

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 14, 2008 • Exaltation of the Holy Cross

“Did You Know?”

We are feeling the effects of our present economy. Our offertory collection for July 2008 was \$10,000 less than for July 2007. Our offertory collection for August 2008 was \$2,000 less than for August, 2007. In the first two months of our new fiscal year, we are \$12,000 behind in the offertory collection compared to last year!

The “Did You Know?” envelope provides an opportunity for those who may be in a position to help more, thus helping to make up the difference for those who are finding that they must give less.

Your support is needed and encouraged!

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Pastor’s Column

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Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross

On the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (or Triumph of the Cross) we honor the Holy Cross by which Christ redeemed the world. The public veneration of the Cross of Christ originated in the fourth century, according to early accounts, beginning with the miraculous discovery of the cross on September 14, 326, by Saint Helen, mother of Constantine, while she was on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem—the same day that two churches built at the site of Calvary by Constantine were dedicated.

The observance of the Feast of the Exaltation (probably from a Greek word meaning “bringing to light”) of the Holy Cross has been celebrated by Christians on September 14 ever since. In the Western Church, the feast came into prominence in the seventh century, apparently inspired by the recovery of a portion of the Cross, said to have been taken from Jerusalem by the Persians, by the Roman emperor Heraclius in 629.

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**Guess Who
Is Having a Big Birthday This Month?**

**Our Mission is to:
worship God,**

Mass Schedule: Saturday at 5:00pm; Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am;
Tuesday-Friday at 8:15am; first Monday of the month at 7:00pm;
watch bulletin for holydays

Rite of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturday from 4:00-4:30pm
(or by appointment)

Eucharistic Adoration: Monday-Friday from 6:30am-7:30pm

Liturgical Ministry: Contact Douglas Lynn at 758-4100 x140

Choirs and Music Ministry: Contact Douglas Lynn at 758-4100 x140

Communion for the Homebound/Hospitalized: Contact Parish Office

Anointing of the Sick: Contact Parish Office

Matrimony: Contact Parish Office a minimum of 9 months in advance
For further information, call Rev. Michael Ratajczak at 758-4100 x100

teach and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ,

Inquiry into the Catholic Faith: First and third Thursday evenings

Religious Education for Youth & Children: Two times a month,
September-May, on Sundays

Religious Education for Adults: Various times, September-May

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

Little Rock Scripture Study: Weekly sessions, morning or evening

High School Youth Ministry: Monday evenings

Middle School Youth Ministry: Two Monday evenings per month

Preparation for the Sacraments:

Baptism (for infants): Begins with an appointment with the Pastor

Baptism (7-14 yrs.)/RCIA: One to two year process with children and
parents

Baptism (adults)/RCIA: One to two year process; weekly sessions

First Reconciliation: In home process begins in Level 1

First Communion: In home process begins after first reconciliation

Confirmation: Minimum two year process of preparation; begins in
high school

For further information, call Kathleen Bell at 758-4100 x110

and serve God's people in word and deed.

There are many groups who serve the parishioners
and provide outreach to the local community.

For further information, call Chris Smith at 758-4100 x120

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

Sept 14 High School RE.A.CH Classes Begin

Sept 15 P.U.S.H.—Middle School Youth Ministry and
High School Youth Ministry

Sept 21 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass

Sept 21 RE.A.CH Classes

The Month Ahead

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 big 60!*)

Sept 28 Knights of Columbus Breakfast

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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Christians "exalt" the Cross of Christ as the instrument of our salvation. Adoration of the Cross is, thus, adoration of Jesus Christ, the God "The Word Made Flesh," who suffered and died on this Roman instrument of torture for our redemption from sin and death. The cross represents the One Sacrifice by which Jesus, obedient even unto death, accomplished our salvation. The cross is a symbolic summary of the Passion, Crucifixion and Resurrection of Christ—all in one image.

