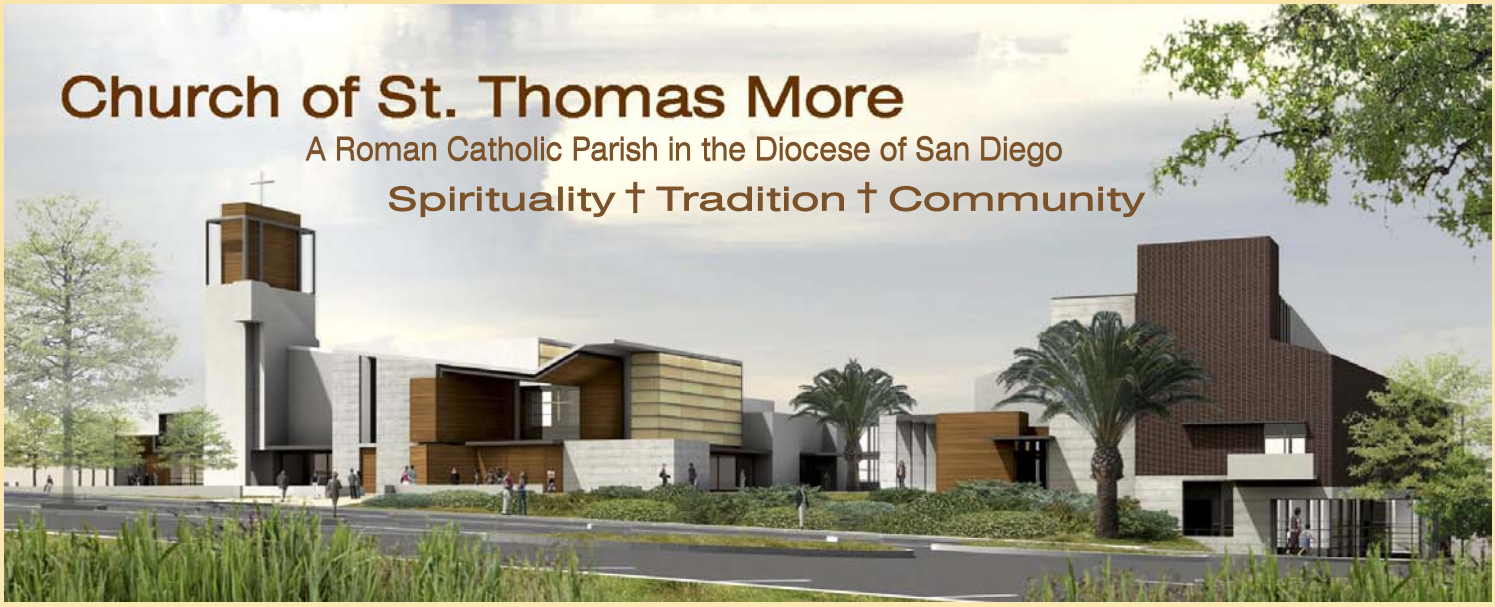

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Mass Schedule
Saturday at 5:00pm
Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am
Tuesday-Friday at 8:15am

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

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

January 8, 2012 • The Epiphany of the Lord

Pastor's Column

Gifts of the Magi

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. This day celebrates the manifestation of the infant Jesus as the one given by God not just to and for the Jews but for the entire human race. The celebration of Epiphany actually predates the celebration of Christmas by several hundred years.

The astrologers who have traveled from the East are non-Jews and the "intelligentsia" of that day and time. Yet, they find their way to Bethlehem and to the "babe wrapped in swaddling clothes" and along with poor Jewish shepherds worship the One sent by God.

These "Wise Men" offer gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, gifts that already in this infancy narrative (Matthew 2) foretell who this Jesus is and what will happen to him.

GOLD is the gift given to royalty. He is King and God!

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"Did You Know?"

CHURCH OF SAINT THOMAS MORE

Each year for Christmas and Easter Masses, we provide overflow seating on the Plaza. We provide a tent over the chairs and heaters in the midst of the chairs to provide greater comfort for those who are worshiping "al fresco."

The cost of these items for this Easter and Christmas 2011 was $2,428.

Your gift to the "Did You Know?" Campaign will help to defray these costs.

