

Church of St. Thomas More

A Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of San Diego

1450 South Melrose Drive
Oceanside, CA 92056
760.758.4100 Phone • 760.758.4165 Fax
www.stmoside.org • parishoffice@stmoside.org

Rev. Michael Ratajczak, Pastor
Deacon Thomas A. Goeltz
Rev. Thomas W. Thompson, Pastoral Associate
(858-945-2251) Hospital Chaplain at
Scripps La Jolla, Scripps Green, & UCSD Thornton

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

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

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

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

Spirituality † Tradition † Community

June 29, 2008 • Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, apostles

Congratulations to All Graduates...
from elementary school to high school
to college and beyond!
Our prayers are with you
as you continue your journey.

What's Inside

STS. PETER AND PAUL
Liturgy & Music

Page 5

Summer Bible Camp
Faith Formation

Page 6

What We Give to Others, We Give to Jesus
Christian Stewardship

Page 7

Calendar Highlights 2
Mission Statement..... 2
Readings for the Week..... 3
Prayer Lists and Mass Intentions 3
Parish Contacts..... 10

Inserts: Parish Calendar

Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak
michaelr@stmoside.org
758-4100 x100

Saints Peter & Paul (died 64 AD and 67 AD)

St. Peter:

St. Mark ends the first half of his Gospel with a triumphant climax. He has recorded doubt, misunderstanding and the opposition of many to Jesus. Now Peter makes his great confession of faith: "You are the Messiah" (Mark 8:29b). It was one of the many glorious moments in Peter's life, beginning with the day he was called from his nets along the Sea of Galilee to become a fisher of people for Jesus.

The New Testament clearly shows Peter as the leader of the apostles, chosen by Jesus to have a special relationship with him. With James and John he was privileged to witness the Transfiguration, the raising of a dead child to life and the agony in Gethsemane. His mother-in-law was cured by Jesus. He was sent with John to prepare for the last Passover before Jesus' death. His name is first on every list of apostles.

And to Peter only did Jesus say, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the nether world shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven;

(Continued on page 2)

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

(Pastor's Column continued from page 1)

and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven" (Matthew 16:17b-19).

But the Gospels prove their own veracity by the unflattering details they include about Peter. He clearly had no public relations person. It is a great comfort for ordinary mortals to know that Peter also has his human weakness, even in the presence of Jesus.

He generously gave up all things, yet he can ask in childish self-regard, "What are we going to get for all this?" (Matthew 19:27). He receives the full force of Christ's anger when he objects to the idea of a suffering Messiah: "Get behind me Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do" (Matthew 16:23b).

Peter is willing to accept Jesus' doctrine of forgiveness, but suggests a limit of seven times. He walks on the water in faith, but sinks in doubt. He refuses to let Jesus wash his feet, then wants his whole body cleansed. He swears at the Last Supper that

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

June 29 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses

The Month Ahead

July 6 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses

July 21-25 *Power Lab* Vacation Bible School

The Year Ahead

Nov 9 Towers of Faith Dinner

he will never deny Jesus, and then swears to a servant maid that he has never known the man. He loyally resists the first attempt to arrest Jesus by cutting off Malchus' ear, but in the end he runs away with the others. In the depth of his sorrow, Jesus looks on him and forgives him, and he goes out and sheds bitter tears.

St. Paul:

If Billy Graham suddenly began preaching that the United States should adopt Marxism and not rely on the Constitution, the angry reaction would help us understand Paul's life when he started preaching that Christ alone can save us. He had been the most Pharisaic of Pharisees, the most legalistic of Mosaic lawyers. Now he suddenly appears to other Jews as a heretical welcomer of Gentiles, a traitor and apostate.

Paul's central conviction was simple and absolute: only God can save humanity. No human effort – even the most scrupulous observance of law – can create a human good which we can bring to God as reparation for sin and payment for grace. To be saved from itself, from sin, from the devil and from death, humanity must open itself completely to the saving power of Jesus.

Paul never lost his love for his Jewish family, though he carried on a lifelong debate with them about the uselessness of the Law without Christ. He reminded the Gentiles that they were grafted on the parent stock of the Jews, who were still God's chosen people, the children of the promise.

In light of his preaching and teaching skills, Paul's name has surfaced (among others) as a possible patron saint of the Internet.

Ss. Peter & Paul

We would probably go to confession to Peter sooner than to any of the other apostles. He is perhaps a more striking example of the simple fact of holiness. Jesus says to us as he said, in effect, to Peter: "It is not you who have chosen me, but I who have chosen you. Peter, it is not human wisdom that makes it possible for you to believe, but my Father's revelation. I, not you, build my Church."

