

# 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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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

September 21, 2008 • Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## COMMUNION SERVICE

Tuesday-Friday, September 23-26 - 8:15am  
(due to annual Diocesan Priest Convocation)

Daily Mass will resume on Tuesday, September 30

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## Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak  
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**An Evening in Tuscany—Please see the insert!**

### STM Young Adult Volunteers in New Orleans



Let us rejoice that one of our young adults, Danny Treat, is very generously giving of his time and talents for another year to help the people of New Orleans, through a Catholic Charities program called Operation Helping Hands. Please keep him and everyone there in your prayers!

Danny was due in New Orleans the same week that Gustav was advancing up the gulf coast! He and his dad, Jim, were trying to make this trip in as safe a manner as possible. Please visit our [website](#) for a wonderful report from Jim on their exciting travels. Here are two excerpts from Jim's report once they arrived in New Orleans:

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**One Week and Counting to Fr. Mike's Big 6-0!**

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

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

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

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

**Liturgical Ministry:** Contact Douglas Lynn at 758-4100 x140

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

**Communion for the Homebound/Hospitalized:** Contact Parish Office

**Anointing of the Sick:** Contact Parish Office

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

**teach and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ,**

**Inquiry into the Catholic Faith:** First and third Thursday evenings

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

**Religious Education for Adults:** Various times, September-May

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

**Little Rock Scripture Study:** Weekly sessions, morning or evening

**High School Youth Ministry:** Monday evenings

**Middle School Youth Ministry:** Two Monday evenings per month

**Preparation for the Sacraments:**

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

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

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

**First Reconciliation:** In home process begins in Level 1

**First Communion:** In home process begins after first reconciliation

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

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

**and serve God's people in word and deed.**

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

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

**STM \$crip News**

Scrip is sold on the Plaza after weekend Masses and in the Parish  
Office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00-10:00am.

*For information, call Henny Jocelyn at 726-1177  
or visit <http://www.stmoside.org/scrip.htm>*

**I Want to Earn STM Building Fund \$\$\$ with My...**

Albertson's Card #(11 digits) \_\_\_\_\_

Ralph's Card #(13 digits) \_\_\_\_\_

Please send me a Food 4 Less Card

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

*Please place completed form in the collection basket or return  
it to the \$CRIP table after weekend Masses or the Parish  
Office during the week. Thank you!*

**Calendar Highlights**

Also check the Parish website for complete calendar  
information for the current month: [www.stmoside.org](http://www.stmoside.org), then  
select "Schedules and Calendars"

**The Week Ahead**

Sept 21 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass  
Sept 21 RE.A.CH Classes  
Sept 23 Exposition of the Eucharist  
Sept 24 Spirited Seniors present *Lunch with Tom Morrow*  
Sept 27 Adult Choir Retreat  
Sept 27 Altar Server Training  
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 Month Ahead**

Oct 4 Hospitality Workshop  
October 5 RE.A.CH Classes  
Oct 12 High School RE.A.CH  
Oct 12 New Member Luncheon Reception  
Oct 14 Spirited Seniors present *Finding Balance in the  
Art of Care Giving*  
Oct 18 Life Walk '08 at Kit Carson Park in Escondido  
Oct 18-19 Women's Guild Bake Sale  
Oct 19 RE.A.CH Classes

**The Year Ahead**

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*

*On Thursday we went to Saint Raymond, a Catholic church  
and school that was closed after Katrina and has been  
turned into a storage and work facility for Operation  
Helping Hands. There I was able to experience what  
returning after a hurricane is like. The facility did not have  
power but it did not have any real structural damage either.  
Helping to clean up the large branches and debris strewn  
about made me realize that even when it is not newsworthy  
the amount of work required afterward is great. I also found  
out what happens when you evacuate quickly and do not  
have the time to empty the refrigerator and freezer. Again it  
was an eye opener (and nose closer) to realize how much of  
a burden just returning to normal is after an evacuation. I  
was amazed at how much monetarily a family could lose just  
in spoiled food not to mention the expenses of living away  
from home for several days.*