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 Sunday 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)

The Hebrew word for incense is derived from a verb meaning "to cause to smoke" and is used to denote the smoke from a sacrifice burnt on the altar (1 Samuel 2:15-16; Psalms 66:15). There were two types of incense; one consisted entirely of frankincense (Leviticus 2:1,15) and was used in conjunction with certain meal offerings.

The incense of FRANKINCENSE together with a handful of fine flour mixed with oil was offered on the outer altar of the sanctuary. Frankincense was also an ingredient of the offering of the showbread (Leviticus 24:7). This Jesus will be sacrificed and will be offered up on our behalf and is bread for us!

The use of scents and ointments was very necessary in the primitive hygienic conditions of the ancient world. In private life, perfumes and spices were used as ingredients in perfumed oils, ointments, and powders, for cosmetic purposes, to protect the skin from the heat of the sun and the dry air, and in medicine. No less important was the role they played in the religious rituals of the ancient Near East.

MYRRH was one of the most important perfumes in biblical times. It was used in the preparation of the oil with which kings were anointed (Exodus 30: 23-24). It was a precious gift and much used by women (Proverbs 7:17; Esther 2:12; Song of Songs 4:14). Together with aloes it was used in preparing Jesus' body for burial (John 19:39).

Myrrh is extracted by means of incisions in the bark of a small tree that grows in tropical Africa and Arabia.

This Jesus who is King, God, and "Bread For Us" will be sacrificed and will die for us!

On this Feast of the Epiphany, we celebrate the manifestation of Jesus to the world as God's gift of love to us. In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, God shows us how completely we are loved: "In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him. In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another." (1 John 4:9-11)

The gift given to us is meant to be shared with others!

Happy Epiphany!

Fr. Mike

Looking for Information on the Catholic Faith?

Are you interested in learning more about Catholicism, becoming a Catholic, or returning to the Catholic Church after being away?

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

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday-Friday • 6:30am-7:30pm
Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Exposition of the Eucharist on First Fridays. Next date: Friday, February 3.

For more information, contact the Parish Office at 760-758-4100 x100.

Readings for the Week Ahead

Sunday Year B; Weekday Year II
Readings online at *www.usccb.org.*

Sunday, January 8 (20)
Epiphany of the Lord
Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,10-13
Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6
Matthew 2:1-12
Monday, January 9 (21)
Baptism of the Lord
Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7 or Isaiah 55:1-11
Psalm 29:1-4,9-10 or Isaiah 12:2-6
Acts 10:35-38 or 1 John 5:1-9
Mark 1:7-11
Tuesday, January 10 (306 or 305)
1 Samuel 1:9-20 or 1 Samuel 1:1-10
1 Samuel 2:1,4-8 (Psalm)
Mark 1:14-20 or Mark 14-28
Wednesday, January 11 (307)
1 Samuel 3:1-10,19-20
Psalm 40:2-5,7-10
Mark 1:29-39
Thursday, January 12 (308)
1 Samuel 4:1-11
Psalm 44:10-11,14-15,25-26
Mark 1:40-45
Friday, January 13 (309)
Hilary, bishop, doctor
1 Samuel 8:4-7,10-22a
Psalm 89:16-19
Mark 2:1-12
Saturday, January 14 (310)
1 Samuel 9:1-4,17-19;10:1a
Psalm 21:2-7
Mark 2:13-17
Sunday, January 15 (65)
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Samuel 3:3b-10,19
Psalm 40:2,4,7-10
1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a,17-20
John 1:35-42

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 7, 5:00pm Peter Fresca ✞
Sunday, January 8, 8:30am Dolores Murchison ✞
Sunday, January 8, 10:30am Jeannette Demirdjean ✞
Tuesday, January 10, 8:15am Freda Schweitzer ✞
Wednesday, January 11, 8:15am Tammy Petruzzella ✞
Thursday, January 12, 8:15am Frank Hannon ✞
Friday, January 13, 8:15am Emma Vlachos ✞
Friday, January 13, 9:30am Ralph Martin ✞ *Ægis at Shadowridge*
Saturday, January 14, 5:00pm Fred Spiegl ✞
Sunday, January 15, 8:30am Ernesto Vettese ✞
Sunday, January 15, 10:30am Joe Coccaro ✞

