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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 13, 2013 • Baptism of the Lord

# Pastor's Column

#### Christian Stewardship Month—St. Thomas More Parish

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord Jesus the Christ. With his Baptism by John the Baptist in the waters of the Jordan River, he began his mission and ministry.

We are mindful that in and through our Baptism we become Disciples of Jesus and we continue his mission and his ministry for this time and this place.

As we begin this New Year, an unbelievably exciting one, as construction begins for our Permanent Church and Parish Offices, we mark January as "Christian Stewardship Month."

It is our annual reminder that we have been baptized into Jesus and that we joyfully give of our time, talent, and treasure in order to continue his mission and ministry for this time and this place.

Recently I was asked to make a brief comment about Christian Stewardship which would be included in a new Diocesan brochure. These are my words: "Christian Stewardship is the means by which an ordinary Parish becomes an extraordinary

Parish—one that is alive and vibrant. When there is a conscious and deliberate effort to encourage Parishioners to share their time, talent, and treasure within the Parish, a sense of 'belonging' and 'ownership' becomes palpable in the Parish. It is then that the ministry of Jesus, in the Parish, continues for that time and that place."

These words were not just wishful thinking, but because of you, the STM Parishioners, these words come forward out of the reality that is our Parish—we are alive and vibrant, celebrating and carrying on the work of Jesus. Your response is so faithfilled!

And so this month, with its various activities, is a time in which we are renewed, refreshed, and re-energized for the work that lies ahead.

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STM Custom Calendars!

Available at the Information Table and the Parish Office

(\$2 minimum donation)



## 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

 $\textbf{Liturgical Ministry:} \ Contact \ Douglas \ Lynn \ at \ 760-758-4100 \ x140$ 

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

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

Last Sunday, on the Feast of the Epiphany, we gathered together, about 250 strong, to enjoy the Stewardship Appreciation Reception. This weekend, I am directing my homily at all the Masses to the themes of Stewardship. Next weekend, our lay witness talk at all the Masses will be given by Kevin and Kristin McCusker. The following weekend will afford us an opportunity to get an update on construction from Brian Leahey, our Director of Construction, and a Parish Stewardship update from Chris Smith, our Director of Stewardship and Development.

It is an exciting month, and a prelude of many good things to come! Stay tuned!

For all that has been, we say "Thank You."

To the present day with its many challenges, we say "Yes."

To a future filled with hope, we confidently say "It will be!"



#### A Retreat at Sea!

I will be leading a "Retreat at Sea" on a cruise from Miami Beach to Rio de Janeiro in November 2013. Flyers are available in the Parish Office or at the information table on the Plaza after Masses. —Fr. Mike Ratajczak

#### 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.* 

#### Rosary

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



#### **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 \$34,000

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

#### Readings for the Week Ahead

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

Sunday, January 13 (21)

The Baptism of the Lord Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7 Psalm 29:1-4,3b,9b-10 Acts 10:34-38 Luke 3:15-16,21-22

Monday, January 14 (305)

Hebrews 1:1-6 Psalm 97:1,2b,6,7c9

Mark 1:14-20 Tuesday, January 15 (306)

Hebrews 2:5-12 Psalm 8:2a.5-9 Mark 1:21b-28

Wednesday, January 16 (307)

Hebrews 2:14-18 Psalm 105:1-4,6-9 Mark 1:29-39

Thursday, January 17 (308)

St. Anthony, abbot Hebrews 3:7-14 Psalm 95:6-11 Mark 19:40-45

Friday, January 18 (309)

Hebrews 4:1-5,11 Psalm 78:3,4bc,6c-8 Mark 2:1-12

Saturday, January 19 (310) Hebrews 4:12-16

Psalm 19:8-10,15 Mark 2:13-17

Sunday, January 20 (66)

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalm 96:1-3.7-10 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

John 2:1-11

#### Kalei Mendiola Lucia Ambriz Bill Metzger

**Prayer List** (Call 760-758-4100 x102 to add a name for four weeks.) Mary Alexander Regina Aulisio Mary Balli Jose Luis Barbosa Patricia Barbour Angelo Barro Clarice Bednarz John Bennici Regina Bentz Lisa Berg Roseanne Berg George "Whitey" Betus Mary Betz Betty Jean Bielich Lynda Brady William J. Brogan Monica Broussard Janet Brown Todd Brown Anita & Bill Buerger Bridget Buford Shelby Campbell Brianne Campos Claudia Caplinger Thomas Carr Paul Cassidy Dick Clarke Dolly Cole Carl Coleman James Coleman Thomas Cornwell & Family Lené Crowe Karen Flaharty Daley Marti Dawson Beverly de Gelder Stephanie de Villeneuve Judith DiMatteo Art Dossman Dave Dossman John Drazkowski, Jr. La Vonne Dumas Connor Eberhard Carolyn Erickson Ey Sharon Evans Lois "Boo" Falconer The Fiore Family Ryan Flum Mike Franchino Eugene Franciscus Kathryn Franklin Joe Freire