*In the afternoon we were given an assignment by Catholic  
Charities to help a nursing home move back in. Now it was  
my turn to learn that the volunteers aren't able to pick and  
choose their assignments. We spent several hours unloading  
trucks full of food, bedding, medical equipment and (Ugghh)  
dirty laundry. The enormity of moving one nursing home hit  
me and then I wondered how it was possible to move as  
many care facilities as a city the size of New Orleans has. It  
was then back to St. Ray's to offload and secure the facility  
and to return to the other side of the lake. —Jim Treat*

**Readings for the Week Ahead**

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

**Sunday, September 21 (133)**

*Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Isaiah 55:6-9  
Psalm 145  
Philippians 1:20c-24,27a  
Matthew 20:1-16a

**Monday, September 22 (449)**

Proverbs 3:27-34  
Psalm 15:2-5  
Luke 8:16-18

**Tuesday, September 23 (450)**

*Pio of Pietrelcina, priest*  
Proverbs 21:1-6,10-13  
Psalm 119:1,27,30,34-35,44  
Luke 8:19-21

**Wednesday, September 24 (451)**

Proverbs 30:5-9  
Psalm 119:29,72,89,101,104,163  
Luke 9:1-6

**Thursday, September 25 (452)**

Ecclesiastes 1:2-11  
Psalm 90:3-6,12-14,17bc  
Luke 9:7-9

**Friday, September 26 (453)**

*Cosmas and Damian, martyrs*  
Ecclesiastes 3:1-11  
Psalm 144:1b,2abc,3-4  
Luke 9:18-22

**Saturday, September 27 (454)**

Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:8  
Psalm 90:3-6,12-14,17  
Luke 9:43b-45

**Sunday, September 28 (136)**

*Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Ezekiel 18:25-28  
Psalm 25  
Philippians 2:1-11  
Matthew 21:28-32

**Mass Intentions**

Saturday, September 20, 5:00pm  
Ruth Hannon ☩

Sunday, September 21, 8:30am  
Bonnie Nelson

Sunday, September 21, 10:30am  
Lorie Whitmore ☩

Saturday, September 27, 5:00pm  
Lew Crowell ☩

Sunday, September 28, 8:30am  
J. C. Gonzalez ☩

Sunday, September 28, 10:30am  
Herminia Ramirez ☩

**Prayer List**

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

The Ahmann Family  
Michael Ainis  
Mary Alexander  
Nick Angelucci, Sr.  
Mary Baker  
Patricia Barbour  
Carl Bechtold  
Cindra Bell  
Nancy Bermudaz  
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 Haelfffelin  
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  
Jackie Lynn  
James MacArthur  
Ken Mauro  
Patrick McCarthy  
Helen McCullough  
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  
Joan Picco

Helen Pingtella  
Anne Post  
John & Francisca Rodriguez  
Sr. Loyola Romey  
Dorothy Rouse  
The Rumpf Family  
The Russo Family  
Julie Shea  
Tom Siersma  
Jerry Slabaugh  
The Slemmer Family  
Ed Sox  
Dorothy and Ray Staehr  
Harriet Stein  
Masako Streling  
The Suozzo Family  
Lisa & Kyle Valpoon  
Robert Vasquez  
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.*

**Voter Registration forms are Available in the Parish Office**

The voter deadline in California for the November 2008 election is Monday, October 20, 2008. If you are not registered, please do so at the parish office today. Let your voice be heard! For more information visit the California Secretary of State web site: <http://www.sos.ca.gov> or contact the Diocesan Office for Social Ministry at 858-409-8324.



**Blessing of Animals**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4  
AT 12:00 NOON  
ON THE PLAZA**

Join us Saturday, October 4, at noon for St. Thomas More's annual Blessing of Animals with Fr. Mike and Herman presiding.

We celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi by gathering with our beloved pets on the Plaza of our Parish Center for this traditional event.

Bring your furry and not-so-furry friends to the Plaza early to meet and greet each other.

We ask that you make sure your pets are under complete control as we expect the gathering to be a bit boisterous.

See you there!

**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).



## 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.

## 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.

## Life Perspectives—Reaching ONE Heart, ONE Mind, ONE Person at a Time

October 18, 10:30am, Kit Carson Park, Escondido

Join us at Life Walk 2008 for a 2-mile walk, prizes, picnic lunch—families gather together to make a difference for life! Register on the Plaza after Masses or contact 619-516-1236 or [www.LPLifeWalk.com](http://www.LPLifeWalk.com).



## 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](mailto:lorrained@stmoside.org).



## Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioners

Peter & Maggie Devlin & family

## Congratulations to:

**Bob & Dottie Petruzzo**

who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on September 8.

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:

**Thomas & Patricia Hannon**

**Chris Smith**

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

## Women's Guild

**Board Meeting**—There will be a meeting at Germaine Wilmott's home on Monday, October 6, at 12:30pm, to discuss plans for the October 13 meeting and other events. Please try to attend. RSVP to Germaine at 758-9949.

**Bake Sale**—The ladies of St. Thomas More Women's Guild will be calling on Parishioners with last names beginning with the letters I-Z, requesting donations of baked goods for the upcoming bake sale the weekend of October 18-19 after all Masses. Your support is greatly appreciated. Please plan items that do NOT need refrigeration. For more information, contact Nancy Wozniak at 729-0782 or Pat Wong at 806-1310

## 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.



**Wish Fr. Mike a Happy Birthday on September 28!**



## 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](http://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.

## High School Youth Ministry

Monday Night Youth Group at **GODSPACE**

### The **SOMEBODY ELSE** will do it NIGHT

September 22 from 7:00 to 8:30pm

Call Gale at 726-7236 for more information.

### 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!

Looking ahead to next month, mark your calendars for *The Art of Caring (for Yourself and Others) Conference* on Tuesday, October 14, 8:30am-2:30pm. This free event will include a continental breakfast, lunch, and presentations on the emotional and physical aspects of caring. Watch for more details.



### Brother Benno's Toiletry Drive and More

It is again time to collect toiletries for Brother Benno's. All those pilfered 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.

## Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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



## ALTAR SERVERS

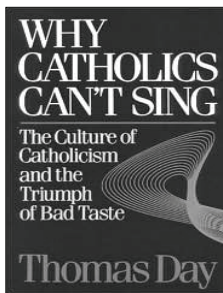
An altar serving class has been scheduled THIS SATURDAY, September 27, 2008, 9:30-11:00am. It will be held on the upper level of the St. Thomas More Parish Center.

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 945-4553.

Thank you, Matilda Rudolph



**Fr. Mike's Bookies** returns on November 5 when Douglas Lynn will be leading the discussion on *Why Catholics Can't Sing: The Culture of Catholicism and the Triumph of Bad Taste*.

Eight weeks. Nine chapters. Not too difficult. Here's is a study question for Chapter 2 to think about as you read (Chapter 1's question is in last week's bulletin).

The author paints liturgy in the 1950s and 1960s as ever quieter, yet continually reverent, and he suggests that "if the Second Vatican Council had not met, music would have virtually disappeared from the majority of churches." What circumstances that you have observed, or been told about, would support this conclusion? Dispute it?

