

# Church of St. Thomas More

A Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of San Diego

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**Office Hours: Monday-Friday**  
8:30am-12:00 noon and 12:30-4:00pm

**Mass Schedule**  
Saturday at 5:00pm  
Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am  
Tuesday-Friday at 8:15am  
First Monday of the Month at 7:00pm

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

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

February 10, 2008 • First Sunday of Lent

## Did You Know?

In Fiscal Year 2006–2007, routine repair and maintenance for such things as janitorial services, pest control, waste removal, and elevator and HVAC maintenance exceeded \$48,000...

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## Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak  
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### The Whole Trouble with You Is You Won't Listen to What The Whole Trouble with You Is!

In one series of the comic strip, "Peanuts," by Charles Schulz, Lucy the constant critic asks a solemn-faced Charlie Brown, "You know what the whole trouble with you is, Charlie Brown?"

Charlie looks at her sternly and responds, "No, and I don't want to know! Leave me alone!" And he walks away angrily.

Surprised by his response, Lucy watches him go but, because she is always the one with the last word, she hollers after him, "The whole trouble with you is you won't listen to what the whole trouble with you is!"

This past Wednesday we celebrated Ash Wednesday and began the holy season of Lent. It is a penitential season, a time to stop and take a hard look at ourselves and ask, "How well am I doing? Am I faithful to my baptismal promises? Am I deepening my commitment to Jesus Christ and the Gospel?"

In the Gospel on Ash Wednesday, we were challenged to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These are the three pillars of the season.

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**Calendar Highlights**

Also check the parish website for complete calendar info:  
[www.stmoside.org](http://www.stmoside.org), then select "Schedules and Calendars"

**The Week Ahead**

- Feb 10 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass  
 Feb 10 RE.A.CH classes, including high school  
 Feb 11 Women's Guild Luncheon Meeting  
 Feb 15 Eucharistic Exposition  
 Feb 15 Fish Dinner and Stations of the Cross  
 Feb 16-Mar 2 New Orleans Trip  
 Feb 17 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and  
 10:30am Masses  
 Feb 17 New Member Reception

**The Month Ahead**

- Feb 24 RE.A.CH classes, including high school  
 Feb 25 Lenten Day of Recollection sponsored by  
 Women's Guild and Spirited Seniors

**The Year Ahead**

- Mar 1 ~~Women's Prayer Breakfast~~  
 (rescheduled to Apr 26)  
 Mar 9 Spirited Seniors travel to Rolling Hills Covenant  
 Church to see "Pageant of Our Lord"  
 Apr 6 STM Music Ministry Presents  
*Spring Sing—Ecumenical Celebration of Song*  
 Apr 24 Spirited Seniors Present *Music by Emmalyn*  
 Apr 26 Women's Prayer Breakfast  
 June 20 Ninth Annual Golf Classic/Evening Festivities  
 July 21-25 *Power Lab* Vacation Bible School  
 Nov 9 Towers of Faith Dinner

Questions? Contact Henny at 758-4100 x100  
 or [hennyj@stmoside.org](mailto:hennyj@stmoside.org).

**Prayer List for 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:

- Gy. Sgt. Barry Bull, USMC*  
*Christian Caplinger, US Army*  
*Nicholas B. Dawson*  
*Capt. Gregory Day, USMC*  
*Lance Corporal Brandon Doyle, USMC*  
*MSGT Steve Gallegos, USMC*  
*Sgt. Stephen Gerke, 101st Airborne*  
*Lt. Col Robert T. Green, USAF*  
*Cpl. Michael Guty, USMC*  
*Col. Kathleen Henderson*  
*Lance Cpl. Ryan Keck, USMC*  
*Cpl. Andrew G. Klidzejs, USMC*  
*Med. Staff Sgt. Jana Alexander Madrid, USAF*  
*Ronald Meyers, US Navy Search & Rescue*  
*Lance Cpl. Steven A. Michaels, USMC*  
*Spec. Jared Ratzlaff, US Army*  
*SPC Robert Sullivan, US Army*  
*Lt. Col. Robert C. Wright, USMC*  
*Capt. Thomas Zeeff, USAF*

All-powerful God, be their constant companion and strength in every adversity. May they experience your faithful presence, gentle love and compassionate healing.

Contact the parish office at 758-4100 x102 to add a name.

