

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 17, 2008 • Second Sunday of Lent

Monday, February 18, is President's Day

Mass at 8:15am

**The Parish Office and the Chapel
 will be closed for the holiday**

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Pastor's Column

*Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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**The Sacrament of Reconciliation—
 God's Unconditional Love for Us!**

Sunday, March 2, at 4:00pm—Will You Be There?

In recent years, a name change has taken place with the "Sacrament of Confession." We no longer call the act "Confession," but rather "Reconciliation" and/or "Penance."

This name change better reflects what happens in this celebration. We do not go to the priest just to list our sins, have them forgiven, and receive a penance; but rather, and most importantly, we come to the priest to celebrate the forgiveness of God that we experience in our lives. We come to the Sacrament with a sense of joy for what God has already done in our lives and what God continues to do—showering us with unconditional love.

The verbalization of our sins, the verbalization of the words of absolution, and the acceptance of a penance are steps in the process of celebrating God's forgiveness and unconditional love for us.

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Calendar Highlights

Also check the parish website for complete calendar info:
www.stmoside.org, then select "Schedules and Calendars"

The Week Ahead

- 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
Feb 18 President's Day Holiday—Mass at 8:15am—
parish office and chapel closed

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"
Mar 16 Palm Sunday of Our Lord's Passion
Mar 20 Holy Thursday
Mar 21 Good Friday
Mar 22 Holy Saturday
Mar 23 Easter Sunday
Mar 29-30 Women's Guild Bake Sale
Apr 6 STM Music Ministry Presents
Spring Sing—Ecumenical Celebration of Song
Apr 24 Spirited Seniors Present *Music by Emmalyn*
Apr 26 Women's Guild Fashion Show
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

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
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
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.

Sunday, February 17 (25)

Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalms 33

2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Matthew 17:1-9

Monday, February 18 (230)

Daniel 9:4b-10

Psalms 79:8-9,11,13

Luke 6:36-38

Tuesday, February 19 (231)

Isaiah 1:10,16-20

Psalms 50:8-9,16b-17,21,23

Matthew 23:1-12

Wednesday, February 20 (232)

Jeremiah 18:18-20

Psalms 31:5-6,14-16

Matthew 20:17-28

Thursday, February 21 (233)

Peter Damian, bishop, doctor

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Psalms 1:1-4,6

Luke 16:19-31

Friday, February 22 (535)

The Chair of Peter, Apostle

1 Peter 5:1-4

Psalms 23:1-3a,4-6

Matthew 16:13-19

Saturday, February 23 (235)

Polycarp, bishop, martyr

Micah 7:14-15,18-20

Psalms 103:1-4,9-12

Luke 15:1-3,11-32

Sunday, February 24 (28)

Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 17:3-7

Psalms 95

Romans 5:1-2,5-8

John 4:5-42

Prayer List

Michael Ainis
The Atkinson Family
Patricia Barbour
Carl Bechtold
Edward Bednarz
Cindra Bell
Tom Belprez
The Benton Family
Joe Bozanich
Mary Ann Brooker
Janet Brown
Ann Buko
Carl Coleman
James Coleman
Barbara Colton
Tom Connors
Thomas Cornwall & family
April Craft
Deborah Darsey
Daphne Dunn
James Echter
The Fiore Family
Larry Fisk
Edmund Fredette
Joe Garcia
Bob Gardiner
Lewis Garrett
Rick Gonzalez
Anita Hage
The Harker Family
Bud Hazlett
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
Deacon Bob Mueller
Margie Myers
Judith Nichols
R. Northrup
Patricia O'Gaffney
Tom Padilla, Sr.
Ana Patterson
Sylvia Perez
Helen Pingtella
Ante Pitesa
Anne Post
Bill Pulver
Sr. Loyola Romey
Dorothy Rouse
Lynne Rumpf
The Russo Family
The Shima family
Marilyn Sinkez
Lee Vincent
Vanessa Vitiello-Koble
Isabelle Wallin
Kevin Watson-Graff
Lorie Whitmore

Call 758-4100 x102 to add a name for four weeks.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 16, 5:00pm
Juliana Segura