### Music Ministry Next Week

SEPTEMBER 27/28

5:00pm Mass

Cantor

8:30am Mass

Cantor

10:30am Mass

Adult Choir

### Padre Pio's Prayer after Holy Communion



Stay with me, Lord, for it is necessary to have You present so that I do not forget You. You know how easily I abandon You. ♦ Stay with me, Lord, because I am weak and I need Your strength, that I may not fall so often. ♦ Stay with me, Lord, for You are my life and without You I am without fervor. ♦ Stay with me, Lord, for You are my light and without You I am in darkness. ♦ Stay with me, Lord, to show me Your will. ♦ Stay with me, Lord, so that I hear Your voice and follow You. ♦ Stay with me, Lord, for I desire to love You very much and always be in Your company. ♦ Stay with me, Lord, if You wish me to be faithful to You. ♦ Stay with me, Lord, as poor as my soul is I want it to be a place of consolation for You, a nest of Love. ♦ Stay with me, Jesus, for it is getting late and the day is coming to a close and life passes, death, judgment and eternity approaches. It is necessary to renew my strength, so that I will not stop along the way and for that, I need You. It is getting late and death approaches, I fear the darkness, the temptations, the dryness, the cross, the sorrows. O how I need You, my Jesus, in this night of exile! ♦ Stay with me tonight, Jesus, in life with all its dangers, I need You. ♦ Let me recognize You as Your disciples did at the breaking of the bread, so that the Eucharistic Communion be the Light which disperses the darkness, the force which sustains me, the unique joy of my heart. ♦ Stay with me, Lord, because at the hour of my death, I want to remain united to You, if not by Communion, at least by grace and love. ♦ Stay with me, Lord, for it is You alone I look for, Your Love, Your Grace, Your Will, Your Heart, Your Spirit, because I love You and ask no other reward but to love You more and more. ♦ With a firm love, I will love You with all my heart while on earth and continue to love You perfectly during all eternity. ♦ Amen.

## EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Feast of Padre Pio of Pietrelcina

8:45am - 7:30pm, Families: 6:30 - 7:30pm

### INTENTION FOR THE DAY

That we unite our wounds  
to the wounds of Christ.

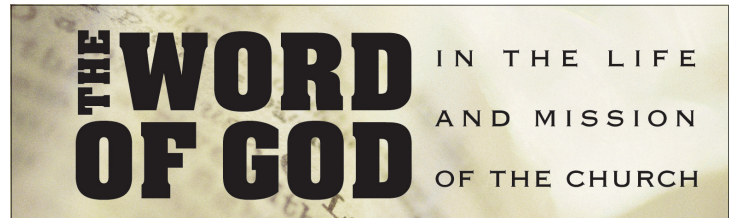


## Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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

Today is a **RE.A.CH** day  
Religious Education for Adolescents & Children  
at St. Thomas More



### A Great Beginning

4 of our 17 classes started the year with perfect attendance:

- \* JONAH \*
- \* PSALMS \*
- \* KINGS \*
- \* RUTH \*



As you can see, we regard our religious education classes as small faith-sharing communities, identified in name by a Book from the Old Testament.

Thanks to families for keeping attendance at Church Sessions as a priority for your family!

A reminder of the Attendance Policy you signed: if your child is not able to attend a Church Session, please notify the Faith Formation Office by email or phone message in advance.

Your partner 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 your 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!

#### Re-Discovering Catholicism~

- 12 sessions, beginning December 2
- An opportunity aimed to satisfy Catholics' hunger to learn why they believe what they do
- Growing in faith isn't just kids' stuff!
- Deacon Tom and Patt Goeltz, facilitators

This year Catechetical Sunday, September 21, focuses on the theme, "The Word of God in the Life and Mission of the Church." Those who have been delegated by the community to serve as catechists are called forth today to be commissioned for their ministry.

Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect upon the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel as well as to rededicating himself or herself to this mission as a community of faith.