Brian Frink Jim Gallagher Carmen Garcia

Lois Garth Jack & Marge Gillen Rick Gonzalez Rosemary Haeffelin Nan Hallbick

Sally Garner

The Harker Family Elizabeth Harrison Barbara Hatem Charlotte Hayes

Linda Iacobelli Bennett

Mike Kavanaugh Peggy Kiernan Debbie Kinney Dewey Kolbo Helen Kuhn

Lillian Lachance

Brandon LeBlanc

James MacArthur

Angelo Marrone

Chandler May Bob McWilliams

Joaquin Maldonado

Jeremiah Lemus

Domini Levi

Ashley Load

The Lamelin Family

Claudia Leué The Paul Leué Family

Cassandra & Lauren Loretto The Sue Lyon Family

Donna Lanzrath Christopher & Roland Lawrence

Sunday, January 13, 8:30am Lilian Hills Marianne Benjamin 🕆 Susan Hori The Howell & Magnera Families Iolanda Iacobelli

Sunday, January 13, 10:30am Josephine Stephens &

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 12, 5:00pm

Eleanor Costantino

Tuesday, January 15, 8:15am Restituta Fiore

Wednesday, January 16, 8:15am Francesca Costa 🕆

Thursday, January 17, 8:15am Alicia Diaz 🕏

Friday, January 18, 8:15am Loretta (Kitty) Chaney 🕆

Saturday, January 19, 5:00pm Carol Bock 🕏

Sunday, January 20, 8:30am Carol Bock T

Sunday, January 20, 10:30am Cosmo Nocida 12

Phyllis Minava June Mitchell June Montgomery Nancy Moore Elizabeth Muehlbacher Conrad Murphy Margie Myers Richard Obsitnik

Bernadette Padovan Marilyn Pirkola Janelle Poull Douglas Price-Williams

Barbara Ramm Josie Ramos Lisa Reaves

Mrs. Jack (Shirley) Riley Rita Ritchie

Adela Rivera Elena Rivera Maria Rogers Dorothy Rouse The Russo Family The Ryan Family Cindy Sanelli Kimberly Schlunt Linda Schmidt

The Douglas E. Schulte Family Bob, Joan, & Julie Shea Elizabeth Shirzad Richard Sikora Jeanne Sisson

Beth Snyder Mike Snyder Nick Soltau

Fred & Gilda Spiegl Darek, Vanessa, & Elba Spizewski Patricia St. Pierre

Dorothy Staehr Ted Stanislawski Pete Sullivan

David Sweet
Tommy & Ginger Thompson
Sarah Tillinghast
William Tompson
The Toth & Voelpel Families

Stephen Toth, Jr.
Mary Tysko & Family
Ethel & Bob Vanderhagen
Corrie Vasquez
Robert Vasquez

Silvana Vettese Kevin Watson-Graff Elizabeth Wehner John Whitton The Williams Family Helen Wodyka Erin Young Patricia Zavala

#### **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 Corp. Willie Deel Chaplain Van Dinh Lance Corp. Brandon Doyle, USMC StfSgt Evans Formica, USMC Grant Fischer MSGT Steve Gallegos, USMC Sgt. Alex Garcia PFC Samuel Haro, US Army 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 Msgt. Paul Weisinger, USMC Major Seth Wolcott, USMC

