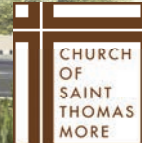


Church of St. Thomas More

A Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of San Diego

Spirituality † Tradition † Community



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StThomasMoreRCC



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 23, 2012 • Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor's Column

Are You a Registered Voter? Will You Vote?

Our Parish Social Justice Committee in conjunction with the Diocese of San Diego and the San Diego Organizing Project (SDOP) will, in the next few weeks, be on the plaza to assist people in becoming registered voters.

If you are not registered, or if you have moved, and you need to change your address, or if you will turn 18 by November 6, 2012, we make it easy for you to register and make sure that you are eligible to vote in the November elections.

As Catholics, it is part of our religious responsibilities to be active members of our society by voting in the various elections that take place on the city, state, and national levels.

Responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation.

—*Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship,*
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

By our baptism, Catholics are committed to following Jesus Christ and to be 'salt for the earth, light for the nations.' As the Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us, "it is necessary that all participate, according to his position and role, in promoting the common good. This is inherent in the dignity of the human person... As far as possible citizens should take an active part in public life." (nos. 1913-1915)

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United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

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Forming
Consciences



them—contact Deacon John at 760-758-4100 x132.

More than 60 men have registered for *That Man Is You*, meeting on Saturdays at 6:45am! You can still join

Check the *Calendar Highlights* on page 3 each week for a quick list of upcoming activities at our Parish. For more details, visit www.stmoside.org and click on Schedules and Calendars.



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 760-758-4100 x140 or douglasl@stmoside.org*

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

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

See page 10 or www.stmoside.org for more details.

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.

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 \$26,000
from this program. Thank you donors!



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

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

As Catholics we do not support specific candidates, but we can, following the lead of the Magisterium, take positions on specific propositions which are a part of the ballot.

In weeks to come, we will hear about the propositions which are being supported by the California Conference of Catholic Bishops. These propositions will be on the ballot in November.

Ultimately, each vote by a Catholic is a vote that is determined by one's conscience, but it must be a well-informed conscience! More about this in weeks to come as well.

In the meantime, please make sure that you are registered to vote, and begin to prepare yourself for your vote in November!

My thanks to the Social Justice Committee of the Parish who is taking on this endeavor to make sure that as many Parishioners as possible are registered to vote.

F. Mike

Annual Catholic Appeal—So Close!

To date, \$47,702 has been pledged by 373 families, with an average of \$127.89 per family. **We need just \$300 more** to meet our assessment of \$48,000—can you help?

Gifts of \$5, \$10, \$25, \$50, or more can help us reach our goal!

This annual appeal from the Diocese is our opportunity to “pay it forward” and help other Parishes as we have been helped, as well as support Diocesan charitable outreach and education efforts. Your prayerful consideration is appreciated! Packets are available at the information table on the Plaza.

Little Rock Bible Study

A session started this past week. If you are interested, you still may be able to join the second session. For more information, please contact Kathleen Bell at 760-758-4100 x110 or kathleenb@stmoside.org

Looking for Spiritual Growth?

May you be strengthened in your inner being with the power of the Spirit... that Christ may dwell in your hearts... as you are being rooted and grounded in love... —Ephesians 3:16

- ✦ Are you deeply concerned about our world?
- ✦ Are you looking for wisdom about how to follow Jesus with integrity?
- ✦ Are you open to opportunities for spiritual growth?

If your answer to these questions is an enthusiastic “YES,” then you may be ready for a *JustFaith* Ministries spiritual intensive called Engaging Spirituality. Engaging Spirituality is a prayerful process that invites us to draw this world down into ourselves, to hold it in prayer together, and to practice living deeply.

This program will be offered at our Parish on Wednesday evenings beginning October 10 with a day-long retreat on Saturday, October 20. If you are interested, please call Sr. Maureen at 760-758-4100 x131 by September 24.

