

# 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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**Deacon Thomas A. Goeltz**  
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Scripps La Jolla, Scripps Green, & UCSD Thornton

**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 31, 2008 • Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Monday, September 1**  
**Labor Day**  
**Mass at 8:15am**  
**Parish Office and Chapel Closed**

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## Pastor's Column

*Rev. Michael Ratajczak*  
*michaels@stmoside.org*  
*758-4100 x100*

### We Are Workers

As we celebrate this Labor Day Weekend, I share with you a reflection from the martyred Archbishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador:

#### *We Are Workers*

It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view. The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is even beyond our vision.

We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work. Nothing we do is complete, which is a way of saying that the kingdom always lies beyond us. No statement says all that could be said. No prayer fully expresses our faith. No confession brings perfection. No pastoral visit brings wholeness. No program accomplishes the church's mission. No set of goals and objectives includes everything.

This is what we are about.  
We plant the seeds that one day will grow.

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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*

## 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.*



## 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 31 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and  
10:30am Masses  
Sept 1 Mass at 8:15am; Labor Day Holiday  
Parish Office and Chapel Closed  
Sept 5 Exposition of the Eucharist  
Sept 7 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass  
Sept 7 RE.A.CH Open House  
Sept. 7 RE.A.CH classes begin

### The Month Ahead

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 23 Exposition of the Eucharist  
Sept 24 Spirited Seniors present *Lunch with Tom Morrow*  
Sept 27-28 Brother Benno's Toiletries Drive  
Sept 28 Fr. Mike's Birthday

### The Year Ahead

Oct 18-19 Women's Guild Bake Sale  
Nov 8-27 Christian Stewardship Awareness/Renewal  
Nov 23 Music Ministry presents "With Thankful Hearts"

## 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.*

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

We water seeds already planted,  
knowing that they hold future promise.  
We lay foundations that will need further development.  
We provide yeast that produces far beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation  
in realizing that.

This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.

It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning,

a step along the way,

an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results, but that is the difference  
between the master builder and the worker.

We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs.

We are prophets of a future not our own.

AMEN

As we celebrate Labor Day, although a National Holiday, may  
we seize the opportunity to reflect upon the fact that we are  
workers in the Lord's vineyard, not our own!

*Fr. Mike*

**Readings for the Week Ahead**

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

**Sunday, August 31** (124)  
*Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Jeremiah 20:7-9  
Psalm 63  
Romans 12:1-2  
Matthew 16:21-27

**Monday, September 1** (431)  
1 Corinthians 2:1-5  
Psalm 119:97-102  
Luke 4:16-30

**Tuesday, September 2** (432)  
1 Corinthians 2:10b-16  
Psalm 145:8-14  
Luke 4:31-37

**Wednesday, September 3** (433)  
*Gregory the Great, pope & doctor*  
1 Corinthians 3:1-9  
Psalm 33:12-15,20-21  
Luke 4:38-44

**Thursday, September 4** (434)  
1 Corinthians 3:18-23  
Psalm 24:1-6  
Luke 5:1-11

**Friday, September 5** (435)  
*Blessed Teresa of Calcutta*  
1 Corinthians 4:1-5  
Psalm 37:3-6,27-28,39-40  
Luke 5:33-39

**Saturday, September 6** (436)  
1 Corinthians 4:6b-15  
Psalm 145:17-21  
Luke 6:1-5

**Sunday, September 7** (127)  
*Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Ezekiel 33:7-9  
Psalm 95  
Romans 13:8-10  
Matthew 18:15-20

**Mass Intentions**

Saturday, August 30, 5:00pm  
Merrill Scott ☩

Sunday, August 31, 8:30am  
Marianne Benjamin ☩

Sunday, August 31, 10:30am  
Bill Kenney ☩

Monday, September 1, 8:15am  
Joanne & Steve McMahon

Tuesday, September 2, 8:15am  
Judith Nichols ☩

Wednesday, September 3, 8:15am  
Vance Schweitzer ☩

Thursday, September 4, 8:15am  
Frances Hoogestraat ☩

Friday, September 5, 8:15am  
Bernie Weiler ☩

Saturday, September 6, 5:00pm  
Philip & Jeffrey Lavelle ☩

Sunday, September 7, 8:30am  
Ronald Pawlowski ☩

Sunday, September 7, 10:30am  
Jim Godkin ☩

**Prayer List**

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

The Ahmann Family  
Michael Ainis  
Mary Alexander  
Patricia Barbour  
Carl Bechtold  
Cindra Bell  
Nancy Bermudez  
James Bradley  
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  
The Garcia & Carrillo Families  
Rick Gonzalez  
The Grant Family  
The Greeley Family  
Claudette Gunderson  
Anita Hage  
The Harker Family  
Greg Hayes  
Bud Hazlett  
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  
Brandon LeBlanc  
Harry Little  
Jackie Lynn  
James MacArthur  
Maria Magdaleno Doherty  
Ken Mauro  
Patrick McCarthy  
Bob McWilliams  
Rita Mikas  
Carroll Tom & Nona Miller  
Jim Montoya  
Nancy Moore  
Ann Mussara  
Margie Myers  
R. Northrup  
Eleanor Nucci  
Michael Pagliaro

