

# 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

October 5, 2008 • Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Monday Night Mass**  
**October 6 • 7:00pm**

**Women's Prayer Breakfast**  
**Saturday, October 11 • 8:00-10:30am**

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## Pastor's Column

*Rev. Michael Ratajczak*  
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*758-4100 x100*

### The Vineyard

The vineyard is a popular Christian symbol. It appears a number of times in the New Testament, especially in the Gospel of Matthew.

We have been hearing about vineyards for a number of weeks now and, once again, we have the pleasure of its company this weekend.

Very simply, the earth is the vineyard. We are workers in that vineyard. There were workers before us. There will be workers after us.

While we are in the vineyard, we are called to tend it and to bear fruit. One day, for each of us, there will be an accounting of our efforts in the Owner's vineyard.

God is the Owner. We are the workers. We are God's stewards. We get ourselves into trouble when we begin to create illusions that we are the owners.

Failing to recognize that all is pure gift, and that we enjoy the gift just for a short time, we fantasize that we own things; that these things, whatever they may be, belong to us.

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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 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 Scrip 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone \_\_\_\_\_

*Please place completed form in the collection basket or return  
it to the SCRIP 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**

Oct 5 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass

Oct 5 RE.A.CH Classes

Oct 12 Liturgy of the Word for Children at  
10:30am Mass

Oct 12 High School RE.A.CH

Oct 12 New Member Luncheon Reception

**The Month Ahead**

Oct 14 Spirited Seniors present *Finding Balance in the  
Art of Care Giving*

Oct 18 Life Walk 2008 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  
or [hennyj@stmoside.org](mailto:hennyj@stmoside.org).*

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We get caught up in our ownership and begin to use God's  
vineyard for our own purposes.

We cloud our vision with ownership. We clear our vision with  
stewardship.

When we, deep in our hearts and souls, come to the realization  
that we are just "passing through" the vineyard, as invited guests  
of the Owner, we begin to see clearly.

Our time, our talent, and our treasure are products of God's  
vineyard. It is the "stuff" of the vineyard, the Owner's "stuff" that  
has given us the ability to create our time, talent, and treasure.

To be in right relationship with the Owner, we must recognize the  
Owner and carry an attitude of praise and gratitude, and a desire  
to give back what has been given to us.

The Scriptures remind us over and over again that the "first  
fruits" belong to the Owner, they belong to God, and they become  
our gift of praise and thanksgiving. The "first fruits" keep us  
sensitive to the fragility and timeliness of life, remind us that we  
are stewards, not owners, and help to keep our vision clear and  
crisp.

As we continue our journey through these weeks of the Gospel of  
Matthew, may each of us take time to reflect upon our  
relationship with God, and re-dedicate the "first fruits" of our  
time, talent, and treasure to the Owner of the vineyard!

*F. Mike*

**Readings for the Week Ahead**

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

**Sunday, October 5 (139)**  
*Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Isaiah 5:1-7  
Psalm 80:9-12,16,19-20  
Philippians 4:6-9  
Matthew 21:33-43

**Monday, October 6 (461)**  
*Bruno, priest; Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher, virgin*

Galatians 1:6-12  
Psalm 111:1b-2,7-9,10c  
Luke 10:25-37

**Tuesday, October 7 (462)**  
*Our Lady of the Rosary*  
Galatians 1:13-24  
Psalm 139:1b-3,13-15  
Luke 10:38-42

**Wednesday, October 8 (463)**  
Galatians 2:1-2,7-14  
Psalm 117:1bc,2  
Luke 11:1-4

**Thursday, October 9 (464)**  
*Denis, bishop, martyr, and his companions, martyrs; John Leonardi, priest*  
Galatians 3:1-5  
Luke 1:69-75 (Psalm)  
Luke 11:5-13

**Friday, October 10 (465)**  
Galatians 3:7-14  
Psalm 111:1b-6  
Luke 11:15-26

**Saturday, October 11 (466)**  
Galatians 3:22-29  
Psalm 105:2-7  
Luke 11:27-28

**Sunday, October 12 (142)**  
*Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Isaiah 25:6-10a  
Psalm 23:1-6  
Philippians 4:12-14,19-20  
Matthew 22:1-14

