

# Church of St. Thomas More

A Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of San Diego

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Spirituality † Tradition † Community

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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 23, 2008 • Easter Sunday—The Resurrection of the Lord

**HAPPY EASTER!**

Do you have your *Little White Book*?—

There are still some available.

Office Closed Monday, March 24

Blessed Sacrament Chapel Closed Monday, March 24

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## Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak  
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### Transforming Congregations for the Future

Today we begin the celebration of the "Great 50 Days" of the Feast of the Resurrection. As we do so, we are mindful that we, who believe in the Resurrection of Jesus, must witness to this belief in and through the way we go about our daily lives.

The priorities we set, the ways in which we spend our time through work and leisure, the use of our financial resources, the ways in which we handle conflict, and the ways in which we interact with each other become the external signs of our internal beliefs. The Resurrection of Jesus has transforming power that radically changes our own lives and the world in which we live.

A special responsibility falls upon Faith Communities, Parishes, which intentionally come together in the name of Jesus. We must live in this "new way" not only for ourselves but also for the world. Our society needs what Faith Communities have the potential of giving.

Loren Mead in his study, *Transforming Congregations for the Future*, suggests that society needs the church and the community graces that the church generates. He also lists several characteristics of the church community that are necessary for a healthy and wholesome public life:

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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

- Mar 23 Easter Sunday—Masses at 6:30am, 8:30am, and 10:30am  
 Mar 23 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass  
 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 Knights of Columbus Breakfast  
 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  
 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).

## Readings for the Week Ahead

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

### Sunday, March 23 (42)

*Easter Sunday*  
 Acts 10:34a,37-43  
 Psalm 118  
 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8  
 John 20:1-9

### Monday, March 24 (261)

Acts 2:14,22-33  
 Psalm 16:1-2a,5,7-11  
 Matthew 28:8-15

### Tuesday, March 25 (262)

Acts 2:36-41  
 Psalm 33:4-5,18-20,22  
 John 20:11-18

### Wednesday, March 26 (263)

Acts 3:1-10  
 Psalm 105:1-4,6-9  
 Luke 24:13-35

### Thursday, March 27 (264)

Acts 3:11-26  
 Psalm 8-2ab,5-9  
 Luke 24:35-48

### Friday, March 28 (265)

Acts 4:1-12  
 Psalm 118:1-2,4,22-27a  
 John 21:1-14

### Saturday, March 29 (266)

Acts 4:13-21  
 Psalm 118:1,14-15b,16-21  
 Mark 16:9-15

### Sunday, March 30 (43)

*Second Sunday of Easter*  
*Divine Mercy Sunday*  
 Acts 2:42-47  
 Psalm 118  
 1 Peter 1:3-9  
 John 20:19-31

## Prayer List

Michael Ainis  
 Phyllis Allar  
 Patricia Barbour  
 The Barmasse Family  
 Carl Bechtold  
 Thomas Beck, Jr.  
 Edward Bednarz  
 Cindra Bell  
 Tom Belprez  
 Janet Brown  
 Ann Buko  
 Carl Coleman  
 James Coleman  
 Barbara Colton  
 Thomas Cornwell & family  
 Judy Crane  
 Deborah Darsey  
 Richard Dockery  
 Linda Dossman  
 Daphne Dunn  
 James Echter  
 The Esmonde Family  
 The Fiore Family  
 Larry Fisk  
 Ryan Flum  
 Edmund Fredette  
 The Gagnon Family  
 The Gandolfo Family  
 The Gardiner Family  
 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 Kremenik  
 Lillian Lachance  
 The Lamelin Family  
 Brandon LeBlanc  
 Lois Leonard  
 Jackie Lynn  
 James MacArthur  
 Lisa Martin  
 Ken Mauro  
 Patrick McCarthy  
 Nancy Moore  
 The Morrison Family  
 Margie Myers  
 Nancy Naimo  
 Judith Nichols  
 R. Northrup  
 Patricia O'Gaffney  
 Ana Patterson  
 Helen Pingtella  
 Anne Post  
 Bill Pulver  
 Sr. Loyola Romey  
 Dorothy Rouse  
 Rose Rowland  
 Lynne Rumpf  
 The Russo Family  
 Marilyn Sinkez  
 Yolanda Smaer  
 The Vernaci Family  
 Lee Vincent  
 Vanessa Vitiello-Koble  
 Kevin Watson-Graff  
 Nicholas Zygutis

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

## 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.

## Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 22, 8:00pm  
*Missa Pro Populo*

