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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

March 24, 2013 • Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Second Annual St. Thomas More Gala Friday, June 7

Be sure to mark your calendar for this great evening—dinner, raffles, silent and live auctions, the Champagne Diamond event, surprise drawing, and much more!

Watch your mailbox for your invitation, or visit the Parish website, *www.stmoside.org*, and click on the Gala logo.



TO CELEBRATE OUR PATRON SAINT

Pastor's Column

The Easter Triduum—March 28, 29, and 30/31—Will These Be Our "High Holy Days" or Will It Be "Business as Usual"?

The season of Lent has always been an important time in the life of the Catholic Church. It begins very dramatically with the reception of ashes, in a sense, marking us as God's people.

Near the end of the season, today on Palm Sunday, we receive palms which remind us of the people's love for Jesus—a love

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Triduum/Easter Schedule



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Thursday, March 28: Holy Thursday—Celebration of the Lord's Supper at 6:00pm, Eucharistic Exposition after Mass until 10:00pm

Friday, March 29: Good Friday—Morning Prayer at 8:15am, Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 12:00pm and 7:00pm, Stations of the Cross at 3:00pm

Saturday, March 30: Holy Saturday—Morning Prayer at 8:15am, Blessing of Easter Food at 11:00am, Easter Vigil at 8:00pm

Sunday, March 31: Easter Sunday—Masses at 6:30am, 8:30am, and 10:30am

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which turned to hate and indifference quite rapidly.

The special practices of Lent...added prayer, fasting, abstinence, almsgiving...remind us that this is no ordinary time.

Because Lent is a season with a personality of its own, we tend to think of it as a season which has its existence just for the sake of itself. However, it is important to remind ourselves that Lent exists only as a preparation for something bigger. That something bigger is the **Easter Triduum.**

The term **Easter Triduum** might not sound familiar to you; however, you are very familiar with it. The Triduum (TRIH-doo-um) is the three-day celebration of the death and resurrection of Christ—Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil/Easter Sunday.

The Church meets at times during those three days to remember what it is that Jesus has done for us.

Lent often overshadows the Triduum, but the documents from Vatican Council II tell us:

Christ redeemed us all and gave perfect glory to God principally through his paschal mystery: dying he destroyed our death and rising he restored our life.

Therefore the Easter Triduum of the passion and resurrection of Christ is the culmination of the entire liturgical year.

Lent exists so that we can prepare ourselves for these three great days. What is remembered during these three days is so spectacular and miraculous that it takes the Church fifty days to celebrate it. From the close of Easter Sunday until Pentecost we celebrate with great joy that which Jesus has done for us.

Just imagine that someone you loved was torn from you unexpectedly, dying a painful, hideous death, and suddenly that person is brought back to life. Imagine your joy. How would you express that joy? Could you be happy for one day and be done with it? Probably not! It would take many days, perhaps a lifetime to express your joy. Because that person's life has been restored, your life has been restored.

That is exactly what happens. Jesus dies a hideous death. God's only Son sent to save us has been put to death. And then suddenly he is alive again. We need fifty days to celebrate this great miracle—or perhaps we need our lifetime to express it. Thus we take forty days (Lent) to prepare, three days (Easter Triduum) to experience, and fifty days (Easter time) to celebrate the great mystery of our faith.

What the Triduum commemorates, that which makes it the "culmination of the entire liturgical year," is the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Because Jesus was willing to die for our sins and was resurrected, death no longer is the end of life for us. It is the beginning of new life. We gather at the Easter Triduum to remember the saving act of Jesus and the miracle of his resurrection. Because Jesus died and was resurrected, we live.

The term Triduum means "three days." The three days are counted as the Hebrews counted their days, from dusk to dusk. Therefore, the three days of the **Easter Triduum** are from dusk on Holy Thursday to dusk on Good Friday (day one), dusk on Good Friday to dusk on Holy Saturday (day two), and dusk on Holy Saturday to dusk on Easter Sunday (day three).

