

# Church of St. Thomas More

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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 19, 2008 • Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Remembering Our Departed Loved Ones

All Souls' envelopes are attached to this week's bulletin. If you wish to remember family members or friends who have died, please complete and return the envelope with your offering to the Parish Office or the weekend offertory collection by October 31. The envelopes will be placed on the altar for Feast of All Souls on November 2 and remain until the Feast of Christ the King.

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*Inserts: All Souls' Envelope; Catholic Voter Guide;  
Knights of Columbus Breakfast Flyer;  
Thanksgiving Dinner Flyer*

## Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak  
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### A Discipline of the Heart

Hopefully, we see our journey of life as a spiritual journey. We are a people who have come from "somewhere" and we are a people going "somewhere."

We have purpose, meaning, and destiny. In our modern world, filled with so many distractions, we can easily get "disconnected." We become lost, and frightened; we act out accordingly.

October, in the Catholic Church, is "Respect Life" month. We take time, in a special way, to weave the connections between all life issues. The very first step, though, is to take time, with and for ourselves, to get "in touch" with life.

To keep focused, we need to be disciplined. I share with you the words of Fr. Henri Nouwen, taken from "Letters to Marc about Jesus":

#### *A Discipline of the Heart*

"The spiritual life demands a discipline of the heart. Discipline is the mark of a disciple of Jesus. That doesn't mean, however, making things difficult for yourself, but

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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*

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making available the inner space where God can touch you with an all-transforming love. We human beings are so faint-hearted that we have a lot of trouble leaving an empty space empty. We like to fill it all up with ideas, plans, duties, tasks, and activities.

It strikes me increasingly just how hard-pressed people are nowadays. It's as though they're tearing about from one emergency to another. Never solitary, never still, never really free but always busy about something that just can't wait. You get the impression that amid this hurly-burly, we lose touch with life itself. We have the experience of being busy while nothing really seems to happen. The more agitated we are, and the more compacted our lives become, the more difficult it is to keep a space where God can let something truly new take place.

The discipline of the heart helps us to let God into our hearts so that God can become known to us there, in the deepest recesses of our own being. This is not so easy to do; we like to be master in our own house and don't want to admit that our house is God's house too."

## 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 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  
Oct 26 Knights of Columbus Breakfast  
Oct 26 High School RE.A.CH

### *The Month Ahead*

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  
Nov 9 Towers of Faith Dinner  
Nov 23 Music Ministry presents "With Thankful Hearts"  
May 1 STM Tenth Annual Golf Classic

*Questions? Contact Henny at 758-4100 x100  
or [hennyj@stmoside.org](mailto:hennyj@stmoside.org).*

As Catholics, we are a "Pro-life" people. We believe in the protection of life from womb to tomb. This is a very prophetic belief to promote, to live, and to encourage within the world in which we live.

As we approach our national elections, we are mindful that neither party, Democratic or Republican, are "pro-life" in the Catholic Tradition.

It is the challenge of each of us to take time to know the positions of the candidates and the political parties, to know the teachings of the Catholic Church, and to be familiar with recent pronouncements of the USCCB (The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops).

In preparing for your vote in the upcoming election, I would encourage you to read "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility from the Catholic Bishops of the United States." Go to the website: <http://www.faithfulcitizenship.org/> and read the Bishops' statement.

Reflect on all the issues, reflect on the statements of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, as they speak in unison, and then, in conscience, vote for those whom you feel best reflect the Catholic Church's position on life, from womb to tomb.

No one can tell you how to vote!

That is always the matter of an informed conscience, between you and God.

What the Church Magisterium encourages and challenges you to do is to be a faithful citizen and to be politically involved and to vote.

We pray in a special way in these days for our country and for the election that lies before us!

*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 19 (145)**

*Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Isaiah 45:1,4-6  
Psalm 96:1,3-5,7-10  
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b  
Matthew 22:15-21

**Monday, October 20 (473)**

*Paul of the Cross, priest*

Ephesians 2:1-10  
Psalm 100:1b-5  
Luke 12:13-21

**Tuesday, October 21 (474)**

*Ephesians 2:1-10*

Psalm 85:9-14  
Luke 12:35-38

**Wednesday, October 22 (475)**

*Ephesians 3:2-12*

Isaiah 12:2-3,4b-6 (Psalm)  
Luke 12:39-48

**Thursday, October 23 (476)**

*John of Capistrano, priest*

Ephesians 3:14-21  
Psalm 33:1-2,4-5,11-12,18-19  
Luke 12:49-53

**Friday, October 24 (477)**

*Anthony Mary Claret, bishop*

Ephesians 4:1-6  
Psalm 24:1-4b,5-6  
Luke 12:54-59

**Saturday, October 25 (478)**

*Ephesians 4:7-16*

Psalm 122:1-5  
Luke 13:1-9

**Sunday, October 26 (148)**

*Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Exodus 22:20-26  
Psalm 18:2-4,47,51  
1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10  
Matthew 22:34-40

