

# Church of St. Thomas More

A Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of San Diego

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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

Spirituality † Tradition † Community

July 6, 2008 • Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Join Us for Monday Night Mass**  
**July 7 at 7:00pm**

**Up Close and Personal View of China**  
**with Eugene Geinzer, SJ**  
**Friday, July 11, at 7:00pm**

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## Pastor's Column

*Rev. Michael Ratajczak*  
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**“For All That Has Been—Thank you!**  
**For All That Will Be—Yes!”**

*(July 1 was my fifth anniversary as the Pastor of the Church of St. Thomas More. I share with you, once again, my first Pastor's Column dated July 6, 2003.*

*It is my desire each year to give you my first Pastor's Column in which I shared with you the words of Archbishop Daniel Pilarczyk, as he talks about the meaning and purpose of a parish. His words have become over the years of my ministry, in the various parishes in which I have served, my pastoral motivation and direction. May our yearly reflection upon these words help all of us in deepening our relationship with the Lord Jesus.*

*Over these five years, I have thanked God constantly for your overwhelming positive response in your willingness to work together as we continue to witness to the Kingdom of God and move into our future.)*

*“As I begin my journey with the Church of St. Thomas More and become a member of this Faith Community, I share with you the*

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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*

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words of The Most Reverend Daniel Pilarczyk, the Archbishop of Cincinnati, taken from his book, *The Parish: Where God's People Live:*

'A parish, then, is a moment, a chapter in God's love affair with us human beings. And being a member of a parish does not mean just 'belonging to something', but rather, being involved in a loving association with God in Christ Jesus and with each other in Him, and with all the world for Him.

Parish is therefore concerned with relationships—our relationship with Christ and our relationship with each other in Him.

Consequently, the main participant in every parish is the Lord Himself. It is He around whom the people gather in worship. It is He whose word the parishioners hear there. It is His work the parishioners carry out in the context of the parish's life and in their activity in the world, activity for which they are enlightened and strengthened in the parish.

## Calendar Highlights

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

### *The Week Ahead*

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

July 7 Monday Night Mass

### *The Month Ahead*

July 21-25 Power Lab Vacation Bible School

### *The Year Ahead*

Nov 9 Towers of Faith Dinner

*Questions? Contact Henny at 758-4100 x100*

It is for the strengthening and expression of His Body, the Church, that the parishioners build buildings and carry out programs.

It is in response to His love that the parish engages in care for the poor and in outreach to those who have forgotten Christ or have never known Him.'

I now have the privilege of joining you, the Church of St. Thomas More, on its Faith Journey, its Love Affair with God, in and through the Lord Jesus Christ. I pray that, because our paths now become one, we will continue to deepen our relationship with the Lord Jesus, and that we will continue to center our lives more completely on Him.

As I begin my ministry as your Pastor, I commit all of my time, talent, treasure, and energy in building on the strong foundation that has already been set, that is, the ongoing creation of a climate and an environment of hospitality that says: "The Church of St. Thomas More is holy ground. The Church of St. Thomas More is a people and a place where God is revered, and all God's People are treated with dignity, respect, and offered the opportunity to be challenged by the Gospel. The Church of St. Thomas More is the home of brothers and sisters in Christ who take time to support each other in deepening their relationship with Jesus the Christ for the purpose of making our world a better and safer place for all people.

I promise all of you that I will do all that I can, during this time of transition, that as a Faith Community, we do not experience 'a loss of momentum,' but rather, that we experience a 'surge of energy.'

As we pilgrimage through life, as individuals and as a community of Faith, our book of Life is being written. Some chapters we write. Other chapters are written for us. Chapters end. New chapters begin. Today we begin a new chapter in the Faith Life of the Church of St. Thomas More. With me, I ask that you 'look forward to opportunities for growth that change affords.'

As we begin to walk together, may our prayer be: 'For all that has been—Thank you. For all that will be—Yes!'"