**Readings for the Week Ahead**

Sunday Year A; Weekday Year II  
 Readings online at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org).

**Sunday, February 10 (22)**

*First Sunday of Lent*

Genesis 2:7-9;3:1-7

Psalm 51

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 40:1-11

**Monday, February 11 (224)**

*Our Lady of Lourdes*

Leviticus 19:1-2,11-18

Psalm 19:8-10,15

Matthew 25:31-46

**Tuesday, February 12 (225)**

Isaiah 55:10-11

Psalm 34:4-7,16-19

Matthew 6:7-15

**Wednesday, February 13 (226)**

Jonah 3:1-10

Psalm 51:3-4,12-13,18-19

Luke 11:29-32

**Thursday, February 14 (227)**

Esther C:12,14-16,23-25

Psalm 138:1-3,7c-8

Matthew 7:7-12

**Friday, February 15 (228)**

Ezekiel 18:21-28

Psalm 130:1-8

Matthew 5:20-26

**Saturday, February 16 (229)**

Deuteronomy 26:16-19

Psalm 119:1-2,4-5,7-8

Matthew 5:43-48

**Sunday, February 10 (25)**

*Second Sunday of Lent*

Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalm 33

2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Matthew 17:1-9

**Mass Intentions**

Saturday, February 9, 5:00pm  
 Clay Provinse ☩

Sunday, February 10, 8:30am  
*Missa Pro Populo*

Sunday, February 10, 10:30am  
 Mike Connley ☩

Tuesday, February 12, 8:15am  
 Emilia dela Torre ☩

Wednesday, February 13, 8:15am  
 Joan Buchmiller ☩

Wednesday, February 13, 9:30am  
 Joe Garcia  
*Brighton Gardens*

Thursday, February 14, 8:15am  
 Bill Kenney ☩

Friday, February 15, 8:15am  
 Donald Kope ☩

Saturday, February 16, 5:00pm  
 Juliana Segura

Sunday, February 17, 8:30am  
*Missa Pro Populo*

Sunday, February 10, 10:30am  
 Carol Kleekamp ☩

**Prayer List**

- Michael Ainis  
 Charlotte Atkinson & family  
 Patricia Barbour  
 Carl Bechtold  
 Edward Bednarz  
 Cindra Bell  
 Tom Belprez  
 The Benton Family  
 Mary Ann Brooker  
 Janet Brown  
 Carl Coleman  
 James Coleman  
 Barbara Colton  
 Thomas Cornwell & family  
 April Craft  
 Deborah Darsey  
 Daphne Dunn  
 James Echter  
 The Fiore Family  
 Larry Fisk  
 Edmund Fredette  
 Joe Garcia  
 Bob Gardiner  
 Cheryl Glenane  
 Rick Gonzalez  
 Anita Hage  
 The Harker Family  
 Bud Hazlett  
 Barry Henwood  
 Frank Hoerman  
 Cynthia Horner  
 The Jacob Family  
 Gordon Jacobs & family  
 Bernie & Ginny Jaeger  
 Sue Johnston  
 Colleen Kaup  
 Paul Kennedy  
 Debbie Kinny  
 Sr. Anne Kremenik  
 Lillian Lachance  
 The Lamelin Family  
 Brandon LeBlanc  
 Jackie Lynn  
 James MacArthur  
 Ken Mauro  
 Patrick McCarthy  
 Nancy Moore  
 Margie Myers  
 Judith Nichols  
 R. Northrup  
 Patricia O'Gaffney  
 Tom Padilla, Sr.  
 Ana Patterson  
 Sylvia Perez  
 Helen Pingtella  
 Anne Post  
 Bill Pulver  
 The Robinson Family  
 Sr. Loyola Romey  
 Dorothy Rouse  
 Lynne Rumpf  
 The Russo Family  
 The Shima family  
 Marilyn Sinchez  
 Lee Vincent  
 Vanessa Vitiello-Koble  
 Isabelle Wallin  
 Kevin Watson-Graff  
 Lorie Whitmore  
 Call 758-4100 x102 to add a name for  
 four weeks.

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As we participate in these activities, we have an opportunity to create a space in which God can speak to us, and allow God to tell us what the trouble with us is, and what needs correction, change, and attitude adjustment.

So often we are like Charlie Brown. The whole trouble with us is that we won't listen to what the whole trouble with us is!