Each of those days "tells" a different part of the story of Jesus' saving action. On Holy Thursday we remember the Last Supper,

Jesus gives us the Eucharist and tells us to "Do this in memory of me." He then washes the feet of the apostles. On Good Friday we remember the passion and death of Jesus. We celebrate the resurrection of Christ either at the Easter Vigil on Saturday night when new members are baptized and welcomed into our Catholic community or on Easter Sunday morning.

We look at the **Easter Triduum** as one single celebration that lasts for three days. We cannot separate the death of Jesus from his resurrection. We do not spend all of the three days in church, but at various times during those days, we are called to church to gather and remember together. When we are not in church, we are asked to keep the spirit of those days even in our homes, if possible. Those days are not days of "business as usual."

The **Easter Triduum** is quickly approaching! I invite, encourage, and challenge you to look at your calendars, set your agendas, and re-arrange your priorities and activities, so that you can celebrate as many of these three days as you can here in the Faith Community of St. Thomas More.

Let these days be "High Holy Days" for you and your family. Do not let these days be just "business as usual"!

Welcome New Parishioners

Kirk & Sarah Stechschulte & Family

Congratulations to

Dorothy Staehr

who celebrated her 94th birthday on March 13.

May God bless you with abundant joy, just as you have blessed so many with your long life.

Congratulations to

Connie & Paul Hopkins

who celebrated their 14th wedding anniversary March 20.

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

Come Camping with STM!!!

May 3-5 in Valley Center. We have 15 spots available. There will be Mass on Saturday afternoon at 4:00pm For more information, call Henny Jocelyn at 760-758-4100 x100.

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

A Pilgrimage to Poland

September 13-21 with Fr. Rich Lewandowski. Fly out of Boston. Includes visits to many historic sites, churches, and shrines. For more information, pick up a flyer at the information table on the Plaza or the Parish Office or contact Paul Pizzo at Durgan Travel Service at 781-438-2224 x118.

Lenten Reconciliation Services at Local Parishes

Date	Time	Parish
Mon, Mar. 25	6:30pm	St. Mark, San Marcos
Tue, Mar. 26	6:00pm	St. Peter, Fallbrook

Readings for the Week Ahead

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

Sunday, March 24 (38)

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Luke 19:28-40 (Procession) (37) Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalm 22:8-9,17-20,23-24

Philippians 2:6-11

Luke 22:14-23:56

Monday, March 25 (257) Isaiah 42:1-7

Psalm 27:1-3,13-14

John 12:1-11

Tuesday, March 26 (258)

Isaiah 49:1-6

Psalm 71:1-4a,5-6ab,15,17

John 13:21-33,36-38

Wednesday, March 27 (259) Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 69:8-10,21bcd-22,31,33-34

Matthew 26:14-25

Thursday, March 28 (39)

Thursday of the Lord's Supper Exodus 12:1-8,11-14

Psalm 116:12-13,15-16bc,17-18 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

John 13:1-15

Friday, March 29 (40)

Friday of the Passion of the Lord

Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Psalm 31:2,6,12-13,15-17,25

Hebrews 4:14-16;5:7-9 John 18:1-19:42

Saturday, March 30 (41)

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

Genesis 1:1–2:2 Psalm 104:1-2a,5-6,10,12-14,24,35c

Genesis 22:1-18

Exodus 14:15-15:1 Exodus 15:1-6,17-18 (Psalm)

Isaiah 54:5-14

Isaiah 55:1-11

Isaiah 12:2-3,4bcd,5-6 (Psalm) Baruch 3:9-15,32-4:4

Ezekiel 36:16-17a,18-28

Romans 6:3-11

Psalm 118:1-2,16ab-17,22-23

Luke 24:1-12

Sunday, March 31 (42)