*F. Mike*

**Readings for the Week Ahead**

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

**Sunday, July 6** (100)  
*Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Zechariah 9:9-10  
Psalm 145  
Romans 8:9,11-13  
Matthew 11:25-30

**Monday, July 7** (383)  
Hosea 2:16,17b-18,21-22  
Psalm 145:2-9  
Matthew 9:18-26

**Tuesday, July 8** (384)  
Hosea 4:4-7,11-13  
Psalm 115:3-10  
Matthew 9:32-38  
**Wednesday, July 9** (385)  
*Augustine Zhao Rong and companions, priests and martyrs*

Hosea 10:1-3,7-8,12  
Psalm 105:2-7  
Matthew 10:1-7

**Thursday, July 10** (386)  
Hosea 11:1-4,8c-9  
Psalm 80:2ac-3b,15-16  
Matthew 10:7-15

**Friday, July 11** (387)  
*Benedict, abbot*  
Hosea 14:2-10  
Psalm 51:3-4,8-9,12-14,17  
Matthew 10:16-23

**Saturday, July 12** (388)  
Isaiah 6:1-8  
Psalm 93:1-2,5  
Matthew 10:24-33

**Sunday, July 13** (103)  
*Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Isaiah 55:10-11  
Psalm 65  
Romans 8:18-23  
Matthew 13:1-23

**Mass Intentions**

Saturday, July 5, 5:00pm The Welzenbach Family ☩
Sunday, July 6, 8:30am Anita Weldon ☩
Sunday, July 6, 10:30am Berry & Schweitzer Families
Monday, July 7, 7:00 pm For the Youth of our Parish
Tuesday, July 8, 8:15am Kevin Cline ☩
Wednesday, July 9, 8:15am Helen & Cornelius Garrigan ☩
Wednesday, July 9, 9:30am Gene Frink ☩ The Springs
Thursday, July 10, 8:15am Alice Sullivan ☩
Friday, July 11, 8:15am Carol Kleekamp ☩
Saturday, July 12, 5:00pm Patrick Comstock ☩
Sunday, July 13 8:30am JoAnn Gondolfo ☩
Sunday, July 13, 10:30am David Foster ☩

**Prayer List**

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

Jay Ahmann  
Michael Ainis  
Marie 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  
The Dean & Whitmore Families  
Harold Deibert  
Mary Deibert  
The Dockery Family  
Linda Dossman  
James Echter  
The Falconer & Tomlinson Families

Mary Fallon  
The Fiore Family  
Larry Fisk  
Rick Gonzalez  
Jack Grell  
Claudette Gunderson  
Anita Hage  
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

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

The Nichols & Mazzarella 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  
The Torres & Rubiales Families  
Kyle Valpoon  
Vanessa Vitiello-Koble  
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:*

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  
Spec. Jared Ratzlaff, US Army  
SPC Robert Sullivan, US Army  
Capt. Richard H. Witt III, USMC  
Capt. Thomas Zeeff, USAF

*Thank you for your prayers for Lance Cpl. Steven A. Michaels, USMC, who has returned home safely.*

**Monday Night Mass**

Join us  
July 7 at 7:00pm for  
Monday Night  
Mass  
Youth Group Following

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

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

**La Posada de Guadalupe Shelter**

Our parish contributed over \$850 in donations to the Independence Day Raffle for this Shelter, which resides within our parish boundary and is run by Catholic Charities. Thank you, as always, for your response to those most in need!

The raffle will take place on Sunday, July 13 at the La Posada Picnic and Raffle Drawing. Please consider attending this event! It is a wonderful opportunity for you to become more aware of this very special place. Tours will be conducted at 3:00pm and the raffle will take place at 4:00pm. Delicious food will be provided!

Please RSVP to 438-0947 if you wish to attend. If you would like to car pool to the event, call Sr. Maureen 758-4100 x131. Otherwise, the address is: 2476 Impala Drive, Carlsbad (near Faraday and El

**Homebound?**

Our parish has ministers who can bring Holy Communion to anyone who is unable to attend Mass.