Lent provides the time and the space, if we take advantage of it, to allow God to speak and, for us, to listen.

Be mindful that Lent is not meant to be just a personal journey. It is a communal journey. Lent is a spiritual journey that we as a community travel together. Only together can we be the Lenten Body of Christ that will celebrate Easter as the Risen Body of Christ.

We have some 40 days in this journey! Take advantage! Listen up! Allow God to speak to you!

Happy Lentening!!

*F. Mike*



Dear Mr. And Mrs. Jones,

*Thank you for your kindness and your special thoughtfulness.*

Here are some photos of us. We have your picture on our mantle with the rest of our family photos.

—The "G's"



Dear Mr. & Mrs. Jones,  
I am very thankful for my Christmas gift. It is a blessing for people to take their time out to buy Christmas gifts for another family; especially great people like you! It opens my heart and makes me happy to know that I have people to care for me in another state! I hope to meet you in February!

—Merry Christmas, Jeremy,  
8th grade



Dear Mr. & Mrs. Jones,  
I am very thankful for my Spiderman jumpsuit. I hope you had a Merry Christmas. I can't wait to see you in February! —Joshua, 1st grade

**Can You Help Our Volunteers?**

If you are able to contribute towards the building supplies fund for the team going to New Orleans to continue helping members of our Sister Parish, St. Peter Claver, rebuild their homes, please use the envelope attached to the bulletin several weeks ago, or we will take any envelope you have—please return your contribution by February 12.

*Thank you!*

**COMING SOON!**  
Exciting Details and Surprises for  
Our St. Thomas More 2008 Golf Classic!  
Save the Date ~ Friday, June 20, 2008

**New Member Reception**  
*Sunday, February 17 • 12:00pm*  
We are hosting a new member welcome reception for those who have joined our parish family since July 2007. Invitations have been mailed to you and we look forward to meeting you at this special luncheon!  
If you are an existing member and were unable to attend our last reception, you are welcome to join us for this one.  
Please call our parish office to RSVP by Monday, February 11 with a "yes" or "no" at 758-4100 x154.  
*For more details, please contact:  
Louise Briseno at 726-4496 or  
parishoffice@stmoside.org*



### Our Mission is to: worship God,

**Mass Schedule:** Saturday at 5:00pm; Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am;  
Tuesday-Friday at 8:15am; first Monday of the month at 7:00pm;  
watch bulletin for holydays

**Rite of Reconciliation (Confession):** Saturday from 4:00-4:30pm  
(or by appointment)

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Monday-Friday from 6:30am-7:30pm

**Liturgical Ministry:** Contact Douglas Lynn at 758-4100 x140

**Choirs and Music Ministry:** Contact Douglas Lynn at 758-4100 x140

**Communion for the Homebound/Hospitalized:** Contact Parish Office

**Anointing of the Sick:** Contact Parish Office

**Matrimony:** Contact Parish Office a minimum of 9 months in advance  
*For further information, call Rev. Michael Ratajczak at 758-4100 x100*

### 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:** 8:30 and 10:30am Masses

**Little Rock Scripture Study:** Weekly sessions, morning or evening

**High School Youth Ministry:** Monday evenings

**Middle School Youth Ministry:** Two Monday evenings per month

**Preparation for the Sacraments:**

**Baptism (for infants):** Begins with an appointment with the Pastor

**Baptism (7-14 yrs.)/RCIA:** One to two year process with children and  
parents

**Baptism (adults)/RCIA:** One to two year process; weekly sessions

**First Reconciliation:** In home process begins in Level 1

**First Communion:** In home process begins after first reconciliation

**Confirmation:** Minimum two year process of preparation; begins in  
high school

*For further information, call Kathleen Bell at 758-4100 x110*

### and serve God's people in word and deed.

There are many groups who serve the parishioners  
and provide outreach to the local community.

*For further information, call Chris Smith at 758-4100 x120*

### Ministry to the Sick and Homebound

If you or a family member are unable to come to Mass because of  
an illness or disability, we have a special group of parishioners  
who can bring Communion to your home. Please call the Parish  
Office at 758-4100 x100.

### Women's Guild News

**February Luncheon**—Monday, February 11, at 11am will be the  
February Meeting! Lunch will be served, followed by Card  
Bingo. The cost is \$7 Plan to come and join us! RSVP by  
February 10 by calling Germaine Wilmott at 758-9949 or Mary  
Vernacci at 599-4386.

