

Church of St. Thomas More

A Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of San Diego

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

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

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

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

Spirituality + Tradition + Community

April 6, 2008 • Third Sunday of Easter

Knights of Columbus Breakfast
Sunday, April 6, 9:00-10:30am

Spring Sing Concert
Sunday, April 6, 4:00pm

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Pastor's Column

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Waking the Sleeping Soul

Albert Schweitzer, theologian, musician, medical missionary who was born in 1875 and died in 1965, wrote these words:

"You know of the disease in Central Africa called sleeping sickness...There also exists a sleeping sickness of the soul.

Its most dangerous aspect is that one is unaware of its coming. That is why you have to be careful. As soon as you notice the slightest sign of indifference, the moment you become aware of the loss of a certain seriousness, of longing, of enthusiasm and zest, take it as a warning.

You should realize that your soul suffers if you live superficially. People need times in which to concentrate, when they can search their inmost selves. It is tragic that most men have not achieved this feeling of self-awareness.

And finally, when they hear the inner voice they do not want to listen anymore. They carry on as before so as not to be constantly reminded of what they have lost.

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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

- Apr 6 Knights of Columbus Breakfast
 Apr 6 STM Music Ministry Presents
 Spring Sing—Ecumenical Celebration of Song
 Apr 13 RE.A.CH Classes

The Month Ahead

- Apr 22 Parish Potluck with New Orleans Volunteers
 Apr 24 Spirited Seniors Present *Music by Emmalyn*
 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.

Do We Have Your Email Address?

The Parish Office sends out occasional *eNews—Beyond the Bulletin* announcements via email, such as funeral notices and reminders about upcoming events. If you are a registered parishioner, and are not currently receiving these, and would like to be on the list, please send an email request to parishoffice@stmoside.org, and we will add your email to the list. You may also contact the Parish Office if you have any questions.

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 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, April 6 (46)

Third Sunday of Easter
 Acts 2-14,22-33
 Psalm 16

1 Peter 1:17-21

Luke 24:13-35

Monday, April 7 (273)

John Baptist de la Salle, priest
 Acts 6:8-15

Psalm 119:23-24,26-27,29-30

John 6:22-29

Tuesday, April 8 (274)

Acts 7:51-8:1a

Psalm 31:3cd-4,6,7b,8a,17,21ab

John 6:30-35

Wednesday, April 9 (275)

Acts 8:1b-8

Psalm 66:1-3a,4-7a

John 6:35-40

Thursday, April 10 (276)

Acts 8:26-40

Psalm 66:8-9,16-17,20

John 6:44-51

Friday, April 11 (277)

Stanislaus, bishop, martyr

Acts 9:1-20

Psalm 117:1bc,2

John 6:52-59

Saturday, April 12 (278)

Acts 9:31-42

Psalm 116:12-17

John 6:60-69

Sunday, April 13 (49)