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

Mary Alexander
Laura Allenfort
Lucia Ambriz
Mary Balli
Alexandra Banwell
Jose Luis Barbosa
Patricia Barbour
Melody Batchelor
Clarice Bednarz
John Bennici
Regina Bentz
Roseanne Berg
George "Whitey" Betus
Mary Betz
Betty Jean Bielich
Lynda Brady
Christy Breier
Roy Bristol
The Roy Bristol Family
The Brophy Family
The Broughton Family
Monica Broussard
George Brown
Janet Brown
Bridget Buford
Shelby Campbell
Brianne Campos
Claudia Caplinger
Paul Cassidy
The Castro Family
Lolly Cervantes
Pat Christopherson
Dick Clarke
Dolly Cole
Carl Coleman
James Coleman
Thomas Cornwell & Family
Karen Flaharty Daley
Beverly de Gelder
Carole Dillon
Judith DiMatteo
Dave Dossman
John Drazkowski, Jr.
Phyllis Estes
Sharon Evans
Chuck Fay
The Fiore Family
Ryan Flum
Matthew Foster
Kathryn Franklin
Joe Freire
Ellen Fresca
Brian Frink
Carmen Garcia
Rick Gonzalez
Pat Goscienski
Eileen Gough
Rosemary Haeffelin
The Harker Family
Elizabeth Harrison
Lilian Hills
Susan Hori
Olga Huette
Iolanda Iacobelli
Eileen Jones
George Jones
Paul Kennedy
Peggy Kiernan
Debbie Kinney
Dewey Kolbo
Helen Kuhn
Lillian Lachance
The Lamelin Family
Christopher Lawrence
Roland Lawrence
Tom Lawrence
Brandon LeBlanc
Ashley Load
Cassandra Loretto
Lauren Loretto
Richard Lynn
James MacArthur
Joaquin Maldonado
Nancy Marley
Chandler May
The Mazzarella Family
Mac McCullough
Eileen McNabb
Bob McWilliams
Joyce Meehan
Kalei Mendiola
Phyllis Minaya
June Mitchell
Nancy Moore
Conrad Murphy
Margie Myers
Maurine Nichols
Cosmo Nocida
Helen O'Connell
Heidi Olson
Juanita Matamala Pacheco
Bernadette Padovan
Art Palle
Lupe Casas Pelletier
Douglas Price-Williams
Daniel Raiman
The Reyes Family
Clinton Ritchie
Rita Ritchie
Joanne Robinson
Alfred Robles
Maria Rogers
Joanne Rosefeld
Dorothy Rouse
The Russo Family
Kimberly Schlunt
Linda Schmidt
The Douglas E. Schulte Family
Pete Serle & Family
Bob, Joan, & Julie Shea
Elizabeth Shirzad
Richard Sikora
Jeanne Sisson
Jacque Smid
Mike Snyder
Nick Soltau
Fred & Gilda Spiegl
Darek, Vanessa, & Elba Spizewski
Dorothy Staehr
Ted Stanislawski
Pete Sullivan
Maria Surmenidis
David Sweet
Sarah Tillinghast
Stephen Toth, Jr.
John Treat
Mary Tysko & Family
Laurie Updyke
Barbara Upson
The Velasco Family
Silvana Vettese
Donato Visciglio
Bob Vita
Vanessa Vitiello
Ashley Wandell
Kevin Watson-Graff
John Whitton
Irene Wojcik
Patricia Zavala
The Zynda Family

Deployed Military

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

Gunnery Sgt. Fernando Andrade, Jr.
1st Lt. Jeffrey Bauer, USMC
PFC John Brandone
1st Sgt Christian Bull, USMC
Corp. Willie Deel
Lance Corp. Brandon Doyle, USMC
Grant Fischer
MSGT Steve Gallegos, USMC
Staff Sgt. Travis M. Meyers, USAF
Pvt. 2 Jess Phillips, US Army
Sr. Airman Robert Spear, USAF
Sgt. Charles Watts, USMC

Thank you for your prayers for
Maj. David E. Johnson, US Army
Who has returned home safely.

