

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

September 7, 2008 • Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Join Us for
Monday Night Mass
September 8, 7:00pm
Upper Level of the Parish Center**

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Pastor's Column

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Fighting Faithfully

Fighting faithfully is hard. Fighting faithfully is scary. We don't have any idea how another person is going to react. And, often, though we know what we are supposed to do, we do not have any idea of how to do it.

But if we look at Jesus' ministry, if we look at the way Jesus dealt with people, we can learn how to fight faithfully.

1. Jesus shows us that the resolution of conflict is always carried out in a caring and especially loving manner—never from a vengeful posture. Expressing our feelings (even our anger) is appropriate as long as it is not done in a destructive manner. And so when we confront or ask questions, we must be careful to state our position in such a way that we do not intentionally harm the other. And if a question is harmful, if it has an edge, we need to ask to have it rephrased in a more careful way.
2. Attacking ideas is different from attacking the person and the person's motivation. Attacking an idea is not wounding. We can work to change, improve, defend, and explain an idea. However, attacking a person or a

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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, then
select "Schedules and Calendars"

The Week Ahead

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
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

The Month Ahead

Sept 21	RE.A.CH Classes
Sept 23	Exposition of the Eucharist
Sept 24	Spirited Seniors present <i>Lunch with Tom Morrow</i>
Sept 27-28	Brother Benno's Toiletries Drive
Sept 27	Fr. Mike's Birthday (<i>a big one</i>)
Sept 28	High School RE.A.CH Classes

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"
Nov 9	Towers of Faith Dinner
May 1	STM Tenth Annual Golf Classic

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

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person's motivation hurts. It ignores the issues, causes
defensiveness, and only worsens the situation.

3. We watch our tongues. We do not use "always" or
"never" statements. We avoid exaggeration and
generalization, and are careful with the facts. Shouting is
only a smoke screen to solving the issues; a smoke
screen that generally suggests that one party does not
really want to solve the issues or that it is time to take a
break.
4. If someone says that they are hurt, we should not say,
"Sorry you took it wrong. But I did not say anything
wrong." Responses like that suggest that they are wrong,
that they should not feel hurt, that they are too sensitive,
and that I am unfeeling. If someone says that they are
hurt, we say, "Thanks for telling me and expressing your
hurt. I am sorry. I did not intend to hurt you. Forgive
me." Responses like these show compassion. Apologies
make us a better person. People expect us to make
mistakes, but they need us to own up to the mistakes we
make.

There will always be conflict, disagreement of ideas and
positions, and mistakes will be made. How we handle them
makes all the difference!

Fr. Mike

Readings for the Week Ahead

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

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

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

Monday, September 8 (636)
The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Micah 5:1-4a or Romans 8:28-30
Psalm 13:6abc
Matthew 1:1-16,18-23

Tuesday, September 9 (438)
1 Corinthians 6:1-11
Psalm 149:1b-6a,9b
Luke 6:12-19

Wednesday, September 10 (439)
1 Corinthians 7:25-31
Psalm 45:11-12,14-17
Luke 6:20-26

Thursday, September 11 (440)
1 Corinthians 8:1b-7,11-13
Psalm 139:1b-3,13-14b,23-24
Luke 6:27-38

Friday, September 12 (441)
The Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary

1 Corinthians 9:16-29,22b-27
Psalm 84:3-6,12
Luke 6:39-42

Saturday, September 13 (442)
1 Corinthians 10:14-22
Psalm 116:12-13,17-18
Luke 6:43-49

Sunday, September 14 (638)
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Numbers 21:4b-9
Psalm 78
Philippians 2:6-11
John 3:13-17