Sunday, March 23, 6:30am  
 Ethel Mae Root ☩

Sunday, March 23, 8:30am  
 Margaret Kidder ☩

Sunday, March 23, 10:30am  
 Alfred Holscher ☩

Tuesday, March 25 8:15am  
 Andy & Dolores Murchison

Wednesday, March 26, 8:15am  
 Florentina Aquino ☩

Thursday, March 27, 8:15am  
 Barbara Foster ☩

Friday, March 28, 8:15am  
 J. C. Gonzalez ☩

Saturday, March 29, 5:00pm  
 Joe Dehlinger

Sunday, March 30, 8:30am  
 Vera Zavada ☩

Sunday, March 30, 10:30am  
 Anastasia D'Agrosa ☩

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1. The church is a place where befriending strangers is not only appropriate, it is expected.
2. The prejudices and stereotypes that foster fear and hatred and cripple the order of the secular world can be processed within a community of mutually respectful persons.
3. Resources are not hoarded but shared in a community that has transformed the fear of "not enough for me" into the joy of giving.
4. Resolution of conflict situations in congregations goes beyond just stopping them for a time, to ending them altogether, with reconciliation and forgiveness.
5. Religious communities create liturgies, drama, music, and festivals to celebrate life together and to give as much "hype" to community as the general public gives to conflict.
6. Society has conditioned people to lock themselves in for safety whereas believing communities are places where the insecure and the isolated will feel secure and wanted.
7. People in communities take responsibility for the well being of others.
8. Congregations bring hope and persistence to the political table, witnessing to a world torn apart by gangs, drugs, violence and hatred that the lion and the lamb can truly dwell together.
9. People in congregations are given the power to share their leadership talents.

As we, the Church of St. Thomas More, begin to journey through this Easter Season may we be strengthened to live in "the new way." May we allow the transforming power of the Resurrection to touch us and heal us and in turn, through us, heal our society and our world!

May these "Great Fifty Days of Easter" be a time of new beginnings, new hope, and new life for you and your loved ones. Share those new beginnings, that new hope, and that new life with the world around you! Help to make St. Thomas More a "transforming" community that makes the world a better place.

Happy Easter!

F. Mike

## 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!

**Over 200 people  
have already signed up  
for the  
dinner/dance/evening festivities!**



For more information, contact John Murphy at 760-497-6117 or [murphy8801@cox.net](mailto: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

Monday, March 24, 7:00-8:30pm

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

## Peanut Butter and Jelly Update:

2008 GOAL:	365 jars
TOTAL to date:	251 jars



## 2008 Annual Catholic Appeal

March 17, 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: 119**  
**Total pledged: \$19,356.50**  
**Average gift: \$162.66**

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 souls of:

**Rev. Michel Gagnon, OFM**, who died on March 17. Fr. Michel is a past pastor at Mission San Luis Rey Parish and resided at the Mission Retreat Center during his retirement. He also helped out at Monday Night Mass at STM. His Vigil Service will be on Wednesday, March 26, at 7:00pm, and his Funeral Mass will be on Thursday, March 27, at 2:00pm, both at the Serra Center at Mission San Luis Rey Parish, 4070 Mission Avenue, Oceanside. Please keep the family in your prayers.

**Alfred Barmasse**, who died on recently. His funeral arrangements are pending. Please keep his wife, June, and the family in your prayers.

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



Continues  
March 24  
7:00pm

Bring a Friend!

Middle School  
Youth Group  
March  
MADNESS!

Wear your team colors!  
Scoreboard

6th Graders—Red—70 points

7th Graders —Blue—110 points

8th Graders —Black—110 points

Ron & Louise Briseno 760-758-4100 x153  
[www.stmoside.org/ym](http://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](http://www.stmoside.org/ym)

## 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.*

# Liturgy & Music

Worship God

Douglas Lynn  
Director of Music/Coordinator of Liturgical Ministries  
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JOIN US IN TWO WEEKS!

## Spring Sing

An Ecumenical  
Celebration of Song

**Sunday, April 6  
4:00pm**

Upper Level of the Parish Center

Church Choirs from North County  
with Classic Brass

Congregational Hymn Sing

*featuring the combined church choirs of*

**First United Methodist Church  
Escondido**

**Resurrection Catholic Church  
Escondido**

**St. Thomas More Catholic Church**



**“...so that  
they may be  
one...”**

John 17:11

HE WENT  
INTO THE  
TOMB AND  
SAW THE  
BURIAL  
CLOTHS  
THERE...



