

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 30, 2008 • Second Sunday of Easter; Divine Mercy Sunday

SPEND SOME TIME WITH JESUS!
in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Exposition of the Eucharist
Friday, April 4 • 8:45am-7:30pm
Family Hour • 6:30-7:30pm

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Pastor's Column

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The Wounds of Christ

As we journey through this Easter Season, as we continue to meditate and reflect upon the various resurrection accounts given to us in Scripture during the "Great Fifty Days," the wounds of Christ still present in Jesus' resurrected body cry out for attention.

The wounds are a source of intrigue and curiosity. Why are they still there?

In today's Gospel, we are given the account of Doubting Thomas who was not present the first time that the resurrected Jesus appears to the disciples. Thomas responds to the disciples who tell him that they have seen Jesus: *"Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."*

A week later, Jesus again appears to the disciples, and this time, Thomas is present as well. Jesus says to Thomas: *"Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe."*

Thomas responds to Jesus: *"My Lord and my God!"*

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

The Month 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

The Year Ahead

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.

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
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 Zeff, 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.

Thank You for Your Prayers for...

Capt. Gregory Day, USMC
 who has returned home safely.

Readings for the Week Ahead

Sunday Year A; Weekday Year II
 Readings online at www.usccb.org.

Sunday, March 30 (43)

Second Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday

Acts 2:42-47

Psalms 118

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

Monday, March 31 (545)

The Annunciation of the Lord

Isaiah 7:10-14;8:10

Psalms 40:7-11

Hebrews 10:4-10

Luke 1:26-38

Tuesday, April 1 (268)

Acts 4:32-37

Psalms 93:1-2,5

John 3:7b-15

Wednesday, April 2 (269)

Francis of Paoli, hermit

Acts 5:17-26

Psalms 34:2-9

John 3:16-21

Thursday, April 3 (270)

Acts 5:27-33

Psalms 34:2,9,17-20

John 3:31-36

Friday, April 4 (271)

Isadore, bishop, doctor

Acts 5:34-42

Psalms 27:1,4,13-14

John 6:1-15

Saturday, April 5 (272)

Acts 6:1-7

Psalms 33:1-2,4-5,18-19

John 6:16-21

Sunday, April 6 (46)

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2-14,22-33

Psalms 16

1 Peter 1:17-21

Luke 24:13-35

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 29, 5:00pm
 Joe Dehlinger

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

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

Tuesday, April 1, 8:15am
 Elizabeth Nead ☩

Wednesday, April 2, 8:15am
 Vickie Mulvey

Thursday, April 3, 8:15am
 Steve Kremenik ☩

Friday, April 4, 8:15am
 Joe Garcia

Saturday, April 5, 5:00pm
 Jim Cohen

Sunday, April 6, 8:30am
 Teresa Biernacki ☩

Sunday, April 6, 10:30am
 James Walsh ☩

Prayer List

Michael Ainis
 Phyllis Allar
 Patricia Barbour
 The Barmasse Family
 Carl Bechtold
 Thomas Beck, Jr.
 Edward Bednarz
 Tom Belprez
 Janet Brown
 Ann Buko
 Carl Coleman
 James Coleman
 Barbara Colton
 Thomas Cornwell & family
 Deborah Darsey
 Richard Dockery
 Linda Dossman
 Daphne Dunn
 James Echter
 Helen Eklem
 The Esmonde Family
 The Fiore Family
 Larry Fisk
 Ryan Flum
 Edmund Fredette
 The Gagnon Family
 The Gandolfo Family
 Joe Garcia
 The Gardiner Family
 Rick Gonzalez
 Anita Hage
 Susan Hallahan
 The Harker Family
 Clare Hart
 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
 Dorothy Scott
 Marilyn Sinkez
 Ray & Dorothy Staehr
 Dominic Vienna, Jr.
 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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To help us in our reflection upon the wounds of Christ, I share with you the words of Philip Yancey, taken from his book, ***The Jesus I Never Knew***:

"One detail in the Easter stories has always intrigued me: Why did Jesus keep the scars from his crucifixion?"

Presumably he could have had any resurrected body he wanted, and yet he chose one identifiable mainly by scars that could be seen and touched. Why?

I believe the story of Easter would be incomplete without those scars on the hands, the feet, and the side of Jesus.

When human beings fantasize, we dream of pearly straight teeth and wrinkle-free skin and sexy ideal shapes. We dream of an unnatural state: the perfect body. But for Jesus, being confined in a skeleton and human skin was the unnatural state. The scars are, to him, an emblem of life on our planet, a permanent reminder of those days of confinement and suffering.