**Mass Intentions**

Saturday, October 4, 5:00pm Dick Egan ☩
Sunday, October 5, 8:30am Tom Clarke ☩
Sunday, October 5, 10:30am Jeff Beal ☩
Monday, October 6, 7:00pm <i>For the Youth of our Parish</i>
Tuesday, October 7, 8:15am Joseph Linden ☩
Wednesday, October 8, 8:15am Mary Fallon
Wednesday, October 8, 9:30am Sr. Anne Lucey ☩ <i>Pacific Place</i>
Thursday, October 9, 8:15am Doreen Strantz ☩
Friday, October 10, 8:15am Frank Flood
Saturday, October 11, 5:00pm Jay Votel ☩
Sunday, October 12, 8:30am Daphne Dunn ☩
Sunday, October 12, 10:30am Elizabeth Nead ☩

**Prayer List**

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

Michael Ainis  
Mary Alexander  
The Angelucci Family  
Mary Baker  
Patricia Barbour  
Carl Bechtold  
Tom Beck  
Cindra Bell  
Nancy Bermudez  
Janet Brown  
The Burke & Dorman Families  
James Coleman  
Barbara Colton  
Thomas Cornwell & Family  
Bill Davis  
Linda Dossman  
Kathryn Ernst  
Boo Falconer  
The Fiore Family  
Larry Fisk  
Rick Gonzalez  
Genevieve Green  
Claudette Gunderson  
Jack Haelffelin  
Anita Hage  
Susan Hallahan  
The Harker Family  
Greg Hayes  
Bud Hazlett  
Cynthia Horner  
The Irwin Family  
Bernie & Ginny Jaeger  
Sue Johnston  
Joan Jones  
Colleen Kaup  
Paul Kennedy  
Debbie Kinny  
George Kleekamp  
Willis Koffroth  
Sr. Anne Kremenik  
Lillian Lachance  
The Lamelin Family  
Eric Larson  
Brandon LeBlanc  
Loree Luther  
Jackie Lynn  
James MacArthur  
Ken Mauro  
Patrick McCarthy  
Bob McWilliams  
Carroll Tom & Nona Miller  
Jim Montoya  
Nancy Moore  
Margie Myers  
R. Northrup  
Joan Picco  
Helen Pingtella  
Anne Post

Otila Quiroz  
Deana Reynolds  
John & Francisca Rodriguez  
Sr. Loyola Romey  
Dorothy Rouse  
The Russo Family  
Julie Shea  
Ed Sox  
William Sparrow  
Dorothy and Ray Staehr  
Lisa & Kyle Valpoon  
Robert Vasquez  
Arnie Velasco  
Vanessa Vitiello-Koble  
Kevin Watson-Graff

**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.*



Join us  
October 6  
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](mailto:ronb@stmoside.org)

**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](http://www.sos.ca.gov), or contact the Diocesan Office for Social Ministry at 858-490-8324.

**Looking for Information on the Catholic Faith?**

Are you interested in learning more about Catholicism, becoming a Catholic or returning to the Catholic Church after being away? You're invited to Inquiry Sessions, which meet on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 7:00pm at the Parish Center.

For information, call Bob Taylor at 630-4589.

## Eucharistic Adoration

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

Exposition of the Eucharist on First Fridays and one other day of each month. Next date: Friday, October 17.

For more information, contact John O'Donnell at 598-6003.

## One Sunday for the Whole World

On October 19, Pope Benedict XVI calls every Catholic in the world to celebrate our vocation to be missionary. It's World Mission Sunday!

As Catholics around the world—here at home and in the Missions—gather at the Eucharist around the table of the Lord, we are to pray for the Church's worldwide missionary work. We pray for those awaiting the "Good News" of our Lord's great love for us and for the missionaries who offer the poor and suffering the light of Christ. And we are to offer financial help through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith for more than 1,150 dioceses in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands.

Envelopes were attached to the bulletin last weekend and are also available at the information table on the Plaza. You may return the envelopes any time during October. Thank you!



## Spirited Seniors

Remember *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.

To make a reservation, please call 800-827-1008.

## Visit the Parish Website

[www.stmoside.org](http://www.stmoside.org)

Click on *Our New Church* for updates on our build-out progress.

Click on *Ministries/Pastoral Staff* for information on a particular ministry, including liturgy and music, faith formation, youth groups, stewardship, and social justice.

## 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).

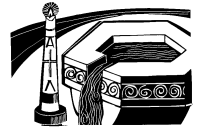
## Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioners

Jeanne & Michael Brandone & family  
Catherine & Dominique D'Agostini  
Sandra & David Reeve & family  
Donna & Henry Robles

## Announcing the Baptism of

Carson Patrick Manning  
on October 4, 2008

Our Christian community  
welcomes you with great joy!