### The Pageant of Our Lord Trip—Space Available!

The Senior Seniors trip still has room on the bus going to the  
Pageant of Our Lord performance at the Rolling Hills Covenant  
Church on March 9. Call Leah Stevens at 630-0788 or Joyce  
Frink at 724-8091 for your reservation. Cost is \$45 per person.

### Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioners

Gene Gemperline & Theresa Harris

### Lenten Fish Dinners Every Friday of Lent

*(Exception Good Friday)*

*Serving Time: 5:30-6:30pm*

*Price: Adults one fish-\$6, two fish-\$7, three fish-really?*

*Children one fish-\$4*

This dinner is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and their  
wives. Serving time should allow you adequate time to eat your  
dinner, socialize, and attend the Stations of the Cross. Feel free to  
bring your neighbors and friends. We promise friendly and  
smiling faces will serve you!

### High School Youth Ministry

#### Next Meeting

*Monday, February 11, 7:00-8:45pm*

*Just in time for Valentine's Day...*

*Dating and Love Mini-Course:*

*Battle of the Sexes*

*Steubenville San Diego 2008*

*July 25-27 at San Diego State University*

*Sign Up Now!*

*\$190 Total*


*\$40 Deposit due February 18*

*\$150 Balance Due April 15*

*T-Shirt and Transportation Fee (\$ TBA) due June 1*

*For more information, call Gale at 726-7236*

### Middle School Youth Ministry



*Middle School  
Youth Group*

**Next Meeting**  
**Monday, February 11**  
**7:00m Upper Level**  
[www.stmoside.org/ym](http://www.stmoside.org/ym)  
**Any questions, call Ron or Louise Briseno 758-4100 x153**

### Day of Recollection

*Monday, February 25, 9:00am-3:00pm*

Abbot Charles Wright from Prince of Peace Abbey in Oceanside  
will be conducting this day of reflection at St. Thomas More,  
including talks, Mass, lunch and Stations of the Cross. All are  
welcome! Remember to turn in your forms

# Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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## Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15

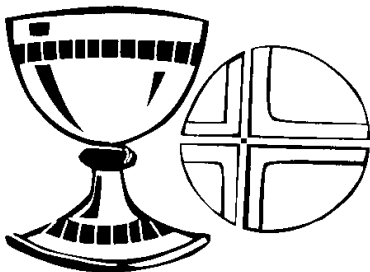
8:45am - 6:30pm

Family Hour: 5:30 - 6:30pm

Friday of  
the First Week of Lent

### Intention for the Day

That we may fully enter into  
the discipline of the Season of Lent.  
That Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving  
may become a part of our daily lives.



## GREGORIAN CHANT, THE CHURCH, AND YOU!

Chants were passed down by oral tradition until a form of notation was invented to write down the melodies. It is one of the earliest type of music we have written down in notation that we can understand. The language of Gregorian chant is Latin. Gregorian chant is derived from ancient Jewish chant and has been around for thousands of years.

Named after Pope Gregory the Great, who played a part in organizing and standardizing all of the chants (there are hundreds of them), Gregorian Chant is monophonic, which means that everyone sings the same single melody in unison; there is no "harmony" or instruments accompanying the melody. Western choral music history grew from this style of music.

The Church recognizes Gregorian chant as being specially suited to the Roman Liturgy. Gregorian chant is uniquely the Church's own music. Chant is a living connection with our forebears in the faith, the traditional music of the Roman rite, a sign of communion with the universal Church, a bond of unity across cultures, a means for diverse communities to participate together in song, and a summons for contemplative participation in the Liturgy.

The Second Vatican Council directed that the faithful be able to sing parts of the Mass together in Latin. The United States Bishops have offered a list of the "basics" for use in our liturgies. During Lent this year, we will be singing these traditional Gregorian chants, using them in our liturgies, some in Latin and some in English. (Not to worry...the sample below is in old notation, and we will be using more modern notation for our singing.)

For some of us, singing the chants will be like visiting old friends. For others, they will be new and unlike the parts of the Mass we usually sing. However, this parish has a tradition of chanting the Lord's Prayer, and these new-to-some, familiar-to-others songs will become familiar to all of us over time.

