

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 11, 2008 • Pentecost Sunday

Happy Mother's Day!

Concert on Monday, May 12, 7:00pm
The Thirsting—Christian Rock
 See page 2 for details

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Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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Great News on Pentecost!

Our Pastor announces the selection of the Architect and the Liturgical Consultant for the design and build-out of our Permanent Church.

Please refer to today's special Bulletin insert.



"Did You Know?"

In order to receive Diocesan permission and a Diocesan loan to build our Church, it is necessary that we keep the Operational Budget "in the black." If we cannot maintain what we already have, how can we add more? *"Did You Know?"* helps in this effort. Realizing that the economy is not good presently, we all must do our part to ensure that our Operational Budget is healthy. It is our pathway to the future!

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

Monday May 12

7:00-8:30pm

Upper Level of the Parish Center

Love offering will be taken.

+ Catholic + + Alternative +

+ Christian + + Rock +

thethirstingcatholic.com

***For more information, contact
Ron Briseno at 758-4100 x153.***

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 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
(incense will be used)

The Month Ahead

May 12 Women's Guild Luncheon Meeting
May 12 *The Thirsting* in Concert
May 18 R.E.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.*

St. Thomas More Youth Ministries present...



The Thirsting

www.thethirstingcatholic.com

Readings for the Week Ahead

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

Sunday, May 11 (63)

Pentecost Sunday
Acts 2:1-11
Psalm 104
1 Corinthians 12:3b-7,12-13
John 20:19-23

Monday, May 12 (335)

Nereus and Achilleus, martyrs;
Pancreas, martyr
James 1:1-11
Psalm 119:67-68,71-72,75-76
Mark 8:11-13

Tuesday, May 13 (336)

Our Lady of Fatima
James 1:12-18
Psalm 94:12-13a,14-15,18-19
Mark 8:14-21

Wednesday, May 14 (564)

Matthias, Apostle
Acts 1:15-17,20-26
Psalm 113:1-8
John 15:9-17

Thursday, May 15 (338)

Isidore
James 2:1-9
Psalm 34:2-7
Mark 8:27-33

Friday, May 16 (339)

James 2:14-24,26
Psalm 112:1-6
Mark 8:34-9:1

Saturday, May 17 (340)

James 3:1-10
Psalm 12:2-5,7-8
Mark 9:2-13

Sunday, May 18 (164)

The Most Holy Trinity
Exodus 34:4b-6,8-9
Daniel 3:52-55 (Psalm)
2 Corinthians 13:11-13
John 3:16-18

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 10, 5:00pm
Brigid Landler

Sunday, May 11, 8:30am
Carol Kleekamp ☩

Sunday, May 11, 10:30am
Frances Hoogestraat ☩

Tuesday, May 13, 8:15am
Mother's Day Triduum

Wednesday, May 14, 8:15am
Mother's Day Triduum

Wednesday, May 14, 9:45am
Irene Wademan ☩
at Springs

Thursday, May 15, 8:15am
Mother's Day Triduum

Friday, May 16, 8:15am
Ben Lucero ☩

Saturday, May 17, 5:00pm
Jerry Judge ☩

Sunday, May 18, 8:30am
Edward Dapkus ☩

Sunday, May 18, 10:30am
Bernie Dominguez ☩

Prayer List

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

Jay Ahmann
Michael Ainis
Mary Alexander
Robert Audiss
Patricia Barbour
Carl Bechtold
Edward Bednarz
Cindra Bell
Tom Belprez
Martha Boucher
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
Joan Jones
Colleen Kaup
Paul Kennedy
Debbie Kinny
George Kleekamp
Sr. Anne Kremenik
Lillian Lachance
The Lamelin Family
Linda LeBeau
Brandon LeBlanc
Lois Leonard
Lillian Luisi
Jackie Lynn
James MacArthur
Ken Mauro
Patrick McCarthy
Jim Montoya
Nancy Moore
Nolen Morente
Margie Myers
Judith Nichols
R. Northrup
Patricia O'Gaffney
Ana Patterson
Sylvia Perez
Marion Piepmeyer
Helen Pingtella

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

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
Maurine Shaughnessy
Marilyn Sinkez
Barb Slabaugh
Bill Stephens
Maria Surmenidis
Charles Tomlinson
Lucy Vienna

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

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!

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.