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2-14a,36-41

Psalm 23

1 Peter 2:20b-25

John 10:1-10

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 5, 5:00pm
 Lu & Jim Cohen

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

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

Monday, April 7, 7:00pm
 For the Youth of the Parish

Tuesday, April 8, 8:15am
 Bernadine Culen ☩

Wednesday, April 9, 8:15am
 Iris Graef ☩

Thursday, April 10, 8:15am
 Thomas Zavada ☩

Friday, April 11, 8:15am
 Ida Del Priore ☩

Saturday, April 12 5:00pm
 Bud Flanagan ☩

Sunday, April 13, 8:30am
 Patrick James Jones ☩

Sunday, March 13, 10:30am
 Luther Crowell ☩

Prayer List

Michael Ainis
 Phyllis Allar
 Robert Audiss
 Patricia Barbour
 The Barmasse Family
 Carl Bechtold
 Edward Bednarz
 Tom Belprez
 Sr. Annette Bower
 Janet Brown
 Ann Buko
 Carl Coleman
 James Coleman
 Barbara Colton
 Thomas Cornwell & family
 Deborah Darsey
 Richard Dockery
 Linda Dossman
 The Dunn Family
 James Echter
 The Fiore Family
 Larry Fisk
 Nancy Flanagan
 Ryan Flum
 Edmund Fredette
 The Gagnon Family
 Joe Garcia
 The Gardiner Family
 The Garrett Family
 The Goeltz 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
 Ken Mauro
 Patrick McCarthy
 Bob McWilliams
 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
 The Rudolph & Burns Families
 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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But as for you, resolve to keep a quiet time both in your homes and here within these peaceful walls when the bells ring on Sundays. Then your souls can speak to you without being drowned out by the hustle and bustle of everyday life."

As we continue our celebration of the Feast of the Resurrection, may we find time to withdraw and reflect, at least a few minutes each day, to become more conscious of the sights, sounds, and rhythms of life all around us. Let's not "fall asleep at the wheel" and be dulled by all the activity around us and miss the Presence of Life, Hope, and New Beginnings that is Jesus, the Risen Lord.

Jesus died and rose to bring us to life, not only after we die, but in this present moment!

F. Mike

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.

Our Mission is to: worship God,

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

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

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

Liturgical Ministry: Contact Douglas Lynn at 758-4100 x140

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

Communion for the Homebound/Hospitalized: Contact Parish Office

Anointing of the Sick: Contact Parish Office

Matrimony: Contact Parish Office a minimum of 9 months in advance

For further information, call Rev. Michael Ratajczak at 758-4100 x100

teach and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ,

Inquiry into the Catholic Faith: First and third Thursday evenings

Religious Education for Youth & Children: Two times a month, September-May, on Sundays

Religious Education for Adults: Various times, September-May

Liturgy of the Word for Children: 8:30 and 10:30am Masses

Little Rock Scripture Study: Weekly sessions, morning or evening

High School Youth Ministry: Monday evenings

Middle School Youth Ministry: Two Monday evenings per month

Preparation for the Sacraments:

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

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

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

First Reconciliation: In home process begins in Level 1

First Communion: In home process begins after first reconciliation

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

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

and serve God's people in word and deed.

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

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

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

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

Spirited Seniors

The Spirited Seniors will be having their Membership Drive next weekend on the Plaza. The cost to join is \$10 per person. Stop by their table and be part of this active 55 plus club.

Women's Guild Bake Sale Results



A great big "Thank You" to everyone who supported the Bake Sale—bakers, takers, and donators. Because of the generosity of our parishioners, we raised over \$900!

Come Camping with Us!!!

June 6-8 in Valley Center

There are still some spots available. There will be Mass on Saturday afternoon with Fr. Thomas. For more information, call Henny Jocelyn at 758-4100 x100.



Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioners

Laura & Brad Blackwell & family
Brandon & Shannon Oswald & family
Derek & Priscilla Yeany & family

In Memoriam:

Please pray for the souls of:



Lewis Garrett, who died on March 27. His Funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday, April 4, at St. Thomas More. Please keep his wife, Peggy, and the family in your prayers.

Genevieve Holmes, who died last week. Genevieve is the aunt of Deacon Tom Goeltz. Her funeral was held in Florida. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Daphne Dunn, who died on April 1. Her funeral arrangements are pending. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Theresa Burns, who died on April 1. Her funeral arrangements are pending. Theresa is the mother of Patti Rudolph. Please keep 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.

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

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

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

Liturgy & Music

Worship God

Douglas Lynn
Director of Music/Coordinator of Liturgical Ministries
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THIS IS THE NIGHT

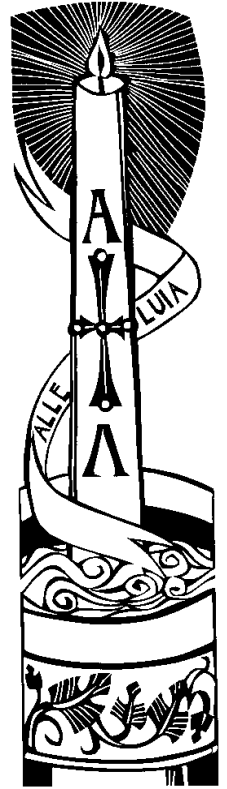
The *Exultet* sings repeatedly of Easter eve: “This is the night when first you saved our ancestors....This is the night when the pillar of fire destroyed the darkness....This is the night when Christians everywhere...are restored to grace and grow together....This is the night when Jesus Christ broke the chains of death...”

