

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

April 20, 2008 • Fifth Sunday of Easter

**Baby Food Drive for Birth Choice of San Marcos
This Weekend**

**New Orleans Potluck
Tuesday, April 22 at 6:00pm**

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Pastor's Column

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Lift High the Cross of Christ!

As we continue our celebration of the Resurrection in these great Fifty Days, we are mindful that the only way to Resurrection is through the Cross!

The Cross is the major symbol of Christians. It is on the foundation of the Cross that our faith is built.

The Cross, and Jesus' approach to it, shows us the way in which we are to approach our crosses whatever they may be.

Jesus had a choice. He could either embrace his Cross or run away from it.

In faith, trusting in the Father, he embraced the Cross. He did not fight it, resist it, or run away from it. He surrendered.

In that faithful surrender and embrace of the Cross, evil was transformed and changed into Good News—the Resurrection—new life, new hope, and new beginnings for the entire universe!

We human beings spend so much time running away from the crosses that come into our lives. We deny them. We pretend and lie to others that they do not exist. We medicate them. We abandon them. In all these ways, though, they are still there!

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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

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.

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The suffering, the pain, the illness, the death, or the sin is still very much present. The more we try to ignore or run away from our crosses, the more ill health, physically, emotionally, and spiritually we cause for ourselves and others. It is only in our embrace of the cross that transformation and healing take place.

When we acknowledge and embrace our crosses and lift them high in faith, they become the very instruments that bring new life, new hope, and new beginnings. The instrument of death becomes the instrument of life.

M. Scott Peck writes, "I cannot be any more specific about the methodology of love than to quote these words of an old priest who spent many years in the battle: 'There are dozens of ways to

Calendar Highlights

Also check the Parish website for complete calendar information for the current month: www.stmoside.org, then select "Schedules and Calendars"

The Week 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 Month Ahead

May 3 Centering Prayer Workshop
May 4 Spring Blood Drive
May 10-11 Middle School Retreat
May 11 Confirmation at 10:30am Mass with Bishop Brom
May 24-25 Commissioning of Liturgical Ministers

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.*

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.

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. Mike. For more information, call Henny Jocelyn at 758-4100 x100.



deal with evil and several ways to conquer it. All of them are facets of the truth that the only ultimate way to conquer evil is to let it be smothered within a willing, living human being. When it is absorbed there like blood in a sponge or a spear into one's heart, it loses its power and goes no further.' The healing of evil—scientifically or otherwise—can be accomplished only by the love of individuals. A willing sacrifice is required...I do not know how this occurs. But I know that it does...Whenever this happens there is a slight shift in the balance of power in the world."

As we celebrate Resurrection in these great Fifty Days, let us continue to embrace our crosses, unite them to Christ, and lift high the Cross of Christ!

F.A. Mike

**Readings
for the Week Ahead**

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

Sunday, April 20 (52)

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 6:1-7

Psalm 33

1 Peter 2:4-9

John 14:1-12

Monday, April 21 (285)

Anselm, bishop, doctor

Acts 14:5-18

Psalm 115:1-4,15-16

John 14:21-26

Tuesday, April 22 (286)

Acts 14:19-28

Psalm 145:10-13b,21

John 14:27-31a

Wednesday, April 23 (287)

George, martyr;

Adalbert, bishop, martyr

Acts 15:1-6

Psalm 122:1-5

John 15:1-8

Thursday, April 24 (288)

Fidelis of Sigmaringen,

priest, martyr

Acts 15:7-21

Psalm 96:1-3,10

John 15:9-11

Friday, April 25 (555)

Mark, evangelist

1 Peter 5:5b-14

Psalm 89:2-3,6-7,16-17

Mark 16:15-20

Saturday, April 26 (290)

Acts 16:1-10

Psalm 100:1b,3,5

John 15:18-21

Sunday, April 27 (55)