## Flower Donations

We would like to gratefully acknowledge the contributions of:

Della & Mark Clarke  
Marge Egan

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

## In Memoriam

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:



**Nicholas Angelucci, Sr.**, who died on last week. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on the East Coast. Please keep his son Nick and the family in your prayers.

**Shirley Via**, who died on September 28. Shirley is the mother of R. J. Irwin. Please keep the family in your prayers.

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

## A Warm Meal Goes a Long Way!

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



February-December 2009 are open for adoption!

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

## Publicize Your Parish Event!

Would you like to publicize a Parish event to the general public? Submit a Press Release Form at least three weeks in advance of your event to have it advertised in local news publications. Press Release Forms are available:

- on the Parish website ([www.stmoside.org](http://www.stmoside.org), Contact Us),
- the Parish office, or
- from Anne Marshall at 727-2668 or [annemarshall@sbcglobal.net](mailto:annemarshall@sbcglobal.net).





## Knights of Columbus

**Entertainment Books**—The Knights of Columbus will be selling Entertainment Books this year. What a great way to save dollars on dinners, hotels, groceries, theatre, airlines, travel, and many other items! The books are great gifts and will be available after Masses beginning this weekend. Please call Jim Bailey at 754-1635 to reserve your book.



**Tootsie Roll Drive**—The ARC of San Diego (ARC-SD) is an organization devoted entirely to caring for the developmentally disabled. The North County Training Center (NCTC), the Vista branch of the ARC-SD, is located at the intersection of Ridge road and Melrose Drive. Laura Orcutt, her assistant Wanda Costello, and their staff are doing a wonderful job providing a variety of activities and opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities. Our Parish Council of the Knights of Columbus has supported the ARC-SD in prior years, and will continue our support this year with a Tootsie Roll Drive in the latter part of October. Watch for more details. Thank you.



—John O'Donnell, Grand Knight

## 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.

**Luncheon Meeting**—Monday, October 13, 11:00am, in the lower level of the Parish Center. Lunch will be served; the cost is \$7 per person. RSVP to Mary Vernaci at 599-4386 or Germaine Wilmott 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.



## Can You Help with Mass Preparation?

Do you have two hours per week two months out of the year? Duties include checking the altar servers' and priests' albs (robes) and altar cloths to make sure they are clean for the weekend Masses and cleaning and polishing of liturgical vessels. Volunteers will be trained.

*For more information, call Kathy Wilson at 758-2538.*

## 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.*

## New Member Reception

*Sunday, October 12 • 12:00pm*

We are hosting a new member welcome reception for those who have joined our parish family since January 2008. Invitations have been mailed to you, and we look forward to meeting you at this special luncheon!

If you are an existing member and were unable to attend our last reception, you are welcome to join us for this one.

Please call our parish office to RSVP by October 6 with a "yes" or "no" at 758-4100 x154.

*For more details, please contact:  
Louise Briseno at 726-4496 or  
parishoffice@stmoside.org.*

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6

7:00-8:30PM

# MONDAY NIGHT MASS

AT GODSPACE

CALL GALE AT 726-7236  
FOR MORE INFORMATION

GO TO [WWW.STMOSIDE.ORG](http://WWW.STMOSIDE.ORG)  
CLICK ON MINISTRIES/PASTORAL STAFF  
CLICK ON HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

## Middle School Youth Ministry

Next Meeting—Monday, October 6

Monday Night Mass at 7:00pm

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

Visit [www.stmoside.org/ym](http://www.stmoside.org/ym).

## 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.*

# Liturgy & Music

Worship God

Douglas Lynn

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



## TAKING GOD'S WORD TO HEART

Every one of us who gathers to celebrate our lives in Christ probably has heard the scripture selections for this month. Because of their familiarity, we may hear without actually hearing and fail to welcome the texts with deliberate cooperation and responsiveness. As a result, these texts, which are to be embraced and integrated into our very selves, may remain impotent in our lives and in our world.

We must pray to God to awaken in us a renewed receptivity. In this way, the Word we hear becomes a part of who we are and is translated into actions that are transformative and sanctifying in a world that is so much in need of God's goodness, justice, peace, and love. Like a well to which we return again and again to wash and to drink and to be refreshed, God's word will provide the sustenance we need to be different and to make a difference.

On October 5, Isaiah and the Matthean Jesus describe the work of salvation in terms of vines and vineyards. God remains the planter of the vine and the owner of the harvest; we are tenant farmers entrusted with the care and protection of the vine. Grafting and pruning are God's sole prerogative. Therefore, our outreach to others is to be all-inclusive and to reflect the universal care of God for all peoples.