But didn't these things happen long ago and far away? In one sense, yes. These were historical events that took place in specific places at certain times, once for always. But when we enter into the liturgy, we enter into God's time. The saving events of the past are made present to us, and we participate in them.

It's the same at Christmas when we sing “Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.” It's not that we pretend that these things did not happen in history, once and for always. Instead, it's this: With God, goodness is forever and salvation is now.

Light of Christ! Thanks be to God!

— © LTP



JOIN US TODAY!

Spring Sing

An Ecumenical
Celebration of Song

Sunday, April 6
4:00pm

Upper Level of the Parish Center

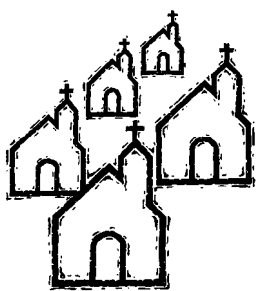
Church Choirs
from North County
with Classic Brass

Congregational Hymn Sing

*featuring the
combined church
choirs of*

**Resurrection
Catholic Church
Escondido**

**First United
Methodist Church
Escondido**



**“...so that
they may be
one...”**

John 17:11

WHY WE SING

Recently, a survey of Catholic musicians and non-musicians was conducted on the state of singing in today's parishes. One interesting result was that parish music leaders thought the congregational singing was better than the people in the pews did. Perhaps this variation in perception stems from the position of the listener. Music leaders tend to hear a bigger picture, by virtue of their position in front of the assembly as opposed to being within it. People within the assembly may be sitting next to someone who is not participating.

With the survey in the back of my mind the last time I was at the ambo to lead the congregation in the Responsorial Psalm, I couldn't help but notice the many people who didn't sing. They are pretty obvious since their mouths tend to be shut in the midst of the open-mouthed people around them. So, why aren't they/you singing?

In November 2007, the US Bishops offered a document, *Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship*, (STL) which addresses a broad theological framework for music in worship and in life, and why we should be singing. It includes the following thoughts:

1. *Music and song are God's gifts to us. They disclose God's presence among us and provide a language for the human heart to respond in love.*

Music has a sacramental quality—it is a non-verbal language through which God's presence is revealed and God's love is communicated.

2. *The Scriptures provide numerous examples of the importance of singing for offering praise and expressing faith.*

God's people have sung to the Lord from the earliest times. Paul exhorted the early community to join in “singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in [their] hearts to God” (Col 3:16).

3. *Singing is the primary way in which the entire community engages in the full, conscious, and active participation required by the nature of the liturgy.*

Singing and other actions of the liturgy can help to strengthen the faith of those who participate. “Faith grows when it is well-expressed in celebration.” (STL, no. 5)

So, how can we keep from singing?

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?

St. Paul In His Own Words

Monday

April 28, 2008

7:00PM

An interactive dramatic presentation


Mark Price


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.

Benedict explains: this year must have
an important "ecumenical dimension."

"The Apostle of the Gentiles, who
dedicated himself to the spreading of
the good news to all peoples, spent
himself for the unity and harmony of
all Christians," the Pope says.

"May he guide us and protect us in
this bimillenary celebration. . .helping
us to advance in the humble and
sincere search for the full unity of all
the members of the mystical body of
Christ."