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:5-8,14-17

Psalm 66

1 Peter 3:15-18

John 14:15-21

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 19, 5:00pm
Gilda Spiegall

Sunday, April 20, 8:30am
Joan Manns

Sunday, April 20, 10:30am
The Acord Family

Tuesday, April 22, 8:15am
The Gormley Family

Wednesday, April 23, 8:15am
Arthur & Estelle Couturier ☩

Wednesday, April 23, 9:30am
Aloysius Kane
Brighton Gardens

Thursday, April 24, 8:15am
Liam Dunne ☩

Friday, April 25, 8:15am
Gerald Hafner ☩

Saturday, April 26, 5:00pm
Anna Mae Lavelle ☩

Sunday, April 27, 8:30am
Joe & Lil Seufert ☩

Sunday, April 27, 10:30am
Anthony Masseth ☩

Prayer List

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

Michael Ainis
Mary Alexander
Phyllis Allar
Patricia Barbour
The Barmasse Family
Carl Bechtold
Edward Bednarz
Cindra Bell
Tom Belprez
Janet Brown
Ann Buko
James Coleman
Barbara Colton
Thomas Cornwell & family
Jean Crowell
Deborah Darsey
Dorothy DeForest
Richard Dockery
Linda Dossman
The Dunn Family
James Echter
The Fiore Family
Larry Fisk
Edmund Fredette
The Gagnon Family
Joe Garcia
The Goeltz Family
Rick Gonzalez
Claudette Gunderson
Anita Hage
The Harker Family
Clare Hart
Bud Hazlett
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
Nancy Moore
Margie Myers
Judith Nichols
R. Northrup
Patricia O’Gaffney
Ana Patterson
Sylvia Perez
Helen Pingtella
Anne Post
Bill Pulver

Maria Rodgers
Sr. Loyola Romey
Vinny Rosa
Dorothy Rouse
The Rudolph & Burns Families
Lynne Rumpf
The Russo Family
Dorothy Scott
Marilyn Sinkez
Yvonne Snaer
Ray & Dorothy Staehr
Bill Stephens
Dominic Vienna, Jr.
Vanessa Vitiello-Koble
Mary Wallace
Kevin Watson-Graff

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.



**New Orleans Pot Luck—
Y’all Come!**

(...and ask about the Sock Exchange)

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!

**Fill Your Basket
Resource Fair**

Sponsored by The Braille Institute

Friday, April 25 • 10:00am-12:00pm

Ever wonder what resources are available for seniors and others who are visually impaired? This free event will provide you with a great opportunity to find out. Numerous local agencies will be on hand to supply you with information that could significantly and positively impact your life. Bring a big basket.

Bus transportation will be available from St. Thomas More to the location in San Diego. For reservations, contact Ann Eriksson at 599-7151.

**Attention
Golfers and
Miniature
Golfers!!!**



Women's Guild

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, food, fashion, and fellowship. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses 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 later 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: Fr. Mike Ratajczak, Katrina Waggoner, Douglas Lynn, Joe Garcia

Recertification: Ron Briseno, Natalie Provinse, Kathy Santy, Sr. Maureen Brown, Lorraine Doering, Kathleen Bell

There is probably no other parish in California 100 percent of whose staff is trained in CPR. Congratulations!

Save the date – On Sunday, June 8, 2:00-3:30pm, there will be a presentation on *How to Handle a Medical Emergency if You Don't Know CPR* by Philip J. Goscienski, M.D. It will take place on the lower level of the St. Thomas More facility and it is open to the public. There is no fee. We encourage you to invite your friends and neighbors—so that they will know what to do if YOU have a medical emergency. More details will follow in future announcements.

If you have any questions about the St. Thomas More CPR program, contact medical director Dr. Phil Goscienski at drphilg@cox.net.

A Warm Meal Goes a Long Way!

Many thanks to all who have stepped up to provide dinners for North County Solutions for Change homeless shelter! This ministry answers the call by Jesus to feed the hungry in our time and neighborhood. The NCSC women and children's shelter needs volunteers for meal preparation, servers, and donations (food and paper goods). **We still need to fill a few Sunday afternoon slots during 2008.** Please check the following dates and let us know if you are able to help:

April 27, June 22, September 28,
November 23, and December 28.