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

## 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](mailto:yrmomgoes2college@sbcglobal.net)



PUSH info at <http://stmoside.org/ym>

Questions please call or email:  
758-4100 x153 or [ronb@stmoside.org](mailto:ronb@stmoside.org)  
Peace, Ron & Louise

## High School Youth Ministry

Monday Night Mass

July 7, 2008 at 7:00pm

Second-Wednesday Adoration Night and  
STEUBENVILLE SAN DIEGO 2008 MEETING

with Ice Cream Social  
Wednesday, July 9, 7:00-8:15pm

Call Gale at 726-7236 for more information

## In Memoriam:



Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

**Virginia Hinagpis Rubiales**, who died on June 16. Her Funeral Mass was celebrated in the Philippines. Please keep her sister Elsie Torres and the family in your prayers.

**Lorie Whitmore**, who died on June 30. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated in Florida. Please keep her parents, Tom and Marie Dean, her husband, Ron, and their three children in your prayers.

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

## 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.

## Need Louder Sound at Mass?

Ask a hospitality minister for an assisted listening device. These units amplify the sound for those with a hearing disability. If you have any questions or have encountered problems with these units, please contact:

Lorraine Doering at 758-4100 x102 or [lorrained@stmoside.org](mailto:lorrained@stmoside.org)

## 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.

## 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 six 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

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## JESUS, OUR ALLY AGAINST EVIL

Ever faithful, the word of the Lord steps off the page and stands beside us yet again this month. This living Word meets us where we live and addresses truthfully and knowingly the realities that shape our lives and our world. God's word readily acknowledges that ours is a time and place in which goodness and evil grow side by side, like wheat and weeds in a common field (July 20, Gospel). Often, it is a challenge to distinguish one from the other because evil can masquerade as good, passing itself off as the logical, the practical or even the best legal choice in a given circumstance. Evil has many faces, some of which are usually quite recognizable, such as abuse, injustice, and violence of every sort. These are rearing their heads in so many areas of our world: Congo, Darfur, Kosovo, Kenya, Tibet, along the borders of many North and South American countries, and so on. But evil has other faces as well. These are more cleverly disguised—prejudice, discrimination, and the uncaring parochialism that would negate the dignity, value, and freedoms of others, for whatever reason.

Regardless of the arguments people set forth to support and defend such evils, we are to identify them all for what they are and hold them out to the truth of God's word. Recognizing evil and calling it by name is not an easy process and often results in suffering for the truth-teller. In all of the second readings of this month, Paul addresses this struggle. He insists that believers are not left alone or unaided, and recalls for us our conviction that the Spirit remains present, interceding for us and enabling us (July 20). A catalyst for good, the Spirit champions our efforts against what Paul calls the "flesh," a life that condones or tolerates evil and falls short of doing the good that is needed (July 6). Paul also encourages a positive attitude and trusting approach to life that is rooted in faith: "All things will work for good," assures Paul, "for those who love God" (July 27). Moreover, Paul urges hope and perseverance because the present struggle with evil, however great, cannot compare to the glory that God will reveal for us, through us, and within us (July 13).

Zechariah (July 6), Isaiah (July 13), and the author of Wisdom (July 20) also offer their support in the daily struggle to do good and prevent evil. Rather than focus on the magnitude of malignancy and be overwhelmed, our prophetic brothers team together with an ancient unnamed sage to encourage us to center our eyes and hearts and energies on God. Our

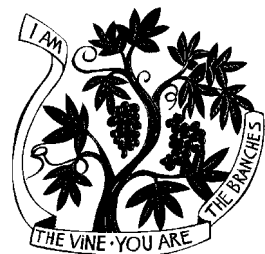
God is with us—a God of peace and justice, a God whose word is true and powerfully effective, a God who gives believers good ground for hope. This God knows our troubles and listens attentively to our cries of need, anger, frustration, and grief.

Page after page of the Hebrew and Christian scriptures attests to the caring involvement of this God, the one God, our God. Our ancestral psalmists remind us that our God "lifts up all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down" (July 6). This God, our God, is "good and forgiving"; our God "gives strength to all who call out to God" (July 20). This God, our God, responds when we ask: "Let your kindness comfort me...let your compassion come to me that I may live" (July 27). This God, our God, has come to move and live and be among us in Jesus Christ.

