

# 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 17, 2008 • Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Announcement from Bishop Robert Brom

Rev. Ramon Marrufo, Pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Vista, has requested and been granted a sabbatical leave. The effective date was August 2 and will be approximately six months in length.

Rev. Michael Ratajczak, Pastor of St. Thomas More Parish in Oceanside, while remaining Pastor of St. Thomas More, will become the "Pro-tem" Administrator of St. Francis Parish in Rev. Marrufo's absence.

Msgr. Lawrence Purcell, Pastor of Nativity Parish in Rancho Santa Fe, will assume the duties as Dean of the Oceanside Deanery.

## Did You Know?

During 2008, our offertory collection has been negatively affected by the present state of our economy.

We have collected a significant amount less than what was budgeted.

What "saved" our budget was the "Did You Know?" Campaign! This Campaign allows those who are in a position to give more to do so. This, in turn, helps to "cover" those who are forced to give less due to the economy. (Details will be in the Financial Report which will be published in September.)

If your situation allows you to do so, please support the "Did You Know?" Campaign. It is vital to a healthy budget.

## Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak  
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### Faith of the Canaanite Woman

*"She comes and speaks  
Finding Jesus, seeking hope and healing  
She is ethnically wrong  
Her sex prevents her from asking help  
The daughter has not been right  
Suffering, they say under a demon  
The mind never clear  
The heart never finding a moment of peace  
Faith and desperation make an interesting mix  
Finding the healer who has found success  
Noting it involves a trip into a strange land  
A land questioning her very right to exist  
Though she speaks Jesus acts as if he does not hear  
As if she is not worth noticing  
He continues to lecture to his apostles  
She does not take silence for an answer  
She continues to speak, asking for mercy, praying  
When Jesus takes notice he turns away  
Speaks some words to the disciples about this woman*

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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 \$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>*

**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 \$CRIP 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](http://www.stmoside.org), then  
select "Schedules and Calendars"

**The Week Ahead**

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

**The Month Ahead**

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

**The Year Ahead**

Sept 7 RE.A.CH Open House  
Sept. 7 RE.A.CH classes begin  
Sept. 11 High School RE.A.CH Orientation  
Sept. 14 High School RE.A.CH Classes Begin

*(Pastor's Column continued from page 1)*

*Tells them that it is not right to give the children's food  
to such a dog*

*The mind staggers at such cruelty  
To ignore the woman's very existence  
To insult her as if she is not even there  
Not even willing to address her directly*

*One is shocked at this Jesus  
Is this the Jesus who had compassion on lepers?  
Is this the Jesus who left Palestine and entered Greek cities?  
Is this the Jesus who showed compassion to the Roman officer?*

*One is shocked at this Jesus  
Is this the Jesus who chose to cross Samaria?  
The Jesus who showed compassion to the Samaritan,  
The Jesus who offered nothing but love?*

*One is shocked at this Jesus  
Is this the Jesus who forgave the adulteress?  
Seeing the men holding the stones  
Yet his words to the woman were "neither do I condemn you"*

*The story does not end in harshness  
Jesus begins to speak as expected  
The woman addresses the Lord to his feet  
Pointing out that the dogs are allowed to eat the table scraps*

*One wonders at the words of Jesus,  
What he knows and does not know  
We know he answered according to the questioner's heart  
His harsh words were spoken to the disciples –  
Did he know the faith of the woman?  
Did he only speak the thought of the disciples out loud?  
Did Jesus wait for the rebuttal?  
A lesson taught by the sharp mind given to the 'least of these?'*

*The final words were then spoken  
'Good answer'  
'Your daughter is healed, you have great faith'  
Apparent cruelty followed by high praise*

*So difficult to read and understand the contents of the hearts  
The result is clear, for the daughter was in her right mind."*

—Michael Jay

**Readings for the Week Ahead**

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

**Sunday, August 17** (118)  
*Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Isaiah 56:1,6-7  
Psalm 67  
Romans 11:13-15,29-32  
Matthew 15:21-28

**Monday, August 18** (419)  
Ezekiel 24:15-24  
Deuteronomy 32:18-21 (Psalm)  
Matthew 19:16-22

**Tuesday, August 19** (420)  
*John Eudes, priest*  
Ezekiel 28:1-10  
Deuteronomy 32:26-28,30,35c-36b (Psalm)  
Matthew 19:23-30