Paul's experience of the risen Jesus on the road to Damascus was the driving force that made him one of the most zealous, dynamic and courageous ambassadors of Christ the Church has ever had. But persecution, humiliation and weakness became his day-by-day carrying of the cross, material for further transformation. The dying Christ was in him; the living Christ was his life.

—Taken from www.americancatholic.org

Readings for the Week Ahead

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

Sunday, June 29 (591)
Ss. Peter and Paul, apostles

Acts 12:1-11
Psalm 34
2 Timothy 4:6-8,17-18
Matthew 16:13-19

Monday, June 30 (377)
Amos 2:6-10,13-16
Psalm 50:16b-23
Matthew 8:18-22

Tuesday, July 1 (378)
Amos 3:1-8,4:11-12
Psalm 5:4b-8
Matthew 8:23-27

Wednesday, July 2 (379)
Amos 5:14-15,21-24
Psalm 50:7-13,16b-17
Matthew 8:28-34

Thursday, July 3 (593)
Thomas, apostle
Ephesians 2:19-22
Psalm 117:1b-2
John 20:24-29

Friday, July 4 (381)
Elizabeth of Portugal
Amos 8:4-6,9-12
Psalm 119:2,10,20,30,40,131
Matthew 9:9-13

Saturday, July 5 (382)
Anthony Mary Zaccaria, priest
Amos 9:11-15
Psalm 85:9ab,10-14
Matthew 9:14-17

Sunday, July 6 (100)
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Zechariah 9:9-10
Psalm 145
Romans 8:9,11-13
Matthew 11:25-30

Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 28, 5:00pm Will & Myrtle Hess ☩
Sunday, June 29, 8:30am Joe & Lil Seufert ☩
Sunday, June 29, 10:30am Julian Segura ☩
Tuesday, July 1, 8:15am Joseph Riley ☩
Wednesday, July 2, 8:15am Mary Gormley
Wednesday, July 2, 9:30am Frank Palcheck ☩ <i>Aegis</i>
Thursday, July 3, 8:15am Bonnie Nelson
Friday, July 4, 8:15am The Becker Family
Saturday, July 5, 5:00pm The Welzenbach Family ☩
Sunday, July 6 8:30am Anita Weldon ☩
Sunday, July 6, 10:30am Berry & Schweitzer Families

Prayer List

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

Jay Ahmann
Michael Ainis
Mary Alexander
Patricia Barbour
The Bayliss & Rizzo Families
Carl Bechtold
Ann Beck
Edward Bednarz
Cindra Bell
Tom Belprez
Janet Brown
Pat Christopherson
James Coleman
Barbara Colton
Thomas Cornwell & family
Deborah Darsey
Harold Deibert
Mary Deibert
The Dockery Family
Linda Dossman
James Falchter
The Falconer & Tomlinson

Families
Mary Fallon
The Fiore Family
Larry Fisk
Rick Gonzalez
Jack Grell
Claudette Gunderson
Anita Hage
Susan Hallahan
The Harker Family
Bud Hazlett
Marge Heath
Cynthia Horner
Bernie & Ginny Jaeger
Sue Johnston
Joan Jones
Colleen Kaup
Paul Kennedy
Debbie Kinny
George Kleekamp
Bob Kowallek
Sr. Anne Kremenik
Lillian Lachance
The Lamelin Family
Paula Larson
Brandon LeBlanc
Lois Leonard
The Linden Family
Loree Luther
Jackie Lynn
James MacArthur
Ken Mauro
Patrick McCarthy
Bob McWilliams
Nancy Moore
Margie Myers
The Nichols & Mazzarella

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

Families
R. Northrup
Helen Pingtella
Dominic Pizza
Joann Pizza
Anne Post
Maria Elena Quiroz
Hal Radcliffe
Sr. Loyola Romey
Dorothy Rouse
Lynne Rumpf
The Russo Family
Rita Shepard
Marilyn Sinkez
Dorothy and Ray Staehr
Kyle Valpoon
Vanessa Vitiello-Koble
Kevin Watson-Graff
Lorie Whitmore

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:

Christian Caplinger, US Army
Brandy Amber Collins, HMI, USN
Lt. Mark Correa, US Navy
Nicholas B. Dawson
Lance Corporal Brandon Doyle, USMC
MSGT Steve Gallegos, USMC
Sgt. Stephen Gerke, 101st Airborne
Cpl. Michael Guty, USMC
Col. Kathleen Henderson
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

Raffle to Support Local Men's Shelter

Raffle tickets will be sold this week after all Masses to benefit La Posada de Guadalupe Men's Shelter. La Posada resides in our parish boundaries, and this is a wonderful way to support their effort to help homeless men restart their lives.