Calendar Highlights

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

The Week Ahead

Jan 8	Knights of Columbus Breakfast
Jan 8-14	National Vocations Awareness Week
Jan 9	Women's Guild Luncheon
Jan 10-11	Restaurant Fundraiser at Nucci's Italian Cafe
Jan 11	Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, Oceanside Deanery, at STM
Jan 14-31	Stewardship Awareness and Renewal
Jan 15	Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
Jan 15	RE.A.CH classes at church

The Month Ahead

Jan 18-25	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Jan 29	Groundbreaking for Permanent Church and Parish Offices

The Year Ahead

Feb 14	Spirited Seniors Luncheon
Feb 18	Women's Guild Fashion Show
Mar 11	***Rescheduled*** Towers of Faith Reception
Mar 22	Day of Recollection for Men and Women
May 20	Confirmation at 10:30am Mass
June 1	13th Annual Golf Classic
July 16-20	Vacation Bible Camp

2013

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.

January 9 Sr. Regina Shin, RSCJ
January 10 Sr. Paula Smith, MMM
January 11 Sr. Suzanne Snyder, SHCJ
January 12 Sr. Margaret Spence, CSN
January 13 Sr. Virginia (Gloria) Sturgeon, SSND
January 14 Sr. Columba Joseph Sullivan, CSN
January 15 Sr. Adrienne Taitano, SSND

Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioners

Joan Kluis

Congratulations to

Marilyn & Steve Lilly
who celebrated their 46th wedding anniversary on January 8.

Barbara & Harold Miller
who celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary this weekend.

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

In Memoriam

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Arny Velasco, who died on December 28. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, January 12, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep his family in your prayers.

William Mazzarella, who died on January 2. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, January 10, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep his family in your prayers.

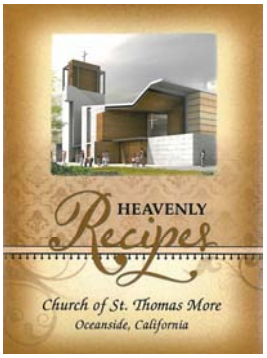
May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Parish Cookbook

Be sure to pick up one of our Parish cookbooks, and maybe a few extra for your Christmas list.

Available on the Plaza after weekend Masses and in the Parish Office during the week.

$15 each, $15 for a CD version or $25 for the pair.



STM $crip News

TRY US NOW! FREE Fundraising.

A percentage of each gift card is returned to the Parish for the Building Fund. Check the Scrip list (at the Scrip table after Masses or on the website) to find out how much each card earns.

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

Heartnotes

A life-saving resolution: take a CPR class in 2012.

The next **Adult CPR/AED** class will take place on Saturday, January 14, at 9:00am. The fee is $37 per person. To reserve a place in class or if you have any questions about the St. Thomas More CPR program contact medical director Dr. Phil Goscienski at *drphilg@cox.net* or 760-732-1414.

There will be an **Infant/Child CPR** class on Saturday, February 18, from 9:00am-12:00noon. The fee is $37.

Are you interested in **Hands-Only CPR**? Just the basics in a class that takes only a little more than one hour will be given on Friday, February 17, at 7:00pm. There is no fee but you will need to make a reservation.

Books for Change

Advent is a great time for cleaning shelves so that we can help the homeless help themselves! Here's how it works:

- Drop off useable books, CDs, and DVDs at the Faith Formation Office.
- We will deliver them to North County Solutions for Change.
- There the moms (who are recovering from homelessness) will inventory and process the items for resale on Amazon.
- This gives the moms something meaningful and purposeful to do while they build the foundation for their new lives as productive and healthy citizens.

One used book, CD or DVD =

One Homeless Child's Life Changed for One Day

www.solutionsforchange.org

Helping Seminarians

We continue to collect laundry supply items and personal hygiene items for our seminarian, Ricardo Juárez Frausto, and his fellow seminarians. Bring items to the Parish Office. Thanks!

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.*

Parish Events

Calling All Walkers
Beginning the Second Week in January!

Tuesdays – 9:30 to 10:30a.m. (starting January 10)

Thursdays – 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. (starting January 12)

All are welcome to meet at Parish Office as start point!

For more information, contact
Diane Pal at 760-815-2519 or dipal123@att.net

Women's Guild News

Our next meeting will be on Monday, January 9 and we will hold our traditional Chinese Auction. Meeting starts at 11:00am on the lower level of the Parish Center. Please call Vera Bayliss at 760-739-9061 for reservations. We will have lunch ready for you. Bring an item you would like to give up and who knows, you'll win one better!