Each of the Gospels for this month reminds us that in the struggle for good and against evil, Jesus has taken our part. In Jesus, all the Old Testament anthropomorphisms have come to life. He has become for us God's "outstretched arm" who extends a hand of support. He has become a shoulder to lean on and a friend with whom to lock arms and stand strong against all adversity.

Jesus' outstretched and loving support can also be known in the living word that speaks to every moment of our existence. Through that word, Jesus offers powerful reassurance in his invitation, "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you...and you will find rest" (July 6). In Jesus' day, oxen were usually yoked in pairs and shared the burden of the labor. What Jesus is offering, therefore, is not that we take his yoke upon ourselves and try to bear it alone; rather, Jesus is offering to be our yoke-mate in life. Knowing that a burden shared is a burden made lighter, Jesus freely offers himself, his strong arms and back and hands and shoulders. He offers to walk beside us through the struggles against evil; he will be there also to share and intensify the joy that comes from persevering to the end. Yoked to Jesus, we can learn from him, and in him find the rest and peace he has promised.

Patricia Datchuck Sánchez and Rafael Sánchez Alonso  
from Celebration July 2008.



### Liturgy

*is like a strong tree whose beauty is derived from the continuous renewal of its leaves, but whose strength comes from the old trunk, with solid roots in the ground.*

—Pope Paul VI



# Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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## 2008-2009

If you have children from age 3 through 17 and would like to partner with your parish in their faith formation beginning in September, please contact the Faith Formation Office NOW!

If you are not a registered parishioner of St. Thomas More, stop by the Information Table or call the parish office to take this first important step to participating in RE.A.CH!

Feel free to call or email to discuss the program or ask for the packet through the mail.

*A special welcome to high school students!*

## Children's Bulletins

Encourage your child to take one of the Children's Bulletins home each weekend—they are a great way to keep the Scripture reading alive throughout the week, and they are FUN besides!

The yellow ones are geared to ages 3-6, the white ones to ages 7-12.



Grandparents are welcome to pick one up as well as any parishioner who would like to share God's Word with a child.

What a simple way to evangelize!

You can also download on a copy from our parish website at: [www.stmoside.org](http://www.stmoside.org) → Pastoral Staff → Religious Education.



## Summer Bible Camp at St. Thomas More



Dates:

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

### 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.

Blessings and thanks for the wonderful response last weekend. We have now sponsored half of the children in need! Any amount is welcome.

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 STM, and are most welcome over the next couple of weeks.

Gratefully, on behalf of our children,

*Kathleen*

## PBJ Update

(Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center)

2008 GOAL: 365 jars  
Collected to date: 362 jars



## 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.

## Children's Notes to God:

"Dear God:  
I didn't think orange went with purple until I saw the sunset you made on Tuesday. That was cool!"

# Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

Chris Smith  
Director of Stewardship & Development  
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## CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

### A Time of Gratitude and Renewal

During this time, we celebrate the independence of our country. It is fitting that we recognize the gifts of freedom and abundance God has showered upon us.

As we give thanks to God for all we have, let us examine our stewardship pulse as we enter the second half of 2008.

**Stewardship of Prayer:** Resolve to strengthen your relationship with the Lord. Notice how often you pray and what hinders you from praying. Commit to short, daily prayer times.

**Stewardship of Family:** Resolve to set aside more time to stay connected with your family. Eat dinner together, schedule regular dates with your spouse, plan family outings, and go to Mass together.

**Stewardship of Health:** Resolve to get those medical and dental checkups. Adopt healthier eating habits. Add exercise and other physical activity to your daily routine.

**Stewardship of Possessions:** Resolve to possess a little more 'lightly' this year. Consider ways you can reduce the amount of all that stuff you own. Distinguish between those items that are necessary and those that are considered luxurious and unnecessary.

**Stewardship of the Parish Family:** Resolve to serve your faith community in some way this year such as at liturgy, in the parish's outreach or education and formation efforts.

