43, by September 19. Please Participate!!

We have widened the area for poster distribution and expect a significantly higher number of flea market shoppers.

The dates for the next planning and organizing meetings are Tuesday, September 20, and Tuesday, October 4 from 7:00-8:30pm in the lower level of the Parish Center.

For more information, contact Jerry and Judy Buoniconti, Treasures 2011 Chairpersons, at 760-758-5113.

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

The journey is essential to the dream.

—St. Francis of Assisi

Pledge Statistics as of September 5

	Total Phase II Responses	# of Families Responding
Total Pledges/Gifts	\$1,567,557	670
Still Needed	\$432,443	351
Total Goal	\$2,000,000	1,021
Total Collected	\$1,393,401	



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.

www.stmoside.org; click on Our New Church.
Chris Smith, Director of Stewardship and Development
760-758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org

Parish Potluck

Join us on Friday, September 16, at 6:00pm on the lower level of the Parish Center. Bring your favorite dish and your favorite date. 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.

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?

For information, call Kathleen Bell at 760-758-4100 x110.

Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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

PRAY, BLESS, AND DO NOT CURSE!

by Patricia Datchuck
 Sánchez and Rafael
 Sánchez Alonso,
 excerpted from
 Celebration
 September 2011.
 with permission.

“Is there a proper blessing for the czar?” Many will remember this question from a scene in the Broadway musical “Fiddler on the Roof.” Set in 1905, the show introduces us to the villagers who make their home in the tiny Russian village of Anatevka. Their hard lives are made harder still by the cruelties of the czar. The harshest blow of all comes in the form of an eviction notice; every Jew is to depart Anatevka in three days, leaving behind all they know and love.

Against this backdrop of cruelty and injustice, the rabbi continues to teach the villagers that God has a blessing for everyone and everything. When they ask if that includes the czar, the rabbi resorts to a little humor and says, “May God bless and keep the czar...far away from us!” Holy man of faith that he is, the rabbi cannot diminish God in any way; nor can he attribute to God any human desire for retribution or vengeance, however justifiable it may seem. All he can do is pray for protection for his people and for their perseverance in goodness.

This story, though fictional, could just as well be true. Today, “czars” of one sort or another continue to oppress others. On Sept. 11, the world will remember that 10 years ago, despicable crimes were perpetrated on innocent people in New York, Washington, and Pennsylvania. Terrorists claiming to be acting in God’s name continue to commit countless violent and unholy acts. Is there a blessing for them? Is there forgiveness even for them?

While broken hearts and wounded spirits cry out for revenge, and righteous rage often overwhelms our reason, the sacred texts for September offer another set of eyes through which to see the world and others: the eyes of the God, who

created all and who has redeemed and forgiven all in Jesus Christ.

On Sept. 18, Deutero-Isaiah, speaking for God, will remind us, “My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways.” Then the prophet will encourage us to call out to the God who is generous in forgiving. In the Matthean Gospel for that same Sunday, Jesus will ask us if we are envious because God is generous. Do we expect that God cannot forgive people because we cannot—or will not?

On Sept. 25, we might hear our own thoughts echoed in the cry “The Lord’s way is not fair!” While we may long to see the wicked suffer, God is ready to bless and preserve their lives if only they turn from their iniquity.

Even if we do eventually learn to set resentment aside and appreciate God’s generous mercies, the sacred texts remind us that more is required of us. On this infamous anniversary of Sept. 11, Jesus ben Sira, Paul, and the Matthean Jesus will unite to challenge us to forgive even when forgiveness seems impossible and foolish. Can anyone nourish anger against another person and then expect healing from God? Can anyone refuse mercy to another person and then seek pardon for his or her own sins? These challenges are made even more rigorous by Jesus, who says we must forgive without limit. Paul, in the second reading, will offer us the rationale for cultivating the virtue of forgiving what seems unforgivable.

Some among us have been heard to declare, “I’ll forgive but I’ll never forget!” Such a claim, however, is contrary to the character of God, for whom forgiveness is always coupled with liberation. Because God forgives by freeing the sinner from the domination of past history, those



who are God’s are to emulate this quality of divine amnesia.