### An Easter Hymn

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!  
Let bells around the world now ring!  
To all the world glad news we bring:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The God of life is risen today!  
Sing songs of praise along the way;  
let all the earth rejoice and say:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Praise we in songs of victory  
that love, that life which cannot die,  
and sing with hearts uplifted high:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Your Name we bless, O risen Christ,  
and sing today with one accord  
the life laid down, the life restored:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

To God Creator, God the Child,  
to God the spirit, always One,  
we sing for life in us begun:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

—Cyril A. Alington

### An Easter Prayer

O God, who for our redemption gave  
your only begotten Son to death on the  
Cross, and by his glorious resurrection  
has delivered us from the power of our  
enemy: Grant that we who celebrate  
with joy the day of our Lord's  
resurrection, may be raised from the  
death of sin by your life-giving Spirit.  
Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we  
may evermore live with him in the joy  
of his resurrection, empowered and  
transformed by your grace in and  
among us.

O Lord, so stir up in your church,  
indeed in each of us, that Spirit of  
adoption and reconciliation that is  
made possible by your grace revealed  
in Jesus the Christ, that we being  
renewed in both body and mind, may  
worship and serve you in sincerity and  
truth. We pray this in the name of the  
same Jesus Christ our Lord who lives  
and reigns with you and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
Amen.

—Adapted from The Book of Common Prayer

**May God bless you and yours with joy this Easter Season!**

**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?

**Arise!**

Resurrection does not mean. . .cannot mean. . .return to every day life.

Resurrection means a breakthrough to the extraordinary life Jesus promised when he said,

"I came that you may have life, life to the full."

Jesus rose from the dead to make that abundantly clear!

Are we ready to rise? . . . rise from the dead?

Can we put aside anxious and tentative living  
and embrace life with confidence and surety?

Jesus' resurrection assures us that we can, for Jesus died and rose not for himself, but for us.

Easter reconciles us with creation, with ourselves, and with God.

Now is the time for living.

Now is the time for embracing one another and the future  
with renewed humanity and unclouded hope.

Like the earth and its creatures, we have cause to rejoice.

Christ has "eastered" in us.

From the passion of our lives, we have come to this blest season.

In joy, we proclaim, "Christ is risen!"

Alleluia!

Benedict XVI has declared June 2008 - June 2009

"The Year of St. Paul" in celebration of the 2,000th anniversary of the saint's birth

Begin the celebration at St. Thomas More with

## Mark Price

as

## St. Paul ~ In His Own Words

An interactive dramatic presentation



**Monday, April 28**

**7:00 PM**

# Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

Chris Smith  
Director of Stewardship & Development  
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## CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

### Lifestyle or Rules?

Humans are good at making rules. Our country has rules, our states and cities have rules, and even families make their own rules. Deciding on the rules is not a problem, but keeping them is.

The same thing could be said about values. There is no shortage of discussion about them. But talking about them isn't doing much good. The challenge is living them.

We are called by God to live according to a set of principles of a higher nature and level than our society's rules and values. The rules of society stop at our door and let us do whatever we want in our private life.

That is not the way it is in God's divine plan.

Our lifestyle should be in joyful response to God's love and not in an attempt to win God's love. We already know that God loves us and that our sins are forgiven. Alleluia!

Not only did Jesus die for our sins, but He gave us a perfect example of how to live our lives. Now we need to apply His example in public and in private. It is very important to take time to make time to remember what Easter is all about!

We live in a fast paced world filled with expectations, deadlines, rules and responsibilities that can easily seem overwhelming. How can we possibly fit anything else into our personal niche?

### Rest in God

Few people know how to rest these days. Even on vacation, many people rush to cram in as much as they can before returning to their jobs, where they spend twice as much energy catching up on the work and mail that has piled up in their absence. Many of us need vacations just to rest from our vacations! (Sound familiar?) Perhaps we have been looking for rest in the wrong places.

Jesus said, "Come unto me and I will give you rest." Like peace, rest can be found only in one place, from one source, and that is the Lord Jesus Christ . . .

Despite the headlines in the newspapers and some of scenes we see on television, we know that all is going according to God's plan and foreknowledge.