St. Thomas More Vehicle Donation Program



Do you have a vehicle you want to donate?

Call the Parish Office at 758-4100 x100

Remember the Women's Guild Luncheon Meeting on Monday, May 12!

Homebound?

If you or a family member or close friend are homebound or residing in a convalescent home or assisted living facility, our parish has ministers who can bring you Holy Communion.

Please call the Parish Office at 758-4100 for more information.

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.



Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioner

Toni Ayers

Flower Donation

We would like to gratefully acknowledge the contributions of :

Jo Hoogestraat

whose generosity helped to defray the cost of flowers the weekend of April 26-27 and this weekend in our liturgical environment.

Middle School Youth

High School Youth

Joint meeting Monday, May 12, 7:00pm, upper level

The Thirsting in concert

See page 2 for details

Would You Like to Explore China with Fr. Mike?

See page 9 for details.

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

SPIRITUAL SPINACH

—Patricia Datchuck Sánchez &
Rafael Sánchez Alonso

Do you remember the old Popeye cartoons? Created by Elzie Crisler Segar and first published in January 1929, Popeye was a salty character, a sailor fond of affirming: “I yam what I yam and that’ s all that I yam.” Protective of his girlfriend Olive Oyl and his adoptive son Swee’ Pea, Popeye frequently found himself at odds with Bluto, Olive’s would-be suitor. Compared to Popeye, Bluto (aka Brutus) was massive in size, with strength to match. When their confrontations over Olive Oyl took a violent turn, Popeye seemed to be at a decided disadvantage, but just as it seemed as if Bluto would overpower him altogether, Popeye would reach for his trusty can of spinach. After he had downed it, his muscles would suddenly ripple and bulge, and in no time at all, his adversary was completely tamed ...until the next time.

In a certain sense, the great church feasts that we celebrate this month serve the believing community in a manner similar to Popeye’s spinach. Just when it seems that life is too much of a struggle...just when it seems that progress eludes us—just then, at that make-or-break moment, May appears on the calendar and with each of its Sundays assures us that “spiritual spinach” is ever available to us.

On May 4, the Johannine Jesus offered “spiritual spinach” in the assurance of his prayer for us. Lovingly, continually, he speaks our names and our needs before God. As we are held in prayer in Jesus’ own heart and mind, there is nothing and no one who can rob us of our hope and determination. Jesus not only prays for us; he also prays with and within us, enabling and empowering each of us with the grace we need to live authentically in this world as his own. In those moments when our own strength and courage prove to be insufficient, we are to remember the power of prayer and rest easy in the assurance that the one who prays best is praying for us.

On each of the other three Sundays of May, believers are reminded of additional

strengths that are properly their own because of Jesus. Celebrated on May 11 is the spiritual strength we call the Paraclete or Advocate or Holy Spirit. Breathed upon the disciples by the risen Jesus, the Spirit continues to breathe and pulsate within believers, particularly when we come together as church to witness to one another and to the world that God is, that God loves, that God chooses to be involved in the lives of sinners, that God heals, that God forgives, that God fires up and moves forward the divine saving purpose for all of humankind.

As the community gathers to remember and acclaim its Triune God on May 18, we are enveloped in the gift of family. God, our loving Mother and Father, has made us daughters and sons; God loves and bears responsibility for us from the womb to the tomb and ever thereafter. As beloved siblings of an older Brother who gave his life that we might live, we can be so sure of God’s love as to be secure and happy even in the most desperate situations. Like a loving Sister whose shoulder is always available to lean on and to cry on, the Spirit rounds out the family unit, the bonds of which can never be broken except by our own choosing. Even if we do break the bonds, a place will continue to be set for us

at the Lord’s table, where food for sinners is never withheld.

On May 25, we will celebrate that food as the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This sacred food is “spiritual spinach” that does more than feed; it enables a communion with Jesus, who gave himself as nourishment. This food also unites us to all others who continue to be fed by him. This food and our sharing make each of us responsible for feeding others. We who eat what has been taken, blessed, broken and shared must also allow ourselves to be taken by Jesus, blessed and broken with him, so as to be shared and given fully to others. Consumers of holy, living bread, we are also to be consumed by Jesus so that we are willing to nurture the lives and nourish the hungers of others.