Readings for the Week Ahead

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

Sunday, September 23 (134)
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Wisdom 2:12,17-20
 Psalm 54:3-4,5,6-8
 James 3:16-4:3
 Mark 9:30-37

Monday, September 24 (449)
 Proverbs 3:27-34
 Psalm 15:2-5
 Luke 8:16-18

Tuesday, September 25 (450)
 Proverbs 21:1-6,10-13
 Psalm 119:1,27,30,34-35,44
 Luke 8:19-21

Wednesday, September 26 (451)
Cosmas and Damian, martyrs
 Proverbs 30:5-9
 Psalm 119:29,72,89,101,104,163
 Luke 9:1-6

Thursday, September 27 (452)
Vincent de Paul, priest
 Ecclesiastics 1:2-11
 Psalm 90:3-6,12-14,17
 Luke 9:7-9

Friday, September 28 (453)
Wenceslaus, martyr; Lawrence Ruiz and companions, martyrs
 Ecclesiastics 3:1-11
 Psalm 144:1b,2abc,3-4
 Luke 9:18-22

Saturday, September 29 (647)
Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, archangels
 Daniel 7:9-10,13-14 or
 Revelations 12:7-12a
 Psalm 138:1-5
 John 1:47-51

Sunday, September 30 (137)
Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Numbers 11:25-29
 Psalm 19:8,10,12-14
 James 5:1-6
 Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

Mass Intentions	
Saturday, September 22, 5:00pm	Bernard Delaney ☩
Sunday, September 23, 8:30am	Dominic Vienna Jr. ☩
Sunday, September 23, 10:30am	For peace in our hearts, our families, and the world
Tuesday, September 25, 8:15am	Frank Brophy ☩
Wednesday, September 26, 8:15am	Steve and Louise Toth
Thursday, September 27, 8:15am	Sgt. Tyler Nicholas Holtz ☩
Friday, September 28, 8:15am	J.C. Gonzalez ☩
Saturday, September 29, 5:00pm	Francis Valenti ☩
Sunday, September 30, 8:30am	Ninh Phan ☩
Sunday, September 30, 10:30am	Bert Botkin ☩

Thank you for your prayers for Maj. Tom Browne, Jr., USMC Col. Sean O'Doherty, USMC who have returned safely.

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
 Clarice Bednarz
 John Bennici
 Regina Bentz
 Lisa Berg
 Roseanne Berg
 George "Whitey" Betus
 Mary Betz
 Betty Jean Bielich
 The Bosak Family
 Lynda Brady
 Roy Bristol
 Monica Broussard
 Janet Brown
 Todd Brown
 Tom Browne
 Anita & Bill Buerger
 Bridget Buford
 Trinidad Bunuelos
 Shelby Campbell
 William Campbell
 Brianna Campos
 Claudia Caplinger
 Paul Cassidy
 Lolly Cervantes
 The Christopherson Family
 Dick Clarke
 Dolly Cole
 Carl Coleman
 James Coleman
 Eileen & Gary Crafton
 Lené Crowe
 Karen Flaharty Daley
 The Darcy Family
 Beverly de Gelder
 Stephanie de Villeneuve
 Brendan Devlin
 Ryan Devlin
 Judith DiMatteo
 Art Dossman
 Dave Dossman
 John Drazkowski, Jr.
 Phyllis & Don Estes
 Sharon Evans
 Joanne Finnegan
 The Fiore Family
 Joseph Floryance
 Ryan Flum
 Larry Fortier
 Matthew Foster
 Mike Franchino
 Eugene Franciscus
 Kathryn Franklin
 Joe Freire
 Brian Frink
 Carmen Garcia
 Jack & Marge Gillen
 Rick Gonzalez
 The Gough Family
 Rosemary Haeffelin
 Susan Hallahan
 Nan Hallbick
 The Harker Family
 Elizabeth Harrison
 Lilian Hills
 Susan Hori
 Iolanda Iacobelli
 Linda Iacobelli Bennett
 Peggy Kiernan
 Debbie Kinney
 The Kirk Family
 Dewey Kolbo
 Helen Kuhn
 Lillian Lachance
 The Lamelin Family
 Christopher & Roland Lawrence
 Brandon LeBlanc
 Jeremiah Lemus
 Claudia Leué
 The Paul Leué Family
 Ashley Load
 Cassandra Loretto
 Lauren Loretto
 James MacArthur
 Joaquin Maldonado
 Chandler May
 Ines McGee
 Bob McWilliams
 Kalei Mendiola
 Bill Metzger
 Phyllis Minaya
 June Mitchell
 June Montgomery
 Nancy Moore
 Conrad Murphy
 Margie Myers
 Heidi Olson
 Marilyn Pirkola
 Douglas Price-Williams
 Barbara Ramm
 Mrs. Jack (Shirley) Riley
 Rita Ritchie
 Adela Rivera
 Elena Rivera
 Maria Rogers
 Dorothy Rouse
 The Russo Family
 Dan Ryan
 Kimberly Schlunt
 Linda Schmidt
 The Douglas E. Schulte Family
 Pete Serle & Family
 Bob, Joan, & Julie Shea
 Elizabeth Shirzad
 The Shultz Family
 Richard Sikora
 Jeanne Sisson
 Beth Snyder
 Mike Snyder
 Nick Soltau
 Fred & Gilda Spiegl
 The Spillane & Gill Families
 Darek, Vanessa, & Elba Spizewski
 Dorothy Staehr
 Ted Stanislawski
 The Stevens & Sawyer Families
 Pete Sullivan
 David Sweet
 Tommy & Ginger Thompson
 Valerie Thompson
 Sarah Tillinghast
 William Tompson
 Stephen Toth, Jr.
 Mary Tysko & Family
 Barbara Upson
 Ethel & Bob Vanderhagen
 Robert Vasquez
 Silvana Vettese
 Vanessa Vitiello
 Barbara Voelpel
 The Voyemant Family
 Kevin Watson-Graff
 John Whitton
 Helen Wodyka
 Erin Young
 Patricia Zavala
 Martin Zschoche