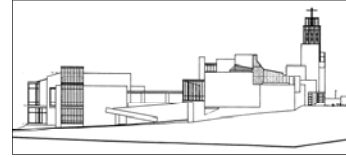
Jesus gives us the ultimate rest, the confidence we need to escape the frustration and chaos of the world around us. Rest in Him and do not worry about what lies ahead. Jesus Christ has already taken care of tomorrow.  
—Billy Graham, *Unto the Hills*

Take time to give thanks each day for God's gifts. Then take time to share those gifts. God has already given us our time ~ what we do with it is up to us!

*There is wonderful freedom and joy in recognizing that the fun is in the becoming.*

—G. Gaither

## A WAY TO GIVE ~ A WAY TO RECEIVE



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

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, Mutual Funds and Real Estate.

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.

## Annual Lenten Collection

This month has been designated for the 2008 Annual Lenten 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!

### Collection for Week of: March 15/16, 2008

Number of Registered Households:	961
Envelopes	\$ 9,516.12
Children's Envelopes	0.00
Plate	1,286.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 10,802.62</b>

### 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, April 4.

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




## Potluck with Recap from New Orleans

Mark your calendars for the evening of Tuesday, April 22, and plan to join our New Orleans volunteer team for a potluck and picture/story sharing. See the pictures and stories on our parish website—[www.stmoside.org](http://www.stmoside.org)—click on Pastoral Staff/Ministries, then click on Sr. Maureen Brown.

## Knights of Columbus

**Breakfast**—The Knights of Columbus will host a breakfast on Sunday, April 6, 9:00am-10:30am. These times accommodate both Masses. Menu: French toast, eggs, sausage, berries, coffee, and juice. Adults: \$6, Children: \$4. For reservations for six or more, call 732-0543. Bring family and friends and join us!!

**Lenten Dinners Thank You**—The Knights of Columbus and their wives want to thank all our parishioners and their guests for attending our Lenten Fish Dinners. We had a fantastic turnout with our tables filled and sometimes scurrying for additional tables. Through your support, we will be able to meet our financial commitment for the Building Fund along with other charities we support.



### St. Thomas More Vehicle Donation Program

Do you have a vehicle you want to donate?  
Call the Parish Office at 760-758-4100 x100

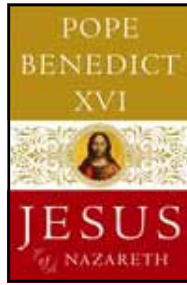
## Father Mike's Bookies !



*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>

## I Want to Earn STM Building Fund \$\$\$ with My...

Albertson's Card #(11 digits) \_\_\_\_\_

Ralph's Card #(13 digits) \_\_\_\_\_

Please send me a Food 4 Less Card

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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!

## Women's Guild

**Bake Sale Coming Up**—The Bake Sale is 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.

**Board Meeting**—The Women's Guild monthly Board Meeting will be Monday, April 7, at 12:30pm at Germaine Wilmott's home. We will discuss plans for our April 14 meeting and other events. Please try to attend. RSVP 758-9949.

**Next Luncheon Meeting**—Monday, April 14, at 11:00am, followed by a presentation of herbs as referenced in the Bible. Beauty products containing these herbs will be available for sale. The luncheon cost is \$7. Plan to come and join us! RSVP to Mary Vernaci at 599-4386 or Germaine Wilmott at 758-9949.

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

## Heartnotes

### Congratulations to our recent graduates!

**Adult CPR/AED:** Dean McCoy, Yvonne McCoy, Annie Petroni, Isabel Hermsmeyer, Sandra McQuillen, Kathryn Metcalf, Kathryn Bergman, and Jeff Redding

There will an Adult CPR/AED class on Saturday, April 12, 8:30am-1:00pm. The cost is \$25 per person. Make your reservation at [drphilg@cox.net](mailto:drphilg@cox.net) or call 732-1414.

If you would like to audit the course there is no charge and no pre-registration.

Our next Tune-Up for our graduates will take place on Saturday, April 5th from 9 a.m. to noon on the lower level of the parish facility. 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).



## News from the Larger Church

**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.

**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](http://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](http://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.

**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.

**Christian Renewal Mission**—Join us for a “Christian Renewal Mission” presented by Fr. David Tobin, CCSR, at St. Mary Magdalene Church for three nights, April 7, 8, and 9 at 7:00pm. There will also be a 10:00am Mass each day of the Mission with a different topic. For more information, please call 619-276-0144.

**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](http://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](http://www.nami-northcoastal.org) or 722-3754.

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

### 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.

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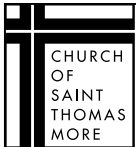
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Brochures are also available in the Parish Office or at the information table on the Plaza after all weekend Masses.



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