Save the date for the Fashion Show, which will be in February 18. More notices and ticket information will be coming soon.

Hope your New Year has started well and will continue to be a happy one.

—Vera Bayliss, President

Catholic Widows and Widowers of North County

CWWNC meets the second Sunday of each month (January 8 in Oceanside) for a general meeting and potluck at 2:00pm in a member's home. On the fourth Sunday of each month (January 22 at 11:00am) we gather for Mass at various Parishes in North County—this month at St. Margaret in Oceanside followed by lunch at Mimi's. Prospective members are welcome anytime. Please RSVP to Carol Kope at 760-726-0533 or Gerri Wilmott at 760-758-9949. See the bulletin board on the lower level of the Parish Center for our monthly newsletter of activities.

Parish Potluck

Join us on Friday, January 20, 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.

ACTTS
Active Catholics in their Twenties and Thirties who Socialize

This Parish group partners with the North County Young Adults group and the Young Adult Ministry of the Diocese of San Diego, both of which have an ongoing calendar of events. To find out more, contact one of the following:

actts@stmoside.org

northcounty.youngadults@gmail.com

www.yamsd.org

Our Journey Into The Future . . . Together!
2012 Phase 2.1 " . . . A Time to Build!"
Watch Your Mail for the Update

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!

2012 DATES AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION:

January 22, February 26, March 25, April 22, May 27, June 24, July 22, August 26, September 23, October 28, November 25, and December 23

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.*

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!

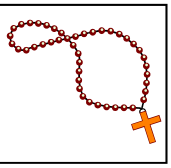
All we need is clear title. Non-operational is OK!

Since 2006 we have netted over $22,300 from this program. Thank you donors!

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

Rosary

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



Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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

GLAD TIDINGS OF JOY...AND THANKS

This third Sunday of this Christmas Season, Epiphany Sunday, provides us with another opportunity to celebrate the season and focus on what is truly important about these days of glad tidings and joy.

The scripture message this week is about seeking and finding: joy at both seeing the beacon in the sky and finding the child in the house. And while we may not be able to offer "the riches of the sea" and "the wealth of nations" to our God, we are called to be "copartners in the promise…through the gospel."

Our gifts may not be gold, or frankincense, or myrrh, but they are the equally valuable gifts of time, and talent, and treasure in service to the Lord. And this Christmas season, these gifts have been very much in evidence.

Again this year, many have stepped up to the call to help with their part of the great undertaking that is the celebration of the Christmas season at St. Thomas More. It is virtually impossible to try to thank everyone individually without missing someone, so I will not try. However, special thanks must be offered to a few groups of people who went to extraordinary efforts to make our celebration what it was.

I would like to thank those who created and maintained our beautiful liturgical environment these weeks. Many hands made for light work in setting up the Nativity and the rest of the Christmas environment all over the building—the many poinsettias were watered regularly, and the magi kept moving "west" each week. Specific mention also must be made of the liturgical ministers (including the musicians) who gladly served at multiple Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Through their planning and preparation, through their practicing and rehearsing, St. Thomas More community was offered many precious gifts of time and talent. And it is much appreciated.

Others have offered gifts of their treasure in the past and in the present, which has made our environment shine. The Parish appreciates the monetary gifts that allow us to have such a splendid Nativity scene, to refurbish our Communion chalices to their original luster, to purchase the extra wine and hosts, and rent the tent and chairs, that are needed in this season of guests and visitors. Without these gifts, our celebration would be a bit less joyful.

Thank you all, and may your new year be most blessed.

As we head into Ordinary Time, in the words of the Solemn Blessing for Epiphany of the Lord:

May God, who has called us
out of darkness
into his wonderful light,
pour out in kindness
his blessing upon us
and make our hearts firm
in faith, hope, and charity. Amen.

—Douglas

Join us for Twelfth Night at First Presbyterian

If you want to extend your Christmas season just a bit longer, or if you want a terrific way to finish with a bang, stop by First Presbyterian Church's annual Twelfth Night celebration this Sunday (Jan 8) at 6:00pm. Our Sanctuary Choir and many others will be singing their best Christmas music. And there will be lots of carols to sing (and harmony). 2001 El Camino Real, in Oceanside.