I take hope in Jesus' scars. From the perspective of heaven, they represent the most horrible event that has ever happened in the history of the universe. Even that event, though, Easter turned into a memory. Because of Easter, I can hope that the tears we shed, the blows we receive, the emotional pain, the heartache over lost friends and loved ones, all these will become memories, like Jesus' scars. Scars never completely go away, but neither do they hurt any longer. We will have re-created bodies, a re-created heaven and earth. We will have a new start, an Easter start."

As we journey through this Feast of the Resurrection, let us take time to reflect upon our wounds and lift them up to the Lord.

Allow them to be an emblem of life on this planet and a sign of future glory!

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

- Packages for Wild Animal Park, San Diego Zoo, and Wave Waterpark
- 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!

**Calling All Golfers!
Reserve your spots now!
No payments due until June 1!**



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

Doubting William (Yes, William!) Night

Monday, March 31, 7:00-8:30pm

For more information, call Gale at 726-7236

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.

Little White Books

The fifty days of the Easter Season is the greatest time of
celebration in our Church. The LITTLE WHITE BOOK is
a great way to keep the celebration alive. These six-
minute meditations reflect on the weekday Gospels of
Easter.

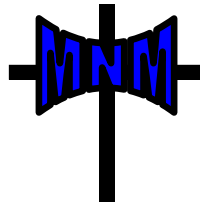


Get one today at the Information Table, or on the lower level of
the Parish Center. Share one with a friend!

New Orleans Pot Luck—Y'all Come!

Fr. Mike and the Volunteers to our Sister Parish, St. Peter Claver,
would love to share their New Orleans experiences with you at a
pot luck dinner on Tuesday, April 22, at 6:00pm on the lower
level—lots of stories and pictures! We will also look forward to
any ideas you might have for the future in developing our
relationship with the folks at St. Peter Claver.

Please call 758-4100 x131 to make your reservation for dinner
and indicate what you would like to bring: hors d'oeuvres, main
dish, salad, dessert, or wine. Of course, if you have a Cajun
recipe, that would be very welcome!



MONDAY NIGHT MASS

April 7 • 7:00pm

Mass will be celebrated by
Retired Bishop Gilbert Chavez
Diocese of San Diego

This Mass is led by youth.

We will be collecting cases of water bottles and juice bags for
"Stand Up for Kids," a homeless teen day shelter in Oceanside.

For more information, please contact Ron Briseno at
758-4100 x 153 or ronb@stmoside.org



Middle School
Youth Group

March
MADNESS!

8th graders
win this year!

P.U.S.H. Next Meets:

Monday Night Mass—April 7, 7:00pm

FEAR FACTOR—April 14, 7:00-8:30pm

Bring a friend!

*For more information, contact Ron & Louise Briseno at
760-758-4100 x153 or visit 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

Liturgy & Music

Worship God

Douglas Lynn
Director of Music/Coordinator of Liturgical Ministries
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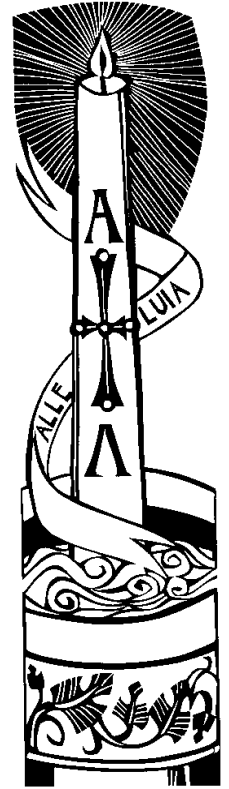
At the Easter Vigil last week, all shared the light of the large Easter candle, and the deacon or cantor sang a long prayer. This was the paschal proclamation, called the *Exultet*, after the first word of the prayer in Latin, meaning “Rejoice!” The prayer dates back to the seventh century. Before that, the deacon was expected to make one up and chant it! The *Exultet*’s music is the finest chant in the Latin liturgy.

As a prayer of thanks and praise, the *Exultet* shows us that these are days to truly rejoice in all that God has done, in all that God is doing now. And not only us: The *Exultet* calls upon all creation to join us in rejoicing: “Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels! Exult, all creation around God’s throne!” Why? “Jesus Christ our King is risen!”

Make your plans now to plant your garden—even if it’s a small flower bed or window box! Pick up litter as you come and go this week. Recycle as much of your garbage as possible. Do what you can to encourage the earth into exultation.

Light of Christ! Thanks be to God!

— ©LTP



NEXT WEEKEND!