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

Sunday, February 17, 10:30am
Carol Kleekamp ☩

Monday, February 18, 8:15am
Pete Depietro ☩

Tuesday, February 19, 8:15am
Catherine Neubauer ☩

Wednesday, February 20, 8:15am
Shari Feher ☩

Wednesday, February 20, 9:30am
Theresa Monts
Pacific Place

Thursday, February 21, 8:15am
Luther Crowell ☩

Friday, February 22, 8:15am
Emily Chylewski ☩

Saturday, February 23, 5:00pm
Ben Lucero

Sunday, February 24, 8:30am
Missa Pro Populo

Sunday, February 24, 10:30am
Joe & Lil Seuffert ☩

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If we are open to God's love, we begin to experience the many ways in which God forgives us our sins in the daily occurrences of our lives.

When we ask forgiveness from someone we have offended, our sins are forgiven. When we accept the forgiveness of another, our sins are forgiven. Each time we talk to God in the silence of our hearts and sincerely seek forgiveness from God, our sins are forgiven. Each time we celebrate the Eucharist, we hear the words of the priest shortly before the reception of Holy Communion—"Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world! Happy are we! We are called to His supper!"—our sins are forgiven.

So why go to the priest? We do so in order to celebrate the forgiveness of God we experience in our daily lives, to ritualize it, sacramentalize it and, as in all things, to place our lives and God's involvement in our lives within the context of the Church, the Body of Christ.

The priest "stands in" for the community. As we verbalize our sins, we are mindful that there is no such thing as a personal sin. Our sins, no matter how personal we may think them to be, affect others—"No Man Is an Island." We live in community. Our lives always touch the lives of others.

Telling our sins, hearing ours sins from our own lips, helps us to be real and to acknowledge our weakness and our dependence upon God. It is so easy to rationalize our sinfulness when we talk to ourselves "in our heads." It is an entirely different experience when we hear ourselves verbalize our sinfulness. Those sins become much more real! We become much more aware and sensitive of our responsibilities to others.

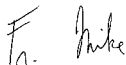
The priest "stands in" for Christ. Hearing the words of absolution, the forgiveness of God, from the lips of the priest is indeed comforting. You know how wonderful it feels when a family member or friend says, "I love you!" In the Sacrament of Reconciliation we allow God to say those words to us in and through the person of the priest.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is not something to be feared but to be celebrated with trust and confidence because of God's unconditional love for us.

On Sunday, March 2, at 4:00pm, our Parish celebrates her Lenten Communal Penance Service. Many priest/confessors will be available for you. They will be in Church waiting for you so that through the words of absolution God will once again say to you:

"I forgive you and I love you unconditionally!"

Will you be there to hear God's words?...



Thank You!

The family of Lance Cpl. Ryan Keck wishes to thank all you who have been praying for our deployed military. Ryan is safely back in the United States again. God bless you!

The Wright and Egan Families wish to thank you for your prayers. Lt. Col. Robert Wright has returned safely from Iraq!

REVEALED MARCH 1-2!

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

Lenten Fish Dinners Every Friday of Lent

(No Dinner on Good Friday—it's part of the Triduum)

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!

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

Off to New Orleans!

As I prepare to leave for New Orleans, I do so with a very grateful heart for all of you who have donated so generously to our New Orleans Outreach Project for our Sister Parish, St. Peter Claver. Twenty eight volunteers will be there this week and twenty-four volunteers the next week, some of whom are also the first week participants. We can do our work there, fully confident that we have enough funds to cover any needed expenses!

You will receive a more detailed report at a later date. In addition, we will be sending daily reports, which you will be able to review on the parish website (www.stmoside.org); click on *Pastoral Staff/Ministries*, then click on *Sr. Maureen Brown*.

Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, April 22, at 6:00pm for a Parish Potluck. Fr. Mike will share about his Pulpit Exchange experience, and we will have lots of pictures to share about our rebuilding project!

Please keep us in your prayers, that everyone will be safe and that we will do good work!

—*Gratefully, Sr. Maureen and the Sister Parish Volunteers*

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.

**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 holidays

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

Annual Brother Benno's Food Drive

On the weekend of March 1-2, Deacon Tom will be in the parking lot with his truck to collect canned goods and non-perishable food items for Brother Benno's. This is our annual collection to help the poor and under-employed supplement their food budget. It not only assists the soup kitchen but also those whose paychecks do not last to the end of the month. In this season of alms giving, please be generous.

