

Church of St. Thomas More

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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

March 16, 2008 • Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

HOLY WEEK

Holy Thursday—Mass of the Lord's Supper, 6:00pm

**Good Friday—Celebration of the Lord's Passion,
 12:00pm & 7:00pm**

Holy Saturday—The Easter Vigil, 8:00pm

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Pastor's Column

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What Manner of King Is This?

In this celebration of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, we hear words like "triumphant," "King," and "Blessed is the King Who Comes in the Name of the Lord."

Does this celebration of Palm Sunday have a triumphal edge to it? Are we honoring a king, as the world understands a king with all the trappings of privilege, comfort, and luxury?

What and who do we celebrate on this Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion?

The words of Philip Yancey, from his book, *The Jesus I Never Knew*, may help us in better understanding what and who we celebrate this day:

"The triumphal entry has about it an aura of ambivalence and as I read all the accounts together, what stands out to me now is the slapstick nature of the affair. I imagine a Roman officer galloping up to check on the disturbance. He has attended processions in Rome, where they do it right. The conquering general sits in a chariot of gold, with stallions straining at the reins and wheel spikes flashing in the

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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

- Mar 16 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and
10:30am Masses
- Mar 20 Holy Thursday—Mass at 6:00pm
Parish Office Closes at Noon
- Mar 21 Good Friday—Morning Prayer at 8:15am;
Liturgies at 12:00pm and 7:00pm;
Stations of the Cross at 3:00pm;
Parish Office Closed
- Mar 22 Holy Saturday—Morning Prayer at 8:15am;
Blessing of Easter Food at 11:00am;
Easter Vigil at 8:00pm
- Mar 23 Easter Sunday—Masses at 6:30am, 8:30am, and
10:30am
- Mar 24 Parish Office Closed; No Adoration

The Month Ahead

- Mar 29-30 Women's Guild Bake Sale
- Mar 30 RE.A.CH classes

The Year Ahead

- Apr 6 STM Music Ministry Presents
Spring Sing—Ecumenical Celebration of Song
- Apr 13 RE.A.CH Classes
- Apr 22 Parish Potluck with New Orleans Volunteers
- Apr 24 Spirited Seniors Present *Music by Emmalyn*
- Apr 26 Women's Prayer Breakfast
- Apr 26 Women's Guild Fashion Show
- Apr 27 RE.A.CH Classes
- Apr 28 Mark Price as St. Paul
- June 6-8 Parish Campout
- June 14 Women's Guild Installation Luncheon

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
Brandy Amber Collins, HMI, USN
Nicholas B. Dawson
Capt. Gregory Day, USMC
Lance Corporal Brandon Doyle, USMC
MSGT Steve Gallegos, USMC
Mitchell Gentry, 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, March 16 (37 and 38)
Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
 Matthew 21:1-11 (procession)
 Isaiah 50:4-7
 Psalm 22
 Philippians 2:6-11

Matthew 26:14-27:66
Monday, March 17 (257)

Holy Week
 Isaiah 42:1-7
 Psalm 27:1-3,13-14
 John 12:1-11

Tuesday, March 18 (258)

Holy Week
 Isaiah 49:1-6
 Psalm 71:1-4a,5-6,15,17
 John 13:21-33,36-38

Wednesday, March 19 (259)

Holy Week
 Isaiah 50:4-9a
 Psalm 69:8-10,21-22,31,33-34
 Matthew 26:14-25

Thursday, March 20 (39)

Mass of the Lord's Supper
 Exodus 12:1-8,11-14
 Psalm 116

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

John 13:1-15

Friday, March 21 (40)

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Psalm 31

Hebrews 4:14-16;5:7-9

John 18:1-19:42

Saturday, March 22 (41)

The Easter Vigil

Genesis 1:1-2:2

Psalm 104

Genesis 22:1-18

Exodus 14:15-15:1

Isaiah 54:5-14

Isaiah 55:1-11

Baruch 3:9-15,32-4:4

Ezekiel 36:16-17a,18-28

Romans 6:3-11

Psalm 118

Matthew 28:1-10

Sunday, March 23 (42)

Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34a,37-43

Psalm 118

1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

John 20:1-9

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 15, 5:00pm

Bob Petruzzo

Sunday, March 16, 8:30am

Mary Norelli ☩

Sunday, March 16, 10:30am

Frank Colbourne ☩

Tuesday, March 18, 8:15am

Clay Provinse ☩

Wednesday, March 19, 8:15am

Dylan Weakley ☩

Thursday, March 20, 6:00pm

Missa Pro Populo

Saturday, March 22, 8:00pm

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Sunday, March 23, 6:30am

Ethal Mae Root ☩

Sunday, March 23, 8:30am

Margaret Kidder ☩

Sunday, March 23, 10:30am

Alfred Holscher ☩

Prayer List

Michael Ainis
 Phyllis Allar
 The Atkinson Family
 Patricia Barbour
 Carl Bechtold
 Thomas Beck, Jr.
 Edward Bednarz
 Cindra Bell
 Tom Belprez
 Joe Bozanich
 Janet Brown
 Ann Buko
 Carl Coleman
 James Coleman
 Barbara Colton
 Tom Connors
 Thomas Cornwell & family
 Judy Crane
 Deborah Darsey
 Linda Dossman
 Daphne Dunn
 James Echter
 The Esmonde Family
 The Fiore Family
 Larry Fisk
 Ryan Flum
 Edmund Fredette
 The Gandolfo Family
 The Gardiner Family
 Lewis Garrett
 Rick Gonzalez
 Anita Hage
 Susan Hallahan
 The Harker Family
 Bud Hazlett
 The Hjelt Family
 Cynthia Horner
 Bernie & Ginny Jaeger
 Sue Johnston
 Colleen Kaup
 Paul Kennedy
 Debbie Kinny
 Sr. Anne Kremerik
 Lillian Lachance
 The Lamelin Family
 Brandon LeBlanc
 Lois Leonard
 Jackie Lynn
 James MacArthur
 Lisa Martin
 Ken Mauro
 Patrick McCarthy
 Nancy Moore
 The Morrison Family
 Deacon Bob Mueller
 Margie Myers
 Nancy Naimo
 Judith Nichols
 R. Northrup
 Patricia O'Gaffney
 Ana Patterson
 Helen Pingtella
 Ante Pitesa
 Anne Post
 Bill Pulver
 Sr. Loyola Romey
 Dorothy Rouse
 Rose Rowland
 Lynne Rumpf
 The Russo Family
 Marilyn Sinkez
 The Vernaci Family
 Lee Vincent
 Vanessa Vitiello-Koble
 Kevin Watson-Graff
 Nicholas Zygutis

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

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sunlight. Behind him, officers in polished armor display the banners captured from vanquished armies. At the rear comes a ragtag procession of slaves and prisoners in chains, living proof of what happens to those who defy Rome.

In Jesus' triumphal entry, the adoring crowd makes up the ragtag procession: the lame, the blind, the children, the peasants from Galilee and Bethany. When the officer looks for the object of their attention he spies a forlorn figure, weeping, riding on no stallion or chariot but on the back of a baby donkey, a borrowed coat draped across its backbone serving as his saddle.

Yes, there was a whiff of triumph on Palm Sunday, but not the kind of triumph that might impress Rome and not the kind that impressed crowds in Jerusalem for long either. What manner of king was this?"

As we begin this Holy Week, as we walk with Jesus and unite His Paschal Mystery to ours, let us reflect upon what kind of king we honor and for whom we give our lives.

Fr. Mike

Lenten Communal Penance Services

March 17	6:30pm	St. Mark, San Marcos
March 18	6:30pm	St. Francis, Vista

New Orleans Update

Our volunteers are all home safe and sound, although many are recovering from illness. Thank you for your prayers! Mark your calendars for the evening of **Tuesday**, April 22, and plan to join them for a potluck and picture/story sharing.

See the pictures and stories on our parish website—www.stmoside.org—click on Pastoral Staff/Ministries, then click on Sr. Maureen Brown.

Women's Guild Bake Sale

The ladies of St. Thomas More Women's Guild will be calling on parishioners whose last names begin with the letters A-H for donations of home-made baked goods for the Bake Sale on March 29-30, the week **after** Easter. Please bring your baked goods when you come to Mass, and drop them off at the designated tables.