Upcoming Music

JANUARY 15
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm Mass
Handbell Choir

8:30am Mass
Praise Team

10:30am Mass
Sanctuary Choir

Fresh Flowers for Our Weekend Mass Celebrations

If you would like to remember, honor, or celebrate someone special or a special occasion with the addition of an arrangement of flowers at our weekend Masses during Ordinary Time, please see our Parish Receptionist during the week.

Your flower donation of $75 will provide a lovely arrangement on the altar platform, including all taxes and delivery.

A note in the weekend's bulletin will announce your special person or event.

Only one flower arrangement may be offered each weekend and payment must be made at the time you reserve your weekend. Two week's notice is required. We are sorry that we are not able to take your reservation over the phone at this time. Thank you!

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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

The Gift of Worship

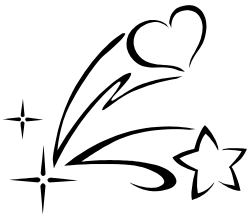
". . .they fell down and worshiped him." (Matt. 2: 11)

Perhaps you've heard the complaint: "Why should I go to Mass? I don't get anything out of it." The Magi, who gave the Christ Child the gift of worship, suggest that we might be looking at this from the wrong direction...do I go to Mass to **GET** something, or to **GIVE** something?

Worship. It's a gift that extends to the giver as well.
Through worship, we come to see God more clearly.
God invites us, through worship, to see God's face so God can change ours.
"We all show the Lord's glory, and we are being changed to be like him. This change in us brings ever greater glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit" (2 Cor 3:18).

God loves to change the faces of God's children.
By God's fingers, wrinkles of worry are rubbed away.
Shadows of shame and doubt become portraits of grace and trust.
God relaxes clenched jaws and smoothes furrowed brows.

In worship, we simply stand before God with a prepared and willing heart and let God do God's work...and God does.
God wipes away the tears.
God mops away the perspiration.
God softens our furrowed brows.
God touches our cheeks.
God changes our faces as we worship.



The wise men sought the child of God, just as God seeks God's children.
"The Father is actively seeking such people to worship him" (John 4:23).

The gifts of hope, time and worship.
Three gifts the wise still give.

Max Lucado

Each time we go to Mass may we keep the focus on our gift of praise and worship **to** God...it's all about God, not me!

Kathleen

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Today is a RE.A.CH day at Home

Next Church Session: January 15

Check your Annual Plan for YOUR Session

Fides quaerens intellectum
– St. Anselm

Adult Faith Formation Opportunities

The Journey Continues

Join us this Wednesday at 7:00pm for the next episode in the CATHOLICISM Series by Fr. Robert Barron.

Part 8 is entitled *"A Vast Company of Witnesses."*

Fr. Barron gives consideration to some of the Church's greatest heroes, and demonstrates how their extraordinary examples display both the passion and the creative potential of the Catholic Church. This lesson tells the story of the Church as a vast company of witnesses who are called by Christ to be a Communion of Saints.

Each episode "stands alone," so please come, even if you have not attended the rest of the series.

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PBJ Update

(Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center)

2012 GOAL:	365 jars
Collected to date:	150 jars

Children (of all ages) helping Children

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YOUTH MINISTRY

Marc Raymundo, Youth Advocate
760-758-4100 x161 or marcr@stmoside.org

✠ IGNITE

Start off the New Year with Youth Group! We meet every Monday at 7:00pm! See you then.

✠ Confirmation, Phase 2

Confirmation Phase 2:
Forms are due in the yellow tub TODAY!

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Chris Smith
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Christian Stewardship Prayer for 2012

Gracious and Loving God,
The old year has passed and a new year begun.

We thank you for Your active presence
in our busy lives,
for the opportunities given,
and for blessings received.

As we embrace a new year,
breathe freely through us
and renew our spirits
with fresh resolve and purpose.

Give us the grace to be good stewards
of all that You have entrusted to us
and to serve You with generous,
compassionate and loving hearts.

Bless our days ahead.

Give us the courage to be faithful.

Show us how to proclaim
the Good News of Your Son,
Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with
You and the Holy Spirit,
One God forever and ever.

Amen.

—January 2012, ICSC Parish Stewardship (with Permission)

Each of us,
no matter our circumstances or station in life,
has a gift to bring to the Lord.