This requires our proactive attentiveness to the hungry, the oppressed, and those suffering from natural disasters all over the planet. Taking God's word to heart compels us.

A banquet theme reprised by Isaiah and the Matthean evangelist on October 12 reminds us that we are all beggars at God's table. Nevertheless, God welcomes each of us with a love that bestows dignity upon us. We who are the well-fed of this world are responsible for those whose hungers rob them of peace, joy and even their very lives. Taking God's word to heart compels us.

On October 19, the word of God invites the gathered assembly to discover God's gentle touch at work in human history. The workings of divine providence are not indifferent or extraneous to our lives, but we can perceive them as fully invested in the human condition. Jesus himself was so invested. We call his involvement the Incarnation. He expects similar involvement of his followers with all peoples in all places. On October's third Sunday, Jesus will challenge his followers to give Caesar or the world its due, while giving to God what is God's. This latter gift will include all we are, all we have been, and all we hope to become. Taking God's word to heart compels us.

### Music Ministry Next Week

OCTOBER 6

7:00pm Mass

MNM Music Team

OCTOBER 11/12

5:00pm Mass

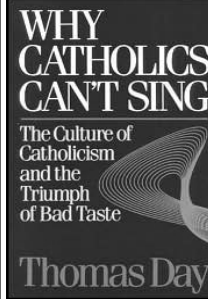
Adult Choir

8:30am Mass

Children's Choir

10:30am Mass

Handbell Choir



### Study Question for Chapter 4

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

How is your reading going? Here's a question about Chapter 4 to think about as you read.

*In this chapter, the author describes "ritual" as occurring when "individuals cease to act as individuals and, instead, surrender themselves to a collective consciousness, an idea, something bigger than one person." What is your sense of ritual in general, and how do you see ritual in our worship at St. Thomas More?*

Books are available for \$15 in the bin outside the Faith Formation office.

With the last Sunday of October, the Word affirms that our loving care for others is the surest measure of our professed love for God. Faith in this God turns us not inward but outward, particularly toward those in need. Love God with your whole self, invites Jesus, and your neighbor as yourself.

This double loving is amplified by the Exodus author, who calls us to a practical way of providing for the poor. Aliens are named here very clearly as deserving of our care. Even in the days of our ancestors, those who had been uprooted and left to fend for themselves in a foreign land were recognized as deserving of special care. "You were once aliens," says the author of Exodus.

Those words speak the truth that none of us is indigenous to this earth or even to any country. All of us are a people en route to an eternal homeland. Therefore, those of us who have been around a little longer than others and who have "set up shop" and pitched our tents (at least for a time) owe special care to those who have been able to do neither.

Our indebtedness to the foreigners among us requires that we make of them beloved friends whose rights, dignity, and welfare are as precious to us as our own.

If we dare to take God's word to heart today, that Word will compel us. That same Word will witness against our betrayal of its trust to do what is just and right for all God's people.

—Patricia Datchuck Sánchez and Rafael Sánchez Alonso  
from *Celebration* magazine, October 2008

# Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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

## Women's Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, October 11 • 8:30-10:30am

### Dotti Hulburt



Dorothy (Dotti) Hulburt has been at St. Thérèse Parish since 1992. She serves as Director of Catechetical Ministries, working in adult and family ministries and Liturgy. She brings a wealth of experience to her role, having worked for 30 years in pastoral, catechetical and liturgical ministries. In addition, she is a retreat master, spiritual mentor and a popular presenter at parish, diocesan and national levels.

She loves working with adults and being a part of their journey of faith, seeing the myriad ways that God works in each person's life. Dotti brings to her ministry the gift and ability to share her love of the Lord in very human terms, especially through scripture, story, and our catholic spiritual traditions.

- \* A wonderful opportunity for spiritual refreshment for women
- \* Welcome: women of St. Thomas More, high school age young women, and friends
- \* Breakfast graciously provided and served by the Knights of Columbus
- \* Explore a new "way" to be Church

Please RSVP to 758-4100 x159 by Monday, October 6.  
 A free will offering will be taken.

## RCIA Update

Our RCIA Candidates and Catechumens who have been attending the 8:30am Mass for the last 18 months will now be a part of our 10:30am Community. They are dismissed after the homily that they may go forth and deepen God's Word in their lives.

