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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 27, 2013 • Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor's Column

Christian Stewardship—Continuing the Mission and Ministry of Jesus

As we journey through this month of January, we continue to reflect upon Christian Stewardship, and our responsibility to maintain the mission and ministry of Jesus for this time and this place.

Christian Stewardship is a way of living, living as Disciples of the Lord Jesus. Thus Christian Stewardship is, simply put, Discipleship.

Last weekend, at all Masses, Kevin & Kristin McCusker gave their "witness talk" about their journey with the Lord Jesus as Catholics. They focused, especially, upon how the Faith Community of St. Thomas More has been present to them in the last three years since they moved from Iowa to our area.

They said, "St. Thomas More has helped us to be involved in and to believe in something greater, something beyond ourselves. In St. Thomas More Parish, we have found a community in which we can develop and share relationships with others."



Seeing young people like them, committed to Jesus and to His Church, fills me with great hope for the present and for the future.

Christian Stewardship, lived on a daily basis, is the visible sign and acknowledgement of our dependence upon God and one another. Christian Stewardship is not just about giving of time, talent, and treasure. It is also about receiving the gifts of time, talent, and treasure when the need arises in our lives.

This weekend, before all the Masses, Brian Leahey, our Director of Construction, and Chris Smith, the Director of Stewardship and Development, will take time to give us updates on Construction Progress, the various Memorial Opportunities that are still available for the Church, and the Towers of Faith Legacy Program .

This information will, again, remind all of us of our dependence upon God and one another. We are a part of the web of relationships, of the interconnectedness that gives meaning to life and helps us to be at peace.

As we make our way through this month of Christian Stewardship, may all of us take more seriously, and say, more committedly, the words: "For All That Has Been—Thank You!" and "And For All That Will Be—Yes!"



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, 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.

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:

May 26, June 23, December 22

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





STM Custom Calendars! Available at the Information Table and the Parish Office (\$2 minimum donation)

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.

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 \$34,300 from this program. Thank you donors!









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 27 (69) Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Nehemiah 8:2-4a,5-6,8-10 Psalm 19:8-10,15 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 or 12:12-14,27 Luke 1:1-4;4:14-21

Monday, January 28 (317) Thomas Aquinas, priest, doctor Hebrews 9:15,24-28

Psalm 98:1-6 Mark 3:22-30

Tuesday, January 29 (318) Hebrews 10:1-10 Psalm 40:2,4,7-8,10-11 Mark 3:31-35

Wednesday, January 30 (319)

Hebrews 10:11-18 Psalm 110:1-4 Mark 4:1-20

Thursday, January 31 (320)

John Bosco, priest Hebrews 10:19-25 Psalm 24:1-4b,5-6 Mark 4:21-25

Friday, February 1 (321) Hebrews 10:32-39 Psalm 37:3-6,23-24,39-40 Mark 4:26-34

Saturday, February 2 (524)

The Presentation of the Lord Malachi 3:1-4 Psalm 24:7-10 Hebrews 2:14-18 Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22-32 Sunday, February 3 (72) Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 1:4-5 17-19 Psalm 71:1-6,15-17 1 Corinthians 12:31-13: or 13:4-13 Luke 4:21-30

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 26, 5:00pm Bill Carrothers &

