

# 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 27, 2008 • Sixth Sunday of Easter

**Mark Price as St. Paul—In His Own Words**

**Monday, April 28, 7:00pm**

**Centering Prayer Workshop**

**Saturday, May 3, 8:30am-3:00pm**

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## Pastor's Column

*Rev. Michael Ratajczak*  
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*758-4100 x100*

### Pope Benedict XVI at Ground Zero

*O God of love, compassion, and healing, look on us, people of many different faiths and traditions, who gather today at this site, the scene of incredible violence and pain.*

*We ask you in your goodness to give eternal light and peace to all who died here—the heroic first-responders: our fire-fighters, police officers, emergency service workers, and Port Authority personnel, along with all the innocent men and women who were victims of this tragedy simply because their work or service brought them here on September 11, 2001.*

*We ask you, in your compassion to bring healing to those who, because of their presence here that day, suffer from injuries and illness.*



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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 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*

**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.*

*(Pastor's Column continued from page 1)*

*Heal, too, the pain of still-grieving families and all who lost loved ones in this tragedy. Give them strength to continue their lives with courage and hope.*

*We are mindful as well of those who suffered death, injury, and loss on the same day at the Pentagon and in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Our hearts are one with theirs as our prayer embraces their pain and suffering.*

*God of peace, bring your peace to our violent world: peace in the hearts of all men and women and peace among the nations of the earth.*

*Turn to your way of love those whose hearts and minds are consumed with hatred.*

**Calendar Highlights**

Also check the Parish website for complete calendar information for the current month: [www.stmoside.org](http://www.stmoside.org), then select "Schedules and Calendars"

**The Week Ahead**

Apr 27	RE.A.CH Classes
Apr 28	Mark Price as St. Paul
May 3	Centering Prayer Workshop
May 4	Spring Blood Drive
May 4	RE.A.CH Classes

**The Month Ahead**

May 5	Monday Night Mass
May 10-11	Middle School Retreat
May 11	Confirmation at 10:30am Mass with Bishop Brom
May 18	RE.A.CH Classes
May 23	Parish Potluck and Video
May 24-25	Commissioning of Liturgical Ministers
May 31	First Eucharist at 5:00pm Mass

**The Year Ahead**

June 1	First Eucharist at 10:30am Mass
June 6-8	Parish Campout
June 14	Women's Guild Installation Luncheon
June 20	Ninth Annual Golf Classic/Evening Festivities
July 21-25	Power Lab Vacation Bible School
Nov 9	Towers of Faith Dinner

*Questions? Contact Henny at 758-4100 x100  
or [hennyj@stmoside.org](mailto:hennyj@stmoside.org).*

**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](http://www.stmoside.org), Contact Us),
- the parish office, or
- from Anne Marshall at 727-2668 or [annemarshall@sbcglobal.net](mailto:annemarshall@sbcglobal.net).

**Would You Like to Explore China with Fr. Mike?**

See page 9 for details.

*God of understanding, overwhelmed by the magnitude of this tragedy, we seek your light and guidance as we confront such terrible events.*

*Grant that those whose lives were spared may live so that the lives lost here may not have been lost in vain.*

*Comfort and console us, strengthen us in hope, and give us the wisdom and courage to work tirelessly for a world where true peace and love reign among nations and in the hearts of all.*