Church of St. Thomas More Ninth Annual Golf Classic Friday, June 20, 2008

A full day and evening of fun and fellowship with family and friends!

Golf at Meadow Lake Golf Club

10:00am Shotgun Start, includes lunch and refreshments

Miniature Golf at Boomers! Vista

2:00pm Shotgun Start, includes snacks

Dinner/Dance/Evening Festivities at STM

4:30pm Happy Hour, 6:00pm Dinner; Auctions, Raffles, Dancing, and Fun!

Childcare

5:00-9:00pm, ages 3 and up, includes food and entertainment

Sneak Preview!

Wide Variety of Prizes and Auction Items

Welk Resort Premier Club Membership

One-Week Getaways to Locations of Your Choice

Charter Jet Plane Round Trip Excursion for 6-8 People from Carlsbad

Dining Opportunities Galore!

Private Yacht Excursion for 10—Dockside Champagne and Hors d'Oeuvres

Movie and Theater Entertainment Opportunities . . . and more to come!



For more information, contact John Murphy at 760-497-6117 or murphy8801@cox.net

**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

High School Youth Ministry

Youth Group Night

How HOLY Is Your Week?

Monday, March 17, 7:00-8:30pm

For more information, call Gale at 726-7236

2008 Annual Catholic Appeal

March 10, 2008

Our parish assessment for this year 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. Thank you to those who
have responded to date!

Household returns: 101

Total pledged: \$16,041.50

Average gift: \$158.83

Materials were mailed to all registered households and are also
available at the Parish information table on the Plaza after
weekend Masses and at the parish office during the week.

In Memoriam

Please pray for the soul of **Alfred Brault**, who died on
March 11. Alfred is the father of Tom Brault. His
funeral was celebrated on March 15 in Chula Vista.
Please keep the family in your prayers.

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



**March
MADNESS!**

Middle School
Youth Group

Continues
March 24
7:00pm

Wear your team colors!

Scoreboard

6th Graders—Red—70 points

7th Graders —Blue—110 points

8th Graders —Black—110 points

Bring a Friend!

Ron & Louise Briseno

760-758-4100 x153 - www.stmoside.org/ym

Answered

Prayers

Middle School Retreat

May 9-10 † Kamp Kuper † \$75.00 fee

Pre-registration - OPEN NOW

Final registration due by April 28

Questions call Ron or Louise Briseno at 758.4100 x153

Registration/Health form available at www.stmoside.org/ym

Thank You!...

From Stand Up for Kids for the 192 pairs of socks donated at
Monday Night Mass on March 3. The homeless teens served by
this local day shelter will appreciate having warm, dry feet!

Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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EASTER WITH AN EXCLAMATION POINT!

The sung *Exultet* proclaims the high point of our faith

—Doris Murphy

A small role in a primary school play is always a major event. With the confidence of youth, my niece wanted to practice her part for me. So, standing tall, she pronounced her line with very little enthusiasm. Her older and wiser brother, overhearing this conversation and his sister's elocution, advised, "No that's not how you say it." Then with great bravado and with much more passion he demonstrated his interpretation of the line. She looked at him and with the newly acquired knowledge of a seven-year-old said "No, that's *not* the way you say it because there's no exclamation point at the end!"

This little student of punctuation knew that an exclamation point called for a different mood, a different kind of excitement in the presentation.

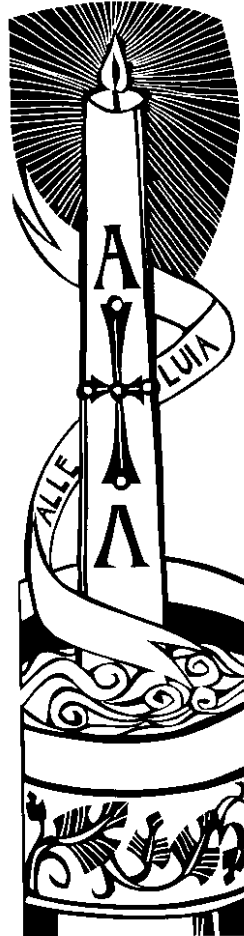
The Easter Vigil prayers, readings, and songs, especially the powerful *Exultet*, abound with exclamation points: "Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels! Jesus Christ, our king, is risen! Sound the trumpet of salvation! Christ has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes forever! Exult in glory! Let this place resound with joy, echoing the mighty song of all God's people! O Happy Fault... which gained for us so great a redeemer!"