The Cross—because of what it represents—is the most potent and universal symbol of the Christian faith. It has inspired both liturgical and private devotions: for example, the Sign of the Cross, which is an invocation of the Holy Trinity; the "little" Sign of the Cross on head, lips and heart at the reading of the Gospel; praying the Stations (or Way) of the Cross; and the Veneration of the Cross by the faithful on Good Friday by kissing the feet of the image of Our Savior crucified.

Placing a crucifix (the cross with an image of Christ's body upon it) in churches and homes, in classrooms of Catholic schools and in other Catholic institutions, or wearing this image on our person, is a constant reminder—and witness—of Christ's ultimate triumph, His victory over sin and death through His suffering and dying on the Cross.

We remember Our Lord's words, "He who does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for my sake shall find it." (Mt 10:38, 39). Meditating on these words we unite ourselves—our souls and bodies—with His obedience and His sacrifice; and we rejoice in this inestimable gift through which we have the hope of salvation and the glory.

**Dying, you destroyed our death; rising you restored our life.
Save us by your cross, Christ our Redeemer!**

—Women for Faith and Family – www.wf-f.org

F. Mike

Readings for the Week Ahead

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

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

Monday, September 15 (443)
Our Lady of Sorrows
1 Corinthians 11:17-26,33
Psalm 40:7-10,17
Luke 7:1-10

Tuesday, September 16 (444)
Cornelius, pope, martyr;
Cyprian, bishop, martyr
1 Corinthians 12:12-14,27-31a
Psalm 100:1b-5
Luke 7:11-17

Wednesday, September 17 (445)
Robert Bellarmine, bishop, doctor
1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13
Psalm 33:2-5,12,22
Luke 7:31-35

Thursday, September 18 (446)
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Psalm 118:1b-2,16-17,28
Luke 7:36-50

Friday, September 19 (447)
Januarius, bishop, martyr
1 Corinthians 15:12-20
Psalm 17:1b-d,6-7,8b,15
Luke 8:1-3

Saturday, September 20 (448)
Andrew Kim Taegon, priest, martyr;
Paul Chong Hasang, martyr,
and their companions, martyrs
1 Corinthians 15:35-37,42-49
Psalm 56:10c-14
Luke 8:4-15

Sunday, September 21 (133)
Twenty-fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Isaiah 55:6-9
Psalm 145
Philippians 1:2c-24,27a
Matthew 20:1-16a

Mass Intentions

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| Saturday, September 13, 5:00pm Patricia Michel ☩ |
| Sunday, September 14, 8:30am Helen & Cornelius Garrigan ☩ |
| Sunday, September 14, 10:30am Jo Ann Gondolfo ☩ |
| Tuesday, September 16, 8:15am Luke Mercardante ☩ |
| Wednesday, September 17, 8:15am Ed Sox |
| Wednesday, September 17, 9:30 Mary Margaret O'Toole <i>The Springs</i> |
| Thursday, September 18, 8:15am Dean Robinson ☩ |
| Friday, September 19, 8:15am Frank Flood |
| Saturday, September 20, 5:00pm Ruth Hannon ☩ |
| Sunday, September 21, 8:30am Bonnie Nelson |
| Sunday, September 21, 10:30am Lorie Whitmore ☩ |

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
James Coleman
Barbara Colton
Thomas Cornwell & Family
The Darsey & Fajardo Families
Bill Davis
Linda Dossman
Boo Falconer
The Fiore Family
Larry Fisk
Ryan Flum
Rick Gonzalez
The Grant Family
The Greeley Family
Genevieve Green
Claudette Gunderson
Jack Haelffelin
Anita Hage
Susan Hallahan
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
Eric Larson
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
John & Francisca Rodriguez
Sr. Loyola Romey
Dorothy Rouse
The Rumpf Family
The Russo Family
Charles Rutz
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.