—Prayer of Pope Benedict XVI  
Ground Zero, New York  
April 20, 2008

**Readings for the Week Ahead**

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

**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

**Monday, April 28 (291)**

*Peter Chanel, priest, martyr;*

*Louis Mary de Montfort, priest*

Acts 16:11-15

Psalm 149:1b-6a,9b

John 15:26-16:4a

**Tuesday, April 29 (292)**

*Catherine of Siena, virgin,*

*doctor of the Church*

Acts 16:22-34

Psalm 138:1-3,7c-8

John 16:5-11

**Wednesday, April 30 (293)**

*Pius V, Pope, religious*

Acts 17:15,22-18:1

Psalm 148:1-2,11-14

John 16:12-15

**Thursday, May 1 (294)**

*Joseph the Worker*

Acts 18:1-8

Psalm 98:1-4

John 16:16-20

**Friday, May 2 (295)**

*Athanasius, bishop,*

*doctor of the Church*

Acts 18:9-18

Psalm 47:2-7

John 16:20-23

**Saturday, May 3 (561)**

*Philip & James, Apostles*

1 Corinthians 15:1-8

Psalm 19:2-5

John 14:6-14

**Sunday, May 4 (58)**

*The Ascension of the Lord*

Acts 1:1-11

Psalm 47

Ephesians 1:17-23

Matthew 28:16-20

**Mass Intentions**

Saturday, April 26, 5:00pm

Anna Mae Lavelle ☩

Sunday, April 27, 8:30am

Joe & Lil Seufert ☩

Sunday, April 27, 10:30am

Anthony Masseth ☩

Tuesday, April 29, 8:15am

Bonnie Nelson

Wednesday, April 30, 8:15am

Rita Sorenson ☩

Thursday, May 1, 8:15am

Bud Flanagan ☩

Friday, May 2, 8:15am

Joyce Kaup ☩

Saturday, May 3, 5:00pm

Zygmunt Wozniak

Sunday, May 4, 8:30am

John Pokojni ☩

Sunday, May 4, 10:30am

Owen Fredette ☩

**Prayer List**

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

Jay Ahmann  
Michael Ainis  
Mary Alexander  
Phyllis Allar  
Robert Audiss  
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  
Linda Dossman  
The Dunn Family  
James Echter  
The Fiore Family  
Larry Fisk  
The Fredette Family  
Gene Frink  
The Gagnon Family  
Joe Garcia  
Gretchen Gautcier  
The Goeltz Family  
Rick Gonzalez  
Claudette Gunderson  
Anita Hage  
The Harker Family  
Clare Hart  
Bud Hazlett  
Barry Henwood  
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  
Jim Montoya  
Nancy Moore  
Margie Myers  
Judith Nichols  
R. Northrup  
Patricia O'Gaffney  
Ana Patterson  
Sylvia Perez  
Helen Pingtella  
Anne Post

*All-powerful God, be their constant companion and strength in every adversity. May they experience your faithful presence, gentle love and compassionate healing.*

The Pulver Family  
The Raiman Family  
Maria Rodgers  
Rose Roland  
Sr. Loyola Romey  
Dorothy Rouse  
The Rudolph & Burns Families  
Lynne Rumpf  
The Russo Family  
Dorothy Scott  
Marilyn Sinkez  
Barb Slabaugh  
Yvonne Snaer  
Ray & Dorothy Staehr  
Bill Stephens  
Maria Surmenidis  
Dominic Vienna, Jr.  
Lucy Vienna  
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

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



**Mark Price as St. Paul**  
*In His Own Words*  
Monday, April 28, 7:00pm  
An Event for the Whole Family!

**Monday Night Mass**

Join us  
May 5 at 7:00pm for  
Monday Night  
Mass  
Abbott Charles Wright  
(Prince of Peace Abbey)  
will be celebrating this  
youth led Mass at  
St. Thomas More  
Parish in Oceanside.

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

For more information please contact  
Ron Briseno at 758-4100 x153  
[ronb@stmoside.org](mailto:ronb@stmoside.org)

**St. Thomas More Vehicle Donation Program**



Do you have a vehicle you want to donate?

Call the Parish Office at  
758-4100 x100

## Centering Prayer Introductory Workshop

Saturday, May 3 • 8:30am-3:00pm

*We may think of prayer as thoughts or feelings expressed in words. But this is only one expression. In the Christian tradition, Contemplative Prayer is considered to be the pure gift of God. It is the opening of mind and heart—our whole being—to God, the Ultimate Mystery, beyond thoughts, words, and emotions. Through grace we open our awareness to God whom we know by faith is within us, closer than breathing, closer than thinking, closer than choosing—closer than consciousness itself.*