All of these words are then summarized as over and over we sing: "Alleluia! Christ is risen!"

For a child, determining what is to be said or sung with exhilaration and excitement seems so simple. Sentences just need an exclamation point. But do we adults get so familiar with these texts and rituals that we can no longer thrill to what is right before us in sights and sounds? Are we so often on overload from media, iPods, and cell phones that we are no longer amazed by the simple proclaimed Word?

On this night, no matter how you feel about Gregorian chant, you are among the fortunate if your parish still hears this powerful artistic form dating from the 4th century, the stark beauty of the Gregorian chant, the solo unaccompanied voice and the periodic invitation for the assembly to respond with acclamations. These, acclamations, too, are marked with exclamation points!

During Lent, members of the congregation are urged to prepare for the great Easter Vigil, this night of nights when the glorious event of the resurrection is relived. We prepare to wait in darkness as the fire glows, and the Easter candle—the "Light of the World"—comes into our midst in the dramatic ritual of light, when both silence and sound remind us of the power of God's presence



among us. The climax of this ceremony of light—the singing of the *Exultet*—stirs us to life and wakes us up, preparing us for sensory immersion in this liturgical moment of Light and Word.

The words of the *Exultet* are followed by a selection of key scripture passages telling the story of our faith to this and the next generation. A common characteristic of most major religions is the annual retelling of their story from the beginning of creation until the present time. The religious ceremonies of the Zuni Native American coming of the Shaleko and the Jewish Passover, when the youngest child responds to the question "Why is this night special?" provide the opportunity for their story to be repeated. For many Christians, the Easter Vigil is the time for our common story to be once again proclaimed.

Children can be prepared for this Holy Night, this greatest night of the church year, by explaining to them the meaning of the fire, the candles, the light and darkness, the water and the words. If the symbols of holy water and candles are used in their homes, this is made easier. If children have already had positive experiences of community worship, domestic prayer and adult examples of faith and action in their lives, they will be well disposed to share this special service.

For us adults, the challenge is whether we can recapture that same childlike appreciation for the exclamation points in this Easter Vigil. Are we not in God's presence? Therefore, "Rejoice! Give praise! Give thanks! Exult! Alleluia!"

Doris Murphy lives in Ellsworth, Wis., and does freelance workshops, teaches, and writes after doing parish ministry in religious education, liturgy and administration.

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Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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What's Faith Got to Do With it?

Kids' Tough Questions

"Bad things have been happening in my life, and I feel like God is punishing me. Why does God punish people?"



- "Kids need to know that God corrects sin in our lives so we become more like his Son. Sometimes we're punished to learn from mistakes. Sometimes bad things happen because we can learn from that as well." ~ *Kandi Elliott*
- "God doesn't punish people, but God does allow things to come into our lives to help us grow. One of the hardest lessons of life is recognizing that we seldom grow when everything is going great. Instead, we usually get lazy spiritually. God doesn't cause our problems, sin and a fallen world do, but God is there to show us God's love in the midst." ~ *Karl Bastian*
- "Take time to listen by saying, 'Tell me more about the bad things happening in your life.' As you listen, show understanding and care, and take time to pray for the child. Then respond by saying, 'I don't know why bad things are happening in your life—but what I do know is that God loves you all the time.'" ~ *Amy Dolan*
- "Here are two statements that simply aren't true: Things are going good for me because I'm good; and Things are going bad for me because I'm bad. Sometimes we're doing all the right things and still get slammed by life. Other times, people do wrong things and seem to get rewarded for it (like that friend who cheated and aced a test you struggled to pass). But cheaters don't really win, and God hasn't punished you because you haven't tried hard enough. Life is tough and unfair sometimes, but those tough times can give you the ability to preserve until things smooth out once again." ~ *John Dolan*
- "Help the child see that s/he hasn't been specifically targeted by God to be punished. This is a place to emphasize God's love and that God only wants the best for us. Help the child see the good things in his/her life. Sometimes we fail to have gratitude for these things because the bad things overshadow them." ~ *Ivy Beckwith*