One parishioner, recently returned from a pilgrimage in Mexico, shared with me that she was pleased that the church she visited used Latin during the liturgy, making it easier for her to follow along as she was familiar with some of the texts.

Through our chanting this Lent, we too will re-familiarize ourselves with or meet for the first time this grand tradition of the Church, making a living connection with our forebears in faith.

Offertory for the First  
Sunday of Lent  
from the Gregorian  
Missal

Offert. 8.

**S** Cápu-lis sú- is \* obumbrá- bit tí-bi Dómi-nus,

*The Lord will  
overshadow you with  
his pinions,*

*and you will find  
refuge under his  
wings.*

*His faithfulness will  
encompass you with a  
shield.*

et sub pén-nis éjus spe- rá- bis : scú- to

circúm-da- bit te vé- ri-tas é- jus.

## EUCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING

The diocesan training for NEW Eucharistic Ministers will take place on Saturday, March 8, 2008 at **St. Thomas More Parish!** If you are interested in joining the ranks at Sunday liturgies, weekday liturgies, or to minister to the sick at Tri-City Hospital or to the homebound, this is your opportunity. This basic formation is required for all new ministers. Topics include: Theology and Celebration of the Eucharist, Ministry to the Sick, and The Role of the Extraordinary Minister. Deadline for registration in February 29. Contact Douglas to sign up!

## Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

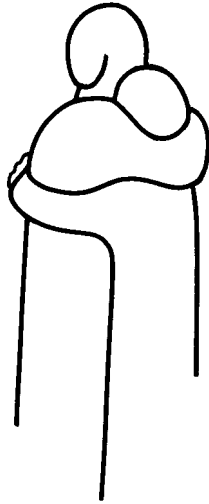
Kathleen Bell  
Director of Faith Formation  
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# What's Faith Got to Do With it?

## First Sunday of Lent

Philip Yancey's thoughts were a wonderful focus for me in entering this Lenten season:

"I remember addressing the topic 'Culture Wars'. . . when my turn came to speak, I mentioned that on such issues I seek guidance from the life of a Jew from the first century, who was also involved in a culture war. A rigid religious establishment hounded him throughout his time on earth, worried that his revolutionary message might upset the ruling authorities. And surely the pagan empire he lived under gave him cause for offense. Rome had practices—slavery, mass executions, infanticide, public gladiator games—that no modern state would tolerate. Jesus relied on one main weapon to 'fight' the culture wars: sacrificial love. Among the last words he spoke before death were these: 'Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.'



After the panel, a television celebrity came up to me . . . 'I've got to tell you, that stabbed me right in the heart,' he said. 'I was prepared to dislike you because I dislike all right-wing Christians and I assumed you were one. You can't imagine the mail I get from right-wingers. I don't follow Jesus—I'm a Jew. But when you told about Jesus forgiving his enemies, I realized how far from that spirit I am. I fight my enemies, especially right-wingers. I don't forgive them. I have much to learn from the spirit of Jesus.' The power of Jesus' sacrificial love was at work yet again."

May this Lenten season find us open to the spirit of Jesus!

*Kathleen*

Today is a **RE-A-CH** day!

**Progress Reports  
are still welcome!**

We welcome parents at 12:30 and 6:25 to join in the circle of prayer with your child(ren).

## On the Journey

At St. Thomas More we are blest to have four candidates and catechumen currently in our RCIA process. The Church strongly recommends that the period of catechumenate be a full year. During this time the catechumens are formed in the Christian way of life and

- "presented with Catholic teaching to enlighten their faith,
- direct the heart toward God,
- foster participation in the liturgy,
- inspire apostolic activity and
- nurture a life completely in accord with the spirit of Christ." (RCIA, ¶ 78)

In order to allow the time for this development, our current group look forward to celebrating the Easter Sacraments in 2009 rather than at the Easter Vigil, 2008.

Remember: Lourdes Acevedo, Kurt Schwend, Billy Turley and Bri Wasch "become familiar with the Christian way of life and are helped by the example and support of sponsors and the entire Christian Community...to keep their hopes set on Christ." (RCIA, ¶ 75)

At St. Thomas More we continually welcome into this process new members who feel God's call to our Catholic/Christian way of life. For more information give our RCIA Director a call: Mario Diaz, 758-7870, or contact Kathleen Bell.