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 Brandon
 Corp. Willie Deel
 Chaplain Van Dinh
 Lance Corp. Brandon Doyle, USMC
 StfSgt Evans Formica, USMC
 Grant Fischer
 MSGT Steve Gallegos, USMC
 Sgt. Alex Garcia
 BM2 Bobby Hartdegen, US Navy
 Staff Sgt. Travis M. Meyers, USAF
 2nd Lt. Janelle Peske, USMC
 Pvt. 2 Jess Phillips, US Army
 Sr. Airman Robert Spear, USAF
 Tyler Timmerman, US Army
 Sgt. Charles Watts, USMC
 Major Seth Wolcott, USMC

Calendar Highlights

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

Sept 22-23 Brother Benno's Toiletries Drive
 Sept 21-23 Confirmation Retreat
 Sept 23 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
 Sept 23 RE.A.CH Classes
 Sept 23 Scotch Tasting Party
 Sept 24-25 Restaurant Fundraiser at Mrs. Taco
 Sept 30 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
 Sept 30 High School RE.A.CH Core Classes
 Sept 30 New Member Reception
 Oct 5 Women's Ministry
 Oct 5 Wine Tasting Party
 Oct 6 Treasures 2012
 Oct 9-10 Restaurant Fundraiser at Famous Dave's BBQ
 Oct 12-14 Men's Fellowship Retreat
 Oct 14 *What to Do in an Emergency If You Don't Know CPR* Presentation
 Oct 20-21 Women's Guild Bake Sale
 Oct 23-24 Restaurant Fundraiser at El Torito
 Oct 27 Life Walk in San Diego
 Nov 10-11 St. Bonaventure Clothing Drive
 Nov 18 Hymn Festival
 Nov 22 Thanksgiving Dinner at STM

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Jan 6 Stewardship Appreciation Reception
 Jan 12-31 Stewardship Awareness/Renewal
 Jan 25 Preview of Interior Church Elements
 Apr 21 Towers of Faith Reception
 June 7 Second Annual STM Gala
 Sep 29 Pastor's Dinner/Excursion

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 24	Sr. Virginia Rodee, RSCJ
September 25	Sr. Eva Lucia Rodriguez, SJS
September 26	Sr. Paulina Rodriguez, DCJ
September 27	Sr. Carmen Romero, CVI
September 28	Sr. M. Rosalia Romero, DCJ
September 29	Sr. Maria Elena Romero, DCJ
September 30	Sr. M. Priscille Ronicam, MC

Welcome New Parishioners

Nancy Clancey
Britt Ferguson
James McGinty

Congratulations to

Lisa & Rick Reaves

who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on September 19

Louise & Steve Toth

who celebrate their 48th wedding anniversary on September 26

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:



Eileen Gough, who died on September 12. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, September 29, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep her husband, Bill, and her family in your prayers.

