

Church of St. Thomas More

A Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of San Diego

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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

Spirituality † Tradition † Community

October 12, 2008 • Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Did You Know?”

Almost three years ago, our parking lot was resealed. The cost was \$7,635.

It is time to resurface it again. We are now in the process of getting bids.

Your gift in a “Did You Know?” envelope will greatly help us meet our bills in this difficult economy.

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Inserts: “Did You Know” Envelope; Women’s Guild Bake Sale; Lifeline Health Screening

Pastor’s Column

*Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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Towers of Faith—Be a Part of the Legacy!

“**Towers of Faith**” is a grass-roots movement that has arisen due to the generosity of a number of parishioners who wanted to ensure that the treasure they would leave behind upon their death would be a sign of life for future generations and a legacy that would continue to support the build-out of our Parish Campus.

As participants in the “**Towers of Faith**” program, these people share a common bond of overt generosity and visionary leadership which nourishes the ongoing success of our Parish.

The “**Towers of Faith**” have included St. Thomas More in their estate planning—through Designated Beneficiary Accounts, Life Insurance, Wills, Living Trusts, Stocks and Gifts of Property. In some fashion, St. Thomas More is remembered, just as they remember family members and friends!

“**Towers of Faith**” is an important part of our future support. It helps to ensure that we can confidently move into the future and meet “head-on” the challenges that await us.

The Members of the “**Towers of Faith**” are the pioneers who are setting the example and encouraging other parishioners to follow their lead.

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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 _____

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, then
select "Schedules and Calendars"

The Week Ahead

- 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
- Oct 13 Women's Guild Luncheon Meeting
- 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 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
- Oct 19 RE.A.CH Classes, including Core Course 1

The Month Ahead

- Oct 26 Knights of Columbus Breakfast
- Oct 26 High School RE.A.CH
- Oct 27 High School RE.A.CH
- Oct 27 P.U.S.H. Halloween Party

The Year Ahead

- Nov 8-27 Christian Stewardship Awareness/Renewal

(Pastor's Column continued from page 1)

Our "Towers of Faith" include *Geraldine Barton, Carl & Colleen Bechtold, Michael Bosak, William Brincko, Ron & Louise Briseno, Hazel Bronzan, Roger & Pat Burkhardt, Jean Crowell, Jack & Charlotte Dale, Larry & Betty Dorsa, Don & Rosanna Eppich, Len & Lois Garth, Charles Robert Hall, Bill and Mary Haynes, Paul Kennedy, Anne Marshall, Josephine Mase, William Mazzarella, Pat McCarthy, Richard & Ann McGeary, Joyce Meehan, Elizabeth Miles, Leo & Beverly Miller, Ralph Mueller, John & Jean O'Donnell, Mary Anne Palmer, Mike & Natalie Provinse, Rev. Michael Ratajczak, Randy & Jana Reznicek, Connie Ringel, Christina Smith, Carl & Masako Streling, Frank & Mary Lou Thompson, and three households that wish to remain anonymous.*

We keep in memory those "Towers of Faith" who have gone before us in death: *Lew Crowell, Jim Kilian, and William Zontine.*

We are now gathering names for the 2008 "Towers of Faith." Presently *Regina Aulisio, Maurine Shaughnessy, Maria Surmenidis and Elaine Weiler* have stepped forward!

It is my hope that you would consider remembering St. Thomas More in your estate planning and participating in this venture that is so vital to our future.

This year's "Towers of Faith" dinner will be on Sunday, November 9. At this dinner, we will break bread together again and celebrate with those who have chosen to be a part of the legacy. We will remember and honor those "Towers of Faith" who have gone before us in death, and we will recognize and honor our newest members.

If you would like more information, please contact Chris Smith, our Director of Stewardship and Development, at 760-758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org.

She will be more than happy to answer any questions that you may have.