Mass Intentions

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

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

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

Tuesday, September 9, 8:15am
Gene Frink ☩

Wednesday, September 10, 8:15am
Patricia Thompson ☩

Wednesday, September 10, 9:30am
Raymond Joseph O'Toole Jr.
Aegis

Thursday, September 11, 8:15am
Morning Rosary Group

Friday, September 12, 8:15am
Joe Sullivan ☩

Saturday, September 13, 5:00pm
Patricia Michel ☩

Sunday, September 14, 8:30am
Helen & Cornelius Garrigan ☩

Sunday, September 14, 10:30am
Jo Ann Gondolfo ☩

Prayer List

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

The Ahmann Family
Michael Ainis
Mary Alexander
Nick Angelucci, Sr.
Patricia Barbour
Carl Bechtold
Cindra Bell
Nancy Bermudez
James Bradley
Frank & Virginia Brophy
Janet Brown
Christopher Chasteler
James Coleman
Barbara Colton
Thomas Cornwell & family
The Darsey & Fajardo Families
Linda Dossman
The Espana Family
Boo Falconer
The Fiore Family
Larry Fisk
Ryan Flum
Rick Gonzalez
The Grant Family
The Greeley Family
Genevieve Green
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 Magdalena Doherty
Ken Mauro
Patrick McCarthy
Bob McWilliams
Rita Mikas
The Mikridge & Alvaro Families
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
John & Francisca Rodriguez
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
Maj. Scott Wadle
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.

Deadline to Register to Vote in This November's Election is October 20—Visit the Parish Office Today!

Pope Benedict XVI, in his *Address to the U.S. Bishops* in April of 2008, reminded them and all Catholics that participation in public life is part and parcel of being a Catholic. He stated, "Any tendency to treat religion as a private matter must be resisted. Only when their faith permeates every aspect of their lives do Christians become truly open to the transforming power of the Gospel." Support life and liberty! Register and then vote in the upcoming November election. The voter registration deadline for the November 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.

Monday Night Mass

Join us
September 8
at 7:00pm for
Monday Night
Mass

(Upper Level of the Parish Center)

We will be continuing to collect items to support "Stand Up for Kids," a homeless teen day shelter in Oceanside.

For more information please contact Ron Briseno at 758-4100 x153
ronb@stmoside.org

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday-Friday • 6:30am-7:30pm • Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Exposition of the Eucharist on First Fridays and one other day of each month. Next date: Tuesday, September 23.

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.

Middle School Youth Ministry

Next Meeting—Monday, September 15

7:00-8:30pm, Upper Level of the Parish Center

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

JOIN US FOR MONDAY NIGHT MASS!
See page 3 for details.

High School Youth Ministry

Meet after Monday Night Mass until 8:30pm

Next Meeting—Monday, September 15

7:00-8:30pm, Lower Level of the Parish Center

Call Gale at 726-7236 for more information.



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



Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioners

Dana Yates & family
Marc Higuera & Mercedes Gomez & family
Andrew & Stacy Osborne & family
Arturo & Yesenia Smith & family

Congratulations to:

Betty & Bill Nelson

who celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary on August 27.

Richard & Ann McGearry

who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on September 4

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:

Don & Maureen Tutino

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

In Memoriam:

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:



Margaret Alvaro, who died on recently. Margaret is the mother of Rita Mikridge. Please keep the family in your prayers.

May her 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, Contact Us),
- the Parish office, or
- from Anne Marshall at 727-2668 or annemarshall@sbcglobal.net.



Visit the Parish Website—www.stmoside.org

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.

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 on 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.



Brother Benno's Toiletry Drive and More

It is again time to collect toiletries for Brother Benno's. All those purloined and pilfered products of perfumed purification removed from hotels and motels as souvenirs, along with toothpaste, toothbrushes, shaving supplies, and hair products. **THIS YEAR** we will also be collecting **NEW** men's, women's, and children's **UNDERWEAR**. Bring them to the Deacon's truck before Mass on September 27 and 28. Thank you for your generosity.

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
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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
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HOPING NOT TO LOSE MY JOB

Fr. Mike's Bookies returns this fall, and on November 5 your Director of Music puts his job on the line to lead a discussion of Thomas Day's provocatively titled book, *Why Catholics Can't Sing: The Culture of Catholicism and the Triumph of Bad Taste*.

In chapter one, Day sets the scene:

Contemplate this very odd situation.

Today, a large number of Roman Catholics in the United States who go to church regularly—perhaps the majority—rarely or barely sing any of the music. If you think about it, this stands out as a most curious development in the history of Christianity.