Middle School Youth Ministry



**Middle School
Youth Group**

Next Meeting

Monday, February 25

7:00m Upper Level

www.stmoside.org/ym

Any questions, call Ron or Louise Briseno 758-4100 x153

High School Youth Ministry

Next Meeting

Monday, February 18, 7:00-8:45pm

Dating and Love Mini-Course

Part II

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

Little Rock Bible Studies

St. Paul's Letter To The Romans

Starting March 12, 9:00am and March 13, 7:00pm

The letter to the church at Rome is unquestionably the most important of Paul's letters and "is to many the most important text in the New Testament itself."

The church of Rome was not founded by Paul as the churches of Galatia, Philippi, and Corinth to mention a few, but this lengthy letter to Romans is one of seven undisputed letters of Paul's.

From the reading of commentaries of Roman historians, we learn that in AD 49, Claudius expelled the Jews from Rome because of a disturbance which they believed was instigated by certain Christians. The Acts of Apostles 18:2 claims that the Jewish Christian Aquila and his wife, Priscilla, were among the expelled Jews.

Why did Paul write his letter to the Romans? Some scholars have used this historical knowledge to suggest there was tension between "the weak and the strong over food matters" (Rom 14:1-15:13). "The strong" represented the Gentile Christian majority, and "the weak" represented the Jewish Christian minority. Paul was concerned with Jews and Gentiles in the letter as a whole. In Romans 1:12, Paul wishes to impart to the Roman Christians some spiritual gift to strengthen them, that "we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine." In this climate, Paul produced his characteristic doctrine of "Justification by faith." Faith is fundamental to salvation; it cannot be achieved by "works of Law;" it is accessible only through one act, the act of faith.

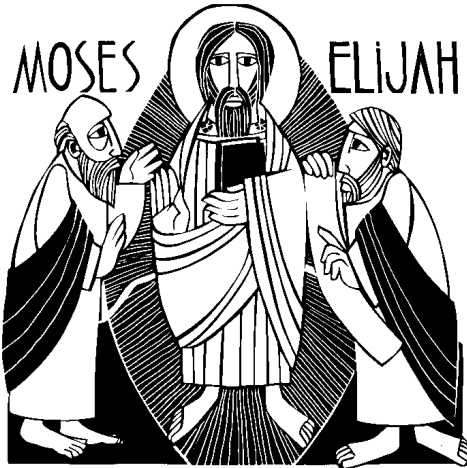
Other scholars believe that the letter was not intended to be read only by Christians of Rome. A widely accepted suggestion is that Romans is "Paul's last will and testament." What did Paul actually want to say in defense of himself in Jerusalem? Did it contain a summary of his views that he had developed? "The most important themes and thoughts of Pauline message and theology" from his conflicts with the Jerusalem church? In studying the "most important Letter," we hope we can come to know the author's purpose "to clarify, and abridge, defend his thesis, and recount history."

If interested, please plan to join us. Any questions, please contact Masako Streling 295-2594 or mstr0619@cox.net.

Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS

There is something in us that moves us to visit the scene where an important event occurred. Visitors flock to the Ford Theater to stand where President Lincoln was assassinated; mourners visit the site of the Oklahoma City bombing; Elvis admirers tour Graceland. So it was for the early Christians who greatly desired to journey to Jerusalem and to see with their own eyes the places where Jesus lived, suffered and died. The traditional sites of the Lord's passion soon became popular stopping places; even today the Via Dolorosa is included in most pilgrims' itineraries.

Because not everyone was able to visit Jerusalem, pilgrims brought back stories and images of what they had seen for those who remained at home. Eventually shrines that focused on the passion and death of the Lord appeared all over Europe. In the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries, increased emphasis on the suffering of the Messiah, coupled with the fervor of the Franciscan friars, led to widespread acceptance of a devotion that traced the footsteps of Jesus from his trial to his tomb.

