

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

May 4, 2008 • The Ascension of the Lord

Blood Drive Today, 9:30am-2:30pm
Blood Bank Van in the Parking Lot

Join Us for Monday Night Mass!
May 5 at 7:00pm

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Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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Ascension—"Jesus Was Lifted Up, and a Cloud Took Him from Their Sight"

When we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension, we celebrate the absence of Jesus. He is physically gone from us. He is no longer with us as He once was.

When we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, the gift of the Holy Spirit, we celebrate the presence of Jesus in the new way in which He remains with his Church, until the end of time. The gift of the Spirit is a profound realization that the Church is the Body of Christ. The Church is Jesus for this time and this place. It is the Church that continues the Mission and Ministry of Jesus in the here and now, in and through our flesh.

This distinction is at the heart of Christianity. Our God is not just "up in heaven." We are not theists that believe only in a God totally transcendent from us.

Our God is not only transcendent but also imminent. Our God is "down here on earth among us."

Christianity is incarnational. God is in our flesh and bones and comes to the world through us.

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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

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

May 4	Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
May 4	Spring Blood Drive
May 4	RE.A.CH Classes
May 5	Monday Night Mass
May 10-11	Middle School Retreat
May 11	Knights of Columbus Membership Drive
May 11	Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
May 11	Confirmation at 10:30am Mass with Bishop Brom

The Month Ahead

May 12	Women's Guild Luncheon Meeting
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

Thank you!

The power of your prayers held me up during my recent surgeries,
treatment and recovery. Your Masses, cards, gifts, meals, and
caring inquiries are visible signs of Christ's presence in this
community. Thank you. —*With loving gratitude, Ann Buko.*

Would You Like to Explore China with Fr. Mike?

See page 9 for details.

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This distinction is the difference between theism and Christianity.
Fr. Ronald Rolheiser, in **The Holy Longing**, describes it this way:

*If my mother is sick and I pray that she gets better, but do
not drive her to see the doctor, I have prayed as a theist, not
as a Christian.*

*I have not given an incarnational flesh, skin, to my prayer. It
is more difficult for God to answer such a prayer.*

*If I see a colleague or friend who looks depressed and pray
for her, but do not speak to her, then I am praying like a
theist, not as a Christian.*

*How is God supposed to console her? Send her an e-mail
from heaven?*

*It is my voice and my compassion that is called for since I
am a part of the Body of Christ, am praying, precisely
through the Body of Christ, and am there, available to talk
to her.*

*If I pray for a close friend but do not send him a postcard to
tell him I am thinking about him, how is that prayer
supposed to touch him?*

*If I pray for world peace, but do not, inside of myself,
forgive those who have hurt me, how can God bring about
peace on this planet?*

Our prayer needs our flesh to back it up.

As we move through these feasts of Ascension and Pentecost,
may we be mindful that if we are feeling the absence of Jesus in
our lives and in our world, it is because we are not relying upon
the insight and strength of the Holy Spirit and we are not backing
up our prayer with our flesh!

If we are asking "Where is Jesus in all of this?" maybe we should
be asking, "Where am I in all of this?"

Fr. Mike

Readings for the Week Ahead

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

Sunday, May 4 (58)

The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11

Psalm 47

Ephesians 1:17-23

Matthew 28:16-20

Monday, May 5 (297)

Acts 19:1-8

Psalm 68:2-5acd,6-7b

John 16:29-33

Tuesday, May 6 (298)

Acts 20:17-27

Psalm 68:10-11,20-21

John 17:1-11a

Wednesday, May 7 (299)

Acts 20:28-38

Psalm 68:29-30,33-36a,35bc-36b

John 17:11b-19

Thursday, May 8 (300)

Acts 22:30;23:6-11

Psalm 16:1-2a,5,7-11

John 17:20-26

Friday, May 9 (301)

Acts 25:13b-21

Psalm 103:1-2,11-12,19-20b

John 21:15-19

Saturday, May 10 (302)

Blessed Damien Joseph de Veuster of Moloka'i, priest

Acts 28:16-20,30-31

Psalm 11:4-5,7

John 21:20-25

Sunday, May 11 (63)

Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11

Psalm 104

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7,12-13

John 20:19-23

Mass Intentions

Saturday, 3, 5:00pm Zygmunt Wozniak
Sunday, May 4, 8:30am John Pokojni ☩
Sunday, May 4, 10:30am Owen Fredette ☩
Monday, May 5, 7:00pm For the Youth of the Parish
Tuesday, May 6, 8:15am Helen & Cornelius Garrigan ☩
Wednesday, May 7, 8:15am William Hoogestraat ☩
Wednesday, May 7, 9:30am Gregory Mitkevich ☩ <i>at Aegis</i>
Thursday, May 8, 8:15am Italino Norelli ☩
Friday, May 9, 8:15am The Van der Pauwert Family
Saturday, May 10, 5:00pm Brigid Landler
Sunday, May 11, 8:30am Carol Kleekamp ☩
Sunday, May 11, 10:30am Frances Hoogestraat ☩

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
Carl Bechtold
Edward Bednarz
Cindra Bell
Tom Belprez
Janet Brown
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
The Frink Family
Gretchen Gautcier
The Goeltz Family
Rick Gonzalez
Claudette Gunderson
Anita Hage
The Harker Family
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
The Pulver Family
The Raiman Family
Maria Rodgers
Rose Roland
Sr. Loyola Romey

Dorothy Rouse
The Rudolph & Burns Families
Lynne Rumpf
The Russo Family
Marilyn Sinkez
Barb Slabaugh
Yvonne Snaer
Bill Stephens
Maria Surmenidis
Charles Tomlinson
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
Lt. Mark Correa, U.S. Navy
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. Richard H. Witt III,
USMC
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.

Ninth Annual Golf Classic

Friday, June 20

Would you like to support the Golf Classic effort but won't be able to attend?

Be a Sponsor!

Pick up a form at the Golf Table on the Plaza or at the Parish Office or see Page 4.



Pray for Our Success!

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

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.



Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioners

Judith Middlebrooks
Michael Uhren & family

Flower Donation

We would like to gratefully acknowledge the contributions of :
Don & Maureen Tutino; George Kleekamp
whose generosity helped to defray the cost of flowers last weekend and this weekend, respectively in our liturgical environment.

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*),
- the parish office, or
- from Anne Marshall at 727-2668 or *annemarshall@sbcglobal.net*.



In Memoriam:

Please pray for the souls of: **Gilbert Raiman**, who died on April 21. Gilbert is the brother of Harvey Raiman. His funeral services will be held in Canada. **Gene Frink**, who died on April 23. Gene is the husband of Joyce Frink. His Funeral Mass was celebrated on May 1 at St. Thomas More.

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.

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*

I/We won't be able to attend the STM 2008 Golf Classic, but would like to participate as a sponsor.

- Diamond \$2,500
- Platinum \$1,000
- Gold \$500
- Silver \$250
- Patron \$100

Name	
Address	
Phone/Email	

Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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MORNING STAR

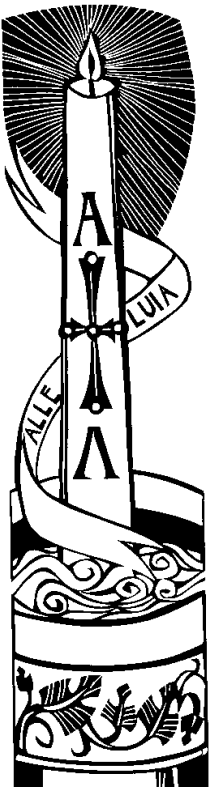
At the very end of the *Exultet*, that long and lovely prayer with which we blessed the Easter candle on Easter eve, we heard the minister sing:

*May the morning star,
which never sets
find this flame still burning:
Christ, that Morning Star,
who came back from the dead,
and shed his peaceful light on all
humanity...*

Have you ever been awake early enough to see the morning star? It is the brightest star of the moment just before dawn. It's not the sun, but it brightens the sky and brings the dawn, in which the sun rises and sheds light everywhere freely.