Shirley Darcy, who died on September 4. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, October 4, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep her children, Mark and Christine, and her family in your prayers.

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

New Member Reception

We are welcoming all new Parishioners who have joined us since February at a new member reception and luncheon on Sunday, September 30, after the 10:30am Mass, in the lower level of the Parish Center. Invitations have been sent, and we look forward to meeting you. If you were unable to attend the last reception in February, please know that you are welcome to attend this one. Please RSVP at 760-758-4100x154 or e-mail: parishoffice@stmoside.org by September 24 so that we may adequately prepare as your hosts. For further information, contact Valerie Thompson at 760-630-1703, e-mail valgene2@cox.net.

STM Scrip News

It's that time of year! Ralph's requires everyone to sign up their Preferred Customer card in order to receive the Community Rewards for St. Thomas More every year in September. Please do this on line or see the folks on the plaza to give you instructions. Once you sign up, all you do is shop, and the Building Fund reaps the benefits.

Check online for an updated Scrip list and online ordering system: www.stmoside.org, Contact Us, then Scrip.

Every Scrip purchase helps the Building Fund!

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

Voter Registration

STM will conduct voter registration after the Masses this weekend and for the next three weekends. Please register if you have moved since the last election, or if you will turn 18 years of age by November 6, 2012.

Kindly consider helping with this ministry—we could use a few more volunteers—and call Evi Quinn 760-434-3710 for information.

St. Bonaventure Clothing Drive

A clothing drive to benefit the St. Bonaventure Indian Mission and School will be conducted November 10-11. Begin now to save your clean, gently-used, clothing, blankets, and jackets. Ask your friends and neighbors to save, too. The clothing drive is conducted by the Knights of Columbus.

The Mission is solely dependent on donations to support its operations. St. Thomas More Parishioners have been a major supporter through our annual clothing drives. Donated items are given directly to residents of the Navajo Reservation at the Mission's annual Christmas dinner and give-away event. Any remaining items are placed in their thrift shop.

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 the Parish Office at 760-758-4100 x100.

Culture of Life News

The *40 Days for Life* Fall Campaign begins on Wednesday, September 26, continuing through November 4. It is a focused pro-life effort that consists of:

- † 40 days of prayer and fasting
- † 40 days of peaceful prayer vigils
- † 40 days of community outreach

For those who are able to attend prayer vigils, they will be held at Family Planning Associates, 7340 Miramar Rd., San Diego. Those unable to travel to San Diego may also attend prayer vigils at Dr. Kung's Office at Twin Oaks Valley Rd. & Craven Rd., San Marcos.

A peaceful presence and prayer is all that is needed to work miracles. During previous *40-Days for Life* campaigns across the country, abortion clinics have closed, women contemplating abortion have decided against abortion, and everyone involved was treated with care and respect.

For more information, visit www.40daysforlife.com/sandiego.

Parish Website

Have you checked the Parish website lately? Go to www.stmoside.org, and click on the yellow 'Quick Clicks' in the lower center area, which pops up an alphabetical list of handy pages.

Parish Events

Women's Guild News

Looking forward to October, we will have a special meeting for this month, a cooking demonstration, so please keep reading the Women's Guild article in the Bulletin for more information as time gets closer. The date is Monday, October 8, 11:00am on the lower level of the Parish Center. More information to come your way soon.

Also in October we will be holding our semi-annual Bake Sale and our one-time "Small Quilted Items Sale." So watch for time and date for those events. Our quilted items have all been hand made and donated. We will have new items for sale this year. Remember all those birthdays ahead and Christmas, too! They will make great gifts.

See you all soon. And thank you for your participation in all of our events.

—Vera Bayliss, President

Knights of Columbus Entertainment Books

The Knights of Columbus will be selling Entertainment Books on the Plaza after weekend Masses. The cost will be \$40, and the proceeds will go to helping our church and community. Please contact Matt Perun at 760-734-1934 if you are interested or have any questions.

Walking Ministry

Join the Walking Ministry on Tuesday mornings at 8:00am starting from the Parish Center parking lot. For more information, contact Diane Pal at 760-815-2519.

Wine Tasting Party

Payments are being accepted at the Parish information table, offertory collection, and Parish Office for the upcoming Wine Tasting party. Letters to attendees, with address and directions, have been sent. Please contact Chris Smith at 760-758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org for more information.