**Wednesday, August 20** (421)  
*Bernard, abbot and doctor*  
Ezekiel 34:1-11  
Psalm 23:1-6  
Mathew 20:1-16

**Thursday, August 21** (422)  
*Pius X, pope*  
Ezekiel 36:23-28  
Psalm 51:12-15,18-19  
Matthew 22:1-14

**Friday, August 22** (423)  
*The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
Ezekiel 37:1-14  
Psalm 107:2-9  
Matthew 22:34-40

**Saturday, August 23** (424)  
*Rose of Lima, virgin*  
Exodus 43:1-7b  
Psalm 85:9ab,10-14  
Matthew 23:1-12

**Sunday, August 24** (121)  
*Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Isaiah 22:19-23  
Psalm 138  
Roman 11:33-36  
Matthew 16:13-20

**Mass Intentions**

Saturday, August 16, 5:00pm Alan Newhouse ☩
Sunday, August 17, 8:30am Virginia M. Havel ☩
Sunday, August 17, 10:30am Bill and Theresa Goeltz
Tuesday, August 19, 8:15am Gerald Hafner ☩
Wednesday, August 20, 8:15am Ezio Capparelli ☩
Thursday, August 21, 8:15am Rev. James Rankin ☩
Friday, August 22, 8:15am Celia Miramon ☩
Saturday, August 23, 5:00pm Jerry Ludke ☩
Sunday, August 24, 8:30am Lou Hemenez ☩
Sunday, August 24, 10:30am Victoria A. Sarkis ☩

**Prayer List**

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

Jay Ahmann  
Michael Ainis  
Mary Alexander  
Patricia Barbour  
Carl Bechtold  
Cindra Bell  
James Bradley  
Mary S. Breen  
Frank & Virginia Brophy  
Janet Brown  
Christopher Chasteler  
James Coleman  
Barbara Colton  
Thomas Cornwell & family  
Emma Rose Cunningham  
Deborah Darsey  
Linda Dossman  
The Espana Family  
The Fiore Family  
Larry Fisk  
Rick Gonzalez  
The Grant Family  
Bill Greeley  
Claudette Gunderson  
Anita Hage  
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  
Harry Little  
Jackie Lynn  
James MacArthur  
Maria Magdaleno Doherty  
Ken Mauro  
Patrick McCarthy  
Bob McWilliams  
Carroll Tom & Nona Miller  
The Mohrman Family  
Jim Montoya  
Nancy Moore  
Margie Myers  
R. Northrup  
Eleanor Nucci  
Ethan O'Doherty

Helen Pingtella  
Anne Post  
Sr. Loyola Romey  
Dorothy Rouse  
Lynne Rumpf  
The Russo Family  
Charles Rutz  
The Scott Family  
Julie Shea  
Rita Shepard  
Tom Siersma  
The Sinkez Family  
Ed Sox  
Gilda Spiegel  
Dorothy and Ray Staehr  
The Suozzo Family  
Eleanor Tucker  
Lisa & Kyle Valpoon  
Vanessa Vitello-Koble  
Kevin Watson-Graff  
The Wiesen Family

**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, USMC  
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  
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.*



**P.U.S.H.**

**Middle School Youth Group's FIFTH ANNUAL CAR WASH**

Sunday, August 17  
8:00am-11:30am

Cars \$7.50  
Trucks/SUV's \$10

Proceeds go towards Christmas backpacks for homeless teens at Stand Up for Kids in Oceanside.

**Have your car washed while you enjoy breakfast with the Knights of Columbus!**

**Missionary Appeal**

On behalf of the archdiocese of Delhi, India, Fr. Devdas from Santa Sophia parish in Spring Valley made a mission appeal last weekend. Your prayers and financial assistance are greatly appreciated to support various programs of the archdiocese, which serves a large and very poor population.

The archdiocese is a mission diocese and it works with people of different faiths. It has two hospitals and nine primary health care centers, which conduct mobile clinics for the poor living in slums and villages.

Envelopes were attached to the front of the bulletin last week and may be returned any time during the month of August. Thank you!

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## Women's Guild

All women of the parish are invited to join the Women's Guild, and the annual dues are still just \$5! Activities include monthly luncheon meetings, fundraising, and an annual retreat. Complete the application included in last week's bulletin and drop it in the offertory collection basket on the weekend, or at the Parish Office during the week by August 31 to be included in this year's directory.

## Knights of Columbus

Installation of our K of C Council Officers will immediately follow the 5:00pm Mass on Saturday, August 16. All Knights, former Knights, former Knights' Ladies (including prospective members) and their families are invited to a complimentary heavy hors d'oeuvres feast following the officers' installation.