At St. Thomas More we are grateful for those who share in this ministry:

Colleen Abeyta  
Cherie Abrahms  
Greg Abrahms  
Jerry Allison  
Theresa Allison  
Kristin Bailey  
Kathleen Bell  
David Berry  
Theresa Berry  
Linda Brault  
Louise Briseno  
Ron Briseno  
Mark Cap  
Vickie Cap  
Penny Capra  
Angela Chunka  
Tom Dean  
Mario Diaz  
Kathy Egan  
Valentina Franco  
Debbie Fredette  
John Fredette  
Gale Gibbons  
Jeff Gibbons  
Patt Goeltz  
Dcn. Tom Goeltz  
Rory Griffin  
Sharon Hamill

Anne Harmata  
Kathleen Hermsmeyer  
Mary Kizer  
Pauline Lapre  
Kathy Lewis  
Jeanette Marriott  
Mary McDannold  
Cathy Meyer  
Katie Mueller  
Nicole Noivo  
Carolyn Orscheln  
Lan Parsons  
Petenera Perun  
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### PBJ Update

(Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center)

2008 GOAL: 365 jars  
Collected to date: **523 jars !**



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## CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

### Give God Permission

September 5 marked the feast day of Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta. I join many this month in celebrating the life and many accomplishments of this woman.

Rocco Palmo, of Philadelphia, PA, writes from America for *The Tablet*, the international Catholic weekly published in London. He also writes for publications run by the Paulist Fathers. The following is excerpted from his article about Blessed Mother Teresa, "Give God Permission," on her feast day:



Today marks the feast of the woman who's arguably the most-hailed witness of the last century: Blessed Teresa of Calcutta—Mother Teresa, whose own "little way" continues to fascinate, inspire and draw the masses even 11 years after her death.

Appropriately enough, the weekend's second reading perfectly encapsulates the work of the "Saint of the Gutters"—"Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law."

Born in Albania, she became a daughter of India and a reference-point for the world, a spiritual figure whose voice bore a credibility and influence that transcended religious and political divides, a physically slight figure but a giant on the world stage, the Nobel Peace laureate who lived most of her life in poverty, always close to the earth, and was without fail most at home with the people who were her life—the poorest of the poor.

But even so, for the most us, following her example (and by extension, the one who sent her) won't entail leaving everything we have and crossing the globe; then again, it won't have to.

As an old song once put it, "there's a world outside your window" (indeed, just inches from our respective monitors) that, maybe now more than ever, longs for a bit more presence, a bit more joy, hope and love...regardless of where we live or whatever life situation we are in. The answer, the giving, the change begins with each one of us. Blessed Mother Teresa put it this way:

- † Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness—kindness in your face, in your eyes and in your smile.
- † Nakedness is not only for a piece of clothing; nakedness is lack of human dignity, and also that beautiful virtue of purity, and lack of respect for one another.
- † There is more hunger in the world for love and appreciation than for bread.
- † If we pray, we will believe; If we believe, we will love; If we love, we will serve.
- † Do not allow yourselves to be disheartened by any failure as long as you have done your best.
- † God doesn't require us to succeed. He only requires us to try.

**Do little things with great love . . .**



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## 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: September 13/14, 2008

Number of Registered Households:	967
Offertory	\$ 6,677.81
Children's Envelopes	0.00
Plate	960.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 7,637.81</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

**Sing with Alice Parker in San Diego**—Sunday, September 21, at 4:00pm, at First United Methodist Church (FUMC), Linder Hall, 2111 Camino del Rio South, San Diego. This renowned composer, conductor, and arranger leads the audience in an old-fashioned “hoe-down” featuring sacred and secular folk songs. Free-will offering event. For more information, contact 619-297-4366 or [www.fumcsd.org](http://www.fumcsd.org).

**Dale O’Leary to Speak in San Diego**—Wednesday, September 24, at 7:00pm at the San Diego Diocesan Pastoral Center, 9888 Paducah Drive, San Diego. She is the author of *One Man, One Woman*, a defense of traditional marriage. She will share a twelve-point plan for saving marriage that begins and ends not with anger, but with genuine love and compassion.