This is an excellent opportunity to serve your community by providing a meal for those in need. To provide food, delivery or donations please contact: Paul & Kalei Mendiola at 945-9042 or kaleiann@sbcglobal.net.



Announcing the baptism of:

Victor Ryan Fresca

on April 20, 2008



Our Christian community welcomes you with great joy!

Spring Blood Drive

Spinach and Raisins—Raise your blood iron! Now!! Our Spring Blood Drive will be Sunday, May 4, 8:30am-2:30pm at the mobile van in the upper level parking lot. Sign up after weekend Masses on the Plaza on April 19-20 and April 26-27.

High School Youth Ministry

April 21, 7:00-8:30pm

*Pay It Forward—How \$5 Makes a
Difference in the World
Lower Level*

Did You Turn in Your Steubenville Forms?

For more information, call Gale at 726-7236.



Middle School Youth Group

Next meeting is Monday, April 21

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*

Theology on Tap for Young Adults

Join other young adults in their 20s 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 last event in this series will be held at El Torito Restaurant in Chula Vista on Thursday, April 24, 7:00 to 8:30pm. For more information contact Carrie Giebel at the Office for Young Adult Ministry at 858-490-8260.

Liturgy & Music

Worship God

Douglas Lynn
Director of Music/Coordinator of Liturgical Ministries
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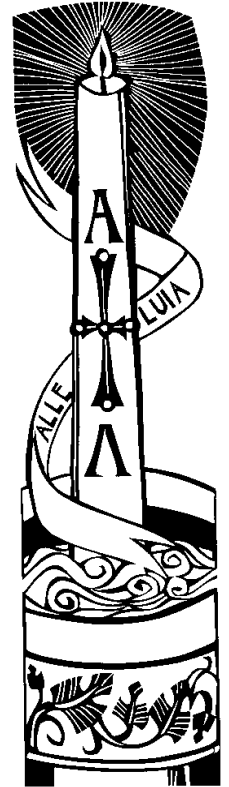
HEAVEN WEDS EARTH

At the Vigil on the night before Easter, in the ancient hymn of thanks for the light of the Easter candle (the *Exultet*), we heard the minister sing: “O night truly blessed, when heaven is wedded to earth and humanity is reconciled with God!” Christ is the groom, the church is the bride. Easter eve was our wedding night. Have you ever read the book in the Bible named Song of Songs? It’s a stirring love story. The early church liked to understand it as Christ’s love song to his bride—us.

Christ is also the rising sun. As the moon reflects the light of the sun, we who are baptized must reflect the light of Christ. (Remember how we shared the one flame of the paschal candle among us that night? It is, as the *Exultet* says, “a flame divided but undimmed.”) The Syrian Orthodox wedding liturgy tells us: “The bridegroom is like the sun, the bride is like the moon, and all the wedding symbolizes the dawn which gladdens the earth.” This Eastertide is the dawn that gladdens the earth!

Light of Christ! Thanks be to God!

— © LTP



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

FRIDAY, APRIL 25

8:45am - 7:30pm

Family Hour: 6:30 - 7:30pm

St. Mark the Evangelist

Most of what we know about Mark comes directly from the New Testament. He is usually identified with the Mark of Acts 12:12. (When Peter escaped from prison, he went to the home of Mark’s mother.)

Paul and Barnabas took him along on the first missionary journey, but for some reason Mark returned alone to Jerusalem. It is evident, from Paul’s refusal to let Mark accompany him on the second journey despite Barnabas’s insistence, that Mark had displeased Paul. Later, Paul asks

Mark to visit him in prison so we may assume the trouble did not last long.

The oldest and the shortest of the four Gospels, the Gospel of Mark emphasizes Jesus’ rejection by humanity while being God’s triumphant envoy. Probably written for Gentile converts in Rome—after the death of Peter and Paul sometime between A.D. 60 and 70—Mark’s Gospel is the gradual manifestation of a “scandal”: a crucified Messiah.