Sunday, January 27, 8:30am Frances España 🕈

Sunday, January 27, 10:30am Joe Coccaro 🕆

Tuesday, January 29, 8:15am J. C. Gonzalez &

Wednesday, January 30, 8:15am Dorothy Staehr

Thursday, January 31, 8:15am John Anderson T

Friday, February 1, 8:15am Kevin Cline &

Saturday, February 2, 5:00pm Jim Tutino 🕆

Sunday, February 3, 8:30am Paola Campos 🕆

Sunday, February 3, 10:30am Éileen McNabb 🕆

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

Mary Alexander Lucia Ambriz Tommy Baker Mary Balli Jose Luis Barbosa Patricia Barbour 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 Alexander Clay Dolly Cole Carl Coleman James Coleman Thomas Cornwell & Family Lené Crowe The Curci & Provinse Families Karen Flaharty Daley Beverly de Gelder Stephanie de Villeneuve Judith DiMatteo Art Dossman Dave Dossman John Drazkowski, Jr. La Vonne Dumas Connor Eberhard Carolyn Erickson Ev Sharon Evans The Fiore Family Ryan Flum Mike Franchino Eugene Franciscus Kathryn Franklin Joe Freire Brian Frink Jim Gallagher Carmen Garcia Sally & Merritt Garner Jack & Marge Gillen Rick Gonzalez
Rosemary Haeffelin
Susan Hallahan
Nan Hallbick The Harker Family Elizabeth Harrison Barbara Hatem Charlotte Hayes Lilian Hills Susan Hori The Howell & Magnera Families Iolanda Iacobelli Linda Iacobelli Bennett

Sue Johnston Paul Kennedy Peggy Kiernan Debbie Kinney Dewey Kolbo Helen Kuhn Lillian Lachance The Lamelin Family Roland & Christopher Lawrence Brandon LeBlanc Jeremiah Lemus Claudia Leué The Paul Leué Family

Ashley Load Cassandra Loretto Lauren Loretto Sue Lyon Family James MacArthur Joaquin Maldonado Chandler May Bob McWilliams Kalei Mendiola Bill Metzger

Phyllis Minaya June Mitchell June Montgomery Nancy Moore Elizabeth Muehlbacher Conrad Murphy Margie Myers The Nguyen & Parsons Families Richard Obsitnik Bernadette Padovan Lupe Casas Pelletier Helen Pingtella Marilyn Pirkola Janelle Poull Douglas Price-Williams Barbara Ramm Mrs. Jack (Shirley) Riley Rita Ritchie Adela Rivera Elena Rivera Maria Rogers Dorothy Rouse The Russo Family Cindy Sanelli Kimberly Schlunt Linda Schmidt Bob, Joan, & Julie Shea Rita Shepard 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 Stánislawski Pete Sullivan David Sweet Tommy & Ginger Thompson Sarah Tillinghast William Tompson
The Toth & Voelpel Families
Stephen Toth, Jr. Mary Tysko & Family Barbara Upson
Ethel & Bob Vanderhagen
Corrie Vasquez
Robert Vasquez Silvana Vettese The Vozza & Ratajczak Families 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 1st Sgt Christian B. Bull, USMC 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, UŠAF 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 27	Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
Jan 27	RE.A.CH Classes at
V 2 /	Church, including high school
Feb 2	Liturgical Ministers
	Workshop
Feb 3	Liturgy of the Word for
	Children at 8:30am and
	10:30am Masses
Feb 5-6	Restaurant Fundraiser at
	Elephant Bar
Feb 10	Liturgy of the Word for
	Children at 8:30am Mass
Feb 10	RE.A.CH Classes at
	Church, including high school
Feb 16	Women's Guild Fashion
	Show at Shadowridge CC
Feb 24	RE.A.CH Classes at
	Church, including high
	school
Mar 17	New Member Reception
Mar 19	Lenten Day of Recollection
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
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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 28
Sr. Joan Mary Dwyer, OP
January 29
Sr. Margaret Eilerman, CSJO
January 30
Sr. Suzanne Ensminger, CSJ
January 31
Sr. Maria Eugenia Espinoza, MFP
February 1
Sr. Carmen Figueroa, SFCC
February 2
Sr. Anne G. Fitzgerald, CSJ
February 3
Sr. Madeline Fitzgerald, OSC

Announcing the Baptism of

Madison McGill Barker

on December 23 in New Jersey



Our Christian community welcomes you with great joy!

Congratulations to

Mary & Jack Bruzas

who celebrate their 39th wedding anniversary January 26.

Kevin & Michael Flanagan

who celebrate their 44th wedding anniversary January 27.