## Father Mike's Bookies!

*The Life of Thomas More*, by Peter Ackroyd is our next book for discussion on April 2.

Copies are available for \$15 outside the Faith Formation Office.



## Peanut Butter and Jelly Update:

2008 GOAL: 365 jars  
TOTAL to date: 178 jars



# Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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

## CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

### Giving Is Living

"Go bring to the needy sweet charity's bread, for giving is living," the angel said.

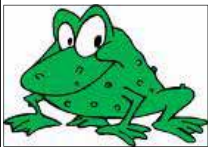
"Must I give again and again?"

"Oh no!" said the angel, chilling me through.

"Give only until the Master stops giving to you!"

God's stewards are in the world, but not of the world. God's stewards recognize that the Lord sets them apart from the world and by the transforming power of the Gospel sends them into the world to live out the Gospel.

The film *The Matrix* posed the question: "Which world are you in?" Unless you followed closely, or watched the movie more than once, it was a difficult question to answer.



Amphibians live in two worlds at once. Some, like hibernating frogs, can live in one world for an extended time before emerging to the other and then casually slip in and out of each environment when active.

The steward's life is amphibious. You slip in and out of the world of the secular and the spiritual. The worlds are completely different, but you can easily cross from one to the other.

The balance for the Christian steward is to live totally in the spiritual world while being in the secular world.

"Standing around in a garage does not make you a car," someone once said. The environment in which you find yourself is real, but that environment does not describe you. What a frog is does not depend on being in or out of the water. A frog is a frog, and conducts its life in two environments without changing its nature.

As a child of God, your spiritual nature lives itself out in the physical world as a place for your to exist. God created and preserves the physical world as a place for you to exist. You are expected to manage it

Being part of society and contributing to its betterment are noble goals of Christian service. Every contribution you make within the Church or outside of the Church are witnesses to God's gifts within you. —R. Nelson

Jesus was led by the Spirit to the desert, a place of harshness and solitude, silence and impoverishment. Although we don't live in a barren desert, it would be wise to set aside time during Lent to simulate His barren desert experience with some, small act of self-denial, and/or special prayer time to be reminded of the need of conversion or order to draw closer to the Lord.



p.s. Anonymous random acts of kindness are also a wonderful habit to develop.

## A WAY TO GIVE ~ A WAY TO RECEIVE



### DESIGNATED BANK ACCOUNTS, LIFE INSURANCE, MUTUAL FUNDS, WILLS, LIVING TRUSTS, STOCKS

There have been changes in the tax laws that are beneficial to both the recipient and the giver. A few examples of Planned Giving to STM are: Designated Beneficiary Accounts, Wills, Living Trusts, Stocks, Life Insurance and Mutual Funds.

This program is one way of helping the Parish raise the resources necessary to continue our campus build out and also help plan for our future needs (i.e., Tower of Faith participants). Planned Giving is a generic term that covers the many ways an individual can give to a charity while, in many cases, avoiding taxes.

**For more information please contact:**  
 Chris Smith at 758-4100 x120 or [chriss@stmoside.org](mailto:chriss@stmoside.org).

**"Our Journey Into The Future . . . Together"**  
 includes our Faith journey as well as the build out of our Parish Campus.

### Collection for Week of: February 2/3, 2008

Number of Registered Households:	961
Envelopes	\$ 15,993.19
Children's Envelopes	0.00
Plate	1,156.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 17,149.19</b>

*Thank you for keeping your Building Fund pledge current and for supporting your parish, even when you are away.*

### There are many ways to help support your Parish.

We offer a variety of options for easier giving.

In addition to the extra "mail-back" envelopes included in your packet, we offer automatic:

- ◆ Credit Card Withdrawal (Visa or MC)
- ◆ Automatic Checking Account Deduction
- ◆ Automatic Savings Account Deduction

*To participate in these time-saving alternatives, please contact the Parish Office at: 758-4100 x100 or [parishoffice@stmoside.org](mailto:parishoffice@stmoside.org)*



**Eucharistic Adoration**

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




Spend a few minutes (or more) with Jesus!  
 Exposition of the Eucharist on First Fridays and one other day of each month. Next date: Friday, February 15.  
 For more information, contact John O'Donnell at 598-6003.