The Resurrection of the Lord Acts 10:34a,37-43

Psalm 118:1-2,16ab-17,22-23

1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

John 20:1-9

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 23, 5:00pm Linda Grider

Sunday, March 24, 8:30am Joanne Robinson T

Sunday, March 24, 10:30am Cosmo Nocida 🕈

Tuesday, March 26, 8:15am Sr. Maureen Brown

Wednesday, March 27, 8:15am John Nichols &

Thursday, March 28, 6:00pm J.C. Gonzalez 🕏

Sunday, March 31, 6:30am Ellen Fresca 🕏

Sunday, March 31, 8:30am Roy Heath &

Sunday, March 31, 10:30am Robert Ratajczak P

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

Changa Aguilera Mary Alexander Lucia Ambriz 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 Monica Broussard Janet Brown Todd Brown Anita Buerger Bridget Buford Shelby Campbell Brianne Campos Claudia Caplinger The John Casella Family Paul Cassidy Bobbi Clarke Dick Clarke Dolly Cole Carl Coleman

James Coleman Thomas Cornwell & Family Lené Crowe Karen Flaharty Daley Beverly de Gelder Stephanie de Villeneuve

Art Dossman Dave Dossman John Drazkowski, Jr. La Vonne Dumas Connor Eberhard Carolyn Erickson Ey Sharon Evans

Victoria Lopez Fenton The Fiore Family Ryan Flum Eugene Franciscus Kathryn Franklin Joe Freire Brian Frink

Jim Gallagher The Joe Garcia Family Kathy Gardner Jack & Marge Gillen Wendy Gonzales' Dad Rick Gonzalez

Rosemary Haeffelin Susan Hallahan Pat & Tom Hannon The Harker Family Elizabeth Harrison

Barbara Hatem Lilian Hills Susan Hori

Iolanda Iacobelli Linda Iacobelli Bennett Sue Johnston

Betty Karch Paul Kennedy Peggy Kiernan Debbie Kinney

Dewey Kolbo Sr. Anne Kremenik Helen Kuhn

Lillian Lachance The Lamelin Family Christopher Lawrence Roland Lawrence Brandon LeBlanc

Jeremiah Lemus Claudia Leué The Paul Leué Family The Lew Family Ashley Load

Cassandra Loretto Lauren Loretto James MacArthur Joaquin Maldonado Paige Mansell

Chandler May Tony McCloskey Bob McWilliams Joyce Meehan Kalei Mendiola

Bill Metzger

Phyllis Minaya June Mitchell June Montgomery Nancy Moore Elizabeth Muehlbacher Conrad Murphy Margie Myers Richard Obsitnik Bernadette Padovan Art Palle Lupe Casas Pelletier Helen Pingtella Marilyn Pirkola The Pitesa Family

Douglas Price-Williams Barbara Ramm Rita Ritchie Adela Rivera Elena Rivera Maria Rogers Dorothy Rouse The Russo Family Cindy Sanelli Linda Schmidt

The Douglas E. Schulte Family Joan 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 Stephen Toth, Jr.
Mary Tysko & Family
Barbara Upson
Ethel & Bob Vanderhagen

Corrie & Robert Vasquez Silvana Vettese Vanessa Vitiello Kevin Watson-Graff John Whitton 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, 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

Schedule and Calendar		
Mar 24	Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion	
Mar 24	Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass	
Mar 24	RE.A.CH Classes at Church	
Mar 28	Holy Thursday	
Mai 20	Mass of the Lord's Supper	
Mar 29	Good Friday	
Iviai 29	Morning Prayer	
	The Passion of the Lord	
	Stations of the Cross	
Mar 30	Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil	
Mai 30	Morning Prayer	
	Make a Butter Lamb	
	Blessing of Easter Food	
	Easter Vigil	
Mar 31	Easter Sunday	
Iviai 51	Masses at 6:30am,	
	8:30am, and 10:30am	
Apr 5	Women's Ministry	
Apr 7	RE.A.CH Classes at Church	
Apr 9-10	Restaurant Fundraiser at	
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Apr 12	Men's Fellowship	
Apr 13	Women's Guild Game Day	
Apr 14	Spring Sing Choral Concert	
Apr 19	Family Night	
Apr 20-21	Women's Guild Bake Sale	
Apr 21	RE.A.CH Classes at Church	
	including high school	
Apr 21	Towers of Faith Reception	
Apr 24	Spirited Seniors Trip to	
-	Mission San Juan	
	Capistrano	
May 3-5	Parish Campout	
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	
Oct 11-13	Men's Fellowship Retreat	
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Pray for Women Religious

New Member Reception

Oct 27

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.