What could possibly cause this odd behavior of American Catholics? The problem is certainly not one of unfamiliarity. The "new music" and the practice of singing during a liturgy were introduced into the American "mainstream" parish over twenty years ago...Are American Catholics offering some kind of resistance to the liturgical innovations that hit them in the 1960s? If we can judge from all the polls, the answer is no. Most Catholics say they are in favor of "the changes," even though they do not seem to ratify them in song. What is going on here? Why do the polls tell us one thing and why does a visit to almost any parish seem to tell us that a sullen rebellion is taking place? Why won't Catholics sing?

This book is about the culture of American Christianity and what it does to our understanding of God, self, and community as reflected in the way Christians worship.

The Catholic world has been in a state of transition since the changes wrought by the Second Vatican Council that continues even to the present. Forty years on, we continue to adjust to this "new" approach—emotionally, liturgically, musically.

Written in 1990, Thomas Day's book can be seen as a response to the culture and practice of American Catholic music twenty years after the Vatican II.

Day grabs one's attention and does not let it go. Every page is interesting, and what he is writing strikes one a eminently true.

review in Sacred Music (1990)

Let's see if it remains true today. I look forward to hearing from you at our discussion on November 5.

—Douglas Lynn

Music Ministry Next Week

SEPTEMBER 8

7:00pm Mass

MNM Music Team

SEPTEMBER 13/14

5:00pm Mass

Cantor

8:30am Mass

Adult Choir

10:30am Mass

Cantor

St. Thomas More Music Ministry...

Making a Joyful Noise!

Monday Night Mass Team

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

Who: Grades 2 to 8

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

Adult Choir

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

Welcome!

Dear parishioners, especially parents,

Today we begin a new year of religious education at St. Thomas More.

“At the heart of catechesis we find, in essence, a Person, the Person of Jesus of Nazareth.”

—(Pope John Paul II)

Whether you are

- a young person beginning the RE.A.CH program,
- a parent entering into partnership with the church catechist,
- or a parishioner becoming involved in the study of Samuel or our Adult Faith Formation opportunities developing spirituality. . .

it is all about the Person of Jesus.

Jesus questioned his disciples

“Who do you say that I am?”

—(Mk 8:29)

Each of us is challenged to respond with clarity and conviction who Jesus is—
for me and for the world.

Our response includes our whole person:
body, mind, spirit.

If my faith is not lived on every level
of my daily life, there is room to grow.



As we grow in spirituality this year, no matter
how young or old we are, may we:

- find new passion in our search to *know Jesus* and his message
- be nourished by the *liturgy and sacraments*
- struggle everyday with the demands of the Gospel in our own *moral formation*
- realize the essential value of *prayer* in our own lives
- *live in genuine community*, at home, school, work, church, neighborhood, world
- learn by doing as we live out the *mission of Jesus* to love and serve others

Keep it simple, live one day at a time . . . the reward?
. . . a deeper relationship with the person of Jesus!

With you on the journey,

Kathleen

PBJ Update

(Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center)

2008 GOAL: 365 jars
Collected to date: **500 jars !**



Today is a **RE.A.CH** day!

RE.A.CH
Religious Education for Adults, Children and Youth

9:45-10:20am

**Open House for Parents and PK-8 students
Lower Level**

10:30-11:45 Class for 3, 4, 5 year olds

12:30- 2:00 Class for Levels 1-8

5:00- 6:30 Class for Levels 1-8

Correction~

High School Orientation is September 11 at 7:00pm. This is a Thursday evening . . . not Wednesday, as your letter indicated. This evening is a requirement for incoming freshmen . . . parents are welcome, too!

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.

Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Expressions of Stewardship

Each new day offers opportunities to reflect stewardship in the love of God and our neighbors. The readings today make very clear that we are, in fact, our brother's and sister's keepers. We are charged with the responsibility of helping others when that is possible and necessary.