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 soul of:

Mario Vozza, who died on January 18. His funeral services were held in Texas. Please keep his sister, Parishioner Mary Ratajczak, and his family in your prayers.

Boi Nguyen, who died on January 16. His funeral arrangements are pending. Please keep his daughter, Parishioner Lan Nguyen Parsons, and his family in your prayers.

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

STM Archives Wants Your Material

The STM Historian is looking for material from Parish events and activities since our church was established in 1985. The kinds of material that are needed include: 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 donations 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

JustFaith Social Justice Activities

Thirty St. Thomas More Parishioners joined our sister Parish St. Francis for a potluck and discussions on immigration on January 3. We heard testimony of problems faced by immigrants, new programs that can help young immigrants (DACA), and some actions we could help with. See below for the next informative JustFaith activity.



JustFaith presents Following in the Footsteps of El Salvador's Catholic Martyrs. "Following in the footsteps of the Catholic martyrs of El Salvador's Civil War opened my eyes to the love, faith and action required the people of El Salvador," says Andrea Voss who traveled as part of a JustFaith Pilgrimage to El Salvador last year. Andrea uses words like "beautiful vistas, generosity, love, hunger, poverty, street celebrations, faith, crime, noisy streets, remembering, and reconciliation" to describe her trip memories.

Andrea will share her experience and feelings about life in El Salvador 20 years after the Civil War and the life and death of Archbishop Romero, the four Maryknoll religious women, and the six Jesuits at a JustFaith evening of discussion and dessert at 6:00pm on February 12 in the lower level of the Parish Center. All are welcome. For more info contact Evi Quinn at 760-434-3710.

Scout Sunday—February 3

The Boy Scouts of America designates the first Sunday of February as Scout Sunday. Scout Sunday was established to make people in houses of worship aware of Scouting and allow Scouts to fulfill their "Duty to God."

All Scouts and Scout Leaders at St. Thomas More are welcome to attend the 10:30am Mass on February 3 in their uniforms to honor this date.

To RSVP please contact Maria Granata at maria@sgranata.net or 760-732-0622.

Vocations

In today's Second Reading to the Corinthians, in talking about the different roles within the church, Paul says: "Some people God has designated in the church to be, first, apostles; second, prophets; third, teachers..." Do you hear God calling you to be a priest, deacon, or religious? If so, and you wish to explore the calling, contact Deacon Tom at *thomasgoeltz@aol.com* or 760-727-8442.

Parish Events

Women's Guild News

Our biggest event of the year will be held next month on Saturday, February 16, from 11:00am-2:00pm, at Shadowridge Country Club. We will be showing fashions by Draper's and Damon's. Tickets are on sale now and are going fast. The tickets are \$40 and we do have a limited number we can sell, so if you are interested, please see us on the Plaza or contact Valerie Thompson at 760-630-1703.

We hope to see you there. Planning is underway for a delicious lunch and Opportunity Baskets are being prepared for your bidding. We also will have lots of door prizes to delight the winners! There is something for everyone, so please join us even if you are not a member of STM Women's Guild.

The show is themed "Fashion Magic" and we are planning a magical day for you!

-Vera Bayliss, President

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.

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.

That Man Is You!

"That Man Is You!" continues on Saturdays 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.

Outline for next week: The Battle of the Father

- That Attack Can be Traced to the Beginning
- Temptation in the Garden
- Three Temptations: The Flesh, the World and the Devil
- The Persistence of Evil
- Jesus Clothed Himself in the Sins of All Humanity
- The Goodness of the Father
- Becoming A Man After God's Own Heart

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!



- † From January 1, 2013, all donations are 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.

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

Women's Ministry

At our next meeting on Friday, February 1, at 7:00pm, we will be discussing the short but powerful book, *Help Thanks Wow: The Three Essential Prayers* by Anne Lamott. Books are available on the Plaza after Masses or can be purchased at retail bookstores or online. It's a great way to end the week in fellowship with other



women of the Parish! For more information, contact Shannon at 760-889-1469 or *womensministry@stmoside.org*.

