

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

July 27, 2008 • Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, August 1
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Pastor's Column

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We Know That All Things Work for Good for Those Who Love God

In these days, all of us are busy about looking at our lives, the lives of our family members, our priorities, our goals, our employment, our recreation; yes, we are busy about looking at everything.

\$4.50/gallon of gas is now the lens through which we view all facets of our lives. Change is not on the horizon. Change is here!

All of us are feeling the pain as we are beginning to reprioritize our lives. All of sudden so many of those things that we thought were needed and essential now become expendable.

The daily "Starbucks" now does not need to be daily. A sandwich made at home and brought to work becomes more desirable than lunch out. The manicure and pedicure on a less regular schedule, a haircut every five weeks rather than every four weeks, more family meals at home rather than in restaurants, more thoughtful errand runs in order to save gas, and vacations closer to home are all becoming the norm of the day.

These are some of the easier changes that we have to make. For

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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

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!*

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

Aug 3 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and
10:30am Masses

The Month Ahead

Aug 4 Monday Night Mass

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

Aug 15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Masses at 8:15am and 7:00pm

Aug 17 Knights of Columbus Breakfast
P.U.S.H. Middle School Youth Car Wash

The Year Ahead

Sept 7 RE.A.CH classes begin

Nov 8-27 Christian Stewardship Awareness/Renewal

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many, the decisions, already, are much more serious and grave
than just letting go of a few extravagances.

This is a painful time. For many, it is already in crisis mode as
households struggle with mortgage, car, and credit card payments.

The present economy is reshaping how we live, how we think,
and how we will plan for the future.

The perspective with which we approach this moment will make
all the difference in terms of how we will survive. As we face
pain, the choice is always between "bitter" and "better."

We can be bitter about what is happening to us, become angry
and disillusioned, or we can see the challenges as opportunities to
become better.

If we see these challenges as ways of becoming better, we will
see our painful realities as ways of growing closer to family
members and friends, of looking at our lives and sorting out the
weeds and the wheat, of playing in ways that truly are times of re-
creation, of slowing down and immersing ourselves in the present
moment. Ultimately, this time can be a time in growing closer to
God.

Sr. Joan Chittister said this about facing the unknown: "Newness
is exciting but not always easy to accept. It often takes a great
deal of faith to accept change in life. But then again, newness and
change may be one of the few times in life that we really get the
chance to believe that God is everywhere, even where we've
never been before."

Because of our present economy, we are going places where
we've never been before. But we are a people of faith, and we
believe that God is everywhere, is with us now, and will be with
us in our future.

As we embrace our painful realities, for some, much more painful
than for others, we know that all things work for good for those
who love God!

As a Parish Family of Faith, may we continue to walk together
and help each other ease into the future!

F. Mike

Readings for the Week Ahead

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

Sunday, July 27 (109)
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 3:5,7-12
Psalm 119

Romans 8:28-30
Matthew 13:44-52

Monday, July 28 (401)

Jeremiah 13:1-11
Deuteronomy 32:18-21 (Psalm)
Matthew 13:31-35

Tuesday, July 29 (402)

Martha
Jeremiah 14:17-22
Psalm 79:8-9,11,13
Matthew 13:36-43

Wednesday, July 30 (403)

Peter Chrysologus, bishop, doctor
Jeremiah 15:10,16-21
Psalm 59:2-4,10-11,17-18
Matthew 13:44-46

Thursday, July 31 (404)

Ignatius of Loyola, priest
Jeremiah 18:1-6
Psalm 146:1b-6b
Matthew 13:47-53

Friday, August 1 (405)

Alphonsus Liguori, bishop, doctor
Jeremiah 26:1-9
Psalm 69:5,8-10,14
Matthew 13:54-58

Saturday, August 2 (406)

*Eusebius of Vercelli, bishop;
Peter Julian Eymard, priest*
Jeremiah 26:11-16,24
Psalm 69:15-16,30-31,33-34
Matthew 14:1-12