Suzanne Erpenbach, Stewardship Director for the Diocese of Knoxville, Tennessee shares some very easy and common sense ways of expressing stewardship during September. These start with Labor Day, but work well anytime of the year:

1. **Labor Day** ~ This holiday celebrates the value and dignity of work and its role in the American way of life. Talents and abilities are gifts from God to be discovered, developed, used and responsibly shared with others. Trace careers/vocations of family members to appreciate the diversity and value of God's gifts to individuals.
2. Organize calendars/schedules for good use of time and talents.
3. Make a special effort to greet everyone you meet each day.
4. Track your acts of kindness throughout the day. Make notes for expansion.
5. **Read a Book Day** ~ We learn and grown through our experiences of reading. Read to others and/or enjoy special reading time alone.
6. Evaluate the progress and accomplishments of the work week. Give thanks for God-given talents and abilities.
7. **National Grandparents Day** (today, September 7!) ~ Celebrate this generation of family with a meal, visit, phone call or a personal note.
8. Consider how the care of your property reflects your being a good neighbor to others.
9. Make a list of the things you've learned from your Christian stewardship efforts.
10. **Positive Thinking Day** ~ Our attitude reflects a mindset of stewardship. Consider the values and impressions positive thinking provides. (*Remember that, no matter what, a smile is the shortest distance between two people. CS*)



Guided by the Holy Spirit, we make our world a better place.

Suzanne Erpenbach is on the right track, and we can be too. Taking care and charge of our God-given gifts (that means everything) is not optional. The way we do this is witnessed by God 24/7.

As the readings point out today, as we see a need and are capable, we are charged with caring for our neighbors. Check out our bulletin each week for a number of ways to help. Page 10 always lists the main ministries and contacts. Give us a call!

Know and Show God Through Your Actions

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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.

For more information please contact:
Chris Smith at 758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org.

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

Did You Know? Donation Update—August 2008

\$3,840.00

Collection for Week of: August 30/31, 2008

Number of Registered Households:	962
Offertory	\$ 6,733.58
Children's Envelopes	0.00
Plate	888.00
Total	\$ 7,621.58

*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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News from the Larger Church

Public Forum on Proposition 8 and Same-Sex Marriage in Chula Vista—The Ecumenical Council of San Diego County is sponsoring a forum on Proposition 8, an initiative on the November 4, 2008 ballot to Preserve Traditional marriage. Proposition 8 is a response to the California Supreme Court decision to legalize same-sex marriage.

The purpose of the forum is to provide information and views on this issue to help members of churches to be better prepared to vote in November. The Ecumenical Council of San Diego County endeavors to give a balanced presentation on the issues. The forum will be held on: Sunday, September 14, 4:00-5:30pm, at Community Congregational Church (UCC), 276 F Street, Chula Vista 91910.

Welcome: Rev. Dr. Richard Freeman, President of the Ecumenical Council; Moderator: Rev. Dr. Paul Bieber, All Saints Lutheran Church (ELCA), San Diego; Panelists: Rev. Dr. George Morelli, St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church, San Diego; Rev. Gloria Espeseth, Gethsemane Lutheran Church (ELCA), San Diego; Rev. Michael Wilson, New Bethel Baptist Church, San Diego; Rev. Dr. Scott Landis, Mission Hills Congregational Church (UCC), San Diego

For more information, contact 619-422-9263 or www.ecsd.org.

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 or 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).

Third Thursday Mass and Adoration for Vocations in Oceanside—The Diocesan Office for Vocations sponsors a monthly *Third Thursday Mass and Adoration for Vocations*. All are welcome to join us in asking the harvest master to send forth more laborers. Youth, young adults, and families are especially encouraged to attend. The next one will be on Thursday, September 18, 7:00-8:15pm at St. Margaret, 4300 Oceanside Blvd., Oceanside.

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.

Hi Hopes Party for the Mentally Challenged at Pala Mission—Saturday, September 20, 11:00am-3:00pm, at the Juan Diego Center at the Pala Mission, sponsored by the Order of the Alhambra (a fraternal organization of Catholic gentlemen who do works of charity). Includes lunch and dancing music by the Hi Hopes band, a group of mentally and physically challenged musicians. For reservations and more information, contact Ed Ehrhart at ehrhart@bosonline.com or 480-9135.

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 more 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@pcminternet.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.



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