UPPER LEVEL

For further information:
Contact Bret Schanzenbach, 806-6722

Peanut Butter and Jelly Update:

2008 GOAL: 365 jars
TOTAL to date: 264 jars



Sunday Sign-Up's

for 2008-2009

If your family is currently enrolled in St. Thomas More's
Religious Education program, OR

If you have children from age 3 through 17 and would like to
partner with your parish in their faith formation, please

- * Plan to complete your (re-) enrollment packet
at our April 27 RE.A.CH session from
(9:45am-2:00pm and 4:00pm-8:30pm)
- * Pick up your packet in the lower level hallway
at the beginning of class
- * Fill it out at the available tables or
bring it back at the end of class
- * Tuition may be paid by
 - ★ cash
 - ★ check
 - ★ a written payment plan
 - ★ credit card (Visa or Mastercard)
- * For Levels 1-8: **please** consider the 12:30-2:00 session
if at all possible
- * Classes will be filled on a first come, first serve basis

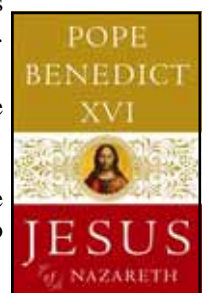
*If you are a newer family in the Parish,
please come down and find out
what our religious education program is all about!*

Father Mike's Bookies !

The fourth, and final book in this year's series
is *Jesus of Nazareth* by Pope Benedict XVI.
The discussion will be June 25.

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

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.



Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Simple Acts of Kindness

How often do we invite ourselves to 'come into the Lord's presence' when in fact, we are *always* in the Lord's presence?

How often are we presented with an opportunity to help someone, no matter how small the effort, but choose to look the other way so as not to color outside the lines of our 'routine' life?

How often do we not recognize God in our midst, just as the Disciples on the road to Emmaus, because we are so concerned with material matters? Simple acts of loving kindness can easily and clearly reveal God's presence to this day.



Reaching out to our neighbors, near and far, in whatever way possible is a good start. Reaching out to our family and friends, near and far can make a viable difference in their lifetime, and in ours. The following is worthy of examination:

Self Confidence: Needing It and Getting It

Who needs self confidence?

- ◆ The youth who finds himself in an imperfect world, but feels powerless to do anything about it;
- ◆ The parent who sees the gulf between himself and a son or daughter, but is too fearful to bridge it;
- ◆ The person who is so unnerved by change that they resist any kind of innovation;
- ◆ The unionist or businessperson who knows what should be done on the job, but who lacks the courage to say so;
- ◆ The public official who pays more attention to their own popularity than to solving tough problems;
- ◆ All of us ~ individually and collectively ~ because we are in danger of losing confidence that we can make headway against such challenges as . . . family breakdowns, crime in the streets, arms reduction, world hunger, racial tensions, educational malaise, or urban decay.

As a final note, experts caution that confidence must be self-generated; it cannot be imposed by others. Only you, with God's help, can harness the vast potential for good that God has given you. An old preacher knew this secret. He greeted each new day with this prayer:

"Oh Lord, help me to remember that nothing is going to happen to me today that you and I can't handle together."

—Stewardship, April 2007

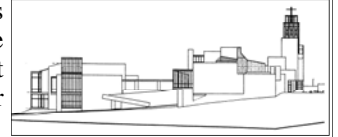
In the grand scheme of things, our lifetimes are very short indeed. Reach out and touch someone today, and everyday, with God's love. If you need help figuring out how to do this, please call me!

Mane Nobiscum Domine ~ Stay With Us Lord

TOWERS OF FAITH

Future Support and Estate Planning Options

Towers of Faith is a grass-roots movement that has arisen due to the visionary leadership and overt generosity of several of our parishioners.



These individuals (several anonymous) have included the St. Thomas More in their estate planning. This helps to ensure their ongoing support and a legacy for our Parish.

Towers of Faith is our future support. Future support refers to gifts which are the result of a parishioner's various means of estate planning vehicles such as:

Designated Beneficiary Accounts,
Last Will and Testament, Living Trust,
Life Insurance, Stocks, Bonds, and Real Estate

Any parishioners who have already included STM in their estate plans are *Towers of Faith* participants. The return envelope included with the brochure has a check box to mark if you have already included STM in your estate planning. This way we know who you are. We would like to acknowledge your generosity!