Mary Anne Palmer  
Helen Pingtella  
Anne Post  
Sr. Loyola Romey  
Dorothy Rouse  
The Rumpf Family  
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  
Harriet Stein  
Masako Streling  
The Suozzo Family  
Lisa & Kyle Valpoon  
Vanessa Vitiello-Koble  
Kevin Watson-Graff  
The Wiesen Family  
Matt & Adina Williams

**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

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

**Register to Vote at the Parish Office and then Vote on Election Day—Tuesday, November 4**

The *Catholic Catechism* gives an immense compliment to the United States of America, saying, “One must pay tribute to those nations whose systems permit the largest possible number of the citizens to take part in public life in a climate of genuine freedom.” Let’s all embrace that freedom by voting in the upcoming November election. The voter registration deadline 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 website: [www.sos.ca.gov](http://www.sos.ca.gov), or contact the Diocesan Office for Social Ministry at 858-490-8324.

**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.*

**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](mailto:parishoffice@stmoside.org).

**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.*



## 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.

## 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.

## 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).



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

## Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioners

Kathy Egan  
Corrado & Lily Rolfini & family

## Congratulations to:

**Pat & Lyle Christopherson**  
who celebrate their 58th wedding anniversary on September 1.  
*May God continue to bless your marriage, and may you be an inspiration to other married couples.*

## Flower Donations

We would like to gratefully acknowledge the contribution of:  
**Tom and Pat Hannon**

**Jean Crowell**  
**Maria Elena Quiroz**

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

## In Memoriam:

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:



**Bill Greeley**, who died on August 22. His Funeral Mass was celebrated on August 29 at St. Thomas More. Please keep Bill's wife, Lorraine, and their family in your prayers.

**Jay Ahmann**, who died on August 21. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, September 2, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep Jay's family in your prayers.

**Pauleta Carrillo**, who died this week. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated in Los Angeles. Pauleta is the aunt of Joe Garcia, our Director of Maintenance. Please keep the families in your prayers.

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

## Visit the Parish Website—[www.stmoside.org](http://www.stmoside.org)

## 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.

## Reporting Sexual Abuse

In accordance with the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, the Diocese of San Diego has published a brochure that includes information regarding sexual misconduct by Church ministers and how to report any complaints. This brochure, entitled *Sexual Misconduct: Preventing, Responding, Reporting*, is available in our pamphlet rack on the lower level of the Parish Center.

### The Spirited Seniors Present “Lunch with Tom Morrow”

*Wednesday, September 24 at 11:30am*

Don't miss this opportunity to meet and hear our local celebrity, Tom Morrow. He will speak about North County's history and his latest book. He has written several books about World War II. Also, Tom will take time to sign each book sold. RSVP is a MUST and can be made with your name and guests, your phone number, and a check for \$7, in an envelope marked *TOM MORROW LUNCHEON*. Please deliver your reservation envelope to the Parish Office, mailbox #12, Spirited Seniors. Remember the deadline is Monday, September 15. For further information please call Judy Buoniconti at 758-5113.



SEE YOU ALL THERE!

### Women's Guild

**Membership**—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 September 15 to be included in this year's directory.

**Luncheon Meeting**—Monday, September 8, will be our first meeting for 2008-2009. Come join us for a delicious lunch. Our entertainment will be Card Bingo. We're looking forward to seeing all of you. Please RSVP to Mary Vernaci at 599-4386 or Germaine Wilmott at 758-9949.

### Parish Potluck

*Friday, September 12, 6:00pm*

Please come to our next parish potluck in the lower level of the Parish Center. Please bring one of your favorite main dishes, salads, or desserts. Don't forget your favorite date! If you don't have one, come anyway. Please RSVP if you plan to attend! Call Germaine Wilmott at 758-9949.

### Facing Surgery or a Serious Illness?

If you, a family member or close friend is facing surgery or has been diagnosed with a serious illness, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick can be powerful and comforting.