March 25	
Sr. Jane Joppa, OCD	
March 26	
Sr. Mary Magdalene Kalinda, CVI	
March 27	
Sr. Baouth Kassab, DMI	
March 28	
Sr. Maureen Keegan, SCMM	
March 29	
Sr. M. Jelena Kekic, MC	
March 30	
Sr. Myrtle Keller, MMS	
March 31	
Sr. Maureen Kelley, RSM	

Social Ministries/Outreach

Interfaith Holy Week Foot Washing and Passover Ritual

Thursday, March 28, 11:30am, St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral, San Diego. Please join us on Holy Thursday as we gather for a Passover Celebration of Freedom and Justice supporting Comprehensive Immigration Reform with a Pathway for Citizenship. Share prayers and intentions in the Islamic, Christian, Jewish, and Unitarian Universalist sacred traditions! We will be carpooling from St. Thomas More. Contact Sr. Maureen at 760-758-4100 x131 or maureenb@stmoside.org to save your seat!

Good Friday Collection

Next Friday has been designated ro the 2013 Collection for the Holy Land. Your contribution helps to support Christians and maintains shrines in the Holy Land of our Lord's birth, agony, death, and resurrection. You are encouraged to consider a generous gift. Visit www.custodia.org/default.asp?id=1867.



As of March 19, 156 families have pledged \$20,957.34, an average of \$134.34 per family. A great start towards our assessment of \$48,000. Thank you!

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

STM \$crip News

Thanks to all who support our program!

If you have never purchased Scrip gift cards, try out the program this year! A percentage of each gift card purchased will go to our Parish Mortgage Fund.

Remember, Scrip is available for purchase FOUR ways!

- On the Plaza after weekend Masses
- Monday-Friday during business hours in the Parish Office
- Email at scrip@stmoside.org
- Phone at 760-758-4100 x 150

Orders may be picked up after Mass on the weekend or at the Parish Office during the week.

Marriage & Family Life

Bringing the Celebration Home—Did you know the pretzel is

an official food of Lent? How about that the Vatican library even has a manuscript (#3867) illustrating one of the earliest pretzels, complete with recipe? A young monk in the early 600s was preparing Lenten bread—and to remind his brother monks that Lent was a time of prayer, he rolled the bread dough & shaped each strip in the form MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE of crossed arms, mimicking the popular



prayer position of folding one's arms over each other on the chest. This week, bake some homemade pretzels with your family! Find the recipe at: http://enterundermyroof.blogspot.com.

Want to Help Plan a Party? Are you the "hostess with the most-est"? Want to help plan a party? We are looking for a few Parishioners (who know how to have a good time!) to help form a Party Planning Crew in preparation for three celebrations we will be having through the year. Contact Lisa Attardo at: lisaattardo@yahoo.com or Jen Frost at: jennifermfrost@aol.com for more information or to join the Party Planning Crew!

Mark Your Calendars! This Easter, come learn how to create a lamb made of butter for your Easter table! See the flyer on Butter Lambs and Blessing of Easter Food for more information.

The Bishops' Letter on Marriage—Same-Sex Unions: "Marriage is a unique union, a relationship different from all others. It is the permanent bond between one man and one woman whose two-in-one-flesh communion of persons is an indispensable good at the heart of every family and every society. Same-sex unions are incapable of realizing this specific communion of persons. Therefore, attempting to redefine marriage to include such relationships empties the term of its meaning, for it excludes the essential complementarity between man and woman, treating sexual difference as if it were irrelevant to what marriage is." To read the document go to http:// www.usccb.org/loveandlife/.

Marriage Moments—Palm Sunday is like the parade before the defeat. But everything is turned upside down in Christianity. Defeat becomes the path to ultimate resurrection. Identify a high point, a low point, and a revival in your marriage. Do you agree? by Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net.