*Besides, you might win!
For more information, contact Sr. Maureen at 758-4100 x131.*

Pennies from Heaven Collection for Birth Choice

Start saving those pennies and coins! The annual Pennies from Heaven collection to benefit Birth Choice of San Marcos will be the weekend of July 19-20. Birth Choice is the local pregnancy resource center that we at St Thomas More support. They operate solely on donations and are very involved in promoting a Culture of Life. Please be as generous as you have in the past for this very worthwhile cause.

For more information, please contact Jane Kelleher at 724-9658.

Monday Night Mass



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@stmosside.org

St. Thomas More Young Adult College Age Summer Bible Study

Acts of the Apostles

Wednesday Evenings

Beginning immediately through July 23

6:00pm Music

7:00pm Bible Study

at the Mueller House, 1729 Tacoma Lane, Vista
(house phone: 726-5644)

For more information, contact Bobby at 712-5637,
Sam at 224-0663, or
yrmomgoes2college@sbcglobal.net



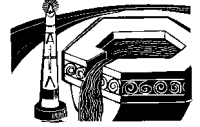
Congratulations Graduates!

Name	Graduating From
Jeff Brehove	Cathedral Catholic HS
Patrick Brickley	Rancho Buena Vista HS
Terra Busse	Rancho Buena Vista HS
Jennifer Case	Valley Middle School
Nick Chunka	Rancho Buena Vista HS
Rocky Collins	USC
Tim Copeland	Rancho Buena Vista HS
Leo Fletes	Rancho Buena Vista HS
Ian Galbraith	Carlsbad HS
Alexandria Gervasi	St. Francis
Rebecca Gibbons	Rancho Buena Vista HS
Laura Gillen	Rancho Buena Vista HS
Adam Guzzon	Rancho Buena Vista HS
Colin Hamill	Rancho Buena Vista HS
Sam Haro	Rancho Buena Vista HS
Jill Harper	UC Santa Barbara
PJ Hartegan	Rancho Buena Vista HS
Haley Knoll ☩	St. Francis
Chelsea Mitchell	Rancho Buena Vista HS
Bobby Mueller	Vista HS
Michael Nucci	Rancho Buena Vista HS
Patrick Phelan	St. Francis
Keely Phillips	Rancho Buena Vista HS
Korrin Marie Reznicek	CSU Northridge
Brooke Rhoades	Rancho Buena Vista HS
Austin Rose	Mission Hills High School
Gabe Saldana	Rancho Buena Vista HS
Josh Saldana	Rancho Buena Vista HS
Kirsti Telleson	Rancho Buena Vista HS

Announcing the baptism of:

Malia Soledad Barker

on June 29, 2008



Our Christian community welcomes you with great joy!

Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioners

Joe & Isabel Guyot & family

In Memoriam:



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Joseph Linden**, who died on June 20. His Funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday, June 27, at St. Thomas More. Please keep his wife Adele and the family in your prayers.

May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed,

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.

Change in Plans!

Fr. Rob McKeon will not be visiting Oceanside and St. Thomas More this year. Due to a change in my vacation plans, (I will not be taking time off in July), Fr. Rob will not be coming in July.

—Rev. Michael Ratajczak, Pastor

We Need Your Help

Saturday, July 26 in Escondido

More's Workers have worked on about eight projects at Interfaith Community Services (ICS) over the past several months performing renovation and painting tasks. The ICS organization is a non-profit group, formed by north county faith communities, to minister to the needy. They have several apartment units in Escondido that are used to house their clients, such as the homeless, abused mothers with children, recovering drug addicts, disabled veterans and the mentally ill. These apartments require periodic maintenance as they are vacated.

In July, five or more ICS apartments will need renovation, including painting. We have scheduled a "paint party" for **Saturday, July 26**. This project is larger than can be accomplished by the current More's Workers because it takes about 6 workers for each apartment. If you can volunteer some time helping on this important project, please call Dick Belprez at 295-1431.

Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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

CELEBRATING SAUL OF TARSUS

—Bruce Janiga

In June 2007 Pope Benedict XVI announced that beginning on the solemnity of the apostles Sts. Peter and Paul in 2008, the church would celebrate a Jubilee Year commemorating the bimillennium of the birth of St. Paul.