As we consider all the gifts set before us by God, by Jesus and by the Spirit, we can respond in a number of ways. We can meet these extraordinary gifts of God with a spirit grown slack through years of taking such treasures for granted. Or, like Popeye, reaching out in desperation buoyed by hope, we can welcome these gifts of fire (Spirit), family (Trinity) and food (Eucharist) and allow their “spiritual spinach” to renew our strength and stamina for whatever may lie ahead.



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?

Our parish community
welcomes
those who have
completed their Initiation
into the Catholic Church through
the Sacrament of Confirmation:

Victoria *Francis* Badillo
Robyn *Ruth* Brault
Colleen *Catherine* Brickley
Aarica Briseno
Lauren *Catherine* Chilton
Stephanie *Stephen* Cirka
Ashlyn *Joan* Cook
Zachary *Isaac* Cornwell
Daniel *Patrick* D'Agrosa
Christina *Theresa* DeLaCova
Nicholas Dumas
Brittany Eppich
Zachary *Manuel* Fonseca-Miller
Ian Galbraith
Jonathan Gangloff
Joshua *Thomas More* Gibbons
Samuel *Anthony* Haro
Katherine Hartdegen
Phillip Hartdegen
Ashlee *Rose* Hollowell
Carolyn *Rose-Marie* Lorton
Jennifer *Bernadette* McRae
Samuel Nucci
Connor *Joseph* Phillips
Allison Reitmayer
Reed *Canute* Reznicek
Eleanor *Joan* Rudolph
Brian Sandoval
Kyle *Stephen* Schanzenbach
Heather *Cecilia* Youmans

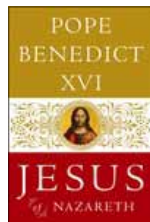
The Holy Spirit,
God's energizing presence among us,
the life force that drives us beyond ourselves,
that whispers us into the great quest within,
that makes life alive with a purpose not seen
but deeply, consciously, stubbornly felt
even in the midst of chaos,
even at the edge of despair,
sounds the truth in us
that we are more than we seem to be.

Chittister

RE.A.CH Update

- ★ Re-enrollment materials have been delivered to all families currently in the program. Special thanks to the 23 families who have already returned them.
- ★ It would be most helpful if the rest can be returned at our final class, May 18!
- ★ If tuition keeps you from returning forms, consider:
 - * Tax Rebate Checks would spur our economy
 - * Mastercard, Visa, and Discover work for us
 - * Just ask for a "Payment Plan Form" if you would like to spread out payments.
- ★ New families are welcome to join in our religious education program NOW for the 2008-2009 program. Contact the Faith Formation Office for an Enrollment Packet.

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: 365 jars
TOTAL to date: 295 jars



Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

Chris Smith
Director of Stewardship & Development
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CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Using Our Gifts for the Common Good

“The best portion of a good person’s life is their little nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and of love.”

—W. Wordsworth



Joyful giving is nearly always more rewarding to the giver than to the receiver. We are reminded today that the Holy Spirit has gifted each of us in various ways. We are now we called to share our gifts for the common good.

Those of us at St. Thomas More are blessed with close to 100 ministry selections from which to choose. There is literally something for everyone to be involved in to return and share our gifts through our Faith Community. For those who cannot leave their homes, we have prayer groups that pray daily for various people in need in our parish and beyond. Intentional prayers help!

Sharing our unique gifts where there is a need is a beautiful way of thanking God ~ in particular today, the Holy Spirit ~ for what we have! Remember that you don’t have to be athletic to run the Christian race, but it helps to have a strong heart . . . and follow your dreams, no matter how small they may seem.

It has been said the poorest of all people is not the person without a cent, but the person without a dream. Our dreams translate into our purpose. If we find ourselves feeling that we lack purpose, we are very poor indeed.

Have you followed the suicide and death rate (by overdose of drugs or alcohol) of many celebrities? This is nothing new, and we can take a page out of this book of examples. For thousands of years wealth and fame have not been enough to make a person happy and a life fulfilled. Time hasn’t changed that.

A reflection on this Feast of Pentecost ~ Taking care of our own families is priority for all of us and our main responsibility. But let us not lose sight of the fact that there is a world beyond our nuclear family, and we are called to share our gifts there as well.

In my life, as in many others I witness at STM and other parishes, Christian Stewardship beyond our ‘home sweet home’ is a given.