F. Mike

Readings for the Week Ahead

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

Sunday, October 12 (142)

*Twenty-eighth Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

Isaiah 25:6-10a

Psalms 23:1-6

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Matthew 22:1-14

Monday, October 13 (467)

Galatians 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1

Psalms 113:1b-5a, 6-7

Luke 11:29-32

Tuesday, October 14 (468)

Callistus I, pope, martyr

Galatians 5:1-6

Psalms 119:41, 43-45, 47-48

Luke 11:37-41

Wednesday, October 15 (469)

Teresa of Jesus, virgin, doctor

Galatians 5:18-25

Psalms 1:1-4, 6

Luke 11:42-46

Thursday, October 16 (470)

Hedwig, religious;

Margaret Mary Alacoque, virgin

Ephesians 1:1-10

Psalms 98:1-6

Luke 11:47-54

Friday, October 17 (471)

Ignatius of Antioch, bishop, martyr

Ephesians 1:11-14

Psalms 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13

Luke 12:1-7

Saturday, October 18 (661)

Luke, Evangelist

2 Timothy 4:10-17b

Psalms 145:10-13, 17-18

Luke 10:1-9

Sunday, October 19 (145)

Twenty-ninth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Psalms 96:1, 3-5, 7-10

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

Matthew 22:15-21

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 11, 5:00pm

Jay Votel ☩

Sunday, October 12, 8:30am

Daphne Dunn ☩

Sunday, October 12, 10:30am

Elizabeth Nead ☩

Tuesday, October 14, 8:15am

Larry Dorsa

Wednesday, October 15, 8:15am

Maise Cassidy

Wednesday, October 15, 9:30am

Reggie Lammers ☩

Brighton Gardens

Thursday, October 16, 8:15am

Eugene Masseth ☩

Friday, October 17, 8:15am

Eamonn McCluskey, Sr. ☩

Saturday, October 18, 5:00pm

Elizabeth Mahoney ☩

Sunday, October 19, 8:30am

Lewis Garrett ☩

Sunday, October 19, 10:30am

Joe Vozza ☩

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
Tom Beck
Cindra Bell
Nancy Bermudez
Marie Breda & Family
Janet Brown
The Burke & Dorman Families
James Coleman
Barbara Colton
Thomas Cornwell & Family
Veronica Costa
Barbara Couch
Bill Davis
The DiBello Family
Linda Dossman
Melanie Drazkowski
Kathryn Ernst
Boo Falconer
The Fiore Family
Larry Fisk
Rick Gonzalez
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
Vince Pecoraro
Joan Picco
Helen Pingtella
Anne Post
Otila Quiroz
Deana Reynolds
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.*

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.*

A Birthday Thank You

Thank you to each and every one of you who helped me celebrate the 21st anniversary of my 39th birthday.

Your prayers, warm wishes, hugs, handshakes, and greetings meant the world to me!

Your support strengthens me as I humbly continue the responsibility of shepherding this very special faith community.

Please pray for me as I pray for you.

—Rev. Michael Ratajczak
Pastor

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.

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.

Making a World of Difference

Just as our young church here in the United States received support in the 19th century from the Catholics of Europe through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, so too the growing churches in the Developing World today also require financial help. Your generosity will help make a faith-filled difference around the world!



- † A gift of \$25 would be a month's support for a young woman preparing to serve as a Religious Sister in Mali
- † A gift of \$60 is a month's education for a seminarian in Nigeria
- † About \$50 a month helps a local Religious Community of Sisters in Thailand care for girls in need
- † Just \$20 helps toward the purchase of a bicycle for a catechist in Kenya

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

Explore the Vocation of Priesthood

What is a priest? What does a priest do? What is the preparation process like? What are some of the rewards and challenges of priestly ministry? How does a man know if God is calling him to the priesthood?

If you are a single man 17 years or older and would like answers to these questions, please consider attending Explorer Day on Saturday, October 18. Explorer Day is a six-hour discernment experience for men interested in the priesthood. It includes Mass, common prayer, lunch, and presentations from priests and seminarians.

To register, please speak with Fr. Mike. For more information, contact Fr. Anthony Saroki at asaroki@diocese-sdiego.org or 619-291-7452.

St. Thomas More Vehicle Donation Program

Do you have a vehicle you want to donate?
Call the Parish Office at
758-4100 x100



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.



Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioners

Richard Kahl
Ellen Martin-Huff
Eric & Nicole Prosser & Family
Apolo & Adriana Rios & Family

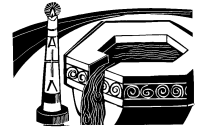
Announcing the Baptism of

Meagan Ysabelle Guyot

John Austin Wood

on October 12, 2008

*Our Christian community
welcomes you with great joy!*



Congratulations to

Carrie Haare & Billy Turley

who were married on June 21, 2008

Brianna Wasch & Rogers Kirkpatrick Hamilton III

who were married on October 4, 2008

Carol Yen Chia Tseng & Patrick Robert Matarazzo

who were married on October 11, 2008

*May God keep you in love with each other,
so that the peace of Christ may stay with you
and be always in your home.*



Flower Donations

We would like to gratefully acknowledge the contribution of:

Larry & Betty Dorsa

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

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!



The following dates are open for adoption in 2009:

February 22, March 22, April 26, May 24,

June 28, July 26, August 23, September 27,

October 25, November 29, and December 27

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.

Love Lived on Death Row—Documentary Film

Sunday, October 26 • 6:00pm • Lower Level of the Parish Center

A mother's murder. A father's crime. Four children's forgiveness.

You are invited to come see this movie, followed by a panel discussion with filmmaker Linda Booker. Free admission and refreshments. Sponsored by the San Diego chapter of California People of Faith Working Against the Death Penalty.

For more information, visit www.lovelivedondeathrow.com.

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

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—Please see the flyer in this bulletin for more details.

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.

Publicize Your Parish Event!

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

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



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.

ME. ME. ME.
HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH
GROUP
 At GODSPACE
10-13-08 FROM 7:00-8:30pm

Middle School Youth Ministry

Next Meeting—Monday, October 13

7:00-8:30pm

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

Visit www.stmoside.org/ym.

United States Air Force Academy Catholic Cadet Choir Live in Concert!



Mr. Gary de Kler, MFA, Conductor

Saturday, October 18 • 7:00-8:30pm

(also singing at 4:30pm Mass on October 18 and
 9:30am Mass on October 19)



Santa Sophia Catholic Church
 9800 San Juan Street, Spring Valley
 619-463-6629

Vintage Car Raffle to Support the Needy

Brother Benno's is conducting a raffle for a vintage Mercedes ('89 Mercedes 560 SEL) automobile in conjunction with its 25th Anniversary which will be celebrated on October 25. Raffle tickets will be on sale after all Masses this week and next. The cost of the raffle tickets is \$5 each. Your support will help Brother Benno's serve the needy. Brother Benno's provides over 11,000 meals and distributes over 1,200 food packs to the needy per month. 85% of Brother Benno's guest are working poor. Tickets can also be obtained by contacting Deacon Tom at 727-8442, or Frank Doherty at 804-1948. Your support of this worthy organization will be greatly appreciated.

Knights of Columbus Breakfast

Sunday, October 26, 9:00-10:30am

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

Menu: French Toast, Eggs, Sausage,
 Hash Browns, Coffee, Juice

Adult: \$6, Child \$4 (age 5 & under free);

Family Rate: 2 plus children Max \$15

Reservations for parties of 6 or more call 760-732-0543.

Start planning now to join us!

Liturgy & Music

Worship God

Douglas Lynn

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



NAME THAT TUNE!

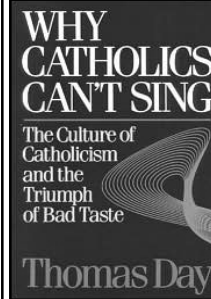
Over the summer, a number of people asked me how music is chosen for Mass each week, and I thought that I would share with you some of the thinking that goes into the planning of the musical portion of our liturgies.