Most of our information about Paul comes to us from two sources: his own letters and Acts of the Apostles. Other information comes from Christian tradition found in the writings of the patristic era. The tradition that Paul suffered martyrdom under the emperor Nero was part of the tradition found in the First Letter of Clement, written in the 90s. That his writings were viewed as significant in the wider church community is seen in the letters of Clement, Polycarp, and Ignatius. Their writings tell us that Paul's letters were circulating among the early church and viewed as authoritative by many believers.

A chronology of Paul's life is hard to achieve because we have sparse information about his life in relationship to outside historical events, but the general consensus places the beginning of his career as an apostle shortly after the resurrection, in the early 30s. It is probably better to speak of Paul's transformation rather than his conversion on the road to Damascus, since he views his newfound faith in Christ as an extension of his Jewish faith; for Paul, Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel. In Romans he writes of his continued self-identification as "an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin" (11:1). Working as the apostle to the gentiles, Paul sees his task as one of bringing the good news of Jesus to the rest of the world in order to fulfill God's plan of offering salvation to all people, beginning with Israel.

First in the canon, though not first in authorship, is Paul's letter to the Romans, the longest of his known writings. The letter is thought to have been written while Paul was in Corinth in the mid-50s, making it one of his last letters.

Paul begins his letter by identifying himself as a "servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel" (1:1). Paul writes to "all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints" (v 7), a community he has not yet met but one he anticipates visiting. Paul reminds them that since they have been baptized into Christ Jesus "the spirit of God dwells in you" (8:9). Sharing in God's gift of the Spirit means that they will also come to share in the resurrection, as it is the same Spirit who raised Jesus (v 11). Using a dichotomy popular in Greek thought, Paul says that those who live by the Spirit must no longer live according to the flesh; they should strive to live according to the fruits of the Spirit that have been given to them (vv 12-13,23). Yet Paul knows that Christians are not disconnected from their bodies; in fact, he suffered in his body for the sake of the Gospel.

But for Paul his suffering is "not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us" (v 18). Paul anticipates a "redemption of our bodies" (v 23), when God will redeem us and raise us up with Christ Jesus, freeing our bodies from "bondage to decay and ... (giving us) the freedom of the glory of the children of God" (v 21). Writing with an awareness of the trials that some believers face, Paul reminds the Romans that God will not abandon them.

Nothing that life throws at us "will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (v 39), Paul assures us. It is with this belief that Paul was able to embrace his own martyrdom. The word "martyr" comes from a Greek word meaning "to witness." In life and death Paul witnessed to his faith. May his words and example inspire us to continue to live Spirit-filled lives in witness to our belief in God's love for us made known in Christ Jesus.

Bruce Janiga, a priest of the Archdiocese of Newark, N.J., teaches Scripture studies at Seton Hall Prep and is the Sunday assistant at St. Cassian's Church in Upper Montclair, N.J.

Friday, July 4
NO Exposition or
Adoration This day



SS. PETER AND PAUL

Sunday, June 29

One of the oldest saints' days in Rome, June 29 was dedicated to the memory of the apostles Peter and Paul as early as the fourth century. This day the church remembers two disciples who differed greatly in style and background, but who shared a tireless energy in spreading the gospel.

Rough-hewn and impulsive Peter left his fishing nets immediately to answer Jesus' call. Later, during the passion of Jesus, Peter made his denials just as impulsively, though he had pledged his loyalty to Jesus only that evening. Receiving Christ's gracious forgiveness after the resurrection, Peter went on to become the rock-steady and faithful leader of the disciples.

Once Paul, who had been a rigid and violent persecutor of Christians, experienced the love of Christ, he grew meek—though never shy. He founded many churches and was able to affirm the fledgling communities of believers even while he was admonishing them. Paul's writings are the first Christian scriptures; they are older than the gospels. After many imprisonments, Paul was executed during the reign of Nero.

Coastal countries like Chile and Paraguay remember Peter the fisherman with nautical parades. In Hungary and in rural England, people braid straw from the wheat harvest into crosses and crowns to honor the two martyr saints.

This year, their feast day occurs on a Sunday, so we celebrate these two apostles in place of the customary readings for the Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time.

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

Kathleen Bell
Director of Faith Formation
kathleenb@stmoside.org; 758-4100 x110

Sponsor A Child !

It takes over 200 pairs of hands to share God's Word during the five days of Power Lab VBS. . .you can literally FEEL God's presence!



It takes \$50 for each child to attend. Some of our children need a helping hand. You are invited to evangelize (spread God's Word) by sponsoring a child, in whole or in part.

Our Power Verse on Day 2 is "Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to stranger." (Romans 12:13)

Sponsor checks are payable to St. Thomas More, (with "VBS Sponsor" on the memo line) and are most welcome over the next couple of weeks.

