

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

August 3, 2008 • Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

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Pastor's Column

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Words of Hope

The Scriptures this weekend give us a very clear message that our God is a God who provides for us, who gives us the nourishment we need for the journey.

You have heard these words proclaimed this weekend at Mass. Take time to reflect on them during the coming week, and let them be the wellspring of hope for you as you face whatever difficulties come your way:

...All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat; come without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk!

Come to me heedfully; listen, that you may have life.

—Isaiah

...in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

—St. Paul to the Romans

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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 holidays

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

Aug 24 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and
10:30am Masses

The Year Ahead

Sept 7 RE.A.CH classes begin

Sept 24 Spirited Seniors present speaker Tom Morrow

Nov 8-27 Christian Stewardship Awareness/Renewal

Nov 23 Music Ministry presents "With Thankful Hearts"

Nov 9 Towers of Faith Dinner

May 1 STM Tenth Annual Golf Classic

*Questions? Contact Henny at 758-4100 x100
or hennyj@stmoside.org.*

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*...When Jesus disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his
heart was moved with pity for them, and he cured their
sick...*

*...Taking the five loaves and two fish, and looking up to
heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave
them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds.
They all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up the
fragments left over—twelve wicker baskets full.*

—Matthew

Trust in God's Word and allow that Word to nurture you! Let
your prayer be the words of Ss. Cosmas and Damian:

*Almighty God, the Father of mercies and God of all
comfort, come to my help and deliver me from this
difficulty that besets me. I believe, Lord, that all trials of
life are under your care and that all things work for the
good of those who love You. Take away from me fear,
anxiety, and distress. Help me to face and endure my
difficulty with faith, courage, and wisdom. Grant that this
trial may bring me closer to You, for You are my rock and
refuge, my comfort and hope, my delight and joy. I trust in
Your love and compassion. Blessed is Your name, Father,
Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.*

Amen.

F. Mike

Readings for the Week Ahead

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

Sunday, August 3 (112)
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Isaiah 55:1-3
Psalm 145
Romans 8:35,37-39
Matthew 14:13-21
Monday, August 4 (407)
John Mary Vianney, priest
Jeremiah 28:1-17
Psalm 119:29,43,79-80,95,102
Matthew 24:22-36
Tuesday, August 5 (408)
Jeremiah 30:1-2,12-15,18-22
Psalm 102:16-23,29
Matthew 14:22-36 or 15:1-2,10-14
Wednesday, August 6 (614)
The Transfiguration of the Lord
Daniel 7:9-10,13-14
Psalm 97:1-2,5-6,9
2 Peter 1:16-19
Matthew 17:1-9
Thursday, August 7 (410)
Sixtus II, pope, martyr,
and his companions, martyrs;
Cajetan, priest
Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 51:12-15,18-19
Matthew 16:13-23
Friday, August 8 (411)
Dominic, priest
Nahum 2:1,3;3:1-3,6-7
Deuteronomy 32:35c-36b,39,41 (Ps)
Matthew 16:24-28
Saturday, August 9 (412)
Teresa Benedicta of the Cross,
virgin, martyr
Hebrews 1:12-2:4
Psalm 9:8-13
Matthew 17:14-20
Sunday, August 10 (115)
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Isaiah 1 Kings 19:9a,11-13a
Psalm 85
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:22-33

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 2, 5:00pm Trey O'Toole
Sunday, August 3, 8:30am John Manville ☩
Sunday, August 3, 10:30am Joe Coccaro ☩
Monday, August 4, 7:00pm For the Youth of the Parish
Tuesday, August 5, 8:15am Special Intention
Wednesday, August 6, 8:15am Leonardo Tutor ☩
Wednesday, August 6, 9:30am Jackie Balen ☩ Brighton Gardens
Thursday, August 7, 8:15am Margaret "Peggy" Ayers ☩
Friday, August 8, 8:15am Donald Kope ☩
Saturday, August 9, 5:00pm Luther Crowell ☩
Sunday, August 10, 8:30am William Hoogstraat ☩
Sunday, August 10, 10:30am Margaret "Peggy" Ayers ☩