Evidently a friend of Mark (Peter called him “my son”), Peter is only one of the Gospel sources, others being the Church in Jerusalem (Jewish roots) and the Church at Antioch (largely Gentile).

Like one other Gospel writer, Luke, Mark was not one of the 12 apostles. We cannot be certain whether he knew Jesus personally. Some scholars feel that the evangelist is speaking of himself when describing the arrest of Jesus in Gethsemane: “Now a young man followed him wearing nothing but a linen cloth about his body. They seized him, but he left the cloth behind and ran off naked” (Mark 14:51-52).

Others hold Mark to be the first bishop of Alexandria, Egypt. Venice, famous for the Piazza San Marco, claims Mark as its patron saint; the large basilica there is believed to contain his remains.

A winged lion is Mark’s symbol. The lion derives from Mark’s description of John the Baptist as a “voice of one crying out in the desert” (Mark 1:3), which artists compared to a roaring lion. The wings come from the application of Ezekiel’s vision of four winged creatures (Ezekiel, chapter one) to the evangelists.

Mark fulfilled in his life what every Christian is called to do: proclaim to all people the Good News that is the source of salvation. In particular, Mark’s way was by writing. Others may proclaim the Good News by music, drama, poetry, or by teaching children around a family table.

—www.AmericanCatholic.org

Intention for the Day

**That we may proclaim to all
the Good News of Jesus Christ.**

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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Director of Faith Formation
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What's Faith Got to Do With it?

St. Paul In His Own Words

Monday

April 28, 2008

7:00PM

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."

Come and enjoy this informative
and entertaining presentation.

Bring the whole family!
Invite friends!

For further information,
contact Bret Schanzenbach, 806-6722

UPPER LEVEL

NEXT SUNDAY, April 27,
10:00 AM-2:00PM and 4:00-7:00 PM

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
- * 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/MasterCard/Discover)
- * For Levels 1-8: **please** consider the
12:30-2:00pm session if at all possible

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

Peanut Butter and Jelly Update:

2008 GOAL:	365 jars
TOTAL to date:	281 jars



Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

If You Have a Pulse, You Have a Purpose.

Many people evaluate success in terms of what they can accumulate during their lifetime. This, however, is not God's perspective of success. From a spiritual viewpoint, success is determined by the ultimate destiny of your soul. Let's face it, your life on earth is only a fleeting moment compared to eternity.

The first reading today is a reminder that you are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of His own . . ."

We each have a purpose. It is commendable to be successful in material endeavors and to live in comfort. It is nice to rest and enjoy the fruits of our labor. Just don't lose sight of the bigger picture of life...and eternity.

When Jesus discussed this matter with the disciples, He explained success this way: "And how do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul?"
—Matt. 16:26

To realize success that really matters and will last forever, you must be *willing to listen* to what God is calling you to do, and answer "Yes" to that call.

When it comes to participating in our Faith Community, you are called to serve where God has gifted you. Several basic gifts that are most helpful are:

- ◆ **Gift of encouragement and a gentle spirit** ~ visiting those hospitalized, homebound and in care facilities might be your calling. You are so appreciated for your efforts!
- ◆ **Gift of music** ~ we have five choirs at STM and one most likely has your name on it.
- ◆ **Gift of physical strength** ~ we have a need to have chairs set up for our weekend Masses. This happens every other Saturday morning and only takes 30-45 minutes. Got time?
- ◆ **Gift of cooking skills** ~ our local homeless shelter has women and children that very much appreciate a warm meal from us one Sunday per month. There is a meal with your name on it . . .

Oh, God, when I have food, help me to remember the hungry;

When I have work, help me to remember the jobless;

When I have a warm home, help me to remember the homeless;

When I am without pain, help me to remember those who suffer;

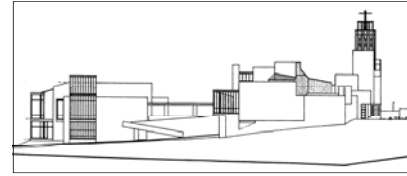
And remembering, help me to destroy my complacency and bestir my compassion.