## 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, September 5.

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

## Looking for Information on the Catholic Faith?

Are you interested in learning more about Catholicism, becoming a Catholic or returning to the Catholic Church after being away? You're invited to Inquiry Sessions, which meet on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 7:00pm at the Parish Center.

*For information, call Bob Taylor at 630-4589.*

### St. Thomas More Vehicle Donation Program

Do you have a vehicle you want to donate?  
Call the Parish Office at  
758-4100 x100



## 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

**Nucci's Night**

Monday, August 18

6:30-8:30pm

Call Gale at 726-7236 for more information

## Announcing the baptism of:

**Amanda Catherine Bell**  
on August 17, 2008

*Our Christian community  
welcomes you with great joy!*



## In Memoriam:

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:



**Katherine Grant**, who died on August 5. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, August 23, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep Katherine's family in your prayers.

**Joe Suozzo**, who died on August 6. Private services for the family will be held at a later date. Please keep Joe's family in your prayers.

**Rose Mary Wiesen**, who died on August 9. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, August 21, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep Rose Mary's family in your prayers.

*May their souls 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](http://www.stmoside.org), Contact Us),
- the Parish office, or
- from Anne Marshall at 727-2668 or [annemarshall@sbcglobal.net](mailto:annemarshall@sbcglobal.net).



## 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](mailto:mstr0619@cox.net).*

## Fr. Thomas on Vacation in August

Fr. Thomas will be on vacation during the month of August and will return in September.



**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, and requires:**

- † REASON
- † COMPASSION
- † FAIRNESS
- † RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT
- † STEWARDSHIP

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

This concept of accountability is once again well-illustrated by the rule of Caliph Umar. In a well-known incident from his life, the government issued to each of its citizens, as a type of rebate, a certain length of cloth. During prayers, one of the citizens noticed that the robe which Umar wore was longer than could be made from this single piece of cloth. The man stood up and demanded to know from whence Umar had obtained the extra cloth, since each citizen should have an equal share.

Umar responded by pointing at his son, who stood up and declared “I gave to my father half of my share, as his was insufficient to make a robe.” This was because Umar was taller than average man, and hence needed more cloth. However, he did not feel at any liberty to issue for himself even a slightly longer length of than was issued to each and every citizen, and relied instead on the charity of his son.

—*Justice: Equality Before the Law, Islamic Center of Southern California*

**EPISCOPAL**

“Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord,” the canticle begins, “praise him and highly exalt him forever.” It continues, inviting praise from all of the various aspects of God’s creation, from the angels and stars to the rain and the dew to the waters and streams to the people of God and the souls of the righteous.

Creation as it looks when all is made new in the person of Christ is the picture of Creation that Christians, by virtue of our Baptism, are obliged to help build in the world: a place where poverty and suffering no longer hold sway, and the only need or want that pervades the world is the desire to sing the Maker’s praise.

—*Alex Baumgarten to the Staff of Episcopal Relief and Development 17 September 2007 in New York City*

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  
24031 El Toro Road, Suite 210  
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



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*Fifth 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.*

# Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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## WHY MUSIC?

I view the world from a particular perspective, as a musician and as a music minister and educator. So here are a few words from my particular soapbox.

As the school year commences, it is time to look ahead to our future—our own, and that of our children and grandchildren. Elementary and high schools have changed from when I grew up, and I imagine that you have experienced this change too.

At many school sites, my colleagues in music departments are constantly being reminded that, “Electives must support the CORE Curriculum,” and that their role is to assist the school in raising the ever-important test scores. Yes, this is important, but what they do is so much more than that! Music teachers impart to students life-changing lessons that they will not receive anywhere else. As do we who teach in the church.

*A cry from deep within our being, music is a way for God to lead us to the realm of higher things.*

*As St. Augustine says, “Singing is for the one who loves.”*

*Music is therefore a sign of God’s love for us and of our love for him.*

*The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops; “Sing to the Lord” no. 2*

### **Why should young people make music?**

#### **Music is language.**

Music is the expressive word, which requires singers to understand more than just words on the page. They must bring to life the author’s point of view, understand idioms, analogies, metaphors, and similes. They must infer and use figurative language. Music requires students to compare and contrast musical form as well as textual composition.

They must analyze and respond to text. Music challenges students to critique both themselves and others in oral, choral, and written presentations.

#### **Music is science.**

Music is exact, specific; and it demands exact acoustics. A singer’s sheet music is a chart, a graph which indicates frequencies, intensities, volume changes, melody, and harmony all at once, and with the most exact control of time.