*Centering Prayer is a method designed to facilitate the development of Contemplative Prayer by preparing our faculties to receive this gift. It is an attempt to present the teaching of earlier times in an updated form. Centering Prayer is not meant to replace other kinds of prayer; rather it casts a new light and depth of meaning on them. It is at the same time a relationship with God and a discipline to foster that relationship. This method of prayer is a movement beyond conversation with Christ to communion with Him.*

—Excerpted from "The Prayer of Consent," by Fr. Thomas Keating, OSCO

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. Come and experience this yourself at our introductory workshop on Saturday, May 3, 8:30am-3:00pm on lower level of the Parish Center. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call Contemplative Outreach of North San Diego at 745-8860.

## Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioners

Scott & Michelle Hughes & family

### In Memoriam:



Please pray for the souls of:

**Edmund Fredette**, who died on April 18. Edmund is the father of John Fredette. His funeral services will be held on the East Coast.

**Bill Pulver**, who died on April 20. Bill is the brother of Dale Pulver.

Please keep the families in your prayers.

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

### 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 on the Plaza this weekend.

### 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.



# 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](mailto:murphy8801@cox.net)

# Liturgy & Music

Worship God

Douglas Lynn  
Director of Music/Coordinator of Liturgical Ministries  
douglasl@stmoside.org; 758-4100 x140



## DIVIDED BUT UNDIMMED

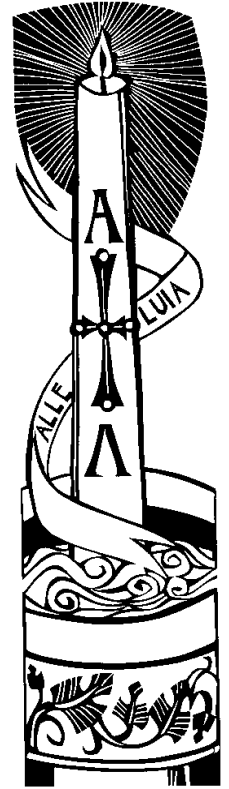
On Easter eve, when we gave thanks and praise to God for the large Easter candle that continues to shine in this most happy season of Easter, we heard the minister sing in that long and beautiful prayer called the *Exultet*:

*Accept this Easter candle,  
a flame divided but undimmed,  
a pillar of fire that glows to the honor of God.*

Just before the prayer began, we shared the light of the candle, each to each, among all who are baptized. Whenever we share the flame of a candle, one to another, the flame is divided among us. Now usually when we divide something up, it means that what was once a large portion is now several smaller individual portions. But notice what happens with the flame. It does get divided into many individual flames, but the overall effect, the light, actually grows and is brighter. The whole church was lit up on Easter eve just by the light of candles! (And so was the room!)

This is how it is with Christ. This is how it is with the Eucharist. We break the bread that is Christ's body. We pour out into cups the wine that is Christ's blood. What was one loaf becomes many pieces. What was one cup becomes many sips. But the overall effect, the mystical body of Christ, this assembly, this church, actually grows stronger, bigger, more loving. Light of Christ! Thanks be to God!

— © LTP



## Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

FRIDAY, MAY 2

8:45am - 7:30pm

Family Hour: 6:30 - 7:30pm

The Jewish Observance:  
Yom haShoah  
holocaust  
Remembrance Day

The full name of the day commemorating the victims of the Holocaust is "Yom Hashoah Ve-Hagevurah"—literally the "Day of (remembrance of) the Holocaust and the Heroism." It is marked on the 27th day in the month of *Nisan*—a week after the seventh day of Passover, this year, on May 1. It marks the anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising.

Since the early 1960s, the sound of a siren on Yom Hashoah stops traffic and

pedestrians throughout the State of Israel for two minutes of silent devotion. The siren blows at sundown and once again at 11:00am on this date. There is no public entertainment on Yom Hashoah, as theaters, cinemas, pubs, and other public venues are closed throughout Israel.

Jews in North America observe Yom Hashoah within the synagogue as well as in the broader Jewish community. Commemorations range from synagogue services to communal vigils and educational programs. Some communities choose to emphasize the depth of loss that Jews experienced in the Holocaust by reading the names of Holocaust victims one after another—dramatizing the unfathomable notion of six million deaths.