Prayer List

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

Jay Ahmann	Helen Pingtella
Michael Ainis	Anne Post
Mary Alexander	Sr. Loyola Romey
Patricia Barbour	Dorothy Rouse
Carl Bechtold	Lynne Rumpf
Edward Bednarz	The Russo Family
Cindra Bell	Bruce Scott
Mary S. Breen	Julie Shea
Janet Brown	Marilyn Sinkez
James Coleman	Ed Sox
Barbara Colton	Gilda Spiegel
Thomas Cornwell & family	Dorothy and Ray Staehr
Emma Rose Cunningham	The Torres & Rubiales Families
Barbara Czintos	Jim Treat
Deborah Darsey	Eleanor Tucker
The Dean & Whitmore Families	Lisa & Kyle Valpoon
Linda Dossman	Dominic Vienna, Sr.
The Dungca Family	Vanessa Vitiello-Koble
Jo Everhart	Kevin Watson-Graff
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	
Jackie Lynn	
James MacArthur	
Ken Mauro	
Patrick McCarthy	
Bob McWilliams	
Carol Tom & Nona Miller	
Ed Mohrman	
Jim Montoya	
Nancy Moore	
Margie Myers	
R. Northrup	
Ethan O'Doherty	

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

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

Monday Night Mass

Join us
August 4 at 7:00pm for
Monday Night
Mass
(on the Plaza)

Fr. Mike Ratajczak
will be celebrating this
youth-led Mass

We will be collecting
"pop-top" cans of Ravioli or Chili 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



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.

Knights of Columbus Breakfast

Sunday, August 17

9:00-10:30am on the lower level of the Parish Center
Come after the 8:30am Mass or before the 10:30am Mass.

Menu

Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage, Hash Browns,
Fresh Berries, Coffee, Juice.

Cost

Adult \$6, child \$4 (age 5 & under free)

New family rate—\$15 for families with two or more children

Reservations for parties of six or more, call 732-0543.

*If you are a new parishioner and
received a coupon for a free breakfast,
now is the time to redeem it!*

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, August 14.

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

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.

Dear St. Thomas More Family,

Thank you so much for the many Spiritual Bouquets, cards, and kindnesses shown to us at the passing of our daughter, Lorie Whitmore. The support was and is more than we ever expected. St. Thomas More Parish is truly a family. God bless each of you.

—In Christ, Tom and Marie Dean

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

Fernando & Meghan Andrade, Jr.
Kathleen Gerhard

The Society For The Propagation of the Faith Mission Appeal

Rev. Devadhasan Masilamony, "Fr. Devdas," from the Archdiocese of Delhi, India, will be making a Missionary Cooperation Appeal and will be preaching at all the Masses next weekend to ask for the financial assistance needed to aid missionaries and the people of God they serve.

Fr. Devdas is a personal friend of our Pastor, Fr. Mike. They ministered together at Santa Sophia Parish in Spring Valley.

Please be prepared to make a generous contribution to help the priests of Delhi to continue to serve those who need help the most. Envelopes will be attached to the bulletin next weekend.

Painting Project Was Huge Success

More's Workers teamed with the Knights of Columbus and other STM parishioners to complete a major painting project last Saturday. Over 40 volunteers painted the interior of six apartments in Escondido for Interfaith Community Services (ICS). These six units will be ready to house the needy by early August. Our volunteers did caulking and touch-up painting in another four apartments, which will be occupied by homeless seniors beginning this week. In addition to painting, team members pitched in to move new furniture into the seniors' apartments.



During lunch several of the mothers living in the apartments shared their stories of how ICS has helped them turn their lives around. They have gone from a life of homelessness, alcoholism, and drug abuse to a stable life thanks to housing, counseling and encouragement provided by ICS. All three of these mothers are attending a local college. Our tired bodies and sagging spirits got a big boost from these heartwarming stories.

Little Rock Bible Studies:

Working in the Desert: Amos, Hosea and Micah

The books of Hosea, Amos and, Micah are three books of the Book of the Twelve, which is a collection of various shorter prophetic books that have frequently been called the Minor Prophets. The term "minor" refers to the length of composition, in comparison to those of Major Prophets; for example, Isaiah.