The Voter Registration Deadline for the November Election is Rapidly Approaching—October 20— It's Easy—Register to Vote in the Parish Office Today

Support human life and liberty! If you have not done so, register to vote at the parish office and then participate in the upcoming November Election. The voter registration deadline for the November election is Monday, October 20, 2008. 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.

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

Assemblywoman Mimi Walters,
73rd District
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

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, off site

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

High School Youth Ministry

Next Meeting—Monday, September 15
7:00-8:30pm, Lower Level of the Parish Center

Call Gale at 726-7236 for more information.

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!

Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioners

Chris & Claudia Beauchamp-Smith & family
Lincoln & Taryn Manning & family
Anthony & Ivana Pocina & family

Announcing the baptism of:

Gabriela Mercy Compton
Dean Emil D'Agostini
Juliana Grace Martinez
Nolen Arlo Morente



on September 14, 2008

*Our Christian community
 welcomes you with great joy!*

Flower Donations

We would like to gratefully acknowledge the contribution of:

Greg & Jo Hoogestraat

whose generosity helped to defray the cost of flowers the weekends of July 27 and August 10 in our liturgical environment.

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.*

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.

St. Thomas More Vehicle Donation Program

Do you have a vehicle you want to donate?

**Call the Parish Office at
 758-4100 x100**



Guess Who Is Celebrating the Big 6-0 September 28?



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.

Knights of Columbus Breakfast

Sunday, September 28 • 9:00am-10:30am

Times are selected to accommodate both Masses, so if you are planning to attend the 10:30am Mass, join us early!

Menu: Pancakes, Eggs, Bacon, Hashbrowns,
Fresh Berries, Coffee, and Juice

Adult: \$6, Child: \$4 (age 5 & under free),
Family Rate: \$15 maximum for 2 plus children

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

Please note our new family rates!

Start planning now with your family and friends to join us!



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.

News from our St. Peter Claver Friends in New Orleans

Please continue to pray for our friends in New Orleans. They are most grateful for our prayers. There was only minimal damage to the parish: Church steeple damaged, siding on the rectory and wind turbines blown off. The homes seemed to also just have minimum damage.

Many emails and phone calls are passing from our volunteers to the folks in New Orleans on whose homes we worked.

Two messages were sent to St. Peter Claver on behalf of all of us at St. Thomas More:

1. To their Pastor, Fr. Michael at the time of evacuation:

Dear Fr. Michael,

Please know of our love and support at this most difficult time. We are just sick at heart that you and the people of the New Orleans, especially our dear friends at St. Peter Claver, are having to evacuate once again. We pray along with you that this storm will not be as devastating as Katrina—not even close.

We are with you in spirit and deep prayer for your courage, safety and hope.

“If you have the strength, we have the strength.” May it always be so!

With love and concern,

Sr. Maureen and your friends at St. Thomas More

2. For their parish bulletin after returning to New Orleans:

Dear Friends at St. Peter Claver,

Please know that you have all been in our thoughts and prayers since Gustav ascended on New Orleans. We were just heartsick that you needed to evacuate again and prayed for your courage and safety.

We are very happy to hear that no serious damage occurred at the parish or in your homes. Still, we cannot even imagine the trauma and extra expenses that you have had to deal with as well as knowing that the hurricane season continues.

With loving concern and many prayers,

Your friends at St. Thomas More

Two of several messages from them:

“Thanks for the constant communication and blessings you send us.”—Germanne Mack

“I want to express my thanks for all the help provided by STM volunteers and to let all of my friends in California know that everything is alright.”—Kathleen Lee

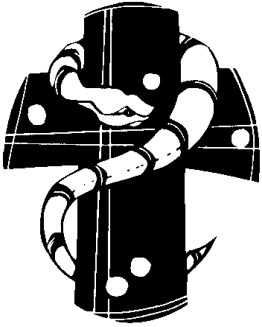
—Sr. Maureen

P.S. September 9 was the feast day of St. Peter Claver, their parish's patron saint. Visit www.americancatholic.org, select *Saint of the Day*, then use the *By Date* option to navigate to September 9 and St. Peter Claver to learn his story.

Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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



FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Early in the fourth century St. Helen, mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, went to Jerusalem in search of the holy places of Christ's life. She razed the Temple of Aphrodite, which tradition held was built over the Savior's tomb, and her son built the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher over the tomb. During the excavation, workers found three crosses. Legend has it that the one on which Jesus died was identified when its touch healed a dying woman.

The cross immediately became an object of veneration. At a Good Friday celebration in Jerusalem toward the end of the fourth century, according to an eyewitness, the wood was taken out of its silver container and placed on a table together with the inscription Pilate ordered placed above Jesus' head: Then "all the people pass through one by one; all of them bow down, touching the cross and the inscription, first with their foreheads, then with their eyes; and, after kissing the cross, they move on."

To this day the Eastern Churches, Catholic and Orthodox alike, celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on the September anniversary of the basilica's dedication.

—AmericanCatholic.org

St. Thomas More Music Ministry...

Making a Joyful Noise!

Monday Night Mass Team

Tuesday 7:00-8:30pm Upper Level

Contact Joleen Schanzenbach at 806-6722

Children's Choir

Thursday 6:00-6:50pm Upper Level

Adult Choir

Thursday 7:00-9:00pm Upper Level

Handbell Choir

Wednesday 6:30-8:00pm UL Stage

For more information,
contact Douglas Lynn at

758-4100 x100 or douglasl@stmoside.org



ALTAR SERVERS

An altar serving class has been scheduled for Saturday, September 27, 2008 from 9:30 to

11:00am. It will be held on the upper level of the St. Thomas More Parish Center.

This class will count as training for all children who wish to become an altar server. You must be at least in grade four to become an altar server. Altar servers generally range from grades four to eight, but anyone older is welcome to become an altar server.

This class is **mandatory** for all altar servers who have served for less than a year. It is **optional** for all other altar servers, but I would appreciate your presence at the class.

I would also appreciate you letting me know whether or not you can come to the class.

If you have any questions regarding the class or about altar serving, please e-mail me at rockinrudolphs5@cox.net or call me at (760) 945-4553.

Thank you, Matilda Rudolph

Music Ministry Next Week

SEPTEMBER 20/21

5:00pm Mass

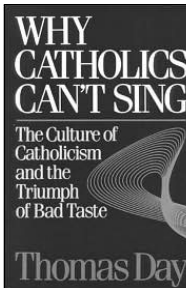
Adult Choir

8:30am Mass

Handbell Choir

10:30am Mass

MNM Music Team



Fr. Mike's Bookies returns this fall, and on November 5, your Director of Music will be leading the discussion of Thomas Day's provocatively titled book, *Why Catholics Can't Sing: The Culture of Catholicism and the Triumph of Bad Taste*.

Eight weeks. Nine chapters. Not too difficult. Here's a question about Chapter 1 to think about as you read.

The author inquires, "why congregational singing in Catholic parishes generally does not seem to have any zest at all. Why are all those other people staring into space, when they're supposed to be singing?" Looking around at Mass, what has been your experience at St. Thomas More? At other parishes you have visited?

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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

RE.A.CH

Home Session #1
this week!

Please check your Annual Plan and start the year off right by setting time aside to share faith in your home.

The handout you received provides you with some good tips for beginning a great year in your domestic church!

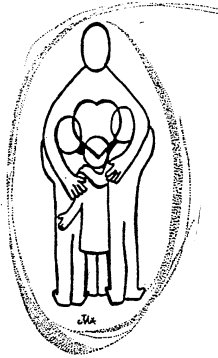
The Domestic Church

As the *Rite of Baptism* aptly indicates, children first experience God in the arms of their parents. The home is where children first experience the sacred presence of God as either personal and intimate or impersonal and indifferent. By watching and imitating their parents, children learn how to love and embrace, to listen and respond, to belong, to forgive, to pray, to reach out and to serve. Where these are lacking in the home, they will be lacking in our children and in our Church.