Catholic Widows and Widowers of North County

CWWNC meets the second Sunday of each month for a general meeting and potluck at 2:00pm. On the fourth Sunday of each month we gather for Mass at various Parishes in North County followed by lunch. 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.

Liturgy & Music



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

CALLED BY GOD AND ONE ANOTHER

Scripture themes for February

by Patricia Datchuck Sánchez and Rafael Sánchez Alonso, excerpted from Celebration February 2013, with permission. Vocation is the prevailing theme of the sacred texts this month. As we share in the vocational encounters of Abraham (Feb. 24), Jeremiah (Feb. 3), Isaiah (Feb. 10), Israel, Paul, and, of course, Jesus, we will have an opportunity to consider the many calls from God that have punctuated our own journeys through life. Since the Second Vatican Council, most of us have come to appreciate that each of us, not only the ordained or the professed, is called by God to offer the unique gift of who we are to God and others. We have also learned that the vision we have for our future may not coincide with the plan of God.

As Evelyn Underhill has explained, Paul did not set out to be apostle to the gentiles (The Spiritual Life, Morehouse, Harrisburg, Pa.: 2000). He wanted to be a clever and appreciated scholar of the law. Ambrose and Augustine did not dream of being overworked and worried bishops. Cuthbert preferred the solitude and freedom of his hermitage, but he did not often get there. Francis Xavier preferred an ordered life close to his mentor, Ignatius, but with only a few hours' notice he was sent to India and never saw Europe or Ignatius again.

In all these saints, we recognize not frustration but an unshakeable conviction that the movement of the Spirit is the overruling reality of life. We also learn from them that the spiritual life consists of more than individual improvement or attention to one's own soul. It requires a free and unconditional response to the Spirit's overtures, wherever they may lead and whatever the cost may be.

In our attempts to discern and respond to God's call, we are supported by the repeated assurances of God's purpose and

abiding presence. All that God spoke to Jeremiah (Feb. 4), God speaks to us: "I formed you," "I knew you," "I consecrated you," "I appointed you," "I command you," and best of all, "I am with you." Assurances of God's presence empowered Abram to become Abraham, the ancestral leader of countless descendants (Feb. 24). God's presence with Isaiah (Feb. 10) enabled him to say, "Here I am! Send me!" and to follow through with the mission of speaking God's truth to power. As Paul tells his story (Feb. 10), he reminds us, "By the grace of God, I am what I am."

That same grace will lead us into the season of Lent (Ash Wednesday. Feb. 13), when God's presence will move us to renew our prayer, fasting and almsgiving so that we may become even more attuned to God's many calls. In this holy season, we are invited to ponder our gratitude for the sacrifice of Jesus. We are also challenged to seek out the suffering. with whom Jesus identified, and to hear in their cries the voice of God calling us to sacrificial sharing. Their needs are to become our agenda. In the plight of the poor and the homeless, we-as individuals and as a church—hear God call us to greater generosity. In the voices of the victims of injustice, greed, war and natural calamities, we must learn to recognize God's invitation to care for their needs and champion their rights.

When the late Henri Nouwen prayed to discern God's will for him, his journey took him to Bolivia and Peru, where he spent six months chronicling his search in the book he titled *¡Gracias!* (Orbis Books, Maryknoll, N.Y.: 2009). "Somehow I knew," wrote Nouwen, "that God's voice could not be heard unless it included the voices of the men,



women and children of Latin America." To hear and attend those voices, Nouwen, at the age of 49, left the security of his favorite abbey, the warmth of family and friends, the world of academia in which he moved with such ease, and allowed God to lead him to unfamiliar places and multitudes of needy people. Upon arriving in Peru, he had a sense of belonging: "This is home; this is where I must be!"

