

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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 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 24, 2008 • Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Review the recent series on Moral Budgeting—
 go to the parish website, www.stmoside.org
 Click on *Weekly Bulletins*,
 Click on *Moral Budget Series* (upper right corner)

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Pastor's Column

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Principles of Dialogue

The word “polarized” is often used today to describe the reality of our world and Church. People seem to be at opposite poles on so many crucial issues.

How do we talk to one another? How do we find solutions to our problems? How do we find “common ground?”

I share with you these “Principles of Dialogue” taken from the Catholic Common Ground Initiative. These principles can help us, I believe, structure a conversation that brings people together to find common solutions to the differences that confront us.

These “Principles of Dialogue,” although created for the Church, can easily be used for the political process.

As we prepare for the November Elections, let these principles help to guide us in our review and choices of candidates and propositions.

The Principles of Dialogue

1. *We should recognize that no single group or viewpoint in the church has a complete monopoly on the truth.*
 While the bishops united with the Pope have been

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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

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

The Month Ahead

Aug 31 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and
10:30am Masses

The Year Ahead

Sept 1 Mass at 8:15am; Labor Day Holiday
Parish Office and Chapel Closed

Sept 7 RE.A.CH Open House

Sept 7 RE.A.CH classes begin

Sept 8 Women's Guild Luncheon Meeting

Sept 8 Monday Night Mass

Sept. 11 High School RE.A.CH Orientation

Sept. 14 High School RE.A.CH Classes Begin

Sept 24 Spirited Seniors present *Lunch with 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.*

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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specially endowed by God with the power to preserve the true faith, they too exercise their office by taking counsel with one another and with the experience of the whole church, past and present. Solutions to the church's problems will almost inevitably emerge from a variety of sources.

2. ***We should not envision ourselves or any one part of the church a saving remnant.*** No group within the church should judge itself alone to be possessed of enlightenment or spurn the mass of Catholics, their leaders, or their institutions as unfaithful.
3. ***We should test all proposals for their pastoral realism and potential impact on living individuals as well as for their theological truth.*** Pastoral effectiveness is a responsibility of leadership.
4. ***We should presume that those with whom we differ are acting in good faith.*** They deserve civility, charity, and a good-faith effort to understand their concerns. We should not substitute labels, abstractions, or blanketing terms—"radical feminism," "the hierarchy," "the Vatican"—for living, complicated realities.
5. ***We should put the best possible construction on differing positions,*** addressing their strongest points rather than seizing upon the most vulnerable aspects in order to discredit them. We should detect the valid insights and legitimate worries that may underlie even questionable arguments.
6. ***We should be cautious in ascribing motives.*** We should not impugn another's love of the church and loyalty to it. We should not rush to interpret disagreements as conflicts of starkly opposing principles rather than as differences in degree or in prudential pastoral judgments about the relevant facts.
7. ***We should bring the church to engage the realities of contemporary culture,*** not by simple defiance or by naïve acquiescence, but acknowledging, in the fashion of *Gaudiam et Spes*, both our culture's valid achievements and real dangers.

Readings for the Week Ahead

Sunday Year A; Weekday Year II
 Readings online at www.usccb.org.
Sunday, August 24 (121)
Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Isaiah 22:19-23
 Psalm 138
 Roman 11:33-36
 Matthew 16:13-20
Monday, August 25 (425)
 2 Thessalonians 1:1-5,11-12
 Psalm 96:1-5
 Matthew 23:13-22
Tuesday, August 26 (426)
 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3a,14-17
 Psalm 96:10-13
 Matthew 23:23-26
Wednesday, August 27 (427)
Monica
 2 Thessalonians 3:6-10,16-18
 Psalm 128:1-2,4-5
 Matthew 23:27-32
Thursday, August 28 (428)
Augustine, bishop, doctor
 1 Corinthians 1:1-9
 Psalm 145:2-7
 Matthew 24:42-51
Friday, August 29 (429)
John the Baptist, martyr
 1 Corinthians 1:17-25
 Psalm 33:1-2,4-5,10-11
 Matthew 6:17-29
Saturday, August 30 (430)
 1 Corinthians 1:26-31
 Psalm 33:12-13,18-21
 Matthew 25:14-30
Sunday, August 31 (124)
Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Jeremiah 20:7-9
 Psalm 63
 Romans 12:1-2
 Matthew 16:21-27

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 23, 5:00pm Jerry Ludke ☩
Sunday, August 24, 8:30am Lou Hemenez ☩
Sunday, August 24, 10:30am Victoria A. Sarkis ☩
Tuesday, August 26, 8:15am Ruth Landsmann ☩
Wednesday, August 27, 8:15am Daphne Dunn ☩
Thursday, August 28, 8:15am Donn Wilmott ☩
Friday, August 29, 8:15am Lewis Garrett ☩
Saturday, August 30, 5:00pm Merrill Scott ☩
Sunday, August 31, 8:30am Marianne Benjamin ☩
Sunday, August 31, 10:30am Bill Kenney ☩