Parenting Pointers—This week on Good Friday we remember Jesus' crucifixion. The Seventh Corporal Work of Mercy is to bury the dead. Even if your child is too young to have been present at a death or funeral you could share where these Works of Mercy came from. Read Matthew 25:31-46 together. Can you tell the difference between a sheep and a goat? 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.

Vocations

The Lenten Season is a time for reflection on the wonderful love and mercy of our God; for contemplation of the greatest love story ever told, the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. If, during this season, you feel the call to share this love story with others as a priest, deacon, or vowed religious, please contact Deacon Tom at thomasgoeltz@aol.com or 760-727-8442.

Parish Events

Women's Guild News

Our Day of Recollection was held on March 19. Thank you to the Chairpersons for a well-run and enjoyable day. Thank you Ann Buko, Pat Wong, and from the Spirited Seniors, Judy Buonticonti. Thank you also to Kathy Flanagan from the Mission San Luis Rey for such a positive program.

Our next Board Meeting will be Monday, April 1, 10:15am at Vera's house. Board members are welcome to come a little early (snack, have coffee, and socialize).

Game Day will be held on Saturday, April 13, 11:00am. Ticket sales are going fast, but we have some tickets left for you. All men and women of the Parish are welcome. There will be plenty of games, good food, door prizes, and baskets of gifts to bid on. A fun day for everyone. For tickets call Mary Vernaci at 760-727-2318 or Vera Bayliss at 760-295-0059.

There will not be a General Meeting this month. Also, our Bake Sale is coming up on April 20-21. Please mark your calendar.

Decide with an open heart—that will usually be the right decision. —Vera Bayliss, President

That Man Is You!

"That Man Is You!" continues on Saturdays at 6:45am on the lower level of the Parish Center. Register online at www.thatmanisyou.org. Topic for next week: The Triumph of Mercy.

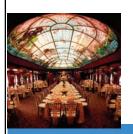
Women's Ministry: Sustaining Relationships Save the Date: Friday, April 5, 7:00pm

The program will examine ways to build, maintain, and sustain lively and life-enhancing relationships. For more information, contact *womensministry@stmoside.org* or Shannon Oswald at 760-889-1469.

2013 Pastor's Dinner Excursion Celebrate Fr. Mike's 65th Birthday!

Sunday, September 29, 1:30-6:00pm

Reserve now—Pay later



Featuring The Hot Pursuit Band Let the good times roll! \$250/person (\$125 tax deduction) All payments due by August 15



For information, please contact Chris Smith 760-758-4100x120 or chriss@stmoside.org

Memorial Item Donations

Memorials are a way of honoring those whom we love, whether they are living or deceased. Often, memorials are made for a special intention or in thanksgiving for a variety of blessings received from God.

Our Parish Campus will be a living memorial. All who help in building it will leave something to the community itself that will be used by generations to come. The good they do is not interred with them, but will remain to share in the divine activity of God here on earth.

Listed below are items still available for adoption.

All contributions will be recognized in a special memorial to be displayed in our Parish Memorial Garden.

For more information or to adopt an item, contact Chris Smith 760-758-4100 x120 or *chriss@stmoside.org*

Pipe Organ	\$850,000
Memorial Garden	\$500,000
Reflection Garden	\$250,000
Church Doors (Bronze)	\$100,000
Crucifix	\$75,000
St. Thomas More Shrine (Tapestry)	\$75,000
Daily Mass Chapel Ambo	\$4,500
Concelebrant Chairs (5) 2 available	\$3,000/chair
Pedestals for Flowers (8) 4 available	\$1,000/each
Pew Seating for the Church (1,000) 978 available	\$300/person
Daily Mass Chapel and Choir Chairs (200) 193 available	\$300/each

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For more information on our progress, visit our website, stmoside.org, and click on Our New Church.

A Model of the Church Crucifix for Your Home

Limited edition (40 made, 22 still available) models of the crucifix for our new church are available for purchase at \$750 each. They are 15" high by 8" wide with a 9" corpus.