Gratefully, on behalf of our children,
Kathleen

How Can I Help?

It takes a whole lot of supplies for all the activity and fun of Power Lab. Parishioners can help by loaning us some items for the week, or donating supplies. Here are some possibilities:

ON LOAN (labeled with your name):

- Large plastic tarps
- Lab coats
- Rope lights
- Large aquarium
- Hula hoops (a lot!)
- 8 cinder blocks
- Hair dryer
- Leaf blower



DONATED SUPPLIES:

- Large cardboard boxes, or pieces of cardboard
- Cardboard tubes
- Packaging tape
- 40 feet of 2.5 inch ribbon
- Unscented baby wipes
- 24 boxes of corn starch
- 4 small kid pools, hard plastic
- Bubble solution
- 2 liter bottles of diet cola
- Rolls of toilet paper

Summer Bible Camp at St. Thomas More



Dates:

July 21 to July 25, 2008
8:45am until 12:00noon

Great Fun for Ages:

Ages 3 through 11
(Enrollment limited to first 160 who apply)
Friends welcome to sign up!

*Calling all high school, college age,
or adults who are young-at-heart!*

Do you need service hours for school, or are you looking for a fun way to minister at STM? We need **YOU** to show five young children how to discover Jesus' miraculous power.

YOU are the heart of our program,
and five little children are waiting to meet you!

Cost:

- \$50 per child
- \$30 for Junior Crew Leader (Grades 6-8 Completed)
- \$10 Music CD (Optional)
- \$10 T-shirt (Optional)

Information:

Kathleen Bell
760.758.4100 X 110



Enrollment forms online at: www.stmoside.org

Click on Pastoral Staff/Ministries, then Religious Education

Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

What we give to others, we give to Jesus . . .

On June 29 we celebrate the feasts of Saints Peter and Paul, who are both excellent examples of those who free themselves to follow the Lord. The two apostles are celebrated together as the founders of the early Church of Rome.

St. Peter held a preeminent status among Jesus' disciples. He was very close to Jesus and is the apostle Jesus designated as the "rock" upon which his Church would be built. Even St. Paul acknowledged St. Peter as the pillar of the Church in Jerusalem and leader of the mission to the Gentiles.

The Gospel of St. Luke describes Jesus commissioning St. Peter as the head of the disciples. In the first of his letters contained in the New Testament, St. Peter penned the stewardship reflection placed so prominently in the United States Bishops' pastoral letter on Christian stewardship:

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another a good stewards of God's varied grace."

—1 Peter 4:10

Thinkers throughout the ages acknowledge St. Paul as a genius and his success as a missionary was unmatched. He was a highly educated Jew and interpreted his conversion experience on the road to Damascus as Christ's personal call to preach the Good News to the Gentiles.



Paul left his home and legal authority—his comfort zone. He established Christian communities in the area of the eastern Mediterranean, is noted for three great missionary journeys and wrote letters to various communities.

St. Paul believed that stewardship over the gift of the Risen Christ was fundamental to eternal life. In today's reading, the "divine economy" of Christian stewardship is explained by St. Paul ~ "The relief of others should not impoverish you; there should be a certain equality. Your plenty right now should supply their needs so that their surplus may in turn one day supply your need."

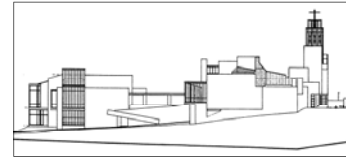
Leaving those things that are comfortable, familiar and routine in order to follow Jesus is not easy. For Christian stewards it is a life-long journey and a spiritual challenge.

Christian stewardship involves making those daily decisions to let go of the usual rituals and familiar comforts to follow Jesus even to places we would rather not go.

—excerpted from ICSC Parish Stewardship, June 2008

What small comforts can you forego today to follow in the footsteps of Jesus?

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

June 23, 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: 315
Total pledged: \$44,162.32
Average gift: \$140.04

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: June 21/22, 2008

Number of Registered Households:	960
Envelopes	\$ 8,242.02
Children's Envelopes	0.00
Plate	999.50
Total	\$ 9,241.52

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

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday-Friday • 6:30am-7:30pm • Blessed Sacrament Chapel
 Exposition of the Eucharist on First Fridays and one other day of each month. Next date: .
 For more information, contact John O'Donnell at 598-6003.

PUSH

Middle School Youth Group

Bowling Blast
 Monday, July 21
 6:30-8:30pm

\$10

PUSH info at <http://stmoside.org/ym>
Questions please call or email:
758-4100 x153 or ronb@stmoside.org
Peace, Ron & Louise

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!