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
 The Darsey & Fajardo Families
 Linda Dossman
 The Espana Family
 The Fiore Family
 Larry Fisk
 Ryan Flum
 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
 Sr. Anne Kremenik
 Lillian Lachance
 The Lamelin Family
 The Lapp Family
 Brandon LeBlanc
 Harry Little
 Jackie Lynn
 James MacArthur
 Maria Magdalena Doherty
 Ken Mauro
 Patrick McCarthy
 Bob McWilliams
 Rita Mikas
 Carroll Tom & Nona Miller
 The Mohrman Family
 Jim Montoya
 Nancy Moore
 Ann Mussara
 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
 Jerry Slabaugh
 The Slemmer Family
 Ed Sox
 Dorothy and Ray Staehr
 Masako Streling
 The Suozzo Family
 Lisa & Kyle Valpoon
 Vanessa Vitiello-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
 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

Thank you for your prayers for Brandy Amber Collins, HMI, USN, who has returned home safely.

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

Voter Registration Forms Are Available in the Parish Office

In their November 2007 document, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, the U.S. Catholic Bishops challenged Catholics with the following words, "In the Catholic Tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation." The Bishops believe that the duty to engage in voting at the local, state, and federal level is paramount. The voter registration deadline in California for the November 2008 election is Monday, October 20, 2008. If you are not registered, please do so today at the Parish Office. Let your voice be heard! For more information, visit the California Secretary of State web site: www.sos.ca.gov, or contact the diocesan Office for Social Ministry at 858-490-8324.

Missionary Appeal

On behalf of the archdiocese of Delhi, India, Fr. Devdas from Santa Sophia parish in Spring Valley made a mission appeal recently. 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 August 10 and may be returned any time during the month of August. Thank you!

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.

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.

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.

When a Loved One Dies

*Call the Parish Office first, before you call the funeral home.
Call anytime, night or day!*

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

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

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

Fr. Thomas on Vacation in August

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

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 Resumes in September

Call Gale at 726-7236 for more information.

Middle School Youth Ministry Resumes in September

Call Ron or Louise at 758-4100 x153 for more information.

Flower Donations

We would like to gratefully acknowledge the contribution of:

Tom and Pat Hannon

whose generosity helped to defray the cost of flowers last this weekend in our liturgical environment.

Congratulations to:

Paul & Elaine Cassidy

who celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary on August 16.

May God continue to bless your marriage, and may you be an inspiration to other married couples.

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 Kathy Wilson at 758-2538.

Need Louder Sound at Mass?

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

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

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.



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.*

A Warm Meal Goes a Long Way!

Many thanks to all who have stepped up to provide dinners for North County Solutions for Change homeless shelter! This ministry answers the call by Jesus to feed the hungry in our time and neighborhood. The NCSC women and children's shelter needs volunteers for meal preparation, servers, and donations (food and paper goods). The remaining dates for 2008 are listed below. Any help you can provide would be welcome!



September 28, November 23, and December 28.

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

The Spirited Seniors Present "Lunch with Tom Morrow"

Wednesday, September 24 at 11:30am

Tom Morrow, local newspaper columnist and producer of a daily television show on KOCT, will be with us on September 24 at 11:30am. He will share his stories and sign copies of his books that will be available for sale. Lunch will be served at a cost of \$7. Reservations required by September 15. Contact Jerry and Judy Buoniconti at 758-5113.

Heartnotes

It's back to school time, and that includes CPR school. If you have never taken a course in CPR, we invite you to join the more than 330 parishioners of the Church of St. Thomas More who have been certified in this lifesaving procedure.

If you have been certified sometime in the past, you'll find the new training protocol even easier to learn and easier to remember.

We will have two classes in September. The cost is \$25 and the location is on the lower level of the Parish Center.

Saturday September 13
Saturday September 20

Adult CPR/AED
Infant/Child CPR

If you have any questions about the St. Thomas More CPR program, contact medical director Dr. Phil Goscienski at drphilg@cox.net or 732-1414.

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.

People of Faith Throughout California Are Urged to Contact Their Elected Officials to Pass a Moral Budget NOW!