Today Donna Robles formally joins the Catechumenate. She is welcomed into a wonderful group of eager, faith-filled folks: Lourdes Acevedo, John Fiore, Melissa Martinez, Kurt Schwend, Billy Turley, and Bri (Wasch) Hamilton.

Our community congratulations reach forth to Bri as she celebrates her marriage this weekend to Patrick Hamilton. Also warm and prayerful wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Billy Turley who were recently married as well!



Many of you are familiar with Magnificat, the monthly missalette. They offer an annual subscription for children as well.

MAGNIFIKID! is geared for children from 6 to 12. The booklets are sent on a monthly basis. Every month, the child will discover a booklet of 16 color pages for each Sunday, and also special issues for all major feast days.

Individuals may subscribe at their website for \$29.90 a year. We get a bulk order at STM for \$15.00 a year. Order forms are available at the Information Table and the Faith Formation Office. To be included in the 2009 order, forms and payment need to be returned by October 15.

If your child, grandchild, godchild, small friend has a bit of difficulty staying focused during Mass, MagnifiKid! would be a useful Christmas gift. The subscription arrives each month for you to pick up at the Faith Formation Office and give or send to the child. Samples are available for preview.

## We Were All Here!

3 of our 17 classes had perfect attendance at our second class:

- \* JEREMIAH \*
- \* PROVERBS \*
- \* SONG OF SONGS \*



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*

## PBJ Update

(Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center)

2008 GOAL: 365 jars  
 Collected to date: 560 jars !



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

# Stewardship & Development

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## CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

### Thinking More about Others than Ourselves . . .

In Akron, Ohio there is a medical doctor, Charles Casto, who began manifesting his faith in life through pro bono work in Bolivia. Taking two of his children with him, he participated in medical missionary work with other medical personnel among the indigenous Bolivians.

What is particularly remarkable is the fact that Dr. Casto himself is severely handicapped through two major physical problems:

- ⇒ First, as a young boy, he played in a pickup sandlot softball game, during which he received a crippling hip injury.
- ⇒ Secondly, when on a hunting expedition in Canada with a group of physicians, Dr. Casto was caught unaware in his hunting blind by a cow moose who trampled him and damaged his good leg. He had the good fortune of being among doctors—the only thing that saved his life—but he then was crippled in his other leg.

Recently, with his hips and knees replaced by plastic and steel, Dr. Casto undertook medical mission work in Central America. The site was a two hour walk up a mountain trail, a trip he couldn't undertake on foot, and even muleback travel was impossible because he couldn't sit on the animal.

The villagers fashioned a sedan chair and two two-by-fours wrapped with padding and carried him to the work site. Even with that accommodation, Dr. Casto was drenched with sweat and in pain. Still, he spent the next week from dawn to dusk dealing with medical situations brought on by neglect and lack of available health care.

Why does he expose himself to this pain and labor? In his words: "I'm a Christian and I can't imagine not using my skills in the service of others."

—Stewardship, October 2008



Once we realize and accept the fact that true greatness lies in love, charitable acts and qualities of the heart, we are on the right path.

So often we ask, "What's in it for me?" when something needs to be done. What kind of financial compensation goes along with the task at hand? Any glory?

A more meaningful thing to ask would be, "What is in it for others?"

The happiest moments in life are generally those when we are doing something for someone else...when we are giving of ourselves for the greater good. This applies to our time, talents and our treasure. Following are two examples for the week:

1. Help out with Homework Club at NCSC bi-monthly.
2. Help serve meals at Brother Benno's once a month.

*You make a living by what you get,  
but you make a life by what you give.*

—Winston Churchill



## St. Thomas More Vehicle Donation Program

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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  
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## 2008 Annual Catholic Appeal

September 29, 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!

Household returns: 316  
Total pledged: \$44,262.32  
Average gift: \$140.07

## Did You Know? Donation Update—September 2008

\$2,876.00

## Collection for Week of: September 27/28, 2008

Number of Registered Households:	970
Offertory	\$ 7,016.92
Plate	1,026.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 8,043.42</b>

## 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

**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: Monday, October 13, 7:00-8:30pm, at La Mesa United Church of Christ, 5940 Kelton Ave., La Mesa.

Welcome: Rev. Dr. Richard Freeman, President of the Ecumenical Council; Moderator: Dr. Charles Ballinger, Chair of Human Dignity Committee, ECSD; Panelists: Fr. Anthony Saroki, Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church, San Diego; Rev. Gloria Espeseth, Gethsemane Lutheran Church, San Diego; Bishop George McKinney, St. Stephen's Cathedral Church of God in Christ; Rev. Felix Villanueva, La Mesa United Church of Christ.