The Christian family has a specific vocation and mission for evangelization of the world through Christian discipleship.

As the domestic church, Christian families realize their vocation and mission by embracing and living the seven essential elements of Church life:

- * **WORD:** *Christian message and teaching*
- * **WORSHIP:** *prayer, spirituality and worship*
- * **COMMUNITY:** *Catholic identity and Christian living*
- * **SERVICE:** *social teaching, social justice, social ministry*
- * **LEADERSHIP:** *proper to the life context of each person*
- * **STEWARDSHIP:** *accepting everything as gift and giving back*
- * **EVANGELIZATION:** *our mission to bring all to Christ*



Each household and each member of our families are called to live these elements, according to their capacity, within the social and cultural contexts where they live and work.

May these thoughts from church documents reassure you that your daily living is built on a solid foundation . . . thank you for BEING the Domestic Church for this time and this place.

With you in ministry,

Kathleen

Looking at Life Through the Eyes of Faith Upcoming Events

Women's Prayer Breakfast ~

- Saturday, October 11, 8:00-10:30am
- Mark you calendar, invite your friends, and teen daughters
- Great food and an excellent opportunity for spiritual growth
- Dotti Hulburt is a speaker you don't want to miss!

Fr. Mike (and friends) Bookies~

- November 5 is our next discussion date
- Facilitated by Douglas Lynn
- *Why Catholics Can't Sing: The Culture of Catholicism and the Triumph of Bad Taste* by Thomas Day is available on the lower level outside the Faith Formation Office for \$15.

Re-Discovering Catholicism~

- 12 sessions, beginning December 2
- An opportunity for anyone over 18 who would like to get re-acquainted with the basics of the Catholic Church in an informal, discussion-oriented environment
- Deacon Tom and Patt Goeltz, facilitators

Basic Catechist Formation Course

A LOCAL opportunity for all involved in a teaching ministry:

- Seven Saturdays, beginning October 11, 9:00am-3:30pm
- At Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside
- Contact Bill Bischoff, 757-3250 x341 for more information or to sign up

PBJ Update

(Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center)

2008 GOAL: 365 jars
Collected to date: 507 jars !



Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Thinking and Doing

*It's one thing to know what's right,
and another thing entirely to do it.*

Obviously many years have passed since Jesus and the disciples lived and set examples for us to follow. In the early days of Christianity, it was often dangerous for Christians to lead lives that imitated that of Jesus and admit to being Christian. In many cases, as we know, they lost their lives in the process.

St. Paul still reminded them, and reminds us 2,000 years later, that good Christian stewards conduct themselves in a way worthy of the Gospel of Christ—by wise use of their time and talents.

We know what is right and what things must be done to help make this world a better place. If we don't take action and the initiative to actually 'do' what needs to be done, or help in whatever way we can to make that happen, we are not fulfilling our Baptismal commitment to God.

One cannot be a devoted follower of God without thinking about what needs to happen, and then taking action to make it happen. This doesn't mean listening to talk shows on the radio and/or TV and fervently agreeing or disagreeing regarding the issues that are discussed.

Often folks get very caught up in heated discussions on issues and send emails in a flurry to stir up folks to do what is right. Color me crazy, but it seems that some people spend way too much time listening to talk shows, sending emails, and talking about what should be done *instead of actually doing anything*.

As good Christian stewards of God's love, *how* do we show our gratitude in a practical way? *How* do we share the depth of God's love? People should know us by the ways in which we express that kind of concern for others' salvation and well being.

It takes both knowledge and action to pursue God's principles.

God has equipped us in both of these areas. We have been given the Bible—so we know what is right and what is wrong. And God has given us the Holy Spirit to empower our actions.