Complete the pre-order sign up form at the information table on the Plaza after Masses or contact Chris Smith at 760-758-4100 x120 or *chriss@stmoside.org*. Payment plans available.



Liturgy & Music



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

The honor of your presence is requested.

Triduum—The Three Pays

We celebrate **one great liturgy**, with our prayer flowing without interruption, from one celebration to the next.

Thursday of the Lord's Supper

Mass of the Lord's Supper Washing of Feet Cucharistic Adoration

Our Thursday liturgy does not simply tell us about Christ's love. Through word, ritual action, and sacrament, we experience it.

Friday of the Passion of the Lord

Celebration of the Passion of the Lord Adoration of the Holy Cross

On Friday, we ponder the mystery of Christ's sacrifice.

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

Blessing of the Easter Fire
Lighting of the Paschal Candle
Easter Proclamation
Our Salvation Story
Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation
Holy Eucharist

"This is the night!" We celebrate the "solemnity of all solemnities" and the crown of the Church's liturgy.

Music for Holy Week

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MARCH 28 Thursday of the Lord's Supper

6:00pm MassSanctuary Choir

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MARCH 29
Friday of the Passion of the Lord

12:00noon Liturgy Cantor and Assembly

3:00pm Stations of the CrossAssembly

7:00pm Liturgy Sanctuary Choir

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MARCH 30 The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

8:00pm Mass

Cappella Choir Handbell Choir Praise Team Sanctuary Choir

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MARCH 31
Easter Sunday of the
Resurrection of the Lord

6:30am MassCantor and Assembly

8:30am Mass

Handbell Choir Sanctuary Choir

10:30am Mass

Praise Team Sanctuary Choir

Spring Sing at St. Thomas More Sunday, April 14, at 4:00pm

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

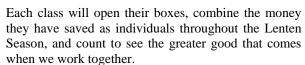


Sunday is a RE.A.CH day at Church

OPERATION RICE BOWL

Helps Families Around the World

Bring your Rice Bowl to RE.A.CH today!



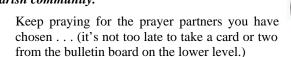


At closing prayer, all classes will combine their totals to see what a big difference we can make, as St. Francis did, in serving the poor. Let us respond to the call of our Holy Father, Pope Francis, to do our part to help the poor of our world.

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PRAYER PARTNERS

Help those about to be received into the church know that they are cared for and mentored by their Parish community.





- Consider writing a note of congratulations to your prayer partner perhaps share your experience of Baptism, Confirmation, or Eucharist.
- Cards may be left in the yellow tub outside the Faith Formation Office, and they will be given to your Prayer Partners at the time they celebrate the Sacraments.

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PBJ for Kids

Feed the Children in our Local Community



- Peanut butter and jelly are favorite foods for children everywhere and it's nourishing!
- Fast from a junk food item and use the money for a jar of peanut butter or jelly
- Bring it in to the container outside the Faith Formation Office and we'll deliver it to children in need.

2013 GOAL: 365 pounds Collected to date: 123 pounds

Youth Ministry

Happy Palm Sunday!

The palms symbolized a great military victory, but is that true for you?

- Has Christ won the battle for your heart...for your life?
- Do you know and have you experienced that God is enough for you?
- Do you believe that Jesus really has gone to prepare a place for you?
- Do you believe in the victory of Jesus Christ?

Monday Youth Group

Celebrate this victory 7:00-8:30pm. All high schoolers are welcome.

Wednesday Prayer Hour

Pray to the King of Victory 5:30-6:30pm in the middle of the week.

Weekend Bible Study

If you're curious as to when and where we meet, contact me at *marcusc@stmoside.org*. Our location moves to different houses depending on the weekend, so keep posted!



HELP APPRECIATED!

There is great enthusiasm in our teen community to participate in the Steubenville experience, but some are not able because of the \$215 cost.

If you are a Parishioner who could provide a scholarship, either full or partial, for a Parish teen, please direct it to Kathleen Bell, payable to STM.

This is truly a way to share your faith and will be deeply appreciated!