Sunday, August 3 (112)

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Isaiah 55:1-3
Psalm 145
Romans 8:35,37-39
Matthew 14:13-21

Mass Intentions

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| Saturday, July 26, 5:00pm Alfred Holscher ☩ |
| Sunday, July 27, 8:30am Lorraine Kaufman ☩ |
| Sunday, July 27, 10:30am Wyatt Clavadetscher |
| Tuesday, July 29, 8:15am J. C. Gonzalez ☩ |
| Wednesday, July 30, 8:15am Matias Gyetvai |
| Thursday, July 31, 8:15am Katherine Manville ☩ |
| Friday, August 1, 8:15am Teresa Biernacki ☩ |
| Saturday, August 2, 5:00pm Trey O'Toole |
| Sunday, August 3, 8:30am John Manville ☩ |
| Sunday, August 3, 10:30am Joe Coccaro ☩ |

Prayer List

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

Jay Ahmann
Michael Ainis
Marie Alexander
Patricia Barbour
Carl Bechtold
Edward Bednarz
Cindra Bell
Tom Belprez
Mary S. Breen
Janet Brown
James Coleman
Barbara Colton
Thomas Cornwell & family
Barbara Czintos
Deborah Darsey
The Dean & Whitmore Families
Harold Deibert
Mary Deibert
Linda Dossman
The Dunga Family
James Echter
Jo Everhart
Mary Fallon
Chuck Fay
The Fiore Family
Larry Fisk
Rick Gonzalez
Katherine Grant
Bill Greeley
Claudette Gunderson
Anita Hage
Rosalie Hainsworth
The Harker Family
Greg Hayes
Bud Hazlett
Lee Higginbotham
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
The Lapp Family
Brandon LeBlanc
The Linden Family
Loree Luther
Jackie Lynn
James MacArthur
Ken Mauro
Patrick McCarthy
Bob McWilliams
Carol Tom & Nona Miller
Ed Mohrman
Nancy Moore
Margie Myers

R. Northrup
Ethan O'Doherty
Helen Pingtella
Dominic Pizza
Joann Pizza
Anne Post
Maria Elena Quiroz
Hal Radcliffe
Sr. Loyola Romey
Dorothy Rouse
Lynne Rumpf
The Russo Family
Bruce Scott
Julie Shea
Rita Shepard
Marilyn Sinkez
Ed Sox
Gilda Spiegel
Dorothy and Ray Staehr
The Torres & Rubiales Families
Eleanor Tucker
Lisa & Kyle Valpoon
Dominic Vienna, Sr.
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:

1st Lt. Jeffrey Bauer
Christian Caplinger, US Army
Brandy Amber Collins, HMI, USN
Lt. Mark Correa, US Navy
Pfc. Nicholas B. Dawson, US Army
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

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

St. Thomas More Vehicle Donation Program



Do you have a vehicle you want to donate?

Call the Parish Office at 758-4100 x100

Can't Get to Mass?

Our Parish has ministers who can bring Holy Communion to anyone who is unable to attend Mass—the homebound, those in the hospital, those in convalescent homes.

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

Do We Have Your Email Address?

If you are a registered Parishioner, and would like to be on the list for our occasional eNews—*Beyond the Bulletin* messages (reminders about parish events, funeral notices, etc.), please send an email request to parishoffice@stmoside.org.



Have a Spare Half Hour from 9:00-9:30am One Saturday Morning Every Other Month?

We could use a few more chair set up ministers—please consider joining one of our four chair set up teams, who make sure we have a place to sit for weekend Masses.

The chairs we sit in are taken down twice a month to make room for classrooms for the religious education program and for other special events.

With our streamlined system, it only takes 1/2 hour for 4-6 people to put the chairs back in place.

To volunteer or for more information, contact:

Lorraine Doering at 758-4100 x102 or lorrained@stmoside.org.