The prophetic books are not easy to read. The prophets were for the most part activists rather than authors, more engaged in preaching than in the activity of writing. "By prophecy, we understand not specifically or even principally the forecasting of the future—but rather the mediation and interpretation of the divine mind and will,"

This series will begin on Wednesday, September 10, at 9:00am or Thursday, September 11, at 7:00pm.

For more information, contact Masako Streling at
295-2594 or mstr0619@cox.net.

RELIGIOUS PRINCIPLES

A MORAL BUDGET FOR ALL CALIFORNIANS

—CLUE CALIFORNIA ▪ CLERGY & LAITY UNITED FOR ECONOMIC JUSTICE

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:

UNITED METHODIST

We hold government responsible for the . . . guarantee of rights to adequate food, clothing, shelter, education, and health care. (164.a)

JEWISH

Judaism has always demanded that its moral values be applied to the practical problems of society. "The earth and its inhabitants are the Lord's." Our prophets viewed the earth, its resources, and the wealth derived from them as a sacred trust, to be shared justly by all. The purpose of society and government is to provide for such sharing and to insure the security and rights of the disadvantaged and the weak.

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

Assemblywoman Mimi Walters, 73rd District
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Laguna Hills, CA 92653
949-457-7333

State Capitol, Room 6031
Sacramento, Ca 94249-0073
916-319-2073

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

State Capitol, Room 2016
Sacramento, CA 94249-0074
916-319-2074

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



www.clueca.org

Third 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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A PLACE TO STAND

Each of the five Sundays of August hinges upon one question: “Who do you say that I am?” This question, put to Simon by Jesus, is also posed to us (Aug. 24). This question supersedes every other question in its significance. And the answer to this question defines who we are in relation to God and to one another—not just for today, but for all our tomorrows; and not just in some instances, but in every word we say and in every work we do.

In a flash of divinely ignited insight, Simon’s response identified Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God. This insight was affirmed by the actions of Jesus, who, like God, fed the multitudes who had followed him to a deserted place (Aug. 3), exercised power over the stormy sea (Aug. 10), healed foreigners (Aug. 17), welcomed all without regard to gender, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, or spiritual worthiness (Aug. 24), and revealed the depths of God’s love for humankind, in that he was willing to become one with us in all things but sin (Aug. 31).

Jesus’ question to Simon is ours to answer. With Simon, we declare, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” These are life-changing words that take their inspiration from an abiding relationship with Jesus.

But Simon’s proclamation of Jesus as Christ and Son of the living God represents only half of the equation. Jesus, in turn, identified Simon as “rock.” This designation meant that Simon and all who stand with him to proclaim faith in Jesus are part of the edifice of living stones of which Jesus is the cornerstone.

As rock, Peter and company are to offer solid shelter against the hostile and turbulent tides that threaten faith and hope. As rock, believers are to be a foundation on which to build rather than a stumbling block that fails to edify. As rock, Peter and all other followers of Jesus become architects of healing, growth and transformation in a broken world.

For another way of understanding the role of believers in the world, we turn to the Greek mathematician Archimedes of Syracuse (287-211 BCE). Referring to the power of a simple machine—lever and fulcrum—to achieve significant results, Archimedes once said, “Give me a place to stand and I will move the world.”

In Jesus, and with Peter, Paul, Mary, Martha, Lydia, Timothy, Phoebe, et al., God has made of us a rock and given us a place to stand.

—Patricia Datchuck Sánchez and Rafael Sánchez Alonso
from Celebration magazine, August 2008

IN THE MIDST OF CHANGE...

During the coming week, I will be in Los Angeles attending the National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM) Regional Conference. For four days we will be hearing speakers, singing songs, and otherwise exploring the great mystery that is God’s plan for our future in liturgy and music.

NPM is the organization that supports Catholic ministers of music around the country, helping them with practical resources and continuing opportunities for education in their chosen vocation. This year, the conference will focus on change:

The Church is in the midst of change—in liturgical practices, patterns of ministry, parish clustering, generational shifts, ethnic and cultural communities, and many more. Change may arouse fear but can also offer opportunities for hope and growth.