Peanut Butter and Jelly Update:

2008 GOAL: 365 jars
TOTAL to date: 238 jars



Easter Sacraments

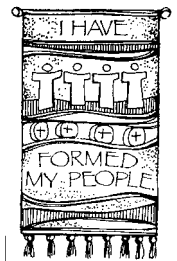
Please keep our catechumens and candidates in your prayers as they continue their preparation in the Catechumenate to celebrate Baptism and/or Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil in 2009.

As mentoring members of St. Thomas More Parish we usually have Prayer Partners during the Lenten/Easter Season in order to remind us of our role in nurturing those who are preparing to celebrate Sacraments.

Feel free to select someone(s) from the lists below to companion on their journey of sacramental preparation:

For Easter Sacraments, 2009:

Lourdes Acevedo
Kurt Schwend
Billy Turley
Bri Wasch



For Confirmation, May 11, 2008:

Robyn Brault
Aarica Briseno
Stephanie Cirka
Zachary Cornwell
Christina DeLaCova
Brittany Eppich
Ian Galbraith
Joshua Gibbons
Kasey Hartdegen
Ashlee Hollowell
Jennie McRae
Connor Phillips
Reed Reznicek
Brian Sandoval
Heather Youmans

Colleen Brickley
Lauren Chilton
Ashlyn Cook
Danny D'Agrosa
Nick Dumas
Zachary Fonseca-Miller
Jonathan Gangloff
Sam Haro
PJ Hartdegen
Carey Lorton
Sammy Nucci
Alli Reitmayer
Ellie Rudolph
Kyle Schanzenbach

For First Communion, May 31/June 1, 2008

Michael Allison
Grace Baggett
Duncan Berry
Jordyn Capra
Nicolas Fletes
Nolan Gaertner
Sarah Harmata
Ian Mifsud
Noah Owen
Matthew Rich
Gabrielle Schanzenbach
Daniel Thomas
David Whitehead

David Baer
Aimee Becker
Colton Cap
Joseph Escandón
Grace Fredette
Ian Gritt
Anna Konugres
Thomas Murphy
Shae Reardon
Anthony Roncone
Gabriella Gonzalez-Sharnborg
Eli Tinney
Nathan York

Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

A Variety of Blessings!

"Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!" is the shout heard by the crowds in the Gospel today. What a glorious greeting Jesus heard such a short time from when most would turn their backs on Him.

How true this can be in our lives as well. While, thankfully, the practice of an agonizing and humiliating death by crucifixion has long since stopped, life can deal us some very difficult situations.

If we, like Jesus, stay true to our uniquely diversified selves, we lead by example and show the world that we are indeed faithful Christian stewards. Our example should be one of humility, no matter how great our talents and resources.

"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."
—Ephesians 2:10

The following piece, *Spiritual Lessons from an Apple Orchard*, is interesting and food for thought (no pun intended!).



There are some 2,500 varieties of apple in the British National collection, and a similar number in the New York State collection, each with different habits, colors, flavors, scents, and sweetness. Some would be worth growing for their beautiful names alone: in England the Reinette, Orange Pippin, D'Arcy, Beauty of Bath; in North America the Maiden's Blush, Northern Spy, Wolf River, Winsap . . .

The apostle Paul exhorts his brothers and sisters in Corinth to value each other for their *variety of gifts*. Such variety comes from God, who delights to create in a myriad of precious forms.

Do not seek to impose uniformity on others, for they are individuals, endowed with different characteristics and gifts, and precious in God's sight.

Further, do not expect of yourself all the gifts that you admire in others. Each variety is valuable for itself, and we don't look for anything beyond natural perfection in each apple of its kind. Neither should we expect in ourselves the full perfection of opposites. If we do, disappointment is inevitable. —F. MacMath

As we enter Holy Week, let us remember that we were each put on this earth for a purpose. For some, the road is easy. For some, it can be painful every step of the way, with temptation at every turn. Pray to stay true to your course. Support one another along the way. When we work together, we create a beautiful orchard which pleases our Creator.