Spring Sing

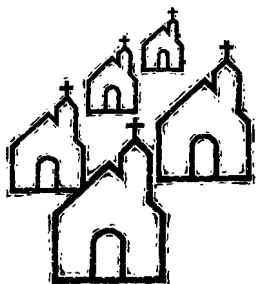
An Ecumenical
Celebration of Song

Sunday, April 6 at
4:00pm

Upper Level of the Parish Center

Church Choirs
from North County
with Classic Brass

Congregational Hymn Sing



“...so that
they may be
one...”

John 17:11

featuring the
combined church
choirs of

First United
Methodist
Church
Escondido

Resurrection
Catholic Church
Escondido

St. Thomas More
Catholic Church

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

FRIDAY, APRIL 4

8:45am - 7:30pm

Family Hour: 6:30 - 7:30pm

St. Isidore of Seville

The 76 years of Isidore’s life were a time of conflict and growth for the Church in Spain. The Visigoths had invaded the land a century and a half earlier and shortly before Isidore’s birth they set up their own capital. They were Arians—Christians who said Christ was not God. Spain was split in two: One people (Catholic Romans) struggled with another (Arian Goths).

Isidore reunited Spain, making it a center of culture and learning, a teacher and guide for other European countries whose culture was also threatened by barbarian invaders.

Born in Cartagena of a family that included three other saints, he was educated (severely) by his elder brother, whom he succeeded as bishop of Seville.

An amazingly learned man, he was sometimes called “The Schoolmaster of the Middle Ages” because the encyclopedia he wrote was used as a textbook for nine centuries. He required seminaries to be built in every diocese, wrote a Rule for religious orders and founded schools that taught every branch of learning. Isidore wrote numerous books, including a dictionary, an encyclopedia, a history of Goths, and a history of the world—beginning with creation! He completed the Mozarabic liturgy, which is still in use in Toledo, Spain. For all these reasons Isidore (as well as several other saints) has been suggested as patron of the Internet.

He continued his austerities even as he approached 80. During the last six months of his life, he increased his charities so much that his house was constantly crowded with the poor of the countryside.

Intention for the Day

That we may appreciate knowledge
and that we may allow it
to lead us to holiness.

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?

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

Today

is a good day to transform the Lenten sacrifices from your Rice Bowl into an Easter check that will feed those in need, please:

- Exchange the cash you have saved into a **check**
- Make checks payable to St. Thomas More
- Return your donation today so that we may gather them into one and send our STM gift to Catholic Relief Services
- Reinforce with your children the connection between their sacrifice and the needs of others. Make it "real" so that this becomes a way of life for them!

Keep in mind that almsgiving in the form of peanut butter and jelly is welcome year-round for the children of our local community who are hungry.



Safe Environment Education

The Diocese of San Diego is committed to providing a safe environment for all who worship, work, or participate in formation opportunities in our parishes.

Parents, as the primary educators of your child, are entrusted with the responsibility of providing appropriate information regarding how to keep your child safe from sexual abuse. Empowered parents can develop and maintain an environment of trust in the home that allows children to discuss any topic, any fear, and any experience they are having. Potential abusers will avoid children who have such an open and honest relationship with their parents because abusers depend upon secrecy to avoid suspicion.

In compliance with the Diocesan Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, the topic of safe environments will be reviewed with our children in Levels 1 and 4 on April 13, our next RE.A.CH class. An envelope with supportive material for home use will be sent home today with your child.

Our high school and middle school youth ministers will review this topic in Youth Group on April 14, and an envelope of supportive material for parents will be sent home with our youth that evening.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Kathleen

Peanut Butter and Jelly Update:

2008 GOAL:	365 jars
TOTAL to date:	242 jars



Benedict XVI has declared June 2008 - June 2009 "The Year of St. Paul"
Begin the celebration at St. Thomas More with

Mark Price

as

St. Paul ~ In His Own Words

An interactive dramatic presentation

April 28, 2008
7:00pm

Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Meeting Needs In Our Time

“The conductor of a great symphony orchestra on tour was being interviewed by a young female reporter from the high school paper. She was a charming girl, with great ambition to succeed, and no experience whatever with great artists.

‘My editor would like to know,’ she began, with an evident effort to appear professional, ‘what instrument in the orchestra is the hardest to play.’



Without a second’s hesitation, the great musician replied, ‘A second fiddle! And it is that way with life, too. It is always easy to find those who want to play the solos. It is something else to find those who are able and willing to provide the harmony and/or the accompaniment.’” —R. I. Smith,

It takes many instruments to complete God’s orchestra on earth. In the here and now, our time and place, we play a big part in completing that orchestra. How do we do that?

It isn’t always glamorous and some things are actually physically and emotionally shocking when we face them head on. We won’t look glamorous doing this work, and some acquaintances might even make fun of us or turn their backs on our efforts. It might not be the “in” thing to do.