When I pick music for our congregation to sing each week, there are a number of criteria that go into the decision, including:

- Does the text of the song or hymn speak to the scriptures being proclaimed at that liturgy?
- Is the tune familiar so that we are promoting the Church's goal of the assembly's "full, active, and conscious participation" in the liturgy (our goal since Vatican II)?
- If a hymn or song is not familiar, do we present it often enough over a period of time so that the congregation can learn it well?
- Have we sung a piece too often in the recent past?
- Are there any special circumstances that warrant specific pieces? (For example, for First Communion liturgies, I choose songs that the children know so they are more inclined to sing at their special liturgy, especially those songs with references to children and to the Eucharist.)
- Have we included at least one traditional hymn almost every week?
- Have we included at least one song from the Monday Night Mass "repertoire" almost every week?
- Have we included at least one song or psalm that the organ can accompany if the Parish's volunteer organist is present?

Looking at the longer view—that is, our musical choices over the course of a year or throughout the three-year liturgical cycle—my thinking includes the following questions:

- Are we balancing our Parish's repertoire so that all of our members feel included in our congregational song? This is why we sing



Study Question for Chapter 5

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 5 to think about as you read.

At the end of the chapter, the author makes a distinction between "horizontal" and "vertical" relationships among worshipers, clergy, and musicians. How do these relationships encourage or discourage congregational singing?

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

traditional hymns, contemporary songs suggested by the youth of the Parish, Gregorian chant (especially though Lent and in other seasons), and songs written more recently as part of the post-Vatican II ideal.

- Are we honoring the Church's musical past with music from different eras and styles? Over the past couple of years, the choirs have sung music from many different eras of music history, including Gregorian chant (13th and 14th century) and songs by Palestrina (Renaissance), by Bach (Baroque), by Mozart (Classical), and Russian music from the 19th century (Romantic), African-American spirituals (late 19th and early 20th century), and myriad songs from the last fifty years that are worthy of inclusion in the worship of God. This is why we sing "old" hymns and "new" praise songs.

Indeed, it is a balancing act, part science and part art, and one that I am honored to perform for this faith community.

Please let me know if you have questions or suggestions as we make music together, expressing our communal prayer and praise to our loving God.

Music Ministry Next Week

OCTOBER 18/19

5:00pm Mass

Cantor

8:30am Mass

MNM Music Team

10:30am Mass

Adult Choir

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH

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

INTENTION FOR THE DAY

For the Unity and Order of the Church.

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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



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 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.

Teen Faith Formation

Teens are approaching the end of our first set of Core Courses for the year. Three great Mini Courses are available to our parish teens who are signed up for RE.A.CH. If you have not submitted your choices, please email me right away!

Kathleen

Sundays, Oct. 26, Nov. 2, Nov. 9

6:30-8:30pm

Sexuality: Challenges and Choices Sharon Hamill

Grow in understanding your sexuality in a healthy, holistic and holy way.

(OR)

Finding Your Personal Style Jeff Gibbons

Understand that personality is the expression of a neutral set of God-given characteristics that are shaped by forces within and without. Explore your own personality strengths and weaknesses and accept and celebrate who you are and what you have the power to become!

(ALSO AVAILABLE)

Mondays, Oct. 27, Nov. 10, Nov. 17

7:00-9:00pm

Dating and Love (Youth Group) Jeff & Gale Gibbons

Understand dating as a process of self-discovery, and recognize the difference between mature love and infatuation.



Parents~

It is very helpful to your child's faith development if you are consistent with the home session on our "opposite" week. Should your Annual Plan be misplaced, just ask for another one at the Faith Formation Office, or go online to www.stmoside.org/faith_formation.htm

Here's some ideas for success from other parents:

- "Eliminate distractions."
- "Put our home session day and time on the calendar and do it as a family."
- "We need to sit down and embrace the session instead of treating it like homework."

AT HOME Guide

Parents: If you purchased one of these guides and your children are now beyond 6th grade, we would welcome its return, if it is in good condition and you would care to recycle it to another family. . .just drop it by the Faith Formation Office at any time. . .with our thanks!



Looking at Life Through the Eyes of Faith

Upcoming Events

Fr. Mike's (and friends) Bookies

- November 5 (See music page for details)

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

PBJ Update

(Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center)

2008 GOAL: 365 jars
Collected to date: 568 jars !



Stewardship & Development

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CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Attitudes Count More Than Achievements

Jesus tells us that many are called to the Father's "heavenly banquet table." We are invited to this celebration as if it were a "wedding feast." Imagine a wedding feast invitation from God!