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's administration filed a lawsuit recently to force state Controller Jon Chiang to cut the pay of 175,000 state workers. "Most of the 175,000 state workers who (were) due a monthly paycheck on August 29 would have their pay cut to the federal minimum wage, \$6.65 an hour. . . .(A)bout 30,000 managers and supervisors would be cut to \$455 a week, and 8,000 attorneys and physicians would not be paid, said Lynelle Jolley, spokeswoman for the governor's Department of Personnel Administration." —*Ed Mendel, San Diego Union Tribune*

Please take the time to call your government representatives to urge the passing of a Moral Budget immediately. Even if these wages are reimbursed upon the passage of the budget, that will not help those who must pay their rent NOW, buy food for their children NOW, and cover the family medical expenses NOW!

State Capitol: 916-319-2074
Mimi Walters: 949-457-7333
Martin Garrick: 760-929-7998



Thank you for supporting the Carwash last weekend!

We washed over 60 autos.

Proceeds will be going to the
Christmas Backpack Service Project for
Stand Up for Kids, a teen homeless shelter in Oceanside.

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!

Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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



COWORKERS IN GOD'S SERVICE

— Denise Simeone

Prisca, Aquila, Apollos, Eudora, Syntyche, Clement, Epaphras, Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, Luke, Epaphroditus, Mary, Andronicus, Junia... Who are these people? These are Paul's "coworkers," so called by the disciple in his letters (Rom 16:3; 1 Cor 3:9; Philippians 4:11; Philemon 1:24). He also recognized the works of many who are unnamed, yet whom he calls "my other coworkers, whose names are in the book of life" (Philippians 4:3).

Most of us have had coworkers in our lives: in a job, on a committee, in an office. Those relationships are often united around a common purpose such. Paul's coworkers were united in spreading the Gospel mission and preaching the Good News.

The church today continues to explore how to spread the Gospel and preach the Good News. While acknowledging the service of the ordained ministry, the American bishops recognize that lay persons, including many vowed religious men and women, serve within church structures in many ecclesial roles. Many persons name their baptismal identity as a central focus for their vocation and ministry. These ministers strive to work together in collaborative ways to serve within the church, especially in parish communities.

The emerging sense of the baptismal call of all people has led to an explosion of programs in ministry formation, spiritual development, and church leadership. The deepening of that call has led many people to become actively engaged in the Gospel mission as well as the parish mission and vision. These are the coworkers Paul envisioned working together to serve God and one another. These are the many whose names are in the book of life, and who, like Prisca and Aquila, "risked their necks" for him and the Gospel (Rom 16:4).

The layers of ministry and service extend into the parish community and neighborhood like ripples on a lake. "Go forth to love and serve the world," heard at the end of every Eucharistic banquet, gives us all marching orders. Paul knew the mission needed to be done together. The Spirit has showered us with an abundance of gifts. The waters of baptism have poured forth graces and blessings for service. Paul's own missionary zeal might be astonished at the way the modern-day parish explodes with many coworkers who co-labor to spread the Good News.

Denise Simeone is a writer and consultant skilled at group facilitation, long-range planning and mission development.

Singing is one of the primary ways that the assembly of the faithful participates actively in the Liturgy.

Choirs are able to enrich the celebration of by adding music elements beyond the capability of the congregation alone.

*The United States
Conference of
Catholic Bishops;
"Sing to the Lord"
nos. 26 & 28*

St. Thomas More Music Ministry... Enriching our Celebration!

Monday Night Mass Team

(FALL START UP: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2)

Who: Instrumentalists, grade 6 and up

Singers, grade 8 and up

When: Tuesdays, 7:00-8:30pm
Upper Level

Contact Joleen Schanzenbach at 806-6722

Children's Choir

(FALL START UP: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4)

Who: Grades 2 to 8

When: Thursdays, 6:00-6:50pm
Upper Level

Adult Choir

(FALL START UP: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4)

Who: Grade 9 to adult

When: Thursdays, 7:00-9:00pm
Upper Level

Dayringers

(FALL START UP: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10)

Who: Grades 2 to 12

When: Wednesdays, 9:00-10:15am
Upper Level Stage

Handbell Choir

(FALL START UP: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10)

Who: Grade 9 to adult

When: Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00pm
Upper Level Stage

For more information about
all music ministries,
contact Douglas Lynn at

758-4100 x140 or douglasl@stmoside.org.

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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



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

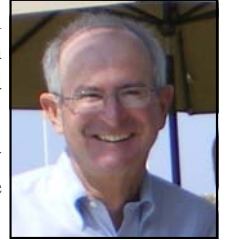
If you are a registered parish family and would like to sign up for this program, please contact the Faith Formation Office right away. It would be our privilege to share in forming faith in your family!

With you in ministry,

Kathleen

Fr. Mike (and friends): BOOKIES!

Join us for a great discussion of a wonderful book, September 3, either at 9:00am (with coffee and donuts) or 7:00pm (with wine and cheese).



Trinity—A New Living Spirituality, by Joseph Girzone, is our first great book of the season.