This challenge brings us full-circle to the question: “Is there a proper blessing for the czar?” Indeed, there is. In a High Holy Day Book published in 1895 in Russia, there is a prayer in Yiddish that concludes with: “And may the Merciful One put in the heart of the czar compassion and good deeds for the people of God.” This can also be our blessing for the “czars” of today.

Upcoming Music

SEPTEMBER 18
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm Mass

Sanctuary Choir

8:30am Mass

Handbell Choir

10:30am Mass

Praise Team

Music Ministry Fall Start Up

Shout to the Lord...come
 before him with joyful song!
 Psalm 100

Praise Team

Tuesdays, 7:00-9:00pm

Handbell Choir

Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30pm

Sanctuary Choir

Thursdays, 7:00-9:00pm

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?” —Mk 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 everyday 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)

2011 GOAL:	365 jars
Collected to date:	394 jars



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

RE.A.CH
Reach, Engage, Act, Connect, Help

9:45-10:20am

Open House for parents and PK-5
students ~ Lower Level

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

12:30- 2:00 Class for Levels 1-5

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

Teen Faith Formation

Core Courses for Teen Faith Formation begin
Sunday, October 16, from 6:30-8:30pm.

Core Courses last for six consecutive Sundays.

Youth Ministry

✦ IGNITE

High School Youth Group meets every Monday
at 7:00pm. High School teens and friends are
always welcome. We continue to build our faith
on this great and challenging journey!

✦ LEAD

Confirmed teens and young adults are invited to
be part of our leadership group. While nourishing
our own spirituality, we also reach out to other
teens by taking a leadership role in Ignite and
retreat. Come share your gifts: Thursdays at
7:00pm.

✦ Confirmation 2 Retreat

Please turn in your forms to Marc and begin to
pray for this event at home! The cost of this
Retreat is \$115 and is September 23-25 at Kamp
Kuper in Escondido.

This is a mandatory event for Phase 2
Confirmation students. Please call Marc if you
have any questions.

Marc

Marc Raymundo, Youth Advocate
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Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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The Anniversary of 9/11: How do Christian Stewards Respond?

When we celebrate the Eucharist together on Sunday, September 11, 2011, we will already have been surrounded by vivid reminders of the tenth anniversary of the 9/11 attacks in the United States. How should Christian stewards commemorate this anniversary?

Catholics embrace a diversity of thought regarding armed conflict and war on terrorism, ranging from variations of the just war tradition to varying degrees of pacifism. They hold a deep appreciation of our uniformed men and women who serve at home and abroad.



On a darker note, after ten years, armed conflict has not yielded the intended results. Thousands of U.S. service personnel have died or been injured. American ideals have become too readily compromised. There is political disunity. Pre-emptive wars are now considered morally acceptable. And there exists a moral numbness to the killing of innocents who live in Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Iraq.

As we gather around the Lord's Table on September 11, we will hear sobering expressions during the proclamation of the Word of God: *Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the Lord? And, I say to you, you must forgive not seven times but seventy-seven times.* Jesus, the prophet Sirach, and Saint Paul taught us how not only to overcome evil, but to redeem it.

Christian stewards, as active instruments of God's mercy, understand the redemptive quality of living the Gospel. Indeed, Christian stewards understand that the cessation of violence and armed conflict can only be realized when God's peace and justice are pursued for the entire human family.

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The anniversary of 9/11 and the October 6 invasion of Afghanistan offer an opportunity to re-think how Christian stewards respond to violence and conflict. This response begins with prayer: prayer for the victims and their families; for the innocents who continued to suffer and die long after 9/11; for peace in the world; even for those we consider our enemies.



Christian stewards do not stand idly by, helpless or disengaged. They open their hearts to conversion and draw closer to those who suffer. They seek ways to diffuse violence and conflict. They seek to understand those with whom they disagree. They encourage leaders to act with prudence and compassion. Christian stewards remember those who have been lost and memorialize this day by re-committing their lives to following in the footsteps of Jesus to make the world a better place.

—ICSC Parish Stewardship, September 2011 (with permission)

Missionary Cooperation Appeal

The proceeds from the Mission Appeal are used to directly support the missionaries, the organization, and the people they serve. We are all called to be missionaries. Your generous donation unites you as missionary to our brothers and sisters around the world who are most in need of help. The envelope attached to the bulletin last week may be returned any time during the month of September. Thank you!