Stewardship & Development



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

Christian Stewardship Jesus Sets the Example

As we move through Lent and approach Holy Week, we might think about the Lord's Passion as a goodbye story, almost as if it were a closure. It begins with a Passover meal, where there is a discussion of what might happen in the future for the disciples.

However, listening to Jesus must have been very uncomfortable for some of those gathered. One of the disciples learned that he would betray Jesus; Peter heard that he would deny him. These predictions might remind us of what it is to be human—that we make mistakes and that we are limited.

This meal is followed by Jesus' rejection at the hands of the authorities—and his humiliation as he is whipped and mocked. He then dies on the cross.

Jesus is at the mercy of the worst kind of humiliation. Does he respond with anger or indignation? No. He is humble until the end; he shows great respect for authority but also remains true to himself. We see this when he goes off to pray on his own: he "withdraws," needing to be rooted in relationship with his Father.

What kind of a saviour is Jesus? How does it feel to have a saviour who was mocked and abused and humbled himself to death on a cross? How counter-cultural is Jesus, and how is he still counter-cultural for Christian stewards today?

As we continue on our Lenten journey, let us think about how we live as Jesus' followers, as stewards of his Gospel message. How often do I empty myself, even a small amount for others?

Jesus sets us an example of how to live. Even at his death he was living his ministry by reaching out to the women at the foot of the cross. We are all called to live that ministry too—we are accountable for how we live our lives. Our faith has been passed to us and faith is a huge gift. How we live in response to that gift is left to each of us, but we are called to reflect God's love.



Mother Teresa once commented that each of the people we meet is Jesus in disguise. Try to see Jesus in just one person each day this month. At the end of each day, try and reflect on how that was. Was the person in whom you saw Jesus someone you find easy to love?

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News and Information from the Larger Church

"Colors of Grace" Choir Concert—Sunday, March 24, 3:00pm, All Hallows Catholic Church, 6602 La Jolla Scenic Dr. S., La Jolla. Reception following with traditional hot cross buns.

After-Abortion Healing Retreat for Catholic Women (or Catholic Friendly)—April 5-7, St. Mary's Retreat Center, Escondido. For more information, contact Leslie Brunolli at 760-745-2529 or *LBrunolli@yahoo.com* or *www.RachelsHope.org*. Sponsored by the Diocese of San Diego.

Faith, Family, and Football Miles Christi Benefit Dinner—Saturday, April 13, San Diego Hilton Resort & Spa, Mission Bay. Join in a friendly conversation with Philip and Tiffany Rivers and the Priests of Miles Christi hosted by Brian Patrick, Catholic radio personality. For more information, contact www.mileschristi.org.

Relics of St. Anthony of Padua to Visit San Diego—Sunday, April 14, 12:15pm, Good Shepherd Parish, 8200 Gold Coast Dr., San Diego. Two friars from the Messenger of St. Anthony in Padua and the Anthonian Association will be bringing two precious relics from the Basilica of St. Anthony in Padua, Italy on the occasion of the 750th anniversary of the discovery of these relics by St. Bonaventure.

Magnificat Women's Group Meeting—Saturday, April 20, 9:00am-12:00pm with Mass at 8:00am, St. Gabriel Catholic Church, 13734 Twin Peaks Rd., Poway. Guest speaker will be Cheryl Ward-Kaiser. For information and reservations, contact Elise Botch at 858-436-4946 or <code>elisebotch@msn.com</code> or visit <code>www.magnificate-nsd.org</code>.

Beginning Experience Weekend for Widowed, Divorced, and Separated Persons—May 3-5, Prince of Peace Abbey, Oceanside. A trained team of peers leads participants through a

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Women's Retreat—Wouldn't it be awesome to participate in the Year of Faith by going on retreat! All women 18 years of age and older are invited to St. Francis of Assisi's annual women's retreat April 26-28 at Oakbridge Christian Conference Center in Ramona. Get away from noise and distractions and spend a blessed weekend with the Lord and other women of faith. Fr. Efrain Bautista, pastor of St. Francis in Vista, is our featured speaker. To download a registration form, go to *stfrancisvista.org* and click on *Retreats*. Call Pat 760-758-7008 or Denise 760-945-6997 for more information.

healing and growth experience. For more information contact Cathy at 619-222-9093 or Maureen at 619-447-0622.