**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 next forum will be held on: Sunday, September 28, 4:00-5:30pm, at First United Methodist Church, 2111 Camino del Rio South, San Diego.

Welcome: Rev. Dr. Richard Freeman, President of the Ecumenical Council; Moderator: Rt. Rev. James Mathes, Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of San Diego; Panelists: Dr. Terry McGoldrick, Moral Theologian at University of San Diego; Rev. Dr. Scott Landis, Mission Hills Congregational Church (UCC); Rev. Gloria Espeseth, Gethsemane Lutheran Church, San Diego; Mr. Stanwood Johnson, Attorney at Law, San Diego.

For more information, contact 619-422-9263 or [www.ecsd.org](http://www.ecsd.org).

**Rosary Novena for the Protection of Life and Marriage**—Please pray the Rosary every day through October 31 for the Protection of Life and Marriage in the November election.

**“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](http://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](http://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](mailto:MRSGINAI@aol.com).

**Marriage Encounter in San Diego**—Have you forgotten the ABC’s of romance? Sign up for a Marriage Encounter weekend! 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).

**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).

**Hospice Volunteers Needed in Your Area**—Kaiser Permanente Hospice & Palliative Care has many patients in North County who are facing life threatening illness and need volunteers to assist them. Volunteers offer a few hours of relief for caregivers, usually once a week, companionship and emotional support, and practical assistance such as errands. No “hands on” care is required. You will be blessed abundantly for giving your time and caring! Volunteers are assigned near the areas around their residence and are reimbursed for all mileage. For more information call Diane Hazard at 619-641-4669.



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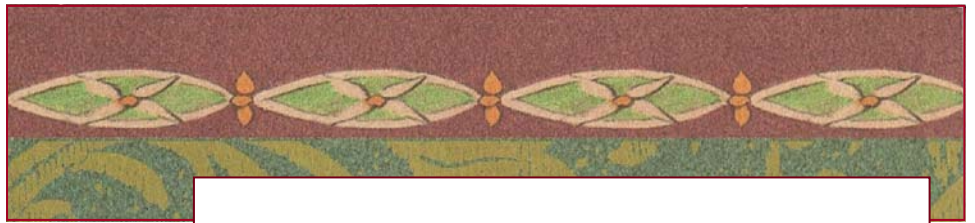
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## *An Evening in Tuscany*

In the late afternoon of Sunday, September 7, 2008, thirty people gathered together for an *Evening in Tuscany*.

The people present were guests of Hazel Bronzan, Tom and Merle Cummings, and Ralph and Flora Fallone.

At our Golf Classic & Dinner, held on Friday, June 20, 2008, Hazel, Tom and Merle, and Ralph and Flora bid on an *Evening Mystery Dinner* hosted by me.

Three tables of ten were auctioned off for a total of \$12,200! What a tremendous gift to the Golf Classic whose proceeds benefit the Operations Budget of the Parish. By the way, the total proceeds of our Golf Classic and Dinner this year were \$51,000.

With the help of my own family, and with the help of many parish volunteers from the Golf Classic Committee and other parishioners at large, we created a wonderful evening with an ambience that was named *An Evening in Tuscany*.

We dined *al fresco*, pool side, at the Ratajczak Compound (my sister-in-law Mary's home) in Vista. The Executive Chef, Carlo Di Gristina, created a wonderful 5 course meal. We gathered together at 5:00pm and did not begin to leave until 10:00pm!

They say that a picture is worth a thousand words. May these pictures included as part of my Pastor's Column give you a taste of the great celebration that so benefited our Faith Community.

I will be coordinating and hosting another *Evening Mystery Dinner* to be auctioned off next year at our Tenth Annual Golf Classic and Dinner which will be held on Friday, May 1, 2009.

Watch for it and be ready to bid and be a part of a glorious evening!

*F. Mike*



Visit the parish website—[www.stmoside.org](http://www.stmoside.org)—and select Event Pictures to see more photos of this wonderful event.