#### **Calendar Highlights**

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

Jan 12-31	Stewardship Awareness/ Renewal
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Jan 13	Liturgy of the Word for
	Children at 8:30am Mass
Jan 13	RE.A.CH Classes at
	Church, including high
	school
Jan 13	Catholicism Series Part 5
Jan 19	San Diego Walk for Life in
	Balboa Park
Jan 20	Knights of Columbus
Jun 20	Breakfast
Jan 20	High school RE.A.CH
3un 20	classes at Church
Jan 25	Preview of Interior Church
Jan 23	Elements
I 27	
Jan 27	Liturgy of the Word for
	Children at 8:30am Mass
Jan 27	RE.A.CH Classes at
	Church, including high
	school
Feb 16	Women's Guild Fashion
	Show at Shadowridge CC
Mar 17	New Member Reception
Apr 13	Women's Guild Game Day
Apr 21	Towers of Faith Reception
May 19	Confirmation
June 7	Second Annual STM Gala
Jul 15-19	Vacation Bible School:
	Kingdom Rock!
Sep 21	Treasures 2013
Sep 29	Pastor's Dinner/Excursion

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 14		
Sr. Merita Dekat, SSS		
January 15		
Sr. Charlene Del Bianco, CSJ		
January 16		
Sr. Pauline Dibb, CSJP		
January 17		
Sr. Mary Dietz, SSND		
January 18		
Sr. Carlotta DiLorenzo, CSJ		
January 19		
Sr. M. Ursula Doherty, RSM		
January 20		
Sr. Mary Agnes Dombroski, DMML		
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#### In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

**Barbara Voelpel,** who died recently. Please keep her brother Steve Toth and her family in your prayers.

**Vivian Magnera,** who died January 1. Please keep her sister Theresa Howell 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.

#### **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.

# Little Rock Scripture Study: Women of the Old Testament

This study introduces readers to women whose stories offer courage and insight and are vital to God's relationship with the covenant people. Please join us for the introductory session beginning Wednesday, February 6, at 9:00am or Thursday, February 7, at 7:00pm.

#### **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. Thank you for your support! For more information, contact Ron Briseno at 760-758-4100 x153 or *ronb@stmoside.org*.

#### Help Establish STM's Archives

The STM Historian is looking for material from events and activities since our Parish was established in 1985. I am looking for photographs, newspaper clippings, brochures, fliers, reports, videos, drawings—anything that represents our congregational memory! Please check your drawers, file cabinets, and that creepy ol' box in the attic. You can drop off your donation at the Parish Office. Thanks!

For more information and questions, please feel free to contact: Brandon at 760-845-5450 or *brandon.oswald@gmail.com*.

#### **STM \$crip News**

Thanks to everyone who shopped with Scrip this season!

If you have never purchased Scrip gift cards, try out the program this year—it can be one of your New Year's Resolutions! A percentage of each gift card purchased will go to our Parish Mortgage Fund.

#### Remember, Scrip is available for purchase FOUR ways!

- 1. On the Plaza after weekend Masses
- 2. Monday-Friday during business hours in the Parish Office
- 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

#### **Catholic Charities Needs You**

Calling all volunteers—The Vista Food Resource Center—needs you. Operating on volunteer power, the Center provides food for over 3,500 people a month! We make shelter, medical, and rental referrals to other community agencies and assist an average of 50 families monthly to apply for food stamps. We have immediate openings for intake workers (bilingual helpful but not required). Familiar with Word and Excel? Enjoy working with the public? Volunteers work directly with the clients and input data into our system. Training is provided. Hours Monday-Friday 9:00am-12:00pm and 1:00-4:00pm. Join our team and help your neighbors in need. For more information please call Silvia Cobian at 760-631-4792.

#### **Need Help with Transportation to Church!**

Volunteer drivers are needed in our Parish. Some Parishioners would like to attend Mass and cannot drive themselves. Please prayerfully consider helping some of our fellow Parishioners. If you can help in any



way with this service, please contact Ann Eriksson 760-599-7151 or *eriksson1@mindspring.com*.

#### **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). St. Thomas More 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!

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 only able to cook. Please prayerfully consider if you are able to help with this important ministry and call if you can help with one of the following available dates in 2013:

April 28, May 26, July 28, September 22, October 27, December 22

For more information, contact Kevin & Lyn Leahy at 760-643-0872 or *kleahy12@cox.net*.

#### **Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest**

Sunday, January 20, after the 10:30am Mass—All boys and girls ages 10-14 are invited to participate in this annual contest, with winners progressing through local, district, and state competitions. Last year more than 120,000 young people participated in over 3,600 local competitions. All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation in the event. For entry forms or additional information, contact Chuck Fay at 760-727-1766.

#### **Parish Events**

#### Women's Guild News

The next general meeting will be Monday, January 14 at 11:00am. We will be holding our annual Chinese Auction. It will be a lot of fun to see what some want to give away, and what some want to bid on. If you have never been before, you can bring an item for auction, buy tickets, and bid on someone else's "treasure." Please join us. Call Vera at 760-295-0059 or Siggie at 760-994-4427 for reservations. We welcome everyone even if you are not a member.