The *Exultet* here compares Christ, the Son of God, to the morning star, and God the Father to the sun itself. Christ, now risen from the dead, will never die again. Remember how in the account of the passion that we heard on Good Friday that the sun was blotted out when Jesus died. Old works of art show the sun covering its face in sorrow and in pain. But God's love is stronger than death, and so the morning star returns to the night sky, and day begins to dawn.

As we gave thanks and praise to God—the *Exultet* is addressed to the first person of the Trinity—we asked to be faithful. We asked that this great candle may keep burning as we kept our all-night vigil on Easter eve. It's a very poetic way of asking God to help us stay awake and do the church's work of baptizing, anointing, breaking, pouring and sharing. What a night it was. Light of Christ! Thanks be to God!



— © LTP



INTRODUCING THE DAYRINGERS

With the acquisition of our handbells last spring, I invited members of the Parish to join in a new handbell choir which would be forming in May.

And so, we began the Adult Handbell Choir, which meets on Wednesday evenings and has participated at Mass since July.

In January of this year, twelve children met to begin rehearsals of our newest musical ensemble, the Dayringers. Today at the 10:30am Mass, they begin their public ministry to this congregation.

These children are all homeschooled, allowing them to meet on Wednesday mornings each week following morning Mass. Their parents have made room in their curriculum to allow them to pursue this musical activity.

Originally envisioned as a three-month activity, the Dayringers have extended this inaugural rehearsal period to allow them to play at Mass during the Easter season.

The nature of a handbell choir offers a terrific opportunity for people of differing ages and musical abilities to gather along a

single table to make music as part of a greater whole, and the Dayringers are no exception.

Although they will not be playing at any other Masses this spring, we look forward to their return in the fall. The Dayringers choir is yet another part of St. Thomas More Parish's commitment to music in the liturgy and to providing opportunities for participation by everyone in the Parish.

If you are interested making a joyful, ringing noise to the Lord, contact me and we will set you up with some gloves.

— Douglas



Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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

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

Your 08-09 Enrollment is Appreciated!

RE.A.CH—Perfect Attendance!

Special congratulations to:

- * Mr. Wilson and Ms. Foral's Level 4 class, AMOS, for perfect attendance on April 13!



Families new to our parish are most welcome in our religious education programs. If you are a registered member of our parish and have children between the ages of 3 and 17, please be in touch so we can partner with you in the faith formation of your child. We are currently enrolling for the 08-09 program.

Confirmation

It is with joy that we celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with 30 of our parishioners (our largest group ever!) next Sunday at the 10:30am Mass.



We welcome Bishop Brom on the feast of Pentecost!

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.

It is important to read the book before attending the discussion.

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.

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

Peanut Butter and Jelly Update:

2008 GOAL:
TOTAL to date:

365 jars
291 jars



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:



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.

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.

Interfaith Shelter Project Thank You

Dear Church of St. Thomas More,
Thank You so much for your financial assistance for the Interfaith Shelter Project this year. It was especially helpful this year when our guest number rose to 14.

—In His Service With You, Phyllis Bird,
First Presbyterian Church of Oceanside

Thank You from Birth Choice

Dear St. Thomas More Parishioners,
We were able to serve 278 women so far in 2008. Fifteen babies were born to our clients. Our speakers gave two presentations to local schools and churches on abstinence, abortion, adoption, and the services we offer. On February 19, we started training twelve new volunteers, and on March 8, thirty-two of our volunteers went to an infant adoption workshop. On Saturday, April 12, we celebrated our twenty-first anniversary. Your donation of \$245, baby food, and baby outfits helps make all of this possible. You are a very important part of this ministry. It is an honor to be working with you saving babies one mom at a time. It is very encouraging that you think about and pray for us.

—God bless you,
John McDonnell, President of the Board

Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Giving Glory to God

Good Christian stewardship is a spiritual experience which brings the joyful feeling of giving to another, of sharing our resources and of expressing love through our sharing things of value.

We hear in today's Gospel the words of Jesus, "I glorified you on earth by accomplishing the work that you gave me to do."

The decision to invest our time and efforts in the church is one of the most important and fateful decisions any of us ever makes. In this way we, too, glorify God by accomplishing the work we were given to do during our time on earth.