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

### Facing a Hospital Stay?

If you or someone you know is planning a hospital stay or ends up in the hospital, marking the “Catholic” box on the registration form ensures that the Diocesan Catholic Chaplain assigned to the hospital will know the patient is Catholic. You may also want to request a visit by the Catholic Chaplain. Most hospitals also have teams of ministers from local parishes who bring Holy Communion to Catholic patients.

### Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice News

The Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice would like to thank all of you who have called your elected officials and expressed your concern for a Moral Budget. Our leadership with CLUE CA (Clergy & Laity United for Economic Justice) feels your calls have influenced the legislature in a very positive way and have truly made a difference!

California still does not have a budget, and important programs that support our state's most vulnerable members remain threatened. The ICWJ invites you to continue to raise your voices for justice by contacting your government officials. —*Sr. Maureen*

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

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24031 El Toro Road, Suite 210  
Laguna Hills, CA 92653  
949-457-7333

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

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

### Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice of San Diego



### 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



### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 • 8:45am - 7:30pm

Family Hour: 6:30 - 7:30pm

#### BLESSED TERESA OF CALCUTTA

Mother Teresa of Calcutta, the tiny woman recognized throughout the world for her work among the poorest of the poor, was beatified October 19, 2003. Speaking at the beatification Mass, Pope John Paul II declared her blessed, prompting waves of applause before the 300,000 pilgrims in St. Peter's Square. In his homily, read by an aide for the aging pope, the Holy Father called Mother Teresa "one of the most relevant personalities of our age" and "an icon of the Good Samaritan." Like so many others, he found her love for the Eucharist, for prayer, and for the poor a model for all to emulate.

At age 18, she entered the Loreto Sisters of Dublin. The following year she was sent to the Loreto novitiate in Darjeeling, India. In 1946, Sister Teresa heard what she later explained as "a call within a call. The message was clear. I was to leave the convent and help the poor while living among them." She also heard a call to give up her life with the Sisters of Loreto and to "follow Christ into the slums to serve him among the poorest of the poor."

After receiving permission to leave Loreto, establish a new religious community, and undertake her new work, she returned to Calcutta, where she lived in the slums and opened a school for poor children. The work was exhausting, but she was not alone for long. Volunteers who came to join her in the work became the core of the Missionaries of Charity. Others helped by donating food, clothing, supplies, and the use of buildings. In 1952, the city of Calcutta gave Mother Teresa a former hostel, which became a home for the dying and the destitute. Over time, services were also offered to orphans, abandoned children, alcoholics, the aging, and street people.

For the next four decades Mother Teresa worked tirelessly on behalf of the poor. Her love knew no bounds. Nor did her energy, as she crisscrossed the globe pleading for support and inviting others to see the face of Jesus in the poorest of the poor.

#### INTENTION FOR THE DAY

That we may be faithful  
to the "poorest of the poor."

*Among the many signs and symbols used by the Church to celebrate its faith, music is of preeminent importance.*

*The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops; "Music in Catholic Worship" §III, no. 23*

St. Thomas More Music Ministry...

**Celebrating our Faith!**

#### 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

# RE.A.CH

Religious Education for Adolescents and Children

Formerly known as CCD, Catechism, Sunday School,  
Religion Class, etc, etc, etc!



**“Did I miss the boat?”**

Well, yes and no!

You've missed enrolling in a timely manner for Religious Education, but we will never deny a child the opportunity to get better acquainted with Jesus!

The future of our Church is relying on an informed Catholic population . . . do your part to safeguard our heritage!

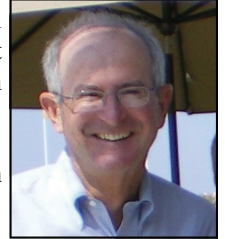
If you are a registered parishioner, please contact the Faith Formation Office right away to register.

**Sign up NOW!**

**Classes for Pre-K through Level 8  
begin next Sunday,  
September 7  
Open House 9:45-10:20am  
Lower Level**

## Fr. Mike (and friends): BOOKIES!

Join us for a great discussion of a wonderful book, this Wednesday, 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.

## 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.*

## PBJ Update

(Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center)

2008 GOAL: 365 jars  
Collected to date: 494 jars





# Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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## CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

### God's Workmanship

"We are God's workmanship,  
created in Christ Jesus to do good works,  
which God prepared in advance for us to do."

—Ephesians 2:10

Clearly, and beautifully, many of us come to know the purpose for which we were created. We are able to live our lives, giving of ourselves in gratitude for all that we have been given.

God has a rationale for each of our lives that fits His Will.