St. Thomas More Vehicle Donation Program

Do you have a vehicle you want to donate?
 The St. Thomas More program is easy!

Call us, and we'll have it picked up.
 You get the tax deduction!

Call the Parish Office at
 760-758-4100 x100



Discover the Ancient and Modern Wonders of China!

On Friday, July 11, at 7:00pm, Eugene Geinzer, SJ, a personal friend of Carl and Masako Streling, will be at St. Thomas More to share his up-close and personal view of China.

Eugene has been studying and researching art, cinema, and cultural artifacts in Beijing. He has traveled in many parts of the country and is happy to share his perspectives with us.

Part of his presentation will also include an update on the recent earthquake and its effects on the people of China.

Everyone is welcome! Please RSVP to Henny in the Parish Office at 758-4100 x100.

Wine and cheese will be served.

Explore China with Fr. Mike Ratajczak!



*Travel with Fr. Mike and explore with him the ancient and modern wonders of China.
 16 Days/15 Nights • October 20-November 4, 2008*

Beijing...Shanghai...Xi'an...Guillin...
 Guangzhou...Hong Kong...

Opportunities for daily prayer and Mass
 \$3,795/person—double occupancy, includes all airfare, first-class hotels, land travel, and most meals; \$725 single supplement

For more information and a detailed brochure, please contact Fr. Mike at 619-368-9939 or michaelratajczak@hotmail.com.

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

News from the Larger Church

Vacation Bible School at St. Francis in Vista—Join us for a week of discovery! Vacation Bible School at St. Francis of Assisi runs the week of July 7-11, 9:00am-12:00noon, ages 5-12. Our theme: *The Miracles of Jesus*. Fees are \$30 per child. Date doesn't fit into your schedule? Then join us for the week of July 28-August 1 for *Animals of the Bible*. Come for both sessions! For more information, call 945-8010.

Summer 2008 Series of Theology on Tap for Young Adults in El Cajon—Come join other single and married Catholic young adults (18-39 years) for food, fellowship, and dynamic speakers on Tuesdays, July 1, 8, 15, and 22 from 7:00-9:00pm at Marechiaro's Italian Restaurant, 14120 Old Highway 80, El Cajon. For more information, go to www.yamsd.org or contact Carrie at 858-490-8260.

Sacred Heart School in Coronado Celebrates 60th Anniversary—Sacred Heart Parish School in Coronado invites all alums, teachers, parents and friends to celebrate its 60th anniversary on Sunday, July 6. A Mass of Thanksgiving begins at 11:00am followed by a gala Open House at the school from noon to 2:00pm. To RSVP, contact 619-437-4431 or www.sacredheartcoronado.org.

Family Retreat at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside—Explore all the sources of light in your life at Mission San Luis Rey's intergenerational retreat on Monday, July 14-Friday, July 18. Daily sessions are presented for both adults and children. The afternoons are free for family time, swimming, games, going to the beach, and even fishing. For more information, call 757-3659.

Twilight Retreat at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside—Enjoy a summertime evening at Mission San Luis Rey on Wednesday, July 16. Entitled, "This Little Light of Mine", the twilight retreat begins with Mass at 6:00 pm, followed by a BBQ and songfest until dark. The event is geared for children, families, and anyone else who wants to enjoy an easy evening of song and laughter. Joan and Dan Wiebe of the Diocese of Phoenix will lead the retreat. For more information, call 757-3659.

Icon-Making: A Crash Course Mini-Retreat at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside—Friday evening and Saturday morning, July 18-19. Presented by Fr. Tom Herbst, OFM, a multi-talented artist (except he can't dance!). He will help participants create a simple icon, and explain the what's and why's of the theology captured in icon images. Open to all seekers, no artistic experience required. For more information, contact 757-3659 or www.sanluisrey.org.

North County Magnificat Women's Group Meets in Escondido—Saturday, July 19, 9:00am at the California Center for the Arts in Escondido. Come and gather together for a spirit-filled breakfast. Personal testimony by Sharon Lee Gigante. For reservations contact Mary at 871-8702 or members.cox.net/magnificat.

Paul's Letter to the Romans Study Series at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside—Thursdays at 9:30am or 7:00pm, July 24-August 14. Fr. Tom Herbst, OFM, will present lively lectures and lead group discussions on understanding the Letter to the Romans. For more information, contact 757-3659 or www.sanluisrey.org.