But it was more than curiosity that caused this devotion to flourish. Prayers that emphasized Jesus' obedience unto death, sorrow for sin, and God's abiding love and mercy were at the heart of it. Although the

reforms of the Second Vatican Council placed greater emphasis on the Sunday Mass, the stations of the cross are still a valuable resource for prayer, especially during Lent, with its twofold emphasis on baptismal renewal and penitential acts.

Essential to this devotion, whether prayed by an individual or a group, is meditation on the passion of the Lord in spoken and sung prayer, and movement from one station to the next. Ideally, everyone walks in procession to each station, uniting ourselves in our bodies to the Lord's passion and death.

The number of stations has varied widely over the centuries. Recent revisions have omitted stations not included in the scriptures, and added stations that are, such as Jesus praying in the Garden of Olives, the denial of Jesus by Peter and Jesus' promise to the good thief. Frequently, a fifteenth station depicting the resurrection of Jesus is added to illustrate the fullness of the paschal mystery.

— © LTP

The Church of St. Thomas More walks the Stations of the Cross on the upper level of the Parish Center every Friday evening during Lent, beginning at 7:00pm. We invite you to join with us as we explore and pray over the Jesus' final days on earth.

CHOIR REHEARSALS

Tuesdays

MNM Music Team at 7:00pm

Wednesdays

Youth Handbell Choir at 9:00am

Adult Handbell Choir at 6:30pm

Thursdays

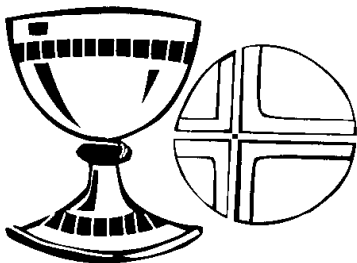
Children's Choir at 6:00pm

Adult Choir at 7:00pm

All rehearsals are on the upper level of the Parish Center.

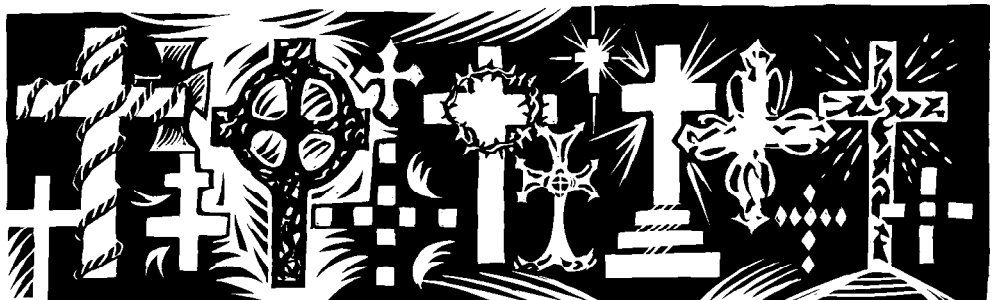
New people always welcome!

Contact Douglas for more information.



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING OFFERED

The diocesan training for NEW Eucharistic Ministers will take place at **St. Thomas More Parish** on Saturday, March 8, 2008, from 9:00am to 3:30pm!



If you are interested in joining our 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 is February 29.

Contact Douglas to sign up. We look forward to seeing you there!

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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

What's Faith Got to Do With it?

Teens Welcome!

Upcoming Mini-Courses

Sundays Feb. 24, Mar. 2, Mar. 9 6:30-8:30pm

M-7 *Believing in a Media Culture*
Bret Schanzenbach

Recognize the power of the popular culture in your world and examine its effect on your life as a believer.

(OR)

M-17 *I Know Why! Proud to Be Catholic*
Ron Briseno

An opportunity for teens to get the answers to the tough questions they get asked about being Catholic.

To sign up:

Email kathleenb@stmoside.org with the following info:

- Course Number: M-7 or M-17
- Your name and email.

Tough Questions

"I don't feel brave talking about Jesus with my friends, and sometimes I even get embarrassed. Is it really that important to talk to people about my faith?"