If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact us. Your participation is most welcome and appreciated!

Chris Smith at 758-4100 x120, or chriss@stmoside.org.

Do two people in your family know the location of your will and/or living trust?

It is very helpful to us if you let us know if you have already included STM in your estate planning.

Thank you to all those who have come forward!

Did You Know? Donation Update - March 2008

\$2,477.00

Collection for Week of: March 29/30, 2008

Number of Registered Households:	961
Envelopes	\$ 6,377.77
Children's Envelopes	0.00
Plate	1,208.00
Total	\$ 7,585.77

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 25.

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.

2008 Annual Catholic Appeal

March 31, 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: 257
Total pledged: \$34,104.32
Average gift: \$132.70

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.

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 \$CRIP table after weekend Masses or the Parish Office during the week. Thank you!

Curious About This Project?

Come to the potluck on Thursday, April 22, and find out why they were up on ladders between two buildings, as well as other adventures of the New Orleans Volunteer Team.

For more details, see page 3.



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

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.

Cathedral Catholic High School Presents *Children of Eden*, a Musical—April 10, 11, and 12 at 7:00pm and April 12 at 2:00pm in the Guadalupe Center on the Cathedral Catholic High School Campus. Admission for all performances is \$5 for students and seniors and 410n for adults. For more information, contact cchsboxoffice@cathedralcatholic.org.

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.

“New” Gift Shop Opens at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside—Come to the grand opening on April 15 and receive a 10% discount on all merchandise, including a wide selection of cards and spiritual art, rosaries and bibles, books, music and other religious items. For more information, call 760-757-3651 x170

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.

Explorer Day in San Diego—*Is the Lord Calling You?* Explorer Day provides men an opportunity to learn more about the priesthood and how to discern God’s Call. The next one is Saturday, April 26, 9:00am-3:00pm, at the St. Francis Center. To register, contact your parish priest. For more information, contact Fr. Anthony Saroki at 619-291-7452 or visit www.sandiegovocation.org.

Healing Mass & Workshop in Solana Beach—Fr. Ricardo Chinchilla, CJM, will celebrate a Healing Mass followed by a workshop on Saturday, April 26, 11:00am-2:00pm, in St. James Church, 625 So. Nardo Ave., Solana Beach. For information, call Cory Graves at 858-755-8990 or Sera Schmitt at 760-944-6827.

Pacem 2007-08 Concert Series Concludes with Annual Spring Concert in San Diego—Conducted by Martin Neary, PACEM’s annual Spring Concert will feature the PACEM Choir singing choral music by Brahms, Faure, Mendelssohn, Rossini, Sweelinck and Vaughan Williams. There are a cappella works as well as works for choir and organ. Don’t miss this great conclusion to a memorable season. Friday, May 17, at 7:30pm in St. Paul’s Cathedral in San Diego. For ticket cost and more information, contact 619-296-6759 or pacem@pacem.music.org.

Camp Oliver in Descanso—Summer Fun for Kids—Our Early Bird Discount of \$40 off the regular price of \$295 has been extended until June 1. Our one-week sessions run July 6-August 8 for children ages 6-12 and one session for teens ages 13-16. Owned by the Sisters of Social Service, we have been a camp for almost 60 years. Enjoy swimming, arts and crafts, archery, dance

and drama classes, hiking, campfires, a new low ropes course and more! Financial assistance available. For information and online registration, visit our new website at www.campoliver.com or call 619-445-5945.

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

Natural Fertility Appreciation Center in San Diego—Seminar programs are held at the Fitch Fertility Center, 6214 Rose Lake Avenue, San Diego, CA on the second, third, and fourth Saturdays of each month. For more information, call 619-466-1507.



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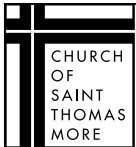
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