Rituals associated with Yom Hashoah are still being created and vary widely among synagogues. One suggestion is that every Jewish home should light a *yahrzeit* (memorial) candle on this day.

While Yom Hashoah rituals are still in flux there is no question that this day holds

great meaning for Jews worldwide. The overwhelming theme that runs through all observances is the importance of remembering—recalling the victims of this catastrophe, and insuring that such a tragedy never happen again. The Shoah (Holocaust) posed an enormous challenge to Judaism and raised many questions: Can one be a believing Jew after the Holocaust? Where was God? How can one have faith in humanity? Facing this recent event in history, does it really matter if one practices Judaism? Jewish theologians and laity have struggled with these questions for decades. The very fact that Jews still identify Jewishly, practice their religion, and have embraced the observance of Yom Hashoah answers some of the questions raised by the Holocaust.

—from the Jewish Virtual Library

### Intention for the Day

**That the death of war, terrorism,  
and genocide become a reality.**

## 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 18, 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."

Come and enjoy this informative  
and entertaining presentation.

Bring the whole family!  
Invite friends!

For further information,  
contact Bret Schanzenbach, 806-6722

UPPER LEVEL

## TODAY!

10:00am-2:00pm and 4:00-7:00pm

## 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 today!
- \* 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

***New families are invited to enroll  
today as well!***

### Peanut Butter and Jelly Update:

2008 GOAL:	365 jars
TOTAL to date:	289 jars



# Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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

## CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

### Charge It?

Many of us own our homes and cars on credit. When we make a purchase, we invariably say "Charge it." Unless we are extremely fortunate we really don't own much, but rather we owe a lot, or have the loan of something until it is paid in full.

In a similar sense, whatever we have of the goods of this world, we have on loan from God. We can't take them with us. We are stewards of the time, talents and treasures loaned to us and we do eventually have to render an accounting.

There is little doubt that we try to be "good and faithful" servants, but it is a difficult thing to part with what we think is ours.

The temptation of a token return is strong, especially in this day and age. It takes prayer, courage and fortitude to measure up to our responsibility and to our opportunity. There should be consistent and meaningful stewardship of what God has given us; sharing those things with others to improve their time on Earth.

This is the common work on which religion, education and charity is based. Responsible Christian Stewardship is a very important aspect of our relationship with God and with one another.

—Stewardship April 2007

We are called to keep God's commandments. Jesus makes this very clear in today's Gospel. Does your lifestyle reveal your desire to share what you have been given by God?

The fact is that God doesn't need your money, time or talents. The other fact is that there are many on this earth who do need assistance, and God expects each of us to use our gifts to help where help is needed.

Giving our resources should not be done out of guilt, and should not be our leftovers. Rather, God wants our giving to be a natural expression of our love of God and of others.

"If you are really eager to give, it isn't important how much you are able to give. God wants you to give what you have, not what you don't have."

—2 Corinthians 8:12

April 29 is the feast day of St. Catherine of Siena, patroness of Italy. St. Catherine died at the age of 33 years (the same as Jesus) but exemplified Christian Stewardship during her lifetime. She was especially attentive to Jesus' teaching in the Sermon on the Mount: "Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God."

Her dedication to prayer and devotion in helping the sick and the poor prompted other people to respond in kind. Even though she did not have a formal education and was the twenty-third child of a merchant, St. Catherine realized that she could share the gifts she had been given.

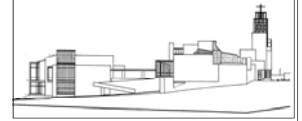
She took care of people with illnesses in their homes and in hospitals. She found creative ways to help relieve the suffering of many who had little or nothing to sustain themselves. The model of Christian Stewardship set by St. Catherine in the 14th century, remains something for us to emulate to this day!