**Stewardship of Money:** Resolve to render sacred your annual budget. Reprioritize your financial goals to ensure that the Lord comes first in your spending. Take positive steps to improve your financial health.

**Stewardship of Work:** Resolve to be faithful to your daily, work-related tasks and offer them up to the Lord. Cultivate your skills. Deepen your knowledge. Be mindful of how you are building the Kingdom of God.

**Stewardship of Mind:** Resolve to keep your mind active. Commit to being more informed on the issues of the day. Read your bible. In this year of presidential elections in the United States, familiarize yourself with the Church's teachings.

**Stewardship of Neighbor:** Resolve make time and space for others who enter your life; to be a person of hospitality. Be more aware of those times when a neighbor, co-worker, fellow parishioner or stranger, needs a moment of kindness, attention or affirming gesture on your part.

**Stewardship of the Poor:** Resolve to live with more compassion and in solidarity with those less fortunate. Remember the poor in prayer, and commit to helping relieve in some way the plight of those who are impoverished or marginalized.

—portions excerpted from ICSC Stewardship

**Thanks be to God for letting  
us live in this country!**



## 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



**Did You Know? Donation Update—June 2008**  
\$3,710.50

### Catholic Relief Services Donation Update

**\$1,830.00 for 2008 China Earthquake Relief**  
**\$1,720.00 for 2008 Myanmar Cyclone Relief**

### Collection for Week of: June 28/29, 2008

Number of Registered Households:	963
Envelopes	\$ 7,922.27
Children's Envelopes	0.00
Plate	1,019.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 8,941.27</b>

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

### 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

## 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: Tuesday, July 22.

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

## 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:



September 28, November 23, and December 28.

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

## Publicize Your Parish Event!

Would you like to publicize a parish event to the general public? Submit a Press Release Form at least three weeks in advance of your event to have it advertised in local news publications. Press Release Forms are available:

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



## STM \$crip News

Scrip is sold on the Plaza after weekend Masses and in the Parish Office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00-10:00am.

For information, call Henny Jocelyn at 726-1177 or visit <http://www.stmoside.org/scrip.htm>

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## When a Loved One Dies

Call the Parish Office first, before you call the funeral home.

Call anytime, night or day!

Our parish has a wonderful Bereavement Team that is available when a loved one dies. They are available to assist the family with many arrangements related to the funeral, which might include meeting with the family to pray, accompanying family members to the funeral home, helping to plan the funeral, and providing bereavement support afterwards.

In addition, those who like to plan ahead may meet with a Bereavement Team member to pre-plan preferences and place them on record, which can be a great help for children or other family members when the time comes.

If you have any questions, call Sr. Maureen at 758-4100 x131.

## 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.

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

**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](http://www.sacredheartcoronado.org).

**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 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](http://www.yamsd.org) or contact Carrie at 858-490-8260.

**Christmas in July Craft Fair and Fiesta at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside**—July 12-13, 9:00am-5:00pm. Visit over 150 artisans selling handcrafted items, enjoy delicious food, entertainment, fun zone for kids, rummage sale, farmer's market and more. All proceeds benefit the parish's Old Mission Montessori School. For more information, call 757-3232.

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

**Eco-Justice Retreat at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside**—*Mother Earth: Incarnation!* an Eco-Justice Retreat, will be held August 1-3 at Mission San Luis Rey. Franklin Fong, OFM, Louie Vitale OFM, and Tom English, Ph.D. will conduct sessions to inspire a responsibility to co-create a safe and healthy place for future generations! For more information, or to register, please contact 757-3659 or [www.sanluisrey.org](http://www.sanluisrey.org) and click on retreats.

**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](http://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](http://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](http://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.

**Mexican Riviera Cruise Retreat**—Join Rev. Msgr. Mark Campbell, Pastor of Immaculate Conception Church in Old Town, on a nine-day spiritual voyage, November 28-December 6. Mass and spiritual workshops daily. Proceeds to aid the Diocese of San Diego "Embracing Our Mission" Fund. For more information, contact 800-227-5858 or [www.ic-sandiego.org](http://www.ic-sandiego.org).





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