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.

**Autumn Mondays at Mission San Luis Rey Retreat Center in Oceanside**—October 6, 13, 20, and 27, 9:30am or 7:00pm. Join us in prayer and discussion as we probe St. Francis' words and apply them to our present-day lives. Come to one, two, or all the sessions. For more information, contact 757-3659 or [www.sanluisrey.org](http://www.sanluisrey.org).

**Public Square Rosary Crusade in San Diego**—Please join us on Saturday, October 11, from 10:00am to noon at 7340 Miramar Road (pyramid building complex at Carroll Road and location of Family Planning Associates abortion center) as we counter today's assault on innocent life and family with public prayers and hymns in honor of Our Lady of Fatima and the 91st anniversary of the last apparition. Last year over 2,000 public square Rosaries were held across the nation, several of them here in San Diego. For more information, contact Sue Lopez at 619-276-7525 or [sue.lopez@earthlink.net](mailto:sue.lopez@earthlink.net).

**Diocesan Institute Classes in North County**—Three courses will be starting in October: S370 Pauline Writings, taught by Christopher O'Donnell, JD, on Tuesdays, October 7-November 11, 6:30-9:00pm at St. Mark in San Marcos; S820 Prayer in the Catholic Tradition, taught by Peter Bennett, M.A., Monday, October 13-November 24, 6:30-9:00pm at St. Mark in San Marcos; and C110 Catechism of the Catholic Church, taught by Domenico Camplisson, M.T.S., Tuesday, October 14-November 11, 6:00-9:00pm, at San Rafael in Rancho Bernardo. For more information, contact [danderson@diocese-sdiego.org](mailto:danderson@diocese-sdiego.org) or 858-490-8212.

**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).

**All Girls Catholic High School Open House in San Diego**—The Academy of Our Lady of Peace invites current eighth grade girls and their parents to an Open House on Saturday, October 11, 9:00-11:30am, at 4860 Oregon Street, San Diego. The Placement Test will be given on January 24, 2009. For more information, call 619-725-9118.

**Divine Mercy Movement Mass in El Cajon**—Saturday, October 11, 10:00am, at Our Lady of Grace, 2788 Navajo Rd., El Cajon. Video presentation, refreshments and bookstore follow in Moloney Center. For more information, call Joe at 619-276-6637.

**San Diego Catholic Worker Annual Dinner and Silent Auction in San Diego**—Saturday, October 11, 6:00-10:00pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Church Hall, 1945 Illion St., San Diego. The San Diego Catholic Worker will celebrate 28 years of service to people in need. Donations \$17 (\$20 at the door). For tickets or more information, please call Tina Di Stefano at 858-552-0817.

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

**An Evening with Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick at the University of San Diego**—Reflections on Justice for Immigrants and the Prospects for Immigration Reform, Monday, October 13, 7:00pm, at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice. Co-sponsored by Catholic Charities, University of San Diego, and Diocesan Committee, Justice for Immigrants Campaign.

**Twilight Retreat at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside**—*The Five Languages of Apology*, presented by Jeannie Foss, MA Counseling Psychology, on Wednesday, October 15, 6:00-9:00pm. For more information, contact 757-3659 or [www.sanluisrey.org](http://www.sanluisrey.org).

**Organ Spectacular in Escondido**—Sunday, October 19, 3:00pm, at Trinity Episcopal Church, 845 Chestnut St. at Ninth Ave., Escondido. A benefit concert for the the American Guild of Organists Palomar Chapter Student Organ Scholarship Fund, featuring organist Dr. Alison Luedecke and Millennium Consort, Presidio Brass & Percussion. Wine and cheese reception in courtyard. General admission: \$20; students: \$10.

**Vocation Retreat for Young Women in San Diego**—Sunday, October 19, 9:00am-4:00pm, at Nazareth House, 6333 Rancho Mission Rd., San Diego. For more information, contact Sr. Margaret Brody at 619-563-0480 or [vocations\\_naz@yahoo.com](mailto:vocations_naz@yahoo.com).

**Marriage Encounter in San Diego**—*Fire Proof* your marriage! 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).

**North County Magnificat Women's Group Meets in Escondido**—Saturday, November 1, 9:00am at the California Center for the Arts in Escondido. Come and gather for a spirit-filled breakfast. Personal testimony by Kay Cogswell. For information and reservations, contact Mary at 871-8702 or [www.members.cox.net/magnificat](http://www.members.cox.net/magnificat).



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