In the midst of change we seek the transforming power of the Holy Spirit to become “one body, one Spirit in Christ.” We sing our prayer for the renewing Spirit of Christ to open our eyes to the rich diversity among us and to strengthen our hearts to serve others.

This will be a time of renewal for me, a chance to hear some of the great minds of our time exploring what it means to be Church: “One body, one spirit in Christ.” (This phrase comes from the third Eucharistic Prayer in the *Sacramentary*, the big red book Father uses during Mass.)

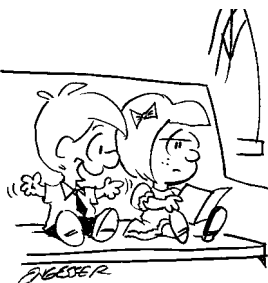
In so many ways, the Church is in a time of transition, and these days will be an opportunity for me to explore where the Church has been, to envision where we are heading, and to find practical help for the issues that cross my desk each week.

I look forward to talks about “authentic worship,” “exploring the mystery,” “prophetic and poetic leadership,” and “liturgy and life”—whatever these clever catch phrases may mean. I look forward to gathering to hear concerts in the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels and to participate in evening prayer surrounded by candlelight and icons.

The Church today is a sacred mixture of yesterday and tomorrow, of familiar and unknown, of chant and rock and roll. Our merging of these divergent realities will shape our identity as Christians, globally and here at St. Thomas More.

Please pray this week for all of these thousands of musicians as the Spirit guides us through these days of exploration and nourishment.

—Douglas



So basically, he took five loaves of bread and super-sized ‘em.

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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RE.A.CH

Religious Education for Adolescents & Children

Coming Soon for 2008-2009

Dear Parents,

Do you have a child between the ages of 3 and 17 attending public school?

St. Thomas More Parish would like to enter into a partnership with you in the religious education of your child. We call it a “partnership” because we do not want to take over the responsibility of educating your child in the Catholic faith, but we do want to be a support and resource for you, as you fulfill the commitment you made when your child was baptized.



Daily living of our Catholic faith definitely takes place in the home and neighborhood within the context of the family. A systematic approach to the teachings of our faith, as outlined in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and a sharing in the riches and tradition of our Church, are sometimes a little more challenging for parents to undertake effectively along with all other parental responsibilities.

RE.A.CH (Religious Education for Adolescents & Children) classes begin in September, but we really want to get everyone registered **now** so that we can have enough catechists available. Classes fill on a first come, first serve basis.

Our programs meet two times a month, September through May, at the following times:

Ages 3, 4 & 5:
2 Sundays a month during the 10:30am Mass

Grades 1-8:
2 Sundays a month, 12:30-2:00pm

Grades 1-8 (2nd option):
2 Sundays a month, 5:00-6:30pm

High School:
Modular schedule on Sundays: 6:30-8:30pm

If you are a registered parishioner and would like to sign up for this program, please contact the Faith Formation Office right away. It would be our privilege to share in forming faith in your family!

With you in ministry,

Kathleen

AT HOME Guide

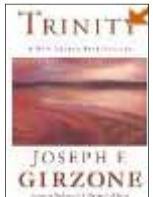
Parents: If you purchased one of these guides and your children are now beyond 6th grade, we would welcome its return, if it is in good condition and you would care to recycle it to another family—just drop it by the Faith Formation Office at any time—with our thanks!



Fr. Mike (and friends): BOOKIES!

We will be reading five books in the year ahead, beginning September 3. Fr. Mike will share the facilitating spotlight with four other staff members.

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)

2008 GOAL: 365 jars
Collected to date: 433 jars



What a wonderful week. . . a local store had peanut butter on sale and 47 jars overflowed our PBJ box ! ! ! Your social consciousness is truly a blessing for the children of our community.

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.

Terri asked her Sunday School class to draw pictures of their favorite Bible stories. She was puzzled by Joe's picture, which showed four people on an airplane, so she asked him which story it was meant to represent. "The flight to Egypt," Joe said. "I see. . . and that must be Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus," Ms. Terri said. "But who is the fourth person?" "Oh, that's Pontius—the pilot."

Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

Chris Smith
Director of Stewardship & Development
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CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

How Will You Invest Your Life?

Every human being alive knows at least two things that are absolutely certain: one is that they are going to die, and the other is that they are not dead yet.

And the space between those two points: between the NOW of being alive, and the THEN of not being alive, is filled with infinite importance. Now is our interval of time, and every one of us must be deciding what to do with it.

We all have 24 hours a day of time. The differences come in our Christian stewardship . . . what we do with this vital dimension of our being. The question for all of us never really is "Do I have time?" but "What do I have time for?"

A common view of time is the idea that "my time is my own." Time is the most personal of all possessions, and who, but me, could be in charge of it? It is nobody's business but my own what I do with my time!

But this attitude denies the Christian insight that time is life, and life is God's fundamental gift to his children—a gift that deserves not only the response of gratitude, but of a responsible use of what we've been given.

How do we know when we have given enough of ourselves?

- + Our life is peaceful.
- + Our children become generous, too.
- + We are sensitive to others' needs.
- + We remember those who have no food.
- + We begin to trust in God.
- + We see our problems in a new light.
- + We feel the Lord present with us.

What kind of Christian stewards will we be of this precious unit of our precious time left this year . . . or next? Begin by seeing what you can do for (and/or with) your fellow members of your church, and community. *—Stewardship, August 2008*

My sister reminds me (and everyone she knows) on a regular basis, that life is a gift. And she does this in the nicest, most loving way. We need to be thankful for every single day and the lessons we learn from our days. I am especially thankful for my sister, Melanie, who is one of the kindest human beings I know. She looks for the best in everyone, regardless of circumstances. She also gives tirelessly of herself to help others. Hers is an example that I try to emulate.

In the same way, at STM, I see so many of you working hard behind the scenes in many various ministries, always striving to make a difference. You make the most of your time and use of your gifts. Time and again, you strengthen me by your example.

"The hand of the Lord feeds us," sings the psalmist. And in turn we share with those in need. May we always stay that course!



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2008 Annual Catholic Appeal

August 3, 2008

The Diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal raises funds for specific Diocesan programs that benefit the Parishes and may only be used for those purposes. 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)! For those who would still like to participate, materials are available at the Parish Office during the week.

Household returns: 315
Total pledged: \$44,162.32
Average gift: \$140.04

Did You Know? Donation Update—July 2008

\$2,041.00

Collection for Week of: July 26/27, 2008

Number of Registered Households:	962
Envelopes	\$ 5,275.00
Children's Envelopes	0.00
Plate	971.00
Total	\$ 6,246.00

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

Thank you for your wonderful examples!

News from the Larger Church

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

Same Sex Marriage Affects Everyone Lecture Series in San Marcos—Dr. Jennifer Roback Morse, parishioner at St. Mark's, offers this four-part series on Sunday evenings, August 3, 10, 17, and 24, at 7:00pm, in the John Paul II Center at St. Mark's Parish in San Marcos. For more information, contact 295-9278.

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.

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.

Aegis at Shadowridge Senior Community in Oceanside—proudly presents the Third Annual Concert series "Dancing in the Courtyard" Join us in our spacious courtyard for an evening of live music and dancing. The next concert will be on Thursday, August 21, 6:00-8:00pm. For more information please contact Michele at 806-3600.

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.

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.



Mission San Luis Rey Retreat Center in Oceanside—has an ongoing schedule of retreat activities. For more information, contact 757-3659 or www.sanluisrey.org.

Thank You from Birth Choice

Dear St. Thomas More Parishioners,

We have been able to serve 451 women so far in 2008. 38 babies were born to our clients. Our speakers gave two presentations to local schools and churches on abstinence, abortion, adoption, and the services we offer. On June 7, we started training 6 new volunteers, and on March 8, 32 of our volunteers attended an infant adoption workshop. On Saturday, April 12, we celebrated our twenty-first anniversary. Your *Pennies from Heaven* donation of \$411.38 helps to make all of this possible. You are a very important part of this ministry. It is an honor to be working with you saving babies, one mom at a time.

God bless you,

*John McDonnell, President of the Board
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