Women's Guild

Women's Guild Board Meeting, Monday, August 11, at 11:00am at Germaine Wilmott's home. We will discuss plans for 2008-2009. Lunch will be served after the meeting. Please try to attend. RSVP to Germaine Wilmot at 758-9949.

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.

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.

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: Friday, August 1.

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

St. Thomas More Young Adult Summer Bible Study

Acts of the Apostles

Wednesday Evenings

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*

High School Youth Ministry

Steubenville San Diego 2008 Reunion

*Sunday, August 3 • 6:00-9:00pm
at the Schanzanbach's house*

Bring appropriate swimsuit and side dish to share

Call Gale at 726-7236 for more information

Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioners

Jorge & Bridget Martinez & Family

Congratulations to:

Kathryn Goeltz and Michael Nichols

who were married on July 19, 2008

*May God keep you in love with each other,
so that the peace of Christ may stay with you
and be always in your home.*



In Memoriam:



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Jim Lapp**, a former parishioner who died on July 17. His Funeral Mass was celebrated on July 23 at St. Patrick Church in Carlsbad. Please keep his family in your prayers.

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

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.



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

RELIGIOUS PRINCIPLES

A MORAL BUDGET FOR ALL CALIFORNIANS

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FAITH—COMMUNITIES CALL FOR A MORAL STATE BUDGET

A budget is a moral document, reflecting the values and priorities of a family, a community, a society:

REASON: A responsible family creates a budget to make sure that their resources are sufficient for their needs.

COMPASSION: In times of budget shortfalls, no one in the family is left out.

FAIRNESS: Our faith traditions advocate for a community where the needs of each person are equally valued and respected.

RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT: The statewide budget should convey the government's priority to invest in the well-being of all people in our society.

STEWARDSHIP: California cannot become a state that only serves those who have already been blessed with good incomes and social stability.

All Religions proclaim our responsibility to care for those among us most in need. Religions highlighted this week:

ROMAN CATHOLIC

The basis for all that the Church believes about the moral dimensions of economic life is its vision of the transcendent worth—the sacredness—of human beings. The dignity of the human person realized in community with others, is the criterion against which all aspects of economic life must be measured. —*U.S. Bishops, Economic Justice for All, No. 28 (1986)*

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

Through human decisions and actions, God is at work in economic life. Economic life is intended to be a means through which God's purposes for humankind and creation are to be served. When this does not occur, as a church we cannot remain silent because of who and whose we are. —*Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, "Economic Life: Sufficient, Sustainable Livelihood for All," (1999)*

Contact your government representatives and ask for a moral budget that protects the most vulnerable among us.

Senator. Mark Wyland
1910 Palomar Point Way, #105
Carlsbad, CA 92008
Phone: 760-931-2455; Fax: 760-931-2477

Assemblyman Martin Garrick, 74th District
1910 Palomar Point Way, Suite 106
Carlsbad, CA 92008
760-929-7998

Assemblywoman Mimi Walters, 73rd District
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Laguna Hills, CA 92653
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State Capitol, Room 6031
Sacramento, Ca 94249-0073
916-319-2073

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State Capitol Building Sacramento, CA 95814
Phone: 916-445-2841; Fax: 916-445-4633



www.clueca.org

Second of a series

People of Faith Throughout California Urge Elected Officials to Pass a Moral Budget

Currently, our elected officials are meeting in Sacramento to debate the details of the budget. While clergy and people of faith throughout California recognize the need to manage the budget crisis, they are urging elected officials not to balance the budget on the backs of the state's most vulnerable people. Instead, the faith community believes that a budget is a moral document that reflects the values and priorities of a society, and we call on our legislature to remember the following values when as they make difficult decisions: *reason, compassion, fairness, responsible investment, and stewardship.*

To learn more about a Moral Budget, please join us on the Plaza following the Masses on Saturday, August 9, and Sunday, August 10. This forum is sponsored by the Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice of San Diego County.

Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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Director of Music/Coordinator of Liturgical Ministries
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A BIG THANK YOU!

The ministers of music at our parish have completed another “music year” and, except for the Monday Night Mass Music Team (musical juggernauts that they are), are taking a break for the rest of the summer.

I would like to take a moment to publicly thank all of them—the Monday Night Mass Music Team, the Handbell Choir, the Dayringers, the Children’s Choir, and the Adult Choir—for their magnificent service to this Parish and to the community at large. More than 100 members of this congregation are in a choir or ensemble, making music for God and for their fellow parishioners. They are blessing to all of us!

Thank you all! *Soli Deo Gloria!*

— Douglas

FINDING A CHURCH WHEN YOU ARE TRAVELING

Looking for a way to find Mass times and locations when you are traveling? The not-for-profit organization, www.Masstimes.org, provides internet services to help Catholics find Mass times and locations when they are traveling.

Mass Times Trust was started in 1993 by Robert A. Hummel and has grown over the years. In 2004, Mass Times began sharing information on 93,000 churches around the globe in 196 countries and territories. The key to Mass Times Trust’s success has been the relationship with dioceses, and though them, with parish offices. As dioceses have promoted Mass Times in their media, and as more parishes have included Mass Times in

their bulletins, there has been much more traffic to the website. There are now over four million visitors and 14 million church lookups per year.

Mass Times is currently exploring even more international contact. A favorite option on Mass Times is a map of a city or diocese showing all church locations. In our day and age of the new evangelization, this is an important tool for us to find opportunities throughout the world for liturgical celebration.

— from the USCCB Committee on Divine Worship newsletter



EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1 • 8:45am - 7:30pm

Family Hour: 6:30 - 7:30pm

ST. ALPHONSUS LIGOURI

Moral theology, Vatican II said, should be more thoroughly nourished by Scripture, and show the nobility of the Christian vocation of the faithful and their obligation to bring forth fruit in charity for the life of the world. Alphonsus, declared patron of moral theologians in 1950, would rejoice in that statement. In his day, he fought for the liberation of moral theology, concentrating on the practical and concrete problems of pastors and confessors.

He founded the Redemptorist congregation in 1732. It was an association of priests and brothers living a common life, dedicated to the imitation of Christ, and working mainly in popular missions for peasants in rural areas.

Alphonsus’ great pastoral reforms were in the pulpit and confessional—replacing the pompous oratory of the time with simplicity, and the rigorism of Jansenism with kindness. His great fame as a writer has somewhat eclipsed the fact that for 26 years he traveled up and down the Kingdom of Naples, preaching popular missions.

At 71 he was afflicted with rheumatic pains which left incurable bending of his neck; until it was straightened a little, the pressure of his chin caused a raw wound on his chest. He suffered a final 18 months of “dark night” scruples, fears, temptations against every article of faith and every virtue, interspersed with intervals of light and relief, when ecstasies were frequent.

St. Alphonsus was known above all as a practical man who dealt in the concrete rather than the abstract. His life is indeed a “practical” model for the everyday Christian who has difficulty recognizing the dignity of Christian life amid the swirl of problems, pain, misunderstanding, and failure. Alphonsus suffered all these things.

—AmericanCatholic.org

INTENTION FOR THE DAY

That we may recognize Christ
in the events of our daily lives.

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

Kathleen Bell
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Power Lab

says
THANK YOU!

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Crew Members,
 Crew Leaders, and
 Station Leaders
 had a great week at
 VBS where we



33 new (donated) soccer balls, blest and signed by our Power Lab crews, will be delivered, courtesy of the Marines, to the children in Iraq.



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!

discovered Jesus' miraculous power!



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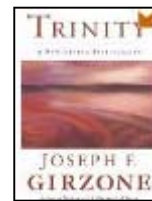
- * STM Parishioners, especially the daily Mass group
- * STM Sponsors
- * Lt. Col. Sean P. O'Doherty
- * Knights of Columbus
- * Lab Center Leaders

Aha!