***Our attitude about giving reflects our attitude about God.***

## 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 and 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, ext. 120, [chriss@stmoside.org](mailto: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!**

## 2008 Annual Catholic Appeal

April 21, 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: 279**

**Total pledged: \$38,294.32**

**Average gift: \$137.26**

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 19/20, 2008

Number of Registered Households:	961
Envelopes	\$ 9,419.75
Children's Envelopes	1.00
Plate	960.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 10,380.75</b>

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

### 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 monetary donations please contact: Paul & Kalei Mendiola at 945-9042 or [kaleiann@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kaleiann@sbcglobal.net).

### 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, May 2.

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



### Project Linus Thank You

Dear St. Thomas More Ladies,  
Thank you for the 65 quilts and blankets, 44 hats, and a box of material that you donated to Project Linus on March 8! And it was the usual thrill to have you in attendance at our annual fashion show. The net proceeds were the best this year that we have seen in several years. We certainly appreciate your continued support to Project Linus and the Altrusa Annual Fashion Show.

—Sincerely, Marcy See

### STM Scrip 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>

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### Women's Guild

**Quilts Galore!**—The Women's Guild Quilters have been busy making lap and nap quilts. Watch your mailbox for details. For information, call Nancy Wozniak at 729-0782 or Nell McGlone at 726-5211.

**Board Meeting**—Monday, May 5, at 10:00am at Germaine Wilmott's home. We will discuss plans for the May 12 meeting and the June 14 Installation Luncheon. Please try to attend. RSVP to Germaine Wilmott at 758-9949.

**Luncheon Meeting**—Monday, May 12, at 11:00am will be our last monthly meeting. We will elect the new board for 2008-2009. A lovely lunch will be served followed by entertainment. The luncheon cost is \$7. Plan to come and join us! RSVP to Germaine Wilmott at 758-9949 or Mary Vernaci at 599-4386.

### High School Youth Ministry

April 28, 7:00-8:30pm

Mark Price as St. Paul—*In His Own Words*  
Upper Level

For more information, call Gale at 726-7236.



**Middle School  
Youth Group**

Join us for a family event:  
An Evening with St. Paul  
portrayed by Mark Price

Monday, April 28, 7:00-8:30pm  
Upper Level



Last Week to Register! Forms due April 28!  
The retreat will be on May 9-10 at Kamp Kuper in Escondido.

Registration forms available at  
[www.stmoside.org/ym/permission.htm](http://www.stmoside.org/ym/permission.htm)

Questions, contact Ron or Louise at 758-4100 x153  
or [ronb@stmoside.org](mailto:ronb@stmoside.org)

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## News from the Larger Church

**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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.sanluisrey.org)

**Renaissance Fair and Medieval Merchants in Oceanside**—Saturday, May 10, 10:00am-4:30pm, at St. Mary Star of the Sea School, corner of Wisconsin and Ditmar in Oceanside. Live entertainment and crafts for all ages, food and drink, and games and prizes. Free Admission!!

**Free Lecture on Christ Centered Selling in San Diego**—The Notre Dame Club of San Diego would like to invite you to a free lecture to be given by John Labriola, author of *Christ Centered Selling: A Scripturally Based Guide to Principled, Profitable Persuasions*. Come join us at Our Mother of Confidence (3131 Governor Drive, San Diego) on Thursday, May 15, at 7:00pm. A brief reception will follow this interesting presentation. For more information, contact Brad Owen, at [bradowen9@yahoo.com](mailto:bradowen9@yahoo.com).

**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.

**Gregorian Chant Workshop in Oceanside**—Saturday, May 17, 8:30am-4:00pm at St. Margaret Parish (4300 Oceanside Blvd., Oceanside). Conducted by Mary Ann Carr Wilson, Director of Music at Our Lady of the Rosary Church and Fr. Stephanos, Choir Master of the Monks of Prince of Peace Abbey. \$15 fee at the door. For more information, contact [lilmacarr@yahoo.com](mailto:lilmacarr@yahoo.com)

**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](mailto: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](mailto:benedictus1@aol.com).

**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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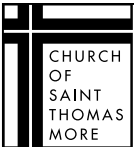
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