For our Fashion Show on February 16, we will be on the Plaza soon to sell tickets for our biggest event of the year. Our theme this year is "Fashion Magic," and it will be held at Shadowridge Country Club. For more details, see the flyer in today's bulletin. If your baskets are ready, please bring them to the General Meeting on January 14 or contact Valerie Thompson at 760-630-1703 or Terry Bedford at 760-724-6418. For door prizes contact Mary Coxon at 760-599-8760, or Vera Bayliss at 760-295-0059.

Remember, laugh as much as possible. Laughter is the medicine of life.

-Vera Bayliss, President

#### **Knights of Columbus Breakfast**

The Knights of Columbus will be serving their delicious pancake breakfast on Sunday, January 20, 9:00-10:30am. Come and enjoy a full breakfast which includes eggs, sausage, pancakes, hash browns, fruit, and coffee. This is a great opportunity to socialize with fellow parishioners. To make reservations for six or more, call Dick at 760-295-1431.

#### **Young Adult Group News**

ACTTS (Adult Catholics in their Twenties and Thirties who Socialize) is partnering with the North County Young Adults group, which includes young adults from several North County Parishes. For more information or to get on the email list, contact actts@stmoside.org, visit www.yamsd.org, or search Facebook for SD YAM.

#### **Catholic Widows and Widowers of North County**

CWWNC meets the second Sunday of each month (January 13 in Escondido) for a general meeting and potluck at 2:00pm. On the fourth Sunday of each month (January 27 at 11:00am) we gather for Mass at various Parishes in North County—this month at St. Margaret Church in Oceanside followed by lunch at Mimi's. For more information, call 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 including dining out, dancing, bowling, golf, and theatre. RSVPs are recommended.

#### **Vocations**

As we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord, we remember that through our baptism we are all called to be "Priest, Prophet, and King." If you have a calling to be a priest, deacon, or vowed religious and wish to explore that calling, contact Deacon Tom at thomasgoeltz@aol.com or 760-727-8442.

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

#### Final Tally!

**Total Collected to Date** 

\$568.000!

† THANK YOU to the 738 dedicated households (71% of the Parish) who have helped us exceed our \$500,000 campaign goal! Additional thanks to all those who made "Adopt a Family" pledges in 2012!



- † Beginning January 1, 2013, all donations will be directed to the "Mortgage Phase" of our building fund.
- † We are all encouraged to continue our patterns of support as the Church is built! In this way, we "pay as we go" in order to reduce our loan principal before interest payments begin.
- † Please consider maintaining your current pattern of giving with regard to the **Operations Budget** and the Building Fund which is now our "**Mortgage Offering.**" Your commitment to both is essential in our ongoing quest to pay for our build-out. **Please return the form included in Fr. Mike's letter, to either confirm the same pattern of giving and/or to make adjustments.** This is helpful for our recordkeeping.
- † On Friday evening, January 25, from 6:30-8:30pm, we are presenting an informational evening with:
  - ♦ Renzo Zechetto, Architect;
  - ♦ Robert Habiger, Interior Design Consultant; and
  - ♦ Lynn Kircher, Artist (designer of our crucifix).

RESERVE THE DATE!!! There will be updates on all of our progress, plus wine, cheese, and more for everyone.

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

#### That Man Is You!

"That Man is You!" is starting up again Saturday, January 19, at 6:45am in the lower level of the Parish Center. This program is modeled on some of the country's leading men's programs. "That Man Is You!" combines Scripture, solid secular research, and a little fun to address the pressures and temptations facing men in our modern culture. It seeks to form authentic leaders who will be capable of transforming homes and society. Stop by the registration table on the Plaza and register this weekend or go to www.thatmanisyou.org and register online.

# **Liturgy & Music**



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

#### **CATHOLIC GESTURES**

#### Giving Witness to the Great Mystery: Bowing during the Creed

I have been asked a number of times in recent months about bowing during the Profession of Faith. You may have noticed an instruction in our worship aids to bow during the Creed at the words "and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man."

Our worship employs many gestures that give witness to the great mystery we proclaim. Our gestures as a gathered assembly acknowledge the awesomeness of God and our unity of belief. But these gestures can become so routine that we forget why and how we use our bodies during worship.