Rosary

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



Eucharistic Adoration



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

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

Parish Cookbook

Available in the Parish Office during the week. \$15 each, \$15 for a CD version or \$25 for the pair.

2012 Phase 2.1 "... A Time to Build!"

September 18 Response Statistics

		# of Families Responding
FOUR Months to Go!		
Total Responses	\$486,162	664
Still Needed	\$13,838	385
Total Goal	\$500,000	1,049
Total Collected	\$413,684	



† We continue to celebrate **all gifts**, large and small, that help us reach our goal. Thank you!

† Special thanks for our 42 "Adopt a Family" gift donations and to all those households who have increased their dollar amounts in Phase 2.1.

† **We ask the families who have not responded to this campaign to consider donating \$15/month through December. EVERY contribution helps!**

† The success of Phase 2.1 will make up for our shortfall of \$500,000 in Phase II.

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

Chris Smith, Director of Stewardship and Development

760-758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org

Vocations

In today's Gospel, Jesus says "**If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last and the servant of all.**" Are you being called to be "servant" to God's people as a priest, deacon, or consecrated religious? Want to explore the possibilities? If so, contact Deacon Tom at thomasgoeltz@aol.com or 760-727-8442.

Treasures 2012

This year's Treasures Flea Market will be **Saturday, October 6**. Save your gently used "treasures" for donation. In the last two years we have raised over \$20,000. Help us turn clutter into cash, garage fodder into gold, and cast-offs into coins! Wait until you see the plant sale. It is shaping up to be another big success with over 45 nurseries donating and counting!

We will need lots of help to pull this off. 75 volunteers are needed over a two-day period. Once again, we will accept donations the Friday before and the morning of. Look for more details to come soon and save those treasures! Any questions or early volunteer sign ups? Contact Chairperson John Murphy at 760-497-6117.

Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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

PERSISTENT NOURISHMENT

I have two plants in my office, given to me by wife, Gail, for Valentine's Day the past two years, and I forgot to take them home when I was out of the office for most of the summer. You can imagine the consequences, for the plants, I mean. One has completely dried up; one hangs on by a thread. Their state of health directly reflects the quality of nourishment that I gave (or didn't give) them over the summer.

For church musicians, there are different ways of gaining nutrition from one's repertoire. I know a number of colleagues who prefer to establish a regular schedule of songs that their choir really enjoys, cycling through them year after year—what choir doesn't love to sing music it knows really, really well? I have other colleagues who refuse to program music they have done before, arguing once they've sung something, there is nothing more to learn from those titles.

My personal musical nourishment requires a little of both, incorporating music that I've done before and music that is completely new. An encounter this past week illustrates why.

This past Monday, at the rehearsal of the choir I sing with at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido, we were rehearsing a modern classic, a piece written not quite twenty years ago that has become, in just a few years, the quintessential unaccompanied choral piece of its era. I had not had the opportunity to sing it until our first rehearsal a couple of weeks ago. At that rehearsal, the bass sitting next to me confided in a resigned tone that he must have sung it in some twenty concerts since its premiere. But last night, he leaned over at one point and pointed to a note in the alto part and whispered with a big smile,

"That's the note that makes this piece so special." One note among thousands; for him, it is the reason to sing the piece over and over and over. For me, it is another reason to be singing it for the first time.

There is a story I have heard, probably apocryphal, about a priest who faithfully celebrates a very early Sunday Mass every week at one of our diocesan parishes and who reads his homily from a prepared resource, reusing the same homily every time the three-year cycle of the lectionary returns to a particular scripture passage. For those who have encountered this type of preaching, it is obvious that it misses a critical element of the role of the homily, to connect Sacred Scripture to our current realities, balancing what we have heard before with the headlines in today's newspapers, providing us with the nourishment that God's eternal word can offer here and now.

For Christians, going to church, singing the songs, praying the prayers, and hearing the word of God proclaimed all provide nourishment. For Catholic Christians, the additional celebration of the Paschal sacrifice, receiving the Body and Blood of Christ, also provides nourishment each time we step up to the altar for Communion. God offers us food for our journey over and over and over again.

Without the persistent nourishment that comes from gathering week after week in community around the table of the Word and Eucharist, partaking of this spiritual food, we might miss that special note God has written specifically for us, or we might become like the plants in my office, hanging on by a thread, or worse.