In this book the reader is guided to a deeper understanding of the Trinity, explaining why it is not antiquated theological dogma, but a living expression of the very essence of God. Girzone offers support and clarity to those who already believe in God, and invites those who profess not to believe on a journey to find "an image of a God who is believable, and perhaps even lovable."

Books are available after Mass at the Information Table or during the week at the Faith Formation Office for only \$10.

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.

PBJ Update

(Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center)

2008 GOAL:

365 jars

Collected to date:

488 jars



3-Minute Retreat

Visit 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

Serve God's People

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

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

The Renewal of Our Minds

The Sunday newspapers are filled with back-to-school sales ads. School principals and teachers are preparing their schedules, curricula, and classrooms. Practice for fall sports has already begun, and new students are going through requisite orientations.

As the anticipation for the new school year begins, it is fitting to reflect on the discipline of Christian stewardship as it relates to our education.

Education is a life long activity, which begins at birth and continues until a person passes on to the Lord. It is so important to the development of a individual and society that it is cherished and fostered in every age and culture. Education can be formal or informal; for the very young and for society's matriarchs and patriarchs; and for all whose minds continuously react to personal needs, societal expectations, material circumstances, and ever changing political and economic realities.

For the Christian steward, the acquisition of knowledge and problem-solving skills, however, it is not an end in itself. The good steward recognizes that we have been given stewardship of the earth and have a responsibility to make the world a better place. Knowledge and skills must be put to work to create practical solutions for human challenges.



In one's own prayerful discernment, some stewardship questions at this time of year might include:

For students: Do I take my studies seriously? Am I living up to my potential? Do I live and actively give witness to my Catholic faith at school?

For parents and others entrusted with the care of students: As the primary educators, are we inspiring a life-long passion for learning? Are we cultivating a sense of hard work and good study habits? Are we helping our charges not only to achieve in the classroom, but to grow in their faith?

For Catholics who are educators: Are we doing the best we can to help our students reach their God-given potential? Are we helping them to become responsible, productive citizens? Do we give witness to our own Christ-centered values in the learning process so these values will be a part of their journey of faith?

During his visit to the United States, Pope Benedict XVI had much to say about the relationship between education and our responsibility to proclaim the Gospel in word and deed.

Education concerns itself with the ongoing renewal of our minds. Our Holy Father urges us to use this continued renewal to grow in our faith. For good stewards, education is a profound way by which we learn to do good, seek justice, relieve the oppressed, and draw people of all ages into communion with God and each other. (cf. Isaiah 1:17) —ICSC Parish Stewardship, August 2008

St. Paul reminds us today that *all* we have is gifted to us. This includes our minds, and we are charged to do our best with them!

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2008 Annual Catholic Appeal

August 18, 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) and to those who are making monthly payments! For those who would still like to participate, materials are available at the Parish Office during the week.

Household returns: 316

Total pledged: \$44,262.32

Average gift: \$140.07

Collection for Week of: August 16/17, 2008

Number of Registered Households:	960
Envelopes	\$ 6,077.93
Children's Envelopes	0.00
Plate	1,286.00
Total	\$ 7,363.93

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)
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please contact the Parish Office at:

758-4100 x100 or parishoffice@stmoside.org

News from the Larger Church

Same Sex Marriage Affects Everyone Series Continues at St. Mark's Church in San Marcos—The topic for Sunday, August 24, at 7:00pm, will be *Religion's Secret Weapon*. Presented by Dr. Jennifer Roback Morse, in the John Paul II Center at St. Mark's in San Marcos. For more information, contact 295-9278 or jrobackmorse@sbcglobal.net.

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.

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.

St. Elizabeth Seton Church Sponsors Women's Silent Retreat in Alhambra—Please consider taking this brief but blessed time out of your routine to refresh your heart and soul. September 19-21 at the Sacred Heart Retreat House in Alhambra. For more information, contact Jan Feiner at 603-9103.

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.

Volunteers Needed for Buena Creek Cleanup Project in Vista—Join us in helping make Vista a beautiful city on Saturday, September 20, 8:00am-1:00pm at the intersection of Sycamore Ave. and Shadowridge Dr. in Vista. For more information, contact 918-8045 or jfraker@pcmineternet.com.

St. Mary's Church Annual Fiesta in Escondido—*Hear the Call, Build the Hall*, October 11-12. Includes Open Air Mass celebrated by Bishop Salvatore Cordileone, food, drinks, merchandise booths, games, opportunity drawings, performances, and music. St. Mary's Church, 1160 S. Broadway, Escondido. For more information, contact 591-3795 or MRSGINA1@aol.com.

Widowed, Divorced, and Separated Retreats 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 November 7-9 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. For more information, call 858-538-4208.

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.

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.

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.

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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