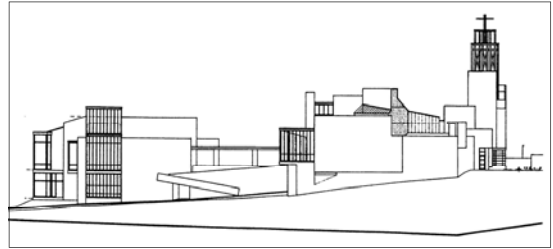
Today is Mother’s Day and the best gift for me is the fact that my children (now young adults) are helping others outside of their nuclear families, and they are involved in programs and activities that benefit those in need—to the point of sacrifice. They grew up in a home where sharing our gifts was a way of life. Today I will tell them that their helping others in need is my favorite gift, my joy and pride, and I need nothing more.



We are each called to share our gifts!

Happy Pentecost & Happy Mother's Day!

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

May 5, 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: 299

Total pledged: \$40,314.32

Average gift: \$134.83

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: May 3/4, 2008

Number of Registered Households:	959
Envelopes	\$ 16,079.85
Children's Envelopes	0.00
Plate	1,213.00
Total	\$ 17,292.85

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 SCRIP table after weekend Masses or the Parish Office during the week. Thank you!

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.

Can You Help with Mass Preparation?

Do you have two hours per week two months out of the year? Duties include checking the altar servers' and priests' albs (robes) and altar cloths to make sure they are clean for the weekend Masses and cleaning and polishing of liturgical vessels. Volunteers will be trained.

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

Facing a Hospital Stay?

If you or someone you know is planning a hospital stay or ends up in the hospital, marking the "Catholic" box on the registration form ensures that the Diocesan Catholic Chaplain assigned to the hospital will know the patient is Catholic. You may also want to request a visit by the Catholic Chaplain. Most hospitals also have teams of ministers from local parishes who bring Holy Communion to Catholic patients.

Reporting Sexual Abuse

In accordance with the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, the Diocese of San Diego has published a brochure that includes information regarding sexual misconduct by Church ministers and how to report any complaints. This brochure, entitled *Sexual Misconduct: Preventing, Responding, Reporting*, is available in our pamphlet rack on the lower level of the Parish Center.

There are many ways to help support your Parish.

We offer a variety of options for easier giving.

In addition to the extra "mail-back" envelopes included in your packet, we offer automatic:

- ◆ Credit Card Withdrawal (Visa or MC)
- ◆ Automatic Checking Account Deduction
- ◆ Automatic Savings Account Deduction

To participate in these time-saving alternatives,

please contact the Parish Office at:

758-4100 x100 or parishoffice@stmoside.org

News from the Larger Church

Last Words of Jesus from His Resurrection to His Ascension Workshop at St. Patrick Church in Carlsbad—Tuesday, May 13, 7:00-8:00pm, presented by Dorothy Hulburt. Please join us as we learn how to put these encouraging and powerful words to work in our daily lives. For more information, call 729-2866.

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,” Mondays through 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.

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.

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.

Healing Mass at St. James in Solana Beach—Thursday, May 22, at St. James Church, 625 S. Nardo Ave., Solana Beach, with Fr. Leonardo Arboleda, CJM. For more information call Sera Schmitt at 944-6827.

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.

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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.

Central San Diego Magnificat Women’s Group Breakfast—May 31, 9:30am, Mission Valley Sheraton. Dr. Cyndi Peterson will speak on “Anne, a Lay Apostle.” For more information, call 619-583-3389; for reservations, call 858-578-1256.

Sierra Madre Academy Presents a Catholic Conference for All High School Students—Tuesday, June 17, 9:00am-3:30pm, at St. Mark’s, San Marcos. The cost is \$10 per person and includes lunch, drinks and snacks. Guest Speaker Fr. Michael Sears. For more information contact Sandra Maola at 535-9845 or smaola@sbcglobal.net.

Oriente Lumen West Conference in San Diego—These annual ecumenical conferences focus on topics of the Christian East and are open to the public. Presenters come from four main religious groups: Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, Eastern Catholic and Oriental Orthodox. This year’s theme is *Feast Days of the Eastern Churches*, and the conference will be held at the University of San Diego, June 23-26. For more information, visit www.olconference.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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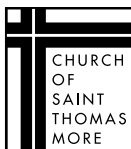
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Brochures are also available in the Parish Office or at the information table on the Plaza after all weekend Masses.



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