—Douglas



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 donation of \$75 will provide a lovely flower 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!



Upcoming Music

✘

SEPTEMBER 30
26th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

✘

8:30am Mass
 Sanctuary Choir
10:30am Mass
 Handbell Choir

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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



Meet-and-Greet Ministry

Here's an opportunity for everyone to get involved! Not only will it be fun, but it will be fulfilling your responsibility as a Parishioner at St. Thomas More.

Church documents are clear that we are **all** charged to call new members into relationship with Christ and the Church. That doesn't necessarily mean standing on the corner of Melrose and Cannon twirling a sign board . . . it does mean showing others who Jesus is by welcoming the stranger and inviting him or her into friendship and hospitality.

As we look around at Mass it is easy to identify someone who does not share a sense of belonging with the community. As a Meet-and-Greet Minister, the Christ within me wants to meet the Christ in that person, so I am "compelled" to offer a smile, a friendly greeting, and introduce myself.

Going a step further, some of us who have been around for a while tend to gather with the same folks, whether on the plaza, at the K of C breakfast, or at a fundraiser dinner at a restaurant. Challenge #2: look for the tables with yellow tablecloths at Parish events and have a seat at these Meet-and-Greet tables. It signals that you want to get to know someone new. That might be someone who is new to the Parish, but it might also be someone you've seen for many years, and you just want to get to know others beyond your circle of friends.

By being a Meet-and-Greet Minister we lead others to Christ. Step out of your comfort zone and give it a try . . . the result may be that an individual who has been with the Parish for years may finally experience that wonderful STM sense of welcome!

Catholicism Series

Are you interested in reviewing the fundamental teachings of our Catholic faith?

As we approach the Year of Faith beginning in October, we are offering the ten-part series of Fr. Robert Barron once again. This is a simple way to experience the basics and beauty of Catholicism with friends.

The first session is Sunday, October 7, from 5:00-6:30pm on the stage. Fr. Barron's DVD presentation is about 50 minutes, which will be followed by a bit of discussion hosted by Kurt Schwend. The series will continue once or twice a month until May.

Please create a problem for me by having SO many people show up that we run out of room! It is also subtitled: **Bring Your Own Happy-Hour-and-a Half Beverage . . . and a Snack to Share.**



"Shook me to the core..."

—Mike Leonard, NBC Today Show Correspondent and Executive Producer of CATHOLICISM

PBJ Update

(Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center)

2012 GOAL: 365 jars
 Collected to date: 278 jars



brings the Mass and prayer closer to the lives of children (especially ages 6-12)

A new booklet each week offers:

- ➔ all the readings and prayers of Sunday Mass with explanations
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- * 2-1/2 years in bed.
- * 3 years waiting for somebody.
- * 5 months tying shoes.
- * 2-1/2 years for "other things."

In your life, does "other things" include time for participation in serving on a church program or any of our parish ministries?

While our daily lives may have about them a certain "sameness," still, Christians affirm that every moment is creative by how we experience and respond to this new moment. Within every moment of this day, God is presenting us with occasions for discipleship.

Time is one of the most important gifts given us by God, and God has given it equally to all. It is our responsibility to use it wisely. We can do so by dedicating some part of it to apostolic activity, organized within the framework of our own church.

—Stewardship, September 2012, Parish Publishing, LLC (with permission)

Within our faith community at St. Thomas More, so many of you do SO much that sometimes I caution some of you to cut back. This is to avoid "burn out" which is no fun.

One thing we stress with Christian Stewardship is that if each of us does something, there won't be the worry of "burn out" in our midst. Please contact me to join in the fun of doing God's work. This is one of the best gifts you'll ever give!

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For more information please contact:

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“... A Time To Build!”

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Collection for Week of September 15/16, 2012

Number of Registered Households		1,049
Offertory*	\$	6,181.37
Offertory (Loose Collection)		1,021.00
Children's envelopes		5.00
Total	\$	7,207.37

* 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).

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News and Information from the Larger Church

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

Pillars of Catholicism Free Online Course—Available at www.pillarsofcatholicism.com. Sponsored by John Paul the Great University. Includes 13 half-hour videos and supporting materials.