**Publicize Your Parish Event!**

Would you like to publicize a parish event to the general public? Submit a Press Release Form at least three weeks in advance of your event to have it advertised in local news publications. Press Release Forms are available:



- on the parish website ([www.stmoside.org](http://www.stmoside.org), Contact Us, Parish Forms),
- the parish office, or
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**STM \$crip News**

Thank you to all who participate in this painless way to earn money for our new sanctuary, and thank you to the merchants that are willing to participate by providing gift certificates at a discount.

Scrip is sold on the Plaza after weekend Masses and in the parish office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00-10:00am.

*For information, call Henny Jocelyn at 726-1177  
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**Heartnotes**



**Congratulations to our recent graduates!**

**Adult CPR/AED:** George Jones, Joan Jones, Eileen Dragula, D. G. Kilcher, Betty Nelson, Elizabeth Van Hunnicks, Rudy Van Hunnicks

**First Aid:** Isabel Hermsmeyer, Karine Mayorga, Annie Petroni, Rudy Van Hunnicks, Petenera Perun

Our next Tune-Up for our graduates will take place on Saturday, March 1, from 9:00am-12:00pm on the lower level of the Parish Center. Our CPR instructors will be there to answer your questions and to help you to improve your skills. There is no charge and no need to make an appointment.

If you have any questions about the St. Thomas More CPR program, contact medical director Dr. Phil Goscienski at [drphilg@cox.net](mailto:drphilg@cox.net).

**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? You're invited to Inquiry Sessions, which meet on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 7:00pm at the Parish Center.

*For information, call Bob Taylor at 630-4589.*

**Facing a Hospital Stay?**

If you or someone you know is planning a hospital stay or ends up in the hospital, marking the "Catholic" box on the registration form ensures that the Diocesan Catholic Chaplain assigned to the hospital will know the patient is Catholic. You may also want to request a visit by the Catholic Chaplain. Most hospitals also have teams of ministers from local parishes who bring Holy Communion to Catholic patients.

**When a Loved One Dies**

*Call the Parish Office first, before you call the funeral home.  
 Call anytime, night or day!*

Our parish has a wonderful Bereavement Team that is available when a loved one dies. They are available to assist the family with many arrangements related to the funeral, which might include meeting with the family to pray, accompanying family members to the funeral home, helping to plan the funeral, and providing bereavement support afterwards.

In addition, those who like to plan ahead may meet with a Bereavement Team member to pre-plan preferences and place them on record, which can be a great help for children or other family members when the time comes.

*If you have any questions, call Sr. Maureen at 758-4100 x131.*

**Reporting Sexual Abuse**

In accordance with the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, the Diocese of San Diego has published a brochure that includes information regarding sexual misconduct by Church ministers and how to report any complaints. This brochure, entitled *Sexual Misconduct: Preventing, Responding, Reporting*, is available in our pamphlet rack on the lower level of the Parish Center.



## News from the Larger Church

**Theology on Tap for Young Adults in San Marcos**—*Getting to Know Pope Benedict XVI* is the topic for the winter series, continues on Tuesday, February 12, 7:00-8:30pm at Acapulco Restaurant and Cantina, 1020-50 West San Marcos Blvd., San Marcos. For more information, contact Carrie Giebel at 858-590-8260 or [cgiebel@diocese-sdiego.org](mailto:cgiebel@diocese-sdiego.org).

**Lead Editor of Catechism to Speak at USD**—Christoph Cardinal Schönborn, Archbishop of Vienna and lead editor of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, will deliver a lecture at the University of San Diego's Founder's Chapel on the role and revitalization of the Catholic church in Europe on Tuesday, February 12, at 4:30pm. The lecture is open to everyone, at no charge. The lecture will be preceded by a choir concert at 4:00pm. For more information, contact 619-260-2492.

**Lenten Mini-Retreat at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside**—Prepare for the Lenten journey toward Easter at an Ash Wednesday mini-retreat, *Living-Dying-Rising: the Paschal Mystery*, February 6, 9:00am-4:00pm, at Mission San Luis Rey's Retreat Center in Oceanside. Retreat Center Director and Franciscan Br. Mark Schroeder will guide retreat participants through a day of prayer and reflection in preparation of Lent. A Mass will be celebrated a noon at the Parish, and a simple lunch will be provided afterwards. For more information, contact 757-3659 or [www.sanluisrey.org](http://www.sanluisrey.org).