Make me concerned enough to help, by word and deed, those who cry out for what we take for granted.

—Samuel F. Pugh

Before you climb the ladder of success, be sure to check that it is leaning against the right wall.

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.

"Our Journey Into The Future . . . Together"
includes our Faith journey as well as the build out of our Parish Campus.

2008 Annual Catholic Appeal

April 7, 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: 264

Total pledged: \$36,344.32

Average gift: \$137.67

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.

Collection for Week of: April 12/13, 2008

Number of Registered Households:	961
Envelopes	\$ 8,188.54
Children's Envelopes	0.00
Plate	901.00
Total	\$ 9,089.54

Thank you for keeping your Building Fund pledge current and for supporting your parish, even when you are away.

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



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

Thank You

Bob and I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, phone calls, get well cards, and delicious food during Bob's recent surgery. Fr. Mike told us that our Church is family—how true!
—God Bless you all, Dot & Bob Petruzzo

STM \$crip News

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>

Centering Prayer Workshop

Do you hunger for a deeper relationship with God? Centering Prayer may be for you. Firmly rooted in our Christian tradition, centering prayer is a simple—yet transformative—method of prayer in which we sit in silence and open ourselves to God's presence within. It can lead to a closer union with God, personal healing, and the spiritual transformation of your life. Come and experience this yourself at our upcoming Introductory Workshop on centering prayer. Join us on Saturday, May 3, 8:30am-3:30pm, on the lower level of the Parish Center.

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News from the Larger Church

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 S. Nardo Ave., Solana Beach. For information, call Cory Graves at 858-755-8990 or Sera Schmitt at 944-6827.

Spring Cleaning Workshop Series at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside—Have you dreamed of a life less complicated? Would you like to simplify but not sure where to begin? Br. Mark Schroeder, OFM, Retreat Center Director, and guest speakers will suggest practical ways to live more simply at "Spring Cleaning for Simple Living," six consecutive Mondays, May 5-June 16, at 9:30am or 7:00pm at the Mission San Luis Rey Retreat Center, 4050 Mission Avenue, Oceanside. Sessions begin with prayer in the Mission Church, followed by presentation/discussion. Come to one, two, or all sessions. The morning session includes optional lunch at noon. For more information, contact 757-3659 or www.sanluisrey.org.

Hospice Volunteer Training in Escondido—We are seeking caring people who would like to work with hospice patients and others in the community in need of support and companionship. The Elizabeth Hospice provides hospice and bereavement support to all of North San Diego County. The training will be held at The Elks Lodge, 2430 S. Escondido Blvd., Escondido, on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, May 7-9, 9:00am-3:00pm. Once trained, volunteers will be providing support in their respective communities. For more information, contact 737-2050.

Spirit and Truth Event for Young Adults in San Diego—All young adults, single or married in their 20s and 30s are invited to attend "Spirit and Truth" on Friday, May 9, 7:00-9:00pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 1629 Columbia St., San Diego. For topics and more information, contact 858-490-8260 or cgiebel@diocese-sdiego.org.

Mother and Daughter Retreat at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside—May 9-11, mothers and daughters will come together to celebrate the special bond of their unique relationship during "With Your Hand in Hers." Retreat Center Guest Services Coordinator, Tina Ortiz and her teenage daughter, Brianna, will assist Br. Mark Schroeder, OFM, Retreat Center Director. For more information, contact 757-3659 or www.sanluisrey.org

Marriage Encounter—Time for Spring Cleaning—Brush the cobwebs off your relationship. Register for a Marriage Encounter Weekend, May 16-18, by calling John and Bianca Roy at 858-513-1099.

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, Fauré, 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.

St. Dismas Guild & Culture of Life Family Services Present Family Seminar in Escondido—Saturday, May 24, 8:45am-4:00pm at St. Mary's Parish Hall, 13th & Broadway, Escondido. Open to married, widowed, separated, divorced, and singles: a seminar based on the Biblical roles of the members of the family. Child care available. For more information, contact 751-8541 or benedictus1@aol.com.

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.

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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