St. Pio's Feast Day Celebration in Spring Valley—Sunday, September 23, with activities beginning at 1:30pm and Mass at 4:15pm celebrated by Retired Auxiliary Bishop Chavez at Santa Sophia Parish, 9800 San Juan St., Spring Valley. For more information, contact 619-697-5958 or www.saintpio.org.

Starry, Starry Night Event to Benefit Voices for Children—Saturday, September 29, Rancho Valencia Resort. Voices for Children serves abused and neglected children in San Diego

County foster care. For more information, contact Rebecca Reyes at 858-598-2232 or RebeccaR@speakupnow.org.

40 Minutes for Life in San Marcos—Sunday, September 30, 7:00pm, San Marcos Abortion Clinic, 120 Craven Rd. at Twin Oaks Valley Rd., San Marcos. An ecumenical holy witness held the fourth Sunday of each month. For more information, visit www.40minutesforlife.org.

Culture of Life Family Services (COLFS) "Pro-Life Is Good" Gala and Auction—Saturday, October 13, 5:30pm, Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Dr., San Diego. Keynote address by Immaculée Ilibagiza, survivor of the 1994 Rwandan genocide. For more information, contact www.colfsgala.com or 619-692-4401.

Cathedral Catholic High School Open House—Saturday, October 20, 10:00am-2:00pm, 5555 Del Mar Heights Rd., San Diego. Open to families and students of all ages. Will include tours, panel sessions, and an information fair. For more information, visit www.cathedralcatholic.org or call the Parish Office at 760-758-4100 x102 to meet Parish families with students at Cathedral Catholic.

White Mass for Health Care Workers in San Diego—Saturday, October 27, 10:00am, St. Thérèse of Carmel Parish, 4355 Del Mar Trails Rd., San Diego. Please join Coadjutor Bishop Cirilo Flores and Culture of Life Family Services (COLFS) staff for Mass and a reception to honor all health care workers. Co-sponsored by St. Gianna Physician's Guild and COLFS. All those who work in the health care fields are invited. For more information, contact 619-692-4401 or esantana@colfs.org.

Beginning Experience Weekend for Widowed, Divorced, and Separated—November 9-11, Prince of Peace Abbey, Oceanside. A trained team of peers leads participants through a healing and growth experience. For more information, contact Cathy at 619-222-9093 or Maureen at 619-447-0622.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land—November 25-December 6, with Fr. Adrian Peelo, OFM, Associate Pastor of Mission San Luis Rey Parish. For more information, call Linda and Don Patera at 619-370-9064.

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Friar Feast Taste—Friday, October 5, 6:00-9:00pm. Taste of the Town event for adults over 21 plus Mega Draw Raffle.

Friar Fest 2012—Sunday, October 7, 9:00am-6:00pm with live entertainment, food, blessing of animals, dog show, fun zone, games, contests, and vendors.

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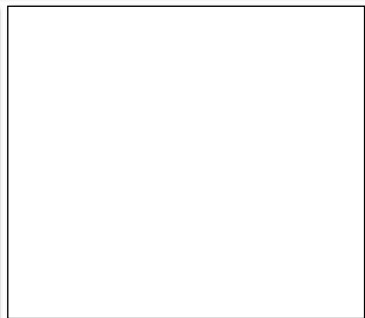
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2. There are 18 Veteran suicide deaths per day. Male Vets are more likely to use firearms as means.
3. Substance abuse/misuse is a key risk factor for suicide.
4. Suicide rates are highest in the older (50+), single, male, Caucasian population who have a mood disorder and/or are abusing alcohol.
5. Individuals with certain *non*-cancer pain-related conditions are at greater risk for suicide than those without these diagnoses.
6. OEF/OIF/OND Veterans who have mental health conditions are at increased risk for suicide. The increased risk is associated with diagnoses of depression, bipolar disorder, substance use disorders, anxiety disorders, and schizophrenia.
7. Individuals with a diagnosis of Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) are at greater risk for suicide than those without this diagnosis.
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The **Veterans Crisis Line 1-800-273-8255**

The **Veteran's Chat Line** www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org

The VA Hospital walk-in **Psychiatric Emergency Clinic (PEC)** 2-North M-F 8a-4p

The VA Hospital **Emergency Department** located on the Main floor

Contact with one's Primary Care Physician, Principal MH Provider, Pharmacist, Chaplain

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