**Mass Intentions**

Saturday, October 18, 5:00pm

Elizabeth Mahoney ☩

Sunday, October 19, 8:30am

Lewis Garrett ☩

Sunday, October 19, 10:30am

Joe Vozza ☩

Tuesday, October 21, 8:15am

Pawlowski Family

Wednesday, October 22, 8:15am

*Special Intention*

Thursday, October 23, 8:15am

Rita Mazarella ☩

Friday, October 24, 8:15am

Bill Votel ☩

Saturday, October 25, 5:00pm

Jeanette Cirenza ☩

Sunday, October 26, 8:30am

Laura Ludke & Ann Couture ☩

Sunday, October 26, 10:30am

Bill De Groot ☩

**Prayer List**

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

- Michael Ainis
- Mary Alexander
- The Angelucci Family
- Mary Baker
- Mary Baker
- Patricia Barbour
- Lois Bather
- 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
- Barbara Couch
- The DiBello Family
- Christy DiPietro
- Ed DiPietro
- Linda Dossman
- Melanie Drazkowski
- Kathryn Ernst
- The Fiore Family
- Larry Fisk
- Rick Gonzalez
- Claudette Gunderson
- Anita Hage
- The Harker Family
- Greg Hayes
- Bud Hazlett
- Cynthia Horner
- The Irwin Family
- Bernie & Ginny Jaeger
- Sue Johnston
- Joan Jones
- Colleen Kaup
- Paul Kennedy
- Diane Kettlewell
- Debbie Kinny
- George Kleekamp
- Willis Koffroth
- Sr. Anne Kremenik
- Lillian Lachance
- The Lamelin Family
- 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
- Alison Plan & twin babies to be
- Lucy Poole
- 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
- Lisa Vickonoff
- Vanessa Vitiello-Koble
- Isabella Wallin
- 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.*



**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 and the St. Thomas More Social Justice Committee.

For more information, visit [www.lovelivedondeathrow.com](http://www.lovelivedondeathrow.com).

**Monday, October 20 Is the Voter Registration Deadline for the November Election**

If you have not done so, register to vote at the parish office and then participate in the upcoming November Election. 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, November 7.

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!

## 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.

## 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!

## Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioners

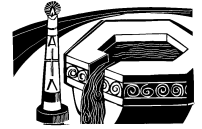
Mary & Raymond Brown  
Christopher Carmichael  
G. Michael Unverferth

## Announcing the Baptism of

Kylie Anne Browne

on October 12, 2008

Our Christian community  
welcomes you with great joy!



## In Memoriam

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:



**Marie Breda**, a five-year-old who died on October 13. Several of our parish families are friends of this Escondido family. Please keep the Breda's in your prayers.

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

## Flower Donations

We would like to gratefully acknowledge the contribution of:

**Maria Vozza**

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](mailto:kaleiann@sbcglobal.net).

## Spirited Seniors News

St. Thomas More's Spirited Seniors will be hosting a fall luncheon and concert on Thursday, November 20. Mark your calendars now, and watch for a detailed flyer in next week's bulletin.

## Attention Potential Bulletin Advertisers

A representative from J. S. Paluch, the company that will begin publishing our weekend bulletin starting November 16, will be available on the Plaza after all Masses next weekend (October 25-26) with information about advertising opportunities.

# JUST GROW UP!

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP NIGHT  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 20  
7:00 TO 8:30 PM**

**CALL GALE AT 726-7236 FOR INFO**

## Social Justice Committee News

Our newly-formed "Parish Social Justice" Committee (PSJ) wants to keep you informed about current social justice issues in our local community and the action that members of STM, along with other local congregations, have taken.

Most recently, we have been working with the Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice (ICWJ) in support of the workers at Tri-City hospital, who have achieved ratification to form a Union. The negotiations between Management and the Union, to establish a contract, are in full swing. Members of congregations in Oceanside, Carlsbad, and Vista are observers at the table, to demonstrate to the management of Tri-City Medical Center that local Congregations involved with ICWJ, and who live in the Tri-City area are supporting the workers there to insure a just contract and fair labor practices. As these negotiations continue, members of the Churches of Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice will also continue to be present. The workers are extremely grateful for our support.

If you have any questions or would like to become more involved with the Parish Social Justice Committee, please contact Sr. Maureen at 758-4100 x131.



## St. Thomas More Vehicle Donation Program

Do you have a vehicle you want to donate?  
The St. Thomas More program is easy!

Call us, and we'll have it picked up.  
You get the tax deduction!

Call the Parish Office at  
760-758-4100 x100



## 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

**Entertainment Books**—The Knights of Columbus will be selling Entertainment Books this year. The books are great gifts and will be available on the Plaza after Masses. 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. 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 Tootsie Rolls on the Plaza after Masses next weekend. 100% of any donations will go to ARC.