18th Annual National Catholic Family Conference in Anaheim—August 2-3, sponsored by the Catholic Resource Center, featuring family-friendly events and speakers, including Bishop Salvatore J. Cordileone, Fr. Joseph Fessio of Ignatius Press, authors Dr. Scott Hahn and Kimberly Hahn, and more. For more information, contact 877-526-2151 or www.catholicresourcecenter.org

25th Anniversary of Rosaries for Peace in Del Mar—The 25th Anniversary Celebration will be held on Sunday, August 10, at Cathedral Catholic High School, beginning with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass celebrated by Bishop Robert H. Brom at 6:00pm, followed by the crowning of our Blessed Mother as Queen of Peace, and concluding with the Candlelight Rosary Procession, similar to those at Fatima and Lourdes, which has been described as "awesome." The Knights of Columbus Color Corps and the Peace and Harmony Choir will help ensure an inspiring and memorable evening! Bring family and friends and join with us and thousands of parishioners from around the county to pray for peace! Buses will be available for those who prefer not to drive. Admission and parking are free. For information or bus reservations, please call Ginny McDonald at 726-8760 or check our website at www.rosaries4peace.org.

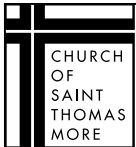
Watch World Youth Day 2008 Live on EWTN—EWTN, the global Catholic network, will offer complete, live coverage of *World Youth Day* from Sydney Australia, July 15-20. Visit www.ewtn.com for the latest updates and schedules, or call 205-271-2989. EWTN is available locally. For information, contact your cable or satellite TV program provider, or call Joe Stevens at 726-8143.



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

Ignatian Volunteer Corps Opportunities in North County—Are you 50 or over? Semi-retired? Eager to give something back? The San Diego Region of the Jesuit-sponsored IGNATIAN VOLUNTEER CORPS offers you the opportunity to work with the poor two days a week, grow deeper in your Christian faith through reflection and prayer in the Ignatian tradition, and meet monthly with other IVC members and a spiritual guide. For more information contact Margie Carroll, Regional Director at 619-881-9509 or Pat Doyle Regional Coordinator at 858-751-0900. For national website visit www.ivcusa.org.

Take a Stand for Life in Carlsbad—A group of North County parishioners meets from 10 to 10:30 a.m. on the third Monday of each month to peacefully pray the rosary in front of the Carlsbad Planned Parenthood Clinic. The clinic is located at 1820 Marron Road, in the shopping center just west of Plaza Camino Real Mall. Please join us in our prayers for an end to abortion. For more information, call Jahna White at 586-6356.



1450 SOUTH MELROSE DRIVE · OCEANSIDE, CA 92056 · PHONE: 760-758-4100 · FAX: 760-758-4165

www.stmoside.org · parishoffice@stmoside.org

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

Parish Contacts

Updated 02/15/08

Council Chairs: Pastoral—Doug D’Agrosa 941-6800 • **Finance**—Paul Ibbetson 734-1051 • **Development**—Ron Briseno 726-4496

Pastoral Council Committees

Faith Formation & Evangelization **Rory Griffin 414-3939**

- Religious Education (Adults)..... Bret Schanzenbach 806-6722
- Small Church Communities Sondra Parks 598-1269
- Little Rock Bible Studies Masako Streling 295-2594
- Religious Education (Children) Kathleen Bell 758-4100 x110
- Liturgy of the Word for Children..... Cathy Meyer 598-7853
- Sacramental Preparation Kathleen Bell 758-4100 x110
- Mid. School Youth Ministry Ron & Louise Briseno 758-4100 x153
- High School Youth Ministry..... Jeff & Gale Gibbons 726-7236
- Evangelization Available
- Vocations Available
- RCIA/Adults Mario Diaz 758-7870
- RCIA/Children..... Jeanette Marriott 434-1818

Liturgy **Available**

- Altar Linen Care Marge Gillen 639-1929
- Bereavement Facilitator Sr. Maureen Brown 758-4100 x131
- Ecumenical & Interreligious Affairs..... Regina Aulisio 753-7234
- Environment & Art Kathy Quinn 722-7525
- Eucharistic Adoration John O’Donnell 598-6003
- Interior Design Team Pat & Phil Goscienski 732-1414
- Liturgical Ministries Douglas Lynn 758-4100 x140
- Liturgical Music..... Douglas Lynn 758-4100 x140
- Wedding Coordinator..... Geralyn Sandin 940-1553

Marriage & Family Life **Kalei & Paul Mendiola 945-9042**

- FAMILIA..... Kalei & Paul Mendiola 945-9042
- Family ServicesDeacon Tom Goeltz 758-4100 x130
- Marriage PreparationRev. Michael Ratajczak 758-4100 x100
-Deacon Tom Goeltz 758-4100 x130
- Parents & Tots Paul Mendiola 945-9042
- Widows & Widowers..... Helen Kuhn 727-8612