Collection for Week of September 3/4, 2011

Number of Registered Households		1,021
Offertory*	\$	15,812.42
Offertory (Loose Collection)		1,331.00
Children's envelopes		0.00
Total	\$	17,143.42

* 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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News from the Larger Church

Catholic Radio in San Diego—Includes Catholic Answers, interviews and discussions by Diocesan staff, youth programs, and more. Visit www.catholicradioofsandiego.com for details.

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

Retrouvaille for Troubled Marriages—Call 951-259-9474 or visit www.RetroCA.com.

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

Lectures and Retreats at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside—Visit www.sanluisrey.org or call 760-757-3659 for details on upcoming events.

Peace Pole Ceremony to Commemorate 9/11 in Vista—Sunday, September 11, 11:30am, United Methodist Church of Vista, 490 S. Melrose Dr., Vista. Laying of hands on the peace pole with prayers will be followed by “planting” of the peace pole, as a way to remember the tenth anniversary of 9/11 with neighboring churches.

Interfaith 9/11 Memorial and Concert in San Diego—Sunday, September 11, 4:30-6:30pm, “Responding from the Heart” at Balboa Park, Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free admission and parking. For more information, contact sdinterfaith911@gmail.com or 619-384-6852.

St. Vincent de Paul Village Ladies Guild Membership Coffee in San Diego—Monday, September 12, 10:00am, St. Brigid Parish Hall, 4735 Cass St., Pacific Beach. For more information, call Virginia LaMendola at 619-435-2108.

Our Mission is to:

worship God,

In addition to Mass, reconciliation, and Eucharistic Adoration (see page 1 for schedules), there are opportunities to participate in liturgical and music ministries.

*For further information, contact Douglas Lynn,
Director of Liturgy and Music,
at 760-758-410 x140 or douglasl@stmoside.org*

Matrimony (9 months advance notice required), communion for the sick/homebound, and anointing are available by request

*For further information, contact the Parish Office
at 760-758-4100 x100 or parishoffice@stmoside.org.*

teach and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ,

There are programs for faith development and enrichment for all ages, including preparation for receiving the sacraments.

*For further information, contact Kathleen Bell,
Director of Faith Formation,
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 (see page 10).

*For further information, contact Chris Smith,
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News from St. Francis Church

Concert

Friday, September 30, 7:00pm

Tom Booth and Band, The Paschal Mystery Tour

St. Francis of Assisi Parish, 525 W. Vista Way, Vista

VIP Tickets: \$80

(dinner with the artist, signed photo and priority seating)

General Admission: \$20 presale*/\$30 at the door

Seniors/Students: \$15 presale*/\$25 at the door

Children 5-12 years old: \$10

Children under 4: free

Presale ends September 20

To order tickets, please call the Parish Office at 760-945-8000

For information about Youth Group discounts, call 760-945-8043

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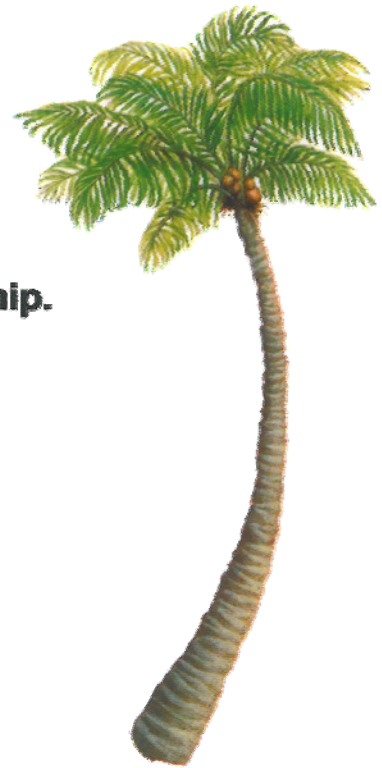


Husbands and guests are welcome!

This is a fun event for only \$10.

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Please join us!!



**Call Vera Bayliss 760-739-9061
or Siggie Ogan 760-994-4727**

Please reserve ahead of time. Deadline September 19.

We need to know how many people will be coming so we have plenty of food!!