**Quiet Day Retreat at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside**—Rejuvenate yourself and enjoy solitude by keeping the balance between activity and contemplation in your life. Spend a quiet day at the Retreat Center on Monday, February 18, 9:00am-4:00pm. You will have time on your own for reflection in the gardens, chapel, or anywhere amid the 56 acres of this beautiful retreat location. Enjoy nature or catch up on some much-needed rest. Optional. Yoga and 15-minute neck and shoulder massage. For more information, contact 757-3659 or [www.sanluisrey.org](http://www.sanluisrey.org).

**Healing Mass and Services in Solana Beach**—Fr. Leonardo Arbolóeda, CJM, will celebrate a Healing mass on Thursday, February 21, at 7:00pm at St. James Church, 625 S. Nardo Ave., Solana Beach. Healing Prayer Ministers are also on duty in the Adoration Chapel at St. James Church after the 9:00am Mass every Sunday. In addition a Healing Service is conducted in the Church at 6:00pm the second Tuesday of every month. For information, call Lily Loh at 858-481-6911.

**Women's Group Breakfast Meeting in San Diego**—The Central San Diego chapter of Magnificat will meet on Saturday, February 23, at 9:30am at the Mission Valley Resort, 875 Hotel Circle, San Diego. Speaker Derry Connolly, Ph.D., founder of John Paul the Great Catholic University, will share his personal journey of faith, sacrifice, and prayer. RSVP to 619-463-7713.

**Marriage Encounter Weekend**—Have a good marriage? Want a great one? Reach for the stars together on a World Wide Marriage Encounter Weekend, February 29-March 2. Call to register or ask

questions, 858-513-1099.

**St. Patrick's Day Celebration in San Diego**—The annual St. Patrick's Celtic Mass celebrating the Feast of St. Patrick will be held on Friday, March 14, at Our Mother of Confidence Church, 3131 Governor Dr., San Diego, at 6:00pm. All are welcome; "*Cead Mile Failte.*" For more information, contact 858-453-0222.

**Women's Retreat at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside**—*The Gift and Mystery of Love—A Women's Retreat* with Fr. Stan Fortuna, CPR, whose inspiring words and music will help us to encounter, be transformed by and become a reflection of the gift and mystery of God's love in our own lives. Daily Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Stations of the Cross as well as periods of quiet time to pray, reflect and grow in faith. The retreat is scheduled for April 4-6, 2008. The cost is \$210. For more information, contact Judy at 619-884-3829 or [salmonja@cox.net](mailto:salmonja@cox.net).

**National Alliance on Mental Illness**—NAMI North Coastal San Diego County is a grassroots, family and consumer self-help support and advocacy organization of families and individuals whose lives have been affected by serious mental illness. For more information, contact [www.nami-northcoastal.org](http://www.nami-northcoastal.org) or 722-3754.

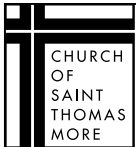
**University of San Diego's Center for Christian Spirituality in San Diego Announces Spring Schedule**—Visit [www.sandiego.edu/ccs](http://www.sandiego.edu/ccs) for details on classes, presentations, and field trips for personal enrichment, social justice awareness, and academic and professional continuing education.

**Padre Pio Devotions in San Diego**—will be held at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish on the first Monday of each month. Rosary begins at 6:35pm with Mass at 7:00pm. More information? Call 619-697-5958.

**Marriage in trouble?**—Try Retrouvaille. For information and dates, call 951-259-9474.

**Hospice Volunteers Needed in North County**—The Elizabeth Hospice serves all of North County; volunteering will be in your local community. Training is offered several times each year, and classes are taught by Hospice professionals. There is no charge. For details, contact one of our Volunteer Coordinators at 737-2050.

**Pray for Life in Carlsbad**—Please join us as we pray for an end to abortion in our community. North County parishioners meet the third Monday of every month from 10:00-10:30am to peacefully pray the rosary in front of the Carlsbad Planned Parenthood Clinic. The clinic is located at 1820 Marron Rd. (in the shopping center just west of Plaza Camino Real Mall). For more information, contact Jahna at 586-6356.



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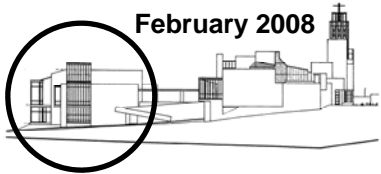
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