#### **Music is math.**

Music is rhythmically based on the subdivisions of time into fractions which must be done instantaneously, not worked out on paper, and often in multiple combinations simultaneously.

#### **Music is foreign language.**

Most of music’s terms are in Italian, German, or French; and the notation is certainly not English, but a highly developed kind of shorthand that uses

symbols to represent ideas. The semantics of music is the most complete and universal of languages.

#### **Music is history.**

Music usually reflects the environment and times of its creation, and often even the country and/or racial feelings therein. Music tells us of our past and intuits our future.

#### **Music is physical education.**

Music requires fantastic coordination of fingers, hands arms, lip, cheek, and facial muscles, in addition to extraordinary control of the diaphragm, back, stomach, and chest muscles, which must respond instantly to the sound the ear hears and the mind interprets.

#### **Music develops insight.**

In music, patterns are analyzed, similarities and differences are identified, and style and period characteristics are observed.

### ***Music is all these things...and more!***

#### **But mostly, music is art.**

Music allows a human being to take all these dry, technically boring (but difficult) techniques, and use them to create emotion. This is something that science cannot duplicate: humanism, feeling, emotion—call it what you will. Young people should study music not because we expect them to major in it though some of them will, not because they will sing or play music all of their lives—though many of them will—and not only so they can relax and have fun—although most of them will.

Young people should study music so that they will be HUMAN, so that they will recognize beauty, be sensitive, have something to retain for enrichment forever, have more love, more compassion, more gentleness, in short—more LIFE!

Of what value will it be to our young people to make a prosperous living unless they know how to live!

As the music ministry year begins (the school year, too!), consider music-making—for your children, for your grandchildren, for yourself, for your school, for your God. All are welcome here!

**LIVE BETTER... MAKE MUSIC!**

# Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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## It's Not Too Late!

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!

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*

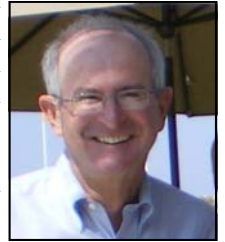
## AT HOME Guide

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!

Do you ever think about turning off the television and getting out a good book? Would you like to be able to share your insights with a great group of people and grow in your faith besides?



September 3, either at 9:00am (with coffee and donuts) or 7:00pm (with wine and cheese) will be your first opportunity here at STM.

*Trinity—A New Living Spirituality* by Joseph Girzone is our first great book of the season. Books are available after Mass at the Information Table or during the week at the Faith Formation Office for only \$10.

## PBJ Update

(Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center)

2008 GOAL:	365 jars
Collected to date:	475 jars



## 3-Minute Retreat

Visit [www.findinggod.org/retreat](http://www.findinggod.org/retreat) to experience soothing music, a daily Scripture verse, and reflective thoughts and questions as you prepare your heart and mind for the day ahead. Register as a member and each day a link to a new retreat will be e-mailed to you, giving you a chance to spend three quiet, meaningful minutes in focused reflection.

# Stewardship & Development

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## CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP God's Ambassadors of Love

A hallmark of Christian stewardship is hospitality: welcoming, being inclusive, and making time for others. This is the demand of the Lord in all three of today's readings; whether those others are "foreigners" ~ "Gentiles" ~ "Jews" or a "Canaanite woman."

There is a temptation to exclude others who are not of our faith, race, economic status or political persuasion. As Christ's stewards, how are we at welcoming others, offering kindness, and being inclusive?

Do we treat people as "insiders" or "outsiders"?

—ICSC Parish Stewardship, August 2008

The following piece was submitted by someone who knows how it feels to be on the receiving end of many helping hands:

When we read, watch, or listen to the daily news broadcasts we are bombarded by their seeming obsession with negative news. Stories about war, crime, motor vehicle accidents, economic crises, substance abuse, and loss of human lives due to an abundance of violence can have a numbing effect on us.

The temptation to descend into a slow-motion cynicism appears all too great. However, it is especially during these times that we should be mindful of the positive events that take place in the world every day; those events large and small that won't get the media's attention, but are important to understanding God's love in the world.

These events are enacted daily by Christian stewards:  
 God's ambassadors of love.

Let me refer to a personal experience. Due to a fall in my home earlier this year, I was at risk of losing the sight in my left eye. From the moment my injury occurred and soon thereafter, when they were apprised of my situation, family friends, professional colleagues, and neighbors provided me with assistance and ongoing support. From the beginning of this journey, throughout the time of my surgery, and throughout the recovery period, the collective love and care for me from all of these people was priceless. This time and circumstance taught me so much about God's loving presence through others.