Our Tiny Test Tubes (age 3) gather with our Squeaky Beakers (age 4 and 5) for awesome games.

Fr. Mike (and friends): BOOKIES!



The first book is available now. It is called *Trinity: A New Living Spirituality* by Joseph F. Girzone.

Copies are available on the lower level, outside the Faith Formation Office for \$10. We hope you can start reading soon . . . only 128 pages . . . an easy read, but one of those books you may want to read a second time!

PBJ Update



(Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center)

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|--------------------|-----------------|
| 2008 GOAL: | 365 jars |
| Collected to date: | 393 jars |

Children's Notes to God:

"Dear God:
 I bet it is very hard for you to love all of everybody in the whole world. There are only 4 people in our family and I'm having a hard time loving all of them."

Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

Chris Smith
Director of Stewardship & Development
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CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Why We Are Here

Many of us set goals from time to time, and some even manage to stay on course to reach those goals! The question is what kind of goals are we setting and why. Do we set only physical goals or do we set goals to fulfill our God-given purpose in life?

Understanding our purpose is not always easy. And accepting the challenge to fulfill our purpose might not be so easy either. It might get in the way of our opinion of why we are here in the first place. Material possessions might have to take a back seat.

When we spend time in prayer God talks to us about our purpose. This is when God lets us in on why we were created and what is expected of us now that we are here.



The story is told of a hot air balloonist who, years ago, planned a long trip over a vast area. He very carefully planned his itinerary, knowing exactly where he would stop on which day. He took off, confident that he would be able to stick to his plan and follow his itinerary.

However, he had not planned adequately for the wind from the mountains. For the first four days the wind blew him off course. He ended up in towns he'd never been to and didn't know anything about. But in each town where he landed, the hot air balloonist was heard to say, "Had I known about this place I would have planned all along to land here."

Life sometimes takes us off course. . . or at least the course we so carefully planned for ourselves. No matter where or how we live, God makes our purpose known to us, calls us to devote ourselves to that purpose and promises to help us fulfill it.

In the first reading today, Solomon humbly and wisely asked God for the gift of understanding so that he might know how to carry out his mission and purpose in life.

We know that God has a rationale for our life that fits into His plan. None of us was born to live random lives, void of purpose. We need to keep the faith and be true to the purpose God has set out for us. This requires faith and obedience.

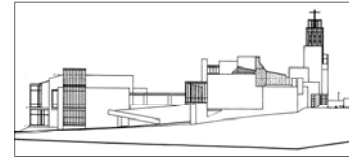
A famous evangelist once made a distinction between types of faith. He pointed out three types of faith:

- ◆ A *struggling faith*, which he likened to someone thrashing around in deep water.
- ◆ A *clinging faith*, which he compared to a person hanging on to the side of a boat.
- ◆ A *resting faith*, which finds a person safe and secure inside the boat.

Resting faith is, of course, the kind of faith God wants us to have. We then are able to trust and understand exactly why we are here and how we are supposed to live. Few and far between are the people who end up with their original map.

Live where you land!

A WAY TO GIVE ~ A WAY TO RECEIVE



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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:

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"Our Journey Into The Future . . . Together"
includes our Faith journey as well as the
build out of our Parish Campus.

Collection for Week of: July 19/20, 2008

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| Number of Registered Households: | 964 |
| Envelopes | \$ 9,501.25 |
| Children's Envelopes | 0.00 |
| Plate | 734.00 |
| Total | \$ 10,235.25 |

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.

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News from the Larger Church

Healing Services and Healing Mass—every Tuesday night during the months of July and August at St. James Church in Solana Beach. Teaching by Pauline Wright at 7:00pm followed by Healing Prayer at 7:30pm. On July 30 at 7:00pm, Fr. Leonardo Arboleda, CJM, will celebrate a Healing Mass. For more information, please call Cory at 858-755-8890 or Lily at 858-481-6911.