Often the work God calls us to do comes as a surprise, and we feel that we are not qualified to rise to the challenge. Rest assured that if you receive a call to step up that you are qualified.

Our lives are carefully and purposely crafted by God. There is no such thing as coincidence.

There is such a thing as stalling and even saying "No" to God. I don't recommend it. I have done it and have heard stories from friends who have tried to "escape" their calling. It is actually fairly common. The sooner you get past denial, the better!

There is so much work to be done during our lifetimes. We are not called to action by accident. We are called, just as Jesus was, to give God glory by continuing the work of Jesus.

Someone very close to me, who is going through trying times, recently said, "If it doesn't kill you, it will make you stronger." Though I found this out a long time ago, it was very gratifying for me to hear this from this young person. He is on the road to doing God's Will and feels good about it.

Fabric of Life

My life is but a weaving between my God and me;
I may not choose the colors, God knows what they should be.

For God can view the pattern upon the other side,
while I can see it only on this, the under side.

Sometimes God weaves sorrow, which seems strange to me;
but I will trust God's judgment and work on faithfully.

It is God who fills the shuttle.

God knows exactly what is best,
so I will weave in earnest and leave God with the rest.

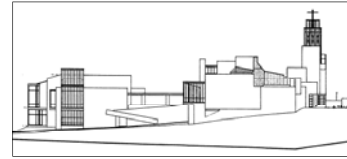
At last when life is ended, with God I will abide.
Then I may view the pattern upon the upper side.
Then I will know the reason why pain with joy entwined
was woven in the fabric of life that God designed.

—F. Tabb

*"Merely going to church doesn't make you a
Christian anymore than going to a garage
makes you an automobile."*

—B. Sunday

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 28, 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: 294

Total pledged: \$39,909.32

Average gift: \$135.75

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.

Did You Know? Donation Update—April 2008

\$16,692.00

Collection for Week of: April 26/27, 2008

Number of Registered Households:	963
Envelopes	\$ 6,225.66
Children's Envelopes	0.00
Plate	684.00
Total	\$ 6,909.66

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

Women's Guild

Quilts Galore!—By now everyone has received the Quilt Raffle tickets. The border of the letter was made up of pictures of the ten quilts being raffled on June 14 at the Women's Guild Installation Luncheon.

Ticket stubs and monies may be returned in the weekend offertory collection, in an envelope marked "Women's Guild Quilt Raffle." Please make checks payable to the STM Women's Guild.

The quilts will be on display at the Women's Guild Luncheon on Monday, May 12, and on the Plaza on the weekends of May 17-18, May 24-25, May 31-June 1, and June 7-8.

Thank you for your generous support.

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 a slide show of the year's activities and meetings. The luncheon cost is \$7. Plan to come and join us! RSVP to Germaine Wilmott at 758-9949 or Mary Vernaci at 599-4386.

The Knights of Columbus Membership

The Knights of Columbus are looking for a few good men to build community within St. Thomas More. If you would like to be with Catholic men who want to serve God and their Church while building community, please call Tom Dean at 476-0431.

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: Thursday, May 22.

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



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>

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!

High School Youth Ministry

May 5, 7:00-8:30pm

Join Us for Monday Night Mass!
Upper Level

For more information, call Gale at 726-7236.



**Middle School
Youth Group**

Join us for Monday Night Mass

Monday, May 5, 7:00pm
Upper Level



A Few Spots Left!

Answered Prayers

Middle School Retreat

Please register by May 5.

The retreat will be on May 9-10 at Kamp Kuper in Escondido.

Registration forms available at

www.stmoside.org/ym/permission.htm

Questions, contact Ron or Louise at 758-4100 x153

or ronb@stmoside.org

P.U.S.H. information at www.stmoside.org/ym

Parish information at www.stmoside.org

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For more information, call Betty Dorsa at 439-1747.

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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 would like to be on the list, please send an email request to parishoffice@stmoside.org.

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.

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

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.

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.

Community Service Numbers:
2-1-1 for human services information;
5-1-1 for traffic information

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

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.

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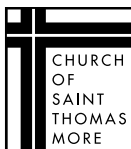
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Brochures are also available in the Parish Office or at the information table on the Plaza after all weekend Masses.



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