At this very moment, neighbors are helping neighbors, strangers are being fed, conflicts are being solved, people are offering words of kindness, support, and compassion to those who are in the most need.

When we do our best for others in God's name, and promote God's love in our family, neighborhood, community, church, and world, we are ambassadors of God's love.

Let's make this effort daily, from the time we wake up every morning until the last minute of each day for "... the Kingdom of God is within you." (Luke 17:21)

—Marylu Vazquez of the Archdiocese of Monterey, Mexico

**To what is God calling me today?**

## A WAY TO GIVE ~ A WAY TO RECEIVE



### DESIGNATED BANK ACCOUNTS, WILLS, LIVING TRUSTS, STOCKS, LIFE INSURANCE, MUTUAL FUNDS, REAL ESTATE

There have been changes in the tax laws that are beneficial to both the recipient and the giver. A few examples of Planned Giving to STM are: Designated Beneficiary Accounts, Wills, Living Trusts, Stocks, Life Insurance, Mutual Funds and Real Estate.

This program is one way of helping the Parish raise the resources necessary to continue our campus build out and also help plan for our future needs (i.e., Tower of Faith participants). Planned Giving is a generic term that covers the many ways an individual can give to a charity while, in many cases, avoiding taxes.

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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: August 9/10, 2008

Number of Registered Households:	960
Envelopes	\$ 6,151.16
Children's Envelopes	0.00
Plate	1,092.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 7,243.16</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](mailto:parishoffice@stmoside.org)



## News from the Larger Church

**Vatican II Documents Study Series at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside**—Franciscan Friar Fr. Tom Herbst will take a look at Vatican II documents and how they can enlighten us in “Contemporary Issues of the Church in Light of the Second Vatican Council,” presented on four consecutive Mondays beginning August 18, at 9:30am or 7:00pm. Pre-registration isn’t necessary—just drop in! A free-will offering is requested. For more information, contact 757-3659 or [www.sanluisrey.org](http://www.sanluisrey.org).

**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.

**Summer Sing in San Diego**—The Pacific Academy of Ecclesiastical Music (PACEM) presents Rutter’s *Magnificat* on Wednesday, August 20, at 7:30pm at St. Paul’s Cathedral, 2728 6th Avenue (at Nutmeg), San Diego. Attendees are invited to sing along (scores available) or just enjoy the music. For more information, contact 619-298-6759 or [pacem@pacem-music.org](mailto:pacem@pacem-music.org).

**Outdoor Concert Next Door to St. Thomas More**—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.

**Catholic Scout Training in San Diego**—Adult training for counselors/coordinators of Catholic Cub, Boy, and Venturer Scout Religious Emblems will be on Saturday, September 6, at 8:00am at 3350 E. St., San Diego. For more information, please contact Jim Freed at 619-446-2116.

**Retrouvaille Retreat Program for Troubled Marriages**—If your marriage is not what you want it to be, if communication has broken down, if you are divorced or separated, but want to repair your relationship, then Retrouvaille is for you. Upcoming weekend: September 12-14. For more information, contact 951-259-9474 or 619-423-0182 (Spanish).

**St. Mark’s Annual Golf Tournament in San Marcos**—Friday, September 19, at the Twin Oaks Golf Course. \$115 per golfer (\$95 if paid by August 29) includes green fees, cart, range balls,

and awards banquet (no host bar). Proceeds of this event, in memory of Msgr. Thomas P. Healy, benefit St. Mark’s religious education and youth group programs. For more information, contact Thom Tillman at 752-7877 or Denny Bielicki at 505-2600.

**Marriage Encounter in San Diego**—Have you forgotten the ABC’s of romance? Sign up for a Marriage Encounter weekend! September 19-21 or October 24-26. For more information or to register, contact John & Bianca Roy at 858-513-1099 or [broy2@san.rr.com](mailto:broy2@san.rr.com).

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

**University of San Diego Center for Christian Spirituality in San Diego**—has released their fall schedule of lectures and workshops. For more information, contact 619-260-4784 or [www.sandiego.edu/ccs](http://www.sandiego.edu/ccs).

**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](mailto:pdoyle@ivcusa.org), or Margie Carroll, Regional Director, at 619-881-9509 or [mcarroll@ivcusa.org](mailto:mcarroll@ivcusa.org). For national website visit [www.ivcusa.org](http://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.

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

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



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