Paul's Letter to the Romans Study Series at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside—Thursdays at 9:30am or 7:00pm, through 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.

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 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

Senior Vacation Retreat at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside—Seniors who want to let their spirits soar are invited to join us at the Mission San Luis Rey Retreat Center in Oceanside, August 4-8, for a Senior Vacation Retreat to have fun and delve into a bit of spiritual discovery in this easy-paced retreat. We provide overnight accommodations, meals, daily sessions, prayer times and free-time. Daily Mass, swimming and walking are available. Included is a traditional Wednesday evening walk on the pier and ice cream! For more information, or to register, please contact 757-3659 or www.sanluisrey.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.

Widowed, Divorced and Separated Retreat in Oceanside—persons ready to move beyond their grief are invited to a Beginning Experience Weekend. A trained team leads participants through a healing and growth program. The next weekend is scheduled for August 22-24 at Prince of Peace Abbey in Oceanside. If you are ready to put your feelings of grief behind

you, desire a new beginning, and are ready to work to make that desire a reality, this weekend may be for you. Another weekend will be held November 7-9. For more information, call 858-538-4208.

Catholic Women's Group Meets in San Diego—Central San Diego Magnificat's next breakfast meeting is on Saturday, August 23, at 9:30am in the Mission Valley Sheraton. Fr. Donald Calloway will speak on "from delinquent teen to convert to devout priest." RSVP at 858-578-1256 by August 15. For more information call 619-583-3389.

Heritage Ball at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside—*Fun-raise* at the 25th Annual Heritage Ball held on Saturday, August 23. All proceeds of the celebration benefit the restoration of the Mission. Enjoy cocktails and an extensive array of hors d'oeuvres and music by mariachis. Dance to the music of the *Society Beat Orchestra*, enjoy a gourmet dinner, sumptuous dessert, and have fun bidding on Silent Auction items. To learn about sponsorship and volunteer opportunities or to make reservations, please call 757-3651.

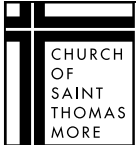
Mexican Riviera Cruise Retreat—Join Rev. Msgr. Mark Campbell, Pastor of Immaculate Conception Church in Old Town, on a nine-day spiritual voyage, November 28-December 6. Mass and spiritual workshops daily. Proceeds to aid the Diocese of San Diego "Embracing Our Mission" Fund. For more information, contact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

Catholic Cruise to the Western Caribbean—Come and sail away on an eight-night Catholic Western Caribbean Cruise with Fr. Smith, March 21-29, 2009, on the *Carnival Miracle* out of Ft. Lauderdale, FL. Ports of call include Colon, Panama; Limon, Costa Rica; and Belize, Central America. For more information or to register, contact (weekends) Doug or Eileen at 860-399-7776 or dpayttc@aol.com.



Ignatian Volunteer Corps Opportunities in North County—Semi-retired? Retired? Eager to give something back? If you are 50 or better, the Jesuit-sponsored Ignatian Volunteer Corps may be for you! Ignatian Volunteers serve the needs of people who are poor, work for a more just society, and grow deeper in Christian faith through reflection and prayer. Contact Pat Doyle, Regional Coordinator, at 858-715-0900 or pdoyle@ivcusa.org, or Margie Carroll, Regional Director, at 619-881-9509 or mcarroll@ivcusa.org. For national website visit www.ivcusa.org.

Hospice Volunteers Needed in Your Area—Kaiser Permanente Hospice & Palliative Care has many patients in North County who are facing life threatening illness and need volunteers to assist them. Volunteers offer a few hours of relief for caregivers, usually once a week, companionship and emotional support, and practical assistance such as errands. No "hands on" care is required. You will be blessed abundantly for giving your time and caring! Volunteers are assigned near the areas around their residence and are reimbursed for all mileage. For more information call Diane Hazard at 619-641-4669.



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