Bowing is the normative gesture of reverence during Mass; a bow signifies reverence and honor shown to the persons themselves or to the signs that represent them. One bows before the altar because it is a symbol of Christ. A deacon bows when asking the celebrant for a blessing before proclaiming the Gospel. The assembly bows their heads for a solemn blessing. Concelebrants bow after celebrant shows the Precious Body or Precious Blood. Communicants (in the United States) bow as a form of reverence before receiving communion. It is also the norm to bow during the prayer "Glory to the Father" while praying the Liturgy of the Hours. In Catholic liturgy, there are two kinds of bows: a bow of the head and a bow of the body (a profound bow).

Since the twelfth century there has been the custom to genuflect during the mention of the Incarnation in the Creed. In the thirteenth century, it became popular to genuflect when mentioning the Incarnation while praying the Angelus as well. This was most likely in response to certain heresies at the time that were denying the divinity of Christ.

The change from a genuflection to a profound bow during the Creed started in the late 1960s and was a response to the Second Vatican Council's mandate to simplify actions to assist active participation. The people no longer genuflected and were not instructed to bow. When the Revised General Instruction of the Roman Missal was published in 2002, it reminded us to bow at the words of the Incarnation "by the power of the Holy Spirit ... and became man." The custom of genuflecting at this time is still done solemnities of on the Annunciation and Christmas. The Incarnation forms the core of our faith as Catholic Christians. It is very appropriate that a gesture of reverence during this part of the Creed has been a part of the Roman tradition for centuries.

The gathered assembly expresses their unity of faith and spiritual attitude through unified postures and gestures. The way we move our bodies should indicate the honor and reverence due to God in our worship. Our gestures during the liturgy will never seem routine, mundane or unnecessary if we direct our actions toward our loving God who made us.

—Douglas

Adapted and expanded from "Catholic Gestures – Giving Witness to the Great Mystery" by Ann Przybilla, director, Office of Worship for the Diocese of New Ulm, with permission.



#### 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 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

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JANUARY 20 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

X

5:00pm Mass Sanctuary Choir 8:30am Mass Handbell Choir 10:30am Mass Praise Team Faith Formation Teach and Live the Gospel

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

Marcus Cabrera, Youth Advocate 760-758-4100 x161 marcusc@stmoside.org



Progress Reports go home Sunday

The Youth Justice Foundation will be out on the plaza after all three Masses this weekend with 4oz bars of fairly traded chocolate plus cocoa and coffee.

Treat your taste buds, Support economic justice and Encourage our Parish Teens!



#### Parents . . . Parishioners

Join us for the Catholicism Series Sunday, January 13, 5:00-6:30pm

# Part 5 - THE INDISPENSABLE MEN: PETER, PAUL, AND THE MISSIONARY ADVENTURE

Father Barron calls Peter and Paul two indispensable men, the ones without whom the church never would have emerged and survived. In telling each man's story, Father Barron shows how the Holy Spirit worked through all the apostles and disciples to build the Church.

Following the trail of these apostles as they took the Gospel to the ends of the earth, Father Barron presents the foundations of the apostolic faith, particularly the revelation of Christ's resurrection from the dead.

#### Youth Activities

Mini Courses begin tonight for Phase 1 teens. Any teen signed up for RE.A.CH is always welcome to participate.

The classes meet from 6:30-8:30pm, January 13, 20, and 27.

This session we offer the following two mini courses:

#### Praying All Ways

Catechist Dennis Baggett will reflect with teens on the changing nature of prayer in their lives, and enable them to learn about and experience a variety of prayer styles.

#### Encounters with Jesus in the Gospels

Catechist Marcus Cabrera wants teens to hear the messages of the Gospel stories, voice the questions the Gospel stirs in them, and search for answers that will move them into deeper relationship with Jesus.

#### College Night Out

Join us for our Prayer Hour from 5:30-6:30pm on Wednesday, January 23, in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel here at St. Thomas More with the teens.

Our college-age young adults will then join the group from Mission San Luis Rey for shared activities.

This is a relaxing and enjoyable way to remain in community with your age group at STM and also branch out to other young adults in North County.

Contact Marcus Cabrera for questions or details, 760-758-4100 x161 or marcusc@stmoside.org

#### PBJ Update

(Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center)

Beginning with the 2013 count, we will change the quantity from jars to pounds

2013 GOAL: 365 pounds Collected to date: **31 pounds** 



# Stewardship & Development



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

#### **Christian Stewardship ~ Why People Give**

Several years ago, in Sunday school, a discussion was held about the various reasons why people give. Unfortunately, not all of the reasons were good reasons for giving. God cares not only what we give to others, but also sees and cares why we give.