We know too well, however, that few are chosen. What a shame that this is due to the manner in which God's invitation is treated and/or avoided altogether. Amazingly enough, the "attitude of gratitude" is one that many choose to ignore.

How have we treated the Lord's invitation to participate in the banquet ~ the invitation ~ this week? What have we done to prepare ourselves for the feast that awaits us.

Jesus came to serve His Father and asks us to do the same. Doing God's will isn't always easy and even requires sacrifice. Giving of "our" time, talents and resources can really get in the way of a "comfy lifestyle" can't it?

It is important to remember that 'our' time, talents and resources are gifts from God. They are only on loan to us during this lifetime. How we handle our gifts is important and a key factor to entering God's kingdom after our time on earth has passed.

Rick Warren, author of *The Purpose-Driven Life*, has a true grasp of Christian Stewardship, part of which I share with you today:

Real servants don't try to use God for their purposes.
 They let God use them for God's purposes.

Service starts in your mind. God is more interested in *why* we do something than in what we do. Servants think like stewards (managers) and not owners and remember that *God owns it all*.

To become a real servant you are going to have to settle the issue of money in your life. Jesus said, "No servant can serve two masters. . . You cannot serve both God and money." He didn't say ministry and living for money are mutually exclusive goals.



Which one will you choose? Money has the greatest potential to replace God in your life. More people are sidetracked from God by materialism than by anything else, saying "After I achieve my financial goals, I'm going to serve God."

Wealth is certainly not a sin, but failing to use it for God's glory is. The Bible is clear: God uses money to test your faithfulness. That is why Jesus talked more about money than he did about either heaven or hell. He said, "If you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches."
 —R. Warren

No one will dispute that we are living in hard times now. Each of us is trying to stay afloat financially. As a faith community we help so many in need, in a variety of ways. This is the assignment we have been given by Jesus. Our parishioners can rest assured that donations to STM are instrumental in the continuation of the mission and ministry of Jesus in our time and place.

Thank you for your support!

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!

Collection for Week of: October 4/5, 2008

Number of Registered Households:	975
Offertory	\$ 18,744.73
Plate	1,022.00
Total	\$ 19,766.73

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

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.

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 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.

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 through October 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.

An Evening with Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick at the University of San Diego—Originally scheduled for Monday, October 13, has been cancelled, since Cardinal McCarrick was called to Rome.

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.

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 Millennia 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.

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.

Grief and Loss Weekend Retreat at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside—*Blessed Are They Who Mourn*, a weekend retreat on October 31-November 2, led by Fr. Peter Kirwin, OFM, Pastor, Mission San Luis Rey Parish and Kay Cogswell, MSW, LCSW, Bereavement Director for The HOPE Bereavement Center of Hospice of the North Coast, is for anyone who has lost a loved one. For more information, contact 757-3651 or www.sanluisrey.org.

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.

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.

St. Francis Church Online Auction—You're invited to check out our online auction! St. Francis Church has joined www.CatholicAuctionsOnline.com as a new high-tech fund raiser. Items are added as they arrive and have a time limit for bidding. Register as a buyer and get started today!

Foster and Affirm Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life in Carlsbad—Join the Serra Club of San Diego North Coast at 8:00am Mass at St. Patrick Church in Carlsbad followed by a breakfast meeting on the second Saturday and fourth Tuesday of each month. For more information, call 729-9528.

Volunteers Needed at Casa de Amparo in Oceanside—Make a lasting impact in a child's life as a Senior Mentor by volunteering 7-10 hours weekly at Casa de Amparo's Child Development Center in Oceanside. Work on social-emotional developmental objectives with children ages 18 months-5 years old in 1:1 and small group settings. Mentors must be age 50+ and able to make a minimum 6-month commitment; stipend included. For more information, contact Rayni Risher at 453-2300 x209 or rrisher@casadeamparo.org.



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.

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.



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