- "It's hard to talk about Jesus when you don't know how. A great starting point is to show your friends Jesus' love—serve them, care for them, be a great example of Jesus to them. When you keep consistency in your life, an opportunity will come for you to answer your friends' questions about why you act differently than others."
~ Lori Valenzisi
- "We talk about things that are important to us, but we don't go around thinking, for example, *I must find a place to stick skateboarding into this conversation. I must! Right now!* Instead when everyone is talking about sports, you talk about skateboarding. The same with Jesus! The person brings up a subject or a question that lets you know she or he wants to talk about spiritual things. Pray that Jesus will put you into conversations where it is natural and easy to talk about him."
~ Marlene LeFever
- "Usually when we're embarrassed about Jesus, it's because we think we have to do something 'out there' like preaching them a sermon. Instead, just live like Jesus. Be kind to someone everyone picks on, help a friend with homework, or listen to a friend who's struggling with parents." ~ John Trent
- "We put a lot of pressure on kids when we're emphatic about telling them they need to talk about Jesus to their friends. It's more important to teach kids about living like Jesus as an example to friends." ~ Ivy Beckwith

Father Mike's Bookies !



The Life of Thomas More, by Peter Ackroyd is our next book for discussion on April 2. As you are reading, feel free to email Fr. Mike with questions or ideas you would like him to address or the group to discuss.

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

RE.A.CH—Perfect Attendance!

Special congratulations to:

- * Mrs. Attardo's Level 1 class, DANIEL
- * Mr. & Mrs. Cap's Level 4 class, JUDITH for perfect attendance **FIVE** sessions in a row!



Families new to our parish are most welcome in our religious education programs. If you are a registered member of our parish and have children between 4 and 17, please be in touch so we can partner with you in the faith formation of your child.

Peanut Butter and Jelly Update

2008 GOAL: 365 jars
TOTAL to date: 191 jars



Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Discipline begins with small things done daily.

St. Paul tells us to "Bear your share of the hardship for the Gospel," in today's second reading. Being good Christian stewards is not easy. Temptations and hardships abound...

We have probably all heard that "no one promised us a rose garden," or "no one promised us that life would be fair—or easy."

Maybe we heard those words on a day when we were having a little pity party. Those are bound to happen from time to time, and that is fine as long as we don't get too caught up in them.

Mark Twain once said: "The secret of getting ahead is getting started. The secret of getting started is breaking complex tasks into small manageable tasks, and then starting on the first one."

That's good advice, whether you want to finish a short-term, medium or long-term project. Don't try to tackle everything all at once. Small steps work well and keep details where they belong.

Knowing God doesn't happen overnight either. This takes a lifetime and gets better with time. It works very well when started with one small task, such as reading scripture for 10-15 minutes a day. When this is repeated over and over, life only gets better.

If there is a worthwhile goal at stake (such as getting to know God better) the discipline is not nearly as daunting. We are human and therefore fall off our wagons, so to speak, more often than we like. Stay faithful and get right back on track. God knows and loves us, and is always there for us. Remember small steps!

Recently a fellow parishioner and friend shared something with me that bears repeating. The main point was a saying from a family that makes a lot of sense, especially during Lent. It is about simply wishing one another "enough" during our lifetime.

- ◆ I wish you enough sun to keep your attitude bright no matter how gray the day may appear.
- ◆ I wish you enough rain to appreciate the sun even more.
- ◆ I wish you enough happiness to keep your spirit alive and everlasting.
- ◆ I wish you enough pain so that even the smallest of joys in life may appear bigger.
- ◆ I wish you enough loss to appreciate all that you possess.
- ◆ I wish you enough hellos to get you through the final goodbye.
- ◆ I wish you enough discipline to make and keep God the main priority in your life.

I wish you enough!



St. Thomas More 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!

Call the Parish Office at
760-758-4100 x100



Annual Catholic Appeal 2008

The Diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) is underway, and the materials were mailed to all of our parish households this week.

Our parish assessment for this year, our fair share, is \$34,000. All money raised over this assessment is returned to us for our Parish use. It will be directed toward our Operational Budget.

Last year our assessment was \$30,000, and we collected \$47,243. \$17,243 was returned to our parish, and this amount was directed to our Operational Budget.

You may return your pledge card to the Parish anytime during the Season of Lent.

The theme of this year's Appeal is "Our Life is Mission." We are reminded that as Disciples of Jesus we have a mission to continue His ministry in this time and place. The funds raised by the ACA help us, the Church of San Diego, to do just that.