We heard again last week about Jesus washing the dirty feet of his Disciples. He completely humbled himself and did it with unconditional love. Can we do that? Are we willing to act and touch things that aren’t clean and pretty?

By helping those less fortunate than us, we are washing dirty feet.

- ◆ Our wonderful Sister Parish team that traveled to New Orleans to help St. Peter Claver Parishioners in the rebuilding effort, were in fact washing dirty feet. What an effort they made again this year!
- ◆ Our Marriage and Family Life committee and several other ministries that step up to provide dinners for local NCSC Homeless Shelter are washing dirty feet. Ditto Brother Benno’s helpers with all their projects!
- ◆ The members of our newly formed More’s Workers that help with local renovating and rebuilding projects with low budgets, are washing dirty feet.
- ◆ Those helping Birth Choice in San Marcos on many levels, are washing dirty feet. The residents are so grateful!
- ◆ Stand Up For Kids in Oceanside very much appreciates our support. By helping these teens as they struggle to survive in an ugly world, we are washing dirty feet.

Continuing the work of Jesus is not always glamorous. Are you willing to play second fiddle and help anyway?



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 Lenten Collection

The month of March 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 should be returned soon. Thank you for your generosity!

2008 Annual Catholic Appeal

March 24, 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 (including our tithing families)!

Household returns: 253

Total pledged: \$32,844.32

Average gift: \$129.82

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.

Easter 2008 Collections to Date

Number of Registered Households:	960
Holy Thursday:	\$1,035.00
Good Friday (Designated for the Holy Land):	\$1,419.50
Easter Sunday:	\$23,963.02

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, April 4.

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



Theology on Tap for Young Adults

Join other young adults in their 20's and 30s, married and single, for food, fun and fellowship at the 2008 Spring Series of Theology on Tap, hosted by the Diocesan Office for Young Adult Ministry. The events will be held at El Torito Restaurant in Chula Vista on Thursdays, April 3, 10, 17, and 24, 7:00 to 8:30pm. For more information contact Carrie Giebel at the Office for Young Adult Ministry at 858-490-8260.

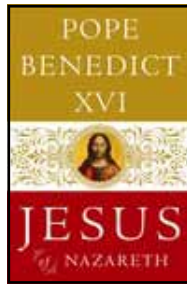
Father Mike's Bookies!



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 \$crip News

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

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

For information, call Henny Jocelyn at 726-1177
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 \$CRIP table after weekend Masses or the Parish Office during the week. Thank you!

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—click on Pastoral Staff/Ministries, then click on Sr. Maureen Brown.

Women's Guild

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.

Fashion Show and Luncheon—“A Symphony of Fashion” is the theme for this year's luncheon and Fashion Show. All women of the Parish and their guests are invited to join us at Shadowridge Country Club on April 26 at 11:00am. Dine on delicious Mediterranean chicken, be inspired by the beautiful fashions from Draper's and Damon's, and enjoy the many exciting opportunity baskets and door prizes. It will be a wonderful afternoon of fun, good food, fashion, and fellowship. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses, April 5 and 6, April 12 and 13, and April 19 and 20. Tickets may be purchased individually, or you may buy a table of ten. We have sold out each year, so be sure to get your reservations in early. The cost is \$35, with checks made out to St. Thomas More Women's Guild, and all proceeds go to the Building Fund.

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.

Annual Baby Food Drive for Birth Choice

The parish Culture of Life group will be collecting baby food and formula the weekend of April 19-20. This is an annual event that benefits Birth Choice of San Marcos, our local pregnancy resource center. This is a very important organization in our community and runs solely on all types of donations throughout the year. Please be as generous as you have been in the past.

For more information, please contact Jane Kelleher at 724-9658.

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.



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.

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.

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.

Sheriff's Department Fair at St. Francis in Vista—Meet with the local Sheriff's Department and see some of the equipment they use and services they provide for the community. Saturday, April 5, 9:00am-1:00pm. Food and beverages booth will be available.

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.

Ecumenical Council Tribute Dinner in San Diego—Thursday, April 10, 5:30pm, at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice at the University of San Diego. Reception, silent auction and raffles, and dinner. \$125 per person. For reservations and information, call 619-238-0649.

Follow the Pope's U.S. Visit on Television—EWTN, Global Catholic Network, will provide complete, live, commercial-free coverage of Pope Benedict XVI's visit to the United States, April 15-20. EWTN is available locally. For information, contact your cable or satellite TV program provider or call Joe Stevens, local EWTN Media Missionary, at 726-8143.

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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