With each place he went and each person he met, Nouwen's conviction about his call-within-a-call became stronger, surer. He was learning a new attitude and a new way of being from the families he visited. In their lives where nothing was certain not food or work or shelter or safety—they considered everything that came to them not as a right but as a gift. Therefore, their basic posture toward God and others was one of gratitude: "¡Gracias! ¡Gracias a usted! ¡Gracias a Dios!" In making this posture his own, Nouwen realized that his was a call to be grateful to God and grateful to others. As we make our way through this month and through the season of Lent, may we too realize that all we are, all we have and all we become is a gift. Every call of God is a gift. Those we are called to serve, they are gifts. "¡Gracias! ¡Gracias a usted! ¡Gracias a Dios!"

¡Muchas gracias!

Upcoming Music

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FEBRUARY 3 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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5:00pm Mass
Praise Team
8:30am Mass
Sanctuary Choir
10:30am Mass
Handbell Choir

Faith Formation



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

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



Please return Progress Report and Survey

Little Books

This series provides a six-minute meditation for each day of the Lenten season .

In this form of prayer, we take a Scripture passage and spend some quiet time reading it with God at our side. We listen for God to speak to us through the words, guiding us to thoughts and reflections that sometimes seem to come from nowhere. People are often surprised how easy it is to pray this way.



The following are available at the Information Table on weekends and the Church Office during the week. Your \$2 donation helps cover our cost.

- Little Purple Book (for children, approximately 6-12)
- Little Black Book (for teens through adults)
- el Librito Negro (en español)



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: **50 pounds**



Steubenville San Diego Registration is Open



Steubenville San Diego is an amazing gathering of Catholic teens at the University of San Diego. Join over 4,000 teens for a weekend of fun, friendship, and faith.

There is great music, incredible speakers, time for prayer, and good food.

Best of all, you will celebrate Mass and truly have an amazing time.

Don't miss one of the best weekends of your life!

Space is limited, sign up now!

When: July 26-28, 2013
Where: Jenny Craig Pavilion

University of San Diego

Who: All High School Teens and Graduating 8th Graders

Cost: \$215 per student (cost includes

conference package & STM group

shirt)

\$50 non-refundable deposit due by 2/27/2013, and full payment due by 4/19/2013.

Registration forms are available on the Parish website at: www.stmoside.org, click on the Youth Ministry box.

All payments and forms may be turned in to mailbox 41 (Youth Ministry) by Kathleen Bell's office.

Beat the rush and sign up this week!

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

Stewardship & Development



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

Christian Stewardship ~ A Way of Life

When God gives us life, we don't know how much time we have to use. We soon learn that whatever time we have is a gift from God. We also learn that we must manage our time, talents and treasure, and make a return, in gratitude, to God.

Stewardship is how we mange what God has given us in this life. Stewardship is not a choice we make, but rather the role we have as caretakers of God's gifts.

The choice we have is to choose to be "good stewards" or "poor stewards."

We, at STM, are blessed in the knowledge that our Christian Stewardship way of life has full meaning in the order of things.

Neither our time, talents or material possessions rule our lives. Living a life that revolves around "self" and greed is not what flourishes at STM. Rather, our faith community is alive and well with sharing, caring, and talented stewards.

As January 2013 draws to a close, I am renewed and thankful for all of you who make St. Thomas More and our many ministries so successful.

As we move forward in Ordinary time, and shortly (*already*) into Lent, please accept my gratitude for all you do to make our parish an extraordinary place to worship.

Thank You for your Gifts of Time!

Thank You for your Gifts of Talent!

Thank You for your Gifts of Treasure

Thank you for joining us on God's Journey!





An optimist is a person who sees a green light everywhere, while a pessimist sees only the red stop light. The truly wise person is color blind. —Albert Schweitzer

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:

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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 or chriss@stmoside.org.