TOWERS OF FAITH
Future Support & Estate Planning Options

Towers of Faith is a movement that has arisen due to the visionary leadership and generosity of several of our Parishioners. We stress that this is not about the gift amount, but rather the love and thought behind the gift.

These individuals *(several anonymous)* have included STM in their estate planning. This helps to ensure their ongoing support and a legacy for our Parish. *Towers of Faith* is a valuable portion of our future support.

Examples of the various future planning vehicles are:
Designated Beneficiary Accounts,
Last Will and Testament, Living Trust, Life Insurance,
Stocks and Bonds, Real Estate, and Endowments.

Any Parishioners who have already included STM in their estate plans are *Towers of Faith* participants. If you are interested, please contact us. Your participation is most welcome and appreciated!

Chris Smith at 760-758-4100 x120, *chriss@stmoside.org.*

Do two people in your family know the location of your will and/or living trust?

Collection for Solemnity of Mary Dec. 31-Jan. 1

Number of Registered Households		1,028
Offertory*	$	8,483.59
Offertory (Loose Collection)		1,477.88
Children's envelopes		1.00
Total	**$**	**9,962.47**

* 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 and Information 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 or tune in to AM 1000 Monday-Friday, 6:00-8:00pm.

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

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

Retrouvaille for Troubled Marriages—Call 951-259-9474 or visit *www.RetroCA.com.* Next weekend is January 13-15.

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

Lectures and Retreats at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside—Visit *www.sanluisrey.org* or call 760-757-3659 for details on upcoming events, including a Serenity Retreat with Fr. Tom Weston, January 20-22.

St. Patrick Catholic School in Carlsbad (K-8)—accepting applications for the 2012-2013 school year. For more information contact 760-729-1333 x105 or *www.stpaddys.org*.

St. Joseph Academy in San Marcos (K-12)—accepting high school applications for the 2012-2013 year. For more information, contact *www.stjosephacademy.org* or 760-305-8505.

JSerra Catholic High School in San Juan Capistrano—Open house and campus tour on Thursday, January 19, 6:30-8:00pm, 26351 Junipero Serra Rd., San Juan Capistrano. For more information, contact 949-493-9307 or *www.jerra.org* or Marc Raymundo at 760-758-4100 x161 or *marcr@stmoside.org*.

Our Lady of Peace High School for Young Women—Entrance exam on Saturday, January 21. For more information, visit *www.aolp.org* or call 619-725-9118.

Marriage & Family Life Corner

Ministry Focus: What is marriage? Are a man and a woman really essential to marriage? What about the child … and the role of mothers and fathers? Is it discriminatory to defend marriage as the union of one man and one woman? What impact does the redefinition of marriage have on religious liberty? The USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) has launched a new site titled "Marriage: Unique for a Reason". Find answers to these questions—and more—at:

http://www.marriageuniqueforareason.org.

The Bishops' Letter on Marriage—Marriage and the Church: "As a vocation, or call from God, marriage has a public and ecclesial status within the Church. Catholic spouses ordinarily exchange marital consent within a church setting, before a priest or deacon. The living-out of marriage takes place within the whole Body of Christ, which it serves and in which it finds nourishment." To read the document go to *http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/.*

Marriage Moments—Guard against online infidelity and Facebook flings. Honor your spouse by stating your status as "married" and throw out any old photos of you hugging past flames that might be misinterpreted. Make your commitment to your spouse clear and public.

Parenting Pointers—Epiphany: Think of a wise thing that your child has done or something that he/she has taught you. Affirm this wisdom in your child. Learn from each other.

For more information, visit *www.diocese-sdiego.org*/Ministries/Marriage & Family Life or call Jen Frost at 760-758-4100 x100.

News from St. Francis Church

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.

For more information, contact the school at 760-945-7960.

Recycle your electronics at St. Francis School!—On January 21 and 22 you can drop off your old TVs, radios, telephones, cell phones, computers, printers, electrical cords and wires, just to name a few. We can recycle all forms of electronics except: auto/motorcycle batteries; light bulbs; and large appliances. Help protect Mother Earth and raise money for your Parish school. Please contact *ptg@sfs-vista.org* with questions.

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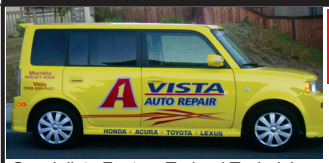

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