Let us consider the first three poor reasons for giving:

- 1. To try to buy God's grace and favor. Salvation is free, not to be earned or paid for by us. It is God's gracious gift to those who believe in Christ.
- 2. To look good in someone else's eyes. Jesus said in the Sermon on the Mount: "Be careful not to do your 'acts of righteousness' before others, just to be seen by them."
- 3. Because we feel forced to give. Maybe we give grudgingly just to get any requestor off our back. Remember the words of St. Paul in 2 Cor. 9:7: "Each should give what they decide to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

Why should Christians give gladly and generously to the Lord; to the church, and to our neighbors in need? The Word of God provides the following good reasons that will truly glorify and please God:

- 1. In response to God's great goodness to us and Christ's abundant love for us. God's greatest gift to us in His beloved son, Jesus Christ our Savior. When we give, we acknowledge God's goodness and grace to us.
- 2. Because good stewardship of purse and life is a fruit of our faith in Jesus and our love for God. True faith produces good works. The love of God, which has reached out to us, also moves us to reach out to others.
- 3. Because we, like Abraham, have been blessed to be a blessing (Genesis 12:2).
- 4. Because giving done from the proper motivation glorifies God, aids our neighbor, and enables God to bless and prosper us according to God's Will (Malachi 3:10-12).



The church offices keep records of donations, graciously and confidentially received, with no questions asked. The Lord is the ultimate one who sees what we give, and more importantly, why.

It is challenging and even difficult at times to live the life of a Christian steward. Yet we are called to model the life of Jesus, and immense joy comes to those who answer this call that is given to us at Baptism.

Let us rejoice in the gift of the Holy Spirit who is always there to show us the way!

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Total

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# **News and Information from the Larger Church**

**Anglican/Roman Catholic "Day of Dialogue"**—Saturday, January 19, 9:00am, Diocesan Pastoral Center, 3888 Paducah Dr., San Diego. For more information, contact 858-487-4317

**North County Magnificat Women's Group**—Saturday, January 19, 8:00am-12:00noon, St. Gabriel Church, Poway. Speaker will be Mark Price. For more information, contact Elise Botch at 858-436-4946.

**Academy of Our Lady of Peace High School for Young Women**—is accepting applications for the 2013-2014 school year. Entrance exam is scheduled for Saturday, January 26, 8:00-11:30am. Visit *www.aolp.org* for more information.

**St. Augustine High School for Young Men**—is accepting applications for the 2013-2014 school year. Entrance exam is scheduled for Saturday, January 26, at 8:30am. Visit *www.sahs.org* for more information.

**Fifteenth Annual Divine Mercy Conference**—February 8-9, San Juan Diego Center at Mission San Antonio De Pala, 3015 Mission Rd., Pala. For more information, contact 619-276-6637 or *www.SDdivinemercy.org*.

**Magnificat Women's Group**—Saturday, February 23, 9:30am-12:00noon, Sheraton Hotel, 1433 Camino Del Rio S., San Diego. Speakers will be Jason and Crystalina Evert. For more information, contact 619-701-2718 or *www.magnificat-sd.org*.

#### Marriage & Family Life Corner

The Bishops' Letter on Marriage—The Human Body: "Pope John Paul II's theology of the body speaks of the human body as having a spousal significance. This means that the human body by its very nature signifies that we humans are directed to relationship—that we are to seek union with others. It is only in relationship that we achieve a true wholeness as a communion of persons." To read the document go to <a href="http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/">http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/</a>.

Marriage Moments—Society and churches run on both money and volunteers. Generosity is a virtue but it's possible to become a "good cause widow(er)." Are you spending enough or too much time volunteering? Your answer will come from the mouth of your spouse. Try joint volunteer projects. by Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net.

**Parenting Pointers**—Parents are genetically disposed to want their kids to be perfect—but no child is! Neither are you. Remember you are responsible for the process you use in raising your children, not the outcome. (Parenting Your Adult Child) by Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net.

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

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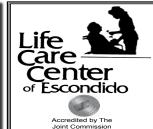
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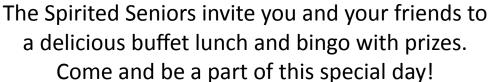


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