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

Collection for Week of January 19/20, 2013

Number of Registered Households 1,041

Offertory* \$ 13,263.84

Offertory (Loose Collection) 1,673.00

Children's envelopes 2.00

Total \$ 14,938.84

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News and Information from the Larger Church

40 Minutes for Life in San Marcos—Sunday, January 27, 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.

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.

Movie Screening of *Restless Heart: The Confessions of Augustine*—Sunday, February 10, 4:30pm, Museum of Photographic Arts in Balboa Park. Sponsored by All for God. For more information, contact 619-582-4571.

John Paul the Great University Open House—Saturday, February 16. For more information, contact 858-653-6740 or *www.jpcatholic.com*.

John Angotti in Concert—Sunday, February 17, 7:00pm, Blinder Memorial Chapel, Camp Pendleton. For more information, visit *www.johnangotti.com*.

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—Procreation: "It is the nature of love to overflow, to be life-giving. Thus, it is no surprise that marriage is ordained not only to growing in love but to transmitting life. 'By its very nature the institution of marriage and married love [is] ordered to the procreation and education of the offspring and it is in them that it finds its crowning glory'" (Gaudium et Spes). To read the document go to http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/.

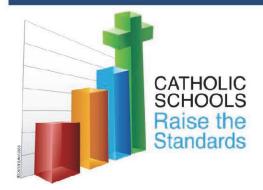
Marriage Moments—Advice for newlyweds: Often couples are persuaded to take out a house loan based on both their incomes. Resist. Consider living on one income. Use the second for one time purchases—a house down payment, furniture, a vacation, etc. This gives you the flexibility to live on one income if you have a child. Keep your options open. by Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net.

Parenting Pointers—Are you having trouble forgiving yourself for the mistakes you've made on this perilous journey of parenting? Try hard, consult experienced parents and experts, but in the end remind yourself that you did your best with what you knew at the time. 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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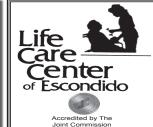
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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30 AM Mass/RCIA/LOWC 9:00 AM Confirmation Class 10:30 AM Mass/LOWC 12:00 PM Baptisms	10:30 AM Women's Guild Board Meeting 7:00 PM High School Youth Group	Restaurant Fundraiser- Elephant Bar-San Marcos 8:00 AM Walking Ministry 8:15 AM Mass 9:00 AM Donuts and Coffee 6:30 PM Handbell Choir 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus	Restaurant Fundraiser- Elephant Bar-San Marcos 8:15 AM Mass 9:00 AM Scripture Study 1:30 PM Spirited Senior Board Meeting 5:30 PM Teen Prayer Hour 6:00 PM Praise Team 7:00 PM College Night 7:00 PM Development Council	8:15 AM Mass 9:00 AM Communion Service (Pacific Place) 9:00 AM Donuts and Coffee 10:00 AM Women's Guild Quilters 1:00 PM Centering Prayer 4:00 PM Youth Bible Study 7:00 PM Scripture Study 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir	8:15 AM Mass 7:00 PM Men's Fellowship 7:00 PM Youth event	Youth Justice Chocolate Sales 6:45 AM That Man Is You! 9:00 AM RCIA Retreat 4:00 PM Reconciliation 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00 PM Mass				
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Daily Prayer For Priests

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I pray for your faithful and fervent priests; For your unfaithful and tepid priests; For your priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields. For your tempted priests; For your lonely and desolate priests; For your young priests; For your dying priests; For the souls of your priests in Purgatory. But above all, I recommend to you the priests dearest to me: The priest who baptized me; The priests who absolved me from my sins; The priests at whose Masses I assisted and who gave me Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion; The priests who taught and instructed me; All the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way (especially.....). O Jesus, keep them all close to your heart, And bless them abundantly in time and in Eternity. Amen By St. Therese of Lisieux

Pray for Priests and Vocations

"Now we ask you to respect those who work hard among you. ...Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work." (1 Thess. 5:12, 13, NIV)

Daily Prayer for Vocations

Jesus, Lord of the harvest, Look with love on this portion of your vineyard.

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