Support Group for Separated/Divorced—An ongoing support group meeting Sundays at 10:15am at St. James Catholic Church in Solana Beach. For more information, contact Frank Grant at 760-533-1520 or fwgrant@gmail.com.

The Center for Christian Spirituality at the University of San Diego has a great line up of events. Visit www.sandiego.edu/ccs.

Mission San Luis Rey Retreat Center in Oceanside has an ongoing schedule of retreats. Visit *www.sanluisrey.org* for more details.

San Diego Habitat for Humanity Providing Homes for Wounded Veterans—For more information, contact Sheyna Hensley at 619-283-4663 x314 or *ShaynaH@sdhfh.org*.

Volunteers Needed at Birth Choice of Oceanside—Training provided for those interested in volunteering as counselors for this pro-life, Christ-centered pregnancy resource center offering free pregnancy testing, ultrasound, and options counseling for women in crisis. For more information, contact Mary Rose Stearns at 760-434-5063 or *mrstearns@birthchoice.net*.

Catholic Singles Organization—The Catholic Alumni Club International is expanding into the San Diego area. Visit *www.caci.org* for more information.

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

Natural Family Planning Course in San Diego—For more information and/or to register for the series, contact 619-303-5053 or *davidandcherylross@gmail.com*.

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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.

Catholics Come Home

Do you have a family member, friend, or co-worker who has left the Catholic Church? If so, encourage them to visit www.CatholicsComeHome.org.

Young Adult Ministry Activities

Visit www.yamsd.org for complete information on events for young adults, including Lenten Bible Study, bowling, swing dance, praise and worship nights, and outreach projects.

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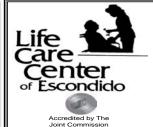
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Easter and the Blessing of Food



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As the end of the strict fast approached, the people showed their joy and gratitude by taking their food to church to be blessed and eaten after the Easter Liturgy.

As we celebrate the Pasch, a feast of new life, we bless the food sustaining our physical life. Thus this custom has its meaning even today and, so we are encouraged to observe this ritual for our time.

The foods traditionally blessed for Easter can be reduce to three categories:

- 1. Easter bread:
- 2. Meat products, like ham, stuffed veal, suckling pig or lamb, sausage, bacon
- 3. Dairy products, like butter, cheese, eggs.

We will celebrate a Blessing of Easter Foods this year on Holy Saturday, March 30, at 11:00 a.m. on the lower level of the Parish Center.

Everyone is invited to come with an "Easter Basket of Food" and to partake in this ancient tradition and blessing.





Create a Butter Lamb for Easter Dinner



This Easter, come learn how to create a butter lamb (a lamb made of butter) for your Easter table! This is a tradition many of you—especially from Eastern European families—may remember from growing up. Jesus is our Paschal Lamb, and using your lamb as a centerpiece reminds us of this.

This fun event, sponsored by the Marriage & Family Life ministry, will start at 10:00am on the lower level of the Parish Center on Holy Saturday, and will lead into the Blessing of Easter Food blessing at 11:00am.

All ages are welcome—as long as you can use a butter knife! This free event is open to all Parishioners and their friends, so bring along any family you may have in town for the Easter weekend.

To participate, all you need to bring is:

- 2 sticks of VERY COLD butter still wrapped in their wax paper
- ◆ 1 butter knife, plus extra butter knifes for anyone who wants to "help" (for example, if you have two children attending with you and helping make one lamb, bring a knife for each of them)
- a cute plate for your lamb to sit on
- OPTIONAL: a garlic press
- RECOMMENDED: a small cooler or lunch box with a cold pack to keep your butter cold
- RECOMMENDED: a small towel or wet wipes

Can't make the class but still want to make a lamb? Follow the online instructions: http://enterundermyroof.blogspot.com/2013/03/recipe-create-butter-lamb-for-easter.html