Parish Organizations & Events **Available**

- Golf Tournament..... John Murphy 945-9935
- Historian Anne Marshall 727-2668
- Knights of Columbus Tom Dean 476-0431
- Library Chris James 598-5881
- Spirited Seniors..... Stella Leue´ 726-3869
- Judy & Jerry Buoniconti 758-5113
- Women’s Guild..... Germaine Wilmott 758-9949

Social Ministries **Suzee Irwin 597-2706**

- Blood Drive Linda Dicus 726-5081
- Bereavement Follow-up Support Linda Dicus 726-5081
- Brother Benno’s..... Deacon Tom & Patt Goeltz 727-8442
- Christmas Angel Ministry..... R.J. Irwin 597-2706
- CPR/AED Classes Phil Goscienski 732-1414
- Disability Facilitation Ann Eriksson 599-7151
- Fraternity & Michaelle House Carmen Tamayo 727-3028
- Huggy Buddies Program..... Gale Gibbons 726-7236
- Jail Ministry Rita McCarthy 758-4100 x100
- More’s Workers..... Dick Belprez 295-1431
- Prayer Request Line..... Pat Wong 806-1310
- Norma Flanagan 630-0180
- Project Linus..... Mary Coxon 599-8760
- Pro-Life Activities Jane Kelleher 724-9658
- Sick & Homebound (*Eucharist*) Jean McCloskey 643-2363
- Sister Parish Program Sr. Maureen Brown, 758-4100 x131
- St. Bonaventure Mission..... Knights of Columbus 727-6165

Office Support..... **Henny Jocelyn 758-4100 x100**

- Adopt-a-Project Joe Garcia 758-4100 x151
- Chair Set-Up..... Lorraine Doering 758-4100 x102
- General Support..... Henny Jocelyn 758-4100 x100
- Kitchen Overseer DeAnne Gonzales 598-8748
- STM Host Program..... Henny Jocelyn 758-4100 x100

Development Council Committees

- Annual Catholic Appeal Katrina Waggoner 643-0604
- Capital Campaign Bill Ipsen 723-0402
- New Construction Brian Leahey 598-5697
- Parish Membership..... Louise Briseno 726-4496
- Planned Giving Chris Smith 758-4100 x120
- Publicity/Public Relations..... Anne Marshall 727-2668
- Sacrificial Giving/Tithing Paul Ibbetson 734-1051
- Scrip Sales Henny Jocelyn 726-1177
- Stewardship Chris Smith 758-4100 x120
- Vehicle Donations Henny Jocelyn 758-4100 x100

Pastoral Staff

- Rev. Michael Ratajczak, Pastor 758-4100 x100 michaelr@stmoside.org
- Deacon Tom Goeltz 758-4100 x130 or 727-8442 thomasg@stmoside.org
- Rev. Thomas W. Thompson, Pastoral Associate; Hospital Chaplain at Scripps La Jolla, Scripps Green & UCSD Thornton 858-945-2251 thomast@stmoside.org
- Sr. Maureen Brown, Pastoral Associate 758-4100 x131 maureenb@stmoside.org
- Kathleen Bell, Director of Faith Formation 758-4100 x110 kathleenb@stmoside.org
- Gale & Jeff Gibbons, High School Youth Ministers..... 758-4100 x150 jeffg@stmoside.org, galeg@stmoside.org
- Ron & Louise Briseno, Middle School Youth Ministers..... 758-4100 x153 ronb@stmoside.org, louiseb@stmoside.org
- Douglas Lynn, Director of Music/Coordinator of Liturgical Ministries 758-4100 x140 douglasl@stmoside.org
- Kathy Santy, Assistant Music Director 758-4100 x100 kathys@stmoside.org
- Chris Smith, Director of Stewardship & Development..... 758-4100 x120 chriss@stmoside.org
- Joe Garcia, Director of Maintenance..... 758-4100 x151 joeg@stmoside.org
- Henny Jocelyn, Receptionist/Secretary..... 758-4100 x100 hennyj@stmoside.org
- Natalie Provinse, Bookkeeper..... 758-4100 x104 nataliep@stmoside.org
- Lorraine Doering, Parish Office Technician 758-4100 x102 lorrained@stmoside.org

Patronize Our Advertisers

We wish to thank the many neighborhood merchants who generously support our bulletin with their advertising. Please patronize these merchants and let them know you saw their ad in the St. Thomas More bulletin. We are currently taking new ads. Any business owners are welcome to advertise their services. Please call Chris McAdams of C & M Publications at 951-683-0608. Thank you.