There is a divine purpose in bringing out the best in one another.

—Denis Waitley



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



Good Friday Collection

A Cry for Help!

In the land where Our Lord Jesus Christ chose to be born, where the ultimate loving sacrifice was made by His dying on the cross, and where His glorious resurrection took place, a desperate cry for help can be heard. For many centuries, the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land and the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem have been charged with the protection of Christians and the care of our holy shrines, including the Tomb of Christ. On Good Friday, a special collection is taken up worldwide for this very important cause. *Please be very generous this Good Friday, as the needs are especially great due to the unrest in the land of Our Lord.*

May Our Lady of Palestine bless and embrace you!

Collection for Week of: March 8/9, 2008

Number of Registered Households:	960
Envelopes	\$ 8,039.07
Children's Envelopes	0.00
Plate	728.00
Total	\$ 8,767.07

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: Wednesday, March 12.

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.

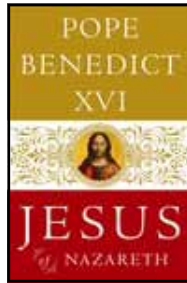
Father Mike's Bookies !



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.

The fourth, and final book in this year's discussion series is *Jesus of Nazareth* by Pope Benedict XVI. You are welcome to begin this book before the June 25 discussion.

Copies of both books are available on top of the file cabinet outside the Faith Formation Office.



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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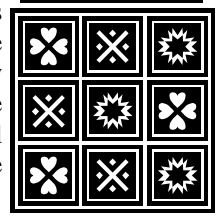
Annual Lenten Collection

This month has been designated for the 2008 Annual Lenten Collection. Special envelopes were stapled to the front of the bulletin last week for this collection, which supports the works of Catholic Relief Services, the Church in Latin America, and the Church in Africa. You may designate your contribution to the causes listed on the collection envelope. Envelopes may be returned any time during the month of March. Thank you for your generosity!

Women's Guild

Bake Sale Coming Up—See page 3 for details.

Quilts Galore!—The Women's Guild Quilters have been busy making lap and nap quilts. The quilts will be displayed at the April and May Women's Guild luncheons. Look for more quilt news in April. For information, call Nancy Wozniak at 729-0782 or Nell McGlone at 726-5211.



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.

Divine Mercy Sunday

The Second Sunday of Easter is observed throughout the Church as Divine Mercy Sunday. To encourage its celebrations with special devotion, this Sunday has been enriched by a plenary indulgence (complete forgiveness of sins and punishment) which is granted to the faithful by the Pope under the usual conditions:

- (1) sacramental confession;
- (2) Eucharistic communions;
- (3) prayers for the intentions of the Holy Father.

The requirement of sacramental confession is satisfied by all who remain in the state of grace following their Lenten celebration of the Sacrament of Penance. However, for those who wish, confession will be available, as usual at St. Thomas More on Saturdays at 4:00pm or by appointment. The other conditions for the plenary indulgence will be included within all celebrations of the Eucharist in this parish on Divine Mercy Sunday:

- ◆ In the Penitential Rite, we will implore the mercy of God to be detached from all affection for sin, even venial sin.
- ◆ In the General Intercessions, we will pray for the Holy Father and his intentions and for greater fidelity in our Lives to works of charity and mercy, concluding with a devout prayer to our merciful Lord Jesus.
- ◆ As always, we will pray together the Creed and Our Father, that as God forgives us we will pardon those who sin against us.

News from the Larger Church

A German Requiem Performed in Vista—The Music Ministry of the United Methodist Church of Vista presents *Johannes Brahms—A German Requiem*—for Choir, Orchestra and Soloists. Sunday March 16 at 4:00pm. Vista United Methodist Church Sanctuary, 490 South Melrose, Vista. Donation \$10.

Get Rejuvenated! at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside—Rest, read, or just relax at the next “Quiet Day,” Monday, March 17, sponsored by Mission San Luis Rey, 4050 Mission Avenue in Oceanside. Check-in at 9:00am, or later, and spend the next seven hours (until 4:00pm) escaping the hectic pace of everyday life or catching up on your sleep in your own private room. Take some time to wander the Mission grounds, sit in the chapel or the gardens, and enjoy the beauty and serenity of your surroundings. An optional stretch class and a 15-minute massage are also available. \$20-\$25 per person includes lunch. Please pre-register by calling 757-3659.