Collection for Week of: February 9/10, 2008

Number of Registered Households:	959
Envelopes	\$ 9,710.59
Children's Envelopes	0.00
Plate	1,204.00
Total	\$ 10,914.59

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

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, March 7.

For more information, contact John O'Donnell at 598-6003.

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.

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.

Need Louder Sound at Mass?

Ask a hospitality minister for an assisted listening device. These units amplify the sound for those with a hearing disability. If you have any questions or have encountered problems with these units, please contact:

Lorraine Doering at 758-4100 x102 or lorrained@stmoside.org

STM Scrip 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
or visit <http://www.stmoside.org/scrip.htm>*

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Please place completed form in the collection basket or return it to the SCRIP table after weekend Masses or the Parish Office during the week. Thank you!

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, *Contact Us, Parish Forms*),
- the parish office, or
- from Anne Marshall at 727-2668 or annemarshall@sbcglobal.net.

Facing Surgery or a Serious Illness?

If you, a family member or close friend is facing surgery or has been diagnosed with a serious illness, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick can be powerful and comforting.

Please call the Parish Office at 758-4100 for more information.

NEED PARISH INFO?

On our parish website, www.stmoside.org, you can:

- Read the parish bulletin
- Check the parish calendar
- Review the religious education lesson plans
- Look up a number or email address for the parish staff
- Review the financial statements
- Check the building fund progress
- Go to the Vatican website
- Go to the US Conference of Catholic Bishops website
- Go to the San Diego Diocese website
- Find a church and Mass for when you travel
- Read daily scriptures
- See pictures from recent parish events



- **AND...keep up with the happenings in New Orleans as our volunteer team helps to repair and rebuild houses of families from St. Peter Claver Parish. Watch your email for an STM eNews message with the link info.**

On our parish bulletin board and pamphlet rack (in the lower level space), you can:

- Check flyers on upcoming events in the parish and the local area
- Review pamphlets on many different religious topics
- Review minutes from recent council meetings
- See pictures from recent parish events
- **AND...view printouts of the updates from the New Orleans volunteer team (in case you do not have access to the internet to view them on our website).**



News from the Larger Church

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.

Training Seminar on Steps to Starting a Catholic Club on Campus i—The Office for Young Adult Ministry is hosting training for ALL College students/young adults who are interested in starting a Catholic Club/Fellowship on their campus. It will be held on Thursday, February 21, at 7:00pm at the Pastoral Center of the Diocese of San Diego. Go to www.yamsd.org for more information. To register, email Carrie at cgiebel@diocesandiego.org or call 858-490-8250.

Healing Mass and Services in Solana Beach—Fr. Leonardo Arboloda, 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 Connoly, 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.

Spirituality Presentations at St. Patrick's Parish in Carlsbad—Three evenings of Celtic Spirituality with the Gospel of John, presented by Michael Reardon and Patrick Lane. Monday, February 25—The Spirituality of St. Patrick, Tuesday, February 26—The Spirituality of St. John, and Wednesday, February 27—Performance of St. John's Gospel, all at 7:00pm. St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 3821 Adams St., Carlsbad.

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.

Young Adult Leadership Conference in San Diego—Thursday, April 3, 9:00am-3:00pm, for Pastors and Parish Leaders. The conference will be held at the Diocesan Pastoral Center located at 3888 Paducah Drive, San Diego. The fee is \$30 for the day (includes handouts and lunch). To register, call Sue Doris at 858-490-8232.

Whispering Winds 26th Annual Dinner Dance Gala and Auction in San Diego—*For Everything there is a Season...A Time to Laugh...A Time to Dance* is the theme of the event benefitting Whispering Winds Catholic Conference Center on Saturday, April 5, 5:00-11:30pm, at the Westin Horton Plaza, San Diego. Early Bird Reservations (postmarked by March 8) are \$150 per person. For details or reservations, call (619) 494-1479.

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 or 722-3754.

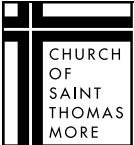
University of San Diego's Center for Christian Spirituality in San Diego Announces Spring Schedule—Visit www.sandiego.edu/ccs for details on classes, presentations, and field trips for personal enrichment, social justice awareness, and academic and professional continuing education.

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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