Following God is not an event. It is a process. Learn what God wants you to do, and then do it! Here are some practical ways to make a difference in our community and world:

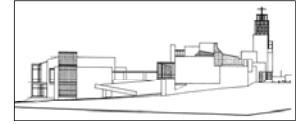
- ◆ Vote ~ which takes a short time, leaving you more time to ...
- ◆ Help out with our More's Workers projects
Contact Dick Belprez at 295-1431
- ◆ Bring toiletries for Brother Benno's collection Sept. 27/28
Contact Deacon Tom Goeltz at 727-8442
- ◆ Help set up our worship space with the chair team early on Saturday mornings (one Saturday a month is good)
Contact Lorraine Doering at 758-4100 x102
- ◆ Provide dinner support for our local homeless shelter one Sunday a month (or during the year)
Contact Kalei & Paul Mendiola at 945-9042
- ◆ Spend an hour in Eucharistic Adoration giving thanks to God
Contact John O'Donnell at 598-6003

Actions speak louder than words . . .

TOWERS OF FAITH

Future Support and Estate Planning Options

Towers of Faith is a grass-roots movement that has arisen due to the visionary leadership and overt generosity of several of our parishioners.



These individuals (several anonymous) have included the St. Thomas More in their estate planning. This helps to ensure their ongoing support and a legacy for our Parish.

Towers of Faith is our future support. Future support refers to gifts which are the result of a parishioner's various means of estate planning vehicles such as:

Designated Beneficiary Accounts,
Last Will and Testament, Living Trust,
Life Insurance, Stocks and Bonds, Real Estate

Any parishioners who have already included STM in their estate plans are *Towers of Faith* participants. The return envelope included with the brochure (available at the information table on the Plaza) has a check box to mark if you have already included STM in your estate planning. This way we know who you are. We would like to acknowledge your generosity!

If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact us. Your participation is most welcome and appreciated!

Chris Smith at 758-4100, x120, or chriss@stmoside.org.

**Do two people in your family know the location of
your will and/or living trust?**

**It is very helpful to us if you let us know if you have
already included STM in your estate planning.**

Thank you to all those who have come forward!

2008 Missionary Cooperative Appeal/ Society for the Propagation of the Faith Collection

\$4,978.80

Collection for Week of: September 6/7, 2008

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| Number of Registered Households: | 968 |
| Offertory | \$ 15,312.35 |
| Children's Envelopes | 0.00 |
| Plate | 1,089.50 |
| Total | \$ 16,401.85 |

*Thank you for keeping your Building Fund pledge current
and for supporting your Parish, even when you are away.*

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.

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.

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.

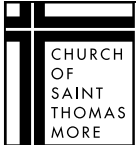
"Walk a Mile in My Shoes" Walk for the Poor in Escondido—The St. Vincent de Paul Society will be holding this walk at Grape Day Park in Escondido on Saturday, September 27, 9:00am-12:00noon. This event will be attended by all North County St. Vincent de Paul Societies. Live entertainment will be encouraging participants on their walk. All are invited to walk, donate, or cheer others. For more information, contact 510-1017.

Feast Day Mass of St. Pio at Immaculata in San Diego—Auxiliary Bishop Cordileone will preside at the Mass on Sunday, September 28, at 5:30pm. Activities begin at 2:45pm with a documentary film on the life of St. Pio, followed by a Holy Hour (Rosary and Benediction) led by Fr. Solcia at 4:00pm, then an inspirational talk by Fr. Larion at 5:00pm. For more information, contact 619-697-5958 or www.saintpio.org.

Fall 2008 Series of Theology on Tap for Young Adults in San Diego—Come join other single and married Catholic young adults (18-39 years) for food, fellowship, and dynamic speakers on Tuesdays, October 7-28, 7:00-8:30pm at the Bali Ha'I, 2230 Shelter Island Dr., San Diego. For more information, contact 858-490-8260 or www.yamsd.org.

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 MRSGINAI@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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