St. Francis Preschool Open House Invitation—St Francis Preschool is hosting an Open House for parents on Tuesday, March 18, at 8:30am for those interested in enrolling their children in the fall. Children must be 3 years of age by September 1, 2007. For additional information, contact Mrs. Nancy Thomas, Director, at 630-7964.

Celebrate Mass at CSUSM in San Marcos—Calling all Catholic students at Cal State San Marcos! Come celebrate Mass with other catholic CSUSM students on Wednesday, March 19, at 9:00pm in Clark 110. Then stick around for some snacks and fellowship. We hop to see you soon! If you have any questions about the NEW Catholic Club on Campus, please contact Nathan at 981-9094 or saltywash@hotmail.com.

Retreat Opportunities at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside—“Reflections on Our Risen Life and How to Make Every Week Holy” will be presented by Bro. Kelly Cullen, OFM, on Wednesday, March 19, from 6:00-9:00 pm at Mission San Luis Rey’s Retreat Center.

“Holy Week—Silent Retreat” from March 20-23, will have daily liturgy, presentations and extended periods of quiet contemplation.

For more information and reservations, contact 757-3659 or www.sanluisrey.org.

Earth Day Event at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside—Join us Sunday, March 30, for a fun filled family day featuring interactive and educational events for children of all ages. For information, contact 757-3659.

Diocesan Institute Course S920: Catholic Apologetics Offered in Carlsbad—Basic ways to help explain and defend particular Catholic doctrines, including Mary, Tradition and Magisterium, celibate clergy, and the Real Presence in the Eucharist. Taught by Alan Hick, M.A., Wednesdays, April 2 through May 7, 6:30-9:00pm, at Fr. Moore Hall at St. Patrick’s, Carlsbad. For more information call 858-490-8212.

Young Adult Leadership Conference in San Diego—“Opening the Parish Door to Young Adults,” a one-day conference on Thursday, April 3, 9:00am-3:00pm. 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, contact 858-490-8230 or www.diocese-sdiego.org/evangelization.htm.

Dinner with Fr. Stan Fortuna in Escondido—North County Magnificat is hosting this dinner on Thursday, April 3, at 6:00pm at the California Center for the Arts in Escondido. Men, women, and teens are invited. For more information, contact Mary at 871-8702 or members.cox.net/magnificat.

Fundraiser at St. Mary Star of the Sea School in Oceanside—13th Annual Auction—Friday, April 4, at 5:00pm for great food and good friends all at the newly remodeled staff N.C.O. Club. Donation of \$35 per person includes one set of Chinese Raffle Tickets, Dinner & Auction. For more information, call 722-7259.

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.

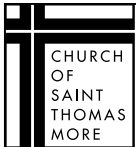
Dan Schutte in Concert in San Diego—Good Shepherd Parish will be sponsoring a concert featuring Mr. Dan Schutte on Friday, April 4, at 7:30pm. Mr. Schutte is one of the best known composers of music for the liturgy. The cost is \$10 per person. For more information, please contact Romer Fajota at (858) 271-0207.

Teacher Job Fair for Diocesan Schools—The Office for Schools, Diocese of San Diego presents the 2008 Teacher Job Fair on Saturday, April 5, 9:00am-12:00pm at Mater Dei Catholic High School, 1615 Mater Dei Drive, Chula Vista. For more information, please contact: Sr. Breege Boyle, SSL, Associate Director, Office for Schools, at 858-490-8240.

Educational Conference on Peace in the Holy Land—*Telling the Truth, Prospects for a Just Peace in Palestine and Israel*—Save the dates, June 27-28. Friends of Sabeel North America, voice of the Palestinian Christians, is co-sponsoring an educational conference with the Joan Kroc Institute of Peace and Justice, University of San Diego, June 27-28. The purpose is to educate North American Christians, Jews, and Muslims on how to support a just peace in the Holy Land. Information about Friends of Sabeel of North America is available of the website www.FOSNA.org.

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.

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



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