At times life isn't easy and we wonder 'why' certain things are happening to us. The trials and tribulations that most of us endure over time serve to give us wisdom, strength, and knowledge for the path that lies ahead.

Spending time in prayer is a perfect way to discern our purpose. This is where God lets His purpose for you to be known, so that you can devote yourself to that purpose.

Know these things:

- ◆ There is a rationale for your life that fits God's purpose.
- ◆ Your purpose is pleasing to God.
- ◆ There is a cause for your life that helps God get important work done.
- ◆ No one is supposed to live randomly or aimlessly.
- ◆ Your life has been planned specifically by God.
- ◆ Live according to God's purpose for you.

Total stewardship is stressed by St. Paul today. This did not make him a favorite to the Romans. This involved (and still involves) offering ourselves as a living sacrifice.

Denying ourselves and total sacrifice are still not popular notions in today's society. The word 'sacrifice' implies loss, pain, denial, and suffering ~ and none of these things are very pleasant, are they? But pain and Christian stewardship are not the same thing!

We know that "...Christian stewardship is countercultural. Christian stewardship is living the Gospel by dying to ourselves every day, so that we can more effectively reveal the redemptive, forgiving, generous, and healing power of the Lord and challenge all that is selfish, destructive, and wasteful in our world."

—ICSC Parish Stewardship, August 2008

Here are a few ways we can sacrifice in order to donate for the greater good:

- † Give up eating out one time a week or a month.
- † Forego the movies or theater once a month.
- † Drink your coffee, juice or tea from home once a week instead of buying it at a fancy local haunt. Got water?
- † Buy one less new clothing item for yourself, and donate that money for someone who has nothing new to wear this year.

**I am grateful for the purpose in my life  
that clearly comes from God.**



## St. Thomas More Vehicle Donation Program

Do you have a vehicle you want to donate?  
The St. Thomas More program is easy!

Call us, and we'll have it picked up.  
You get the tax deduction!

Call the Parish Office at  
760-758-4100 x100



## 2008 Annual Catholic Appeal

August 25, 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 23/24, 2008

Number of Registered Households:	958
Offertory	\$ 8,213.50
Children's Envelopes	0.00
Plate	1,034.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,247.50</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*



## News from the Larger Church

**Pilgrimage to the Holy Land**—Join Fr. Peter Kirwin, OFM, of Mission San Luis Rey Parish, on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from November 6-16, 2008. Price: \$3,349 per person based on double occupancy. Includes round trip airfare from Los Angeles to Tel Aviv, all hotel, taxes, breakfast, and dinner. Space is limited. Last day to join is September 4. For more information, call Linda Fosdick at 529-9378.

**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.

**Rosary Novena for the Protection of Life and Marriage**—Please pray the Rosary every day from September 8 through October 31 for the Protection of Life and Marriage in the November election. Opening Mass and Rosary with Auxiliary Bishop Cordileone on Monday, September 8; 6:30pm Rosary Procession followed by 7:00pm Mass at Mariam Mother of Life Shrine, St. Ephrem's Maronite Catholic Church, 750 Medford St., El Cajon.

**Diocesan Institute Class: S810 Dynamics of Conversion Offered in Solana Beach**—Meets Mondays, September 8-October 6, 6:00-9:00pm, at St. James Academy in Solana Beach. Taught by Deacon Peter Hodsdon, M.A. For more information, call 858-490-8212.

**Women's Garden Retreat in Leucadia**—St. James' Women Together is hosting *Grace Overflowing* on Saturday, September 13, 8:30am-2:30pm at the home of Marilyn Ambrose, 620 Hygeia Ave., Leucadia. The retreat will be facilitated by Deacon Peter and Katie Hodsdon, and will begin with a continental breakfast in the garden, followed by Input, Prayer, Meditation, Song, Sharing, Journaling, and a potluck luncheon. For more information, or to make reservations, call Marilyn Ambrose at 942-9832.

**On a Journey Together featuring John Angotti in Poway**—Enjoy a spiritually uplifting evening with award-winning Catholic composer and recording artist John Angotti at San Rafael Parish in Poway on Sunday, September 14 at 6:30pm. For free tickets (a free-will offering will be accepted) or more information, contact 858-674-1145 or [adulted@sanrafaelparish.org](mailto:adulted@sanrafaelparish.org) or [youthministry.debby@sanrafaelparish.org](mailto:youthministry.debby@sanrafaelparish.org).

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.



**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).

**Diocese of San Diego Diocesan Institute**—has an ongoing schedule of classes and workshops. For more information, contact 858-490-8212 or [bcarr@diocese-sdiego.org](mailto:bcarr@diocese-sdiego.org).

**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).

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