**Christmas Cards and Magnets**—We will be selling Christmas cards and "Keep Christ in Christmas" magnets on the Plaza after Masses from now until we sell out.

—John O'Donnell, Grand Knight

**PUSH** — **St. Thomas More  
Middle School  
Youth Group**



**Haunted Hall**  
Monday, October 27  
6:30-8:30pm  
Costume Contest  
DJ, Games & Prizes  
Pizza & Candy  
**INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!**  
All Middle School kids Welcome!  
\$8.00 at the door

Peace, Ron & Louise  
758-4100 x153 • PUSH Info at [www.stmoside.org/ym](http://www.stmoside.org/ym)

## Liturgy & Music

Worship God

Douglas Lynn  
Director of Music/Coordinator of Liturgical Ministries  
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### SO, TELL US WHAT YOU REALLY THINK!!!

**Fr. Mike's Bookies** returns this fall, and on November 5 at 9:00am and 7:00pm, your Director of Music puts his job on the line to lead a discussion of Thomas Day's provocatively titled book, *Why Catholics Can't Sing: The Culture of Catholicism and the Triumph of Bad Taste*.

**There is still time to pick up a book and read it before our discussion day!**

In chapter one, Day sets the scene:

*Contemplate this very odd situation.*

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

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

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

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

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

*review in Sacred Music (1990)*

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

—Douglas Lynn



### THE FEAST OF ALL SOULS

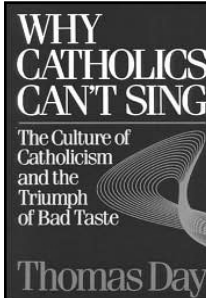
**Sunday, November 2**

The month of November is a special time in our Church for remembering our beloved dead, especially on the Feast of All Souls, which occurs this year on Sunday, November 2.

The evening Mass on Saturday, November 1, and both Masses on Sunday, November 2, will be a special commemoration of all who have died this past year, in particular, our own parishioners whose funerals were celebrated here, as well as family members whose funerals were celebrated elsewhere but for whom parish families have requested our prayerful support. The Parish's Book of the Dead will be available so that we can inscribe the names of our beloved dead, inviting the Parish to remember them in prayer during the month.

At each Mass, the worship aid will list the names of our Parish's beloved dead. Candles with names on them will be lit during Mass and placed in front of the altar. The names of our deceased will be lifted up in prayer during the Prayers of Intercession.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.*



#### Study Question for Chapter 6

How is your reading going? Here's a question about Chapter 6 to think about as you read.

*The author argues that quantifying and qualifying the large and diverse group which he refers to as "the people" of the church makes musical unity within the church difficult. What are some of his solutions? Can you think of any other ideas from your experience worshipping in church?*

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

#### Liturgical Minister Preference Cards

Next quarter's cards are due November 1. Please check to make sure you received your card in the mail. Additional cards are available in the Parish Office during business hours.

#### Music Ministry Next Week

OCTOBER 25/26

5:00pm Mass

Cantor

8:30am Mass

Handbell Choir

10:30am Mass

Cantor

## 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 Church!

### We Were All Here!

4 of our 17 classes had perfect attendance at our last session:

- \* ISAIAH \* Level 2A
- \* GENESIS \* Preschool
- \* JOB \* Level 5B
- \* EXODUS \* Level 5A



Thanks to families for keeping attendance at Church Sessions a priority for your family. I think it's the first in our history to have all the 3 & 4 year olds present. . .Great start, little friends!

### Last Call!



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 20.

### Looking at Life Through the Eyes of Faith Upcoming Events



#### Fr. Mike (and friends) Bookies

- November 5 (See music page for details)

#### Re-Discovering Catholicism

- 12 sessions, beginning December 2 through May
- An opportunity aimed to satisfy Catholics' hunger to learn why they believe what they do
- This also serves as Confirmation Preparation for those over 18
- Growing in faith isn't just kids' stuff!
- Deacon Tom and Patt Goeltz, facilitators

### Last Call! 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.

### PBJ Update

(Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center at Catholic Charities in Vista)

2008 GOAL:

365 jars

Collected to date:

594 jars!



*Special thanks for your gifts during these difficult economic times when contributions go down and the number in need goes up!*

### 3-Minute Retreat

Visit [www.findinggod.org/retreat](http://www.findinggod.org/retreat) to experience soothing music, a daily Scripture verse, and reflective thoughts and questions as you prepare your heart and mind for the day ahead. Register as a member and each day a link to a new retreat will be emailed to you, giving you a chance to spend three quiet, meaningful minutes in focused reflection.

# Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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## CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

God has given us two hands...  
one to receive with and the other to give with  
We are not cisterns made for hoarding;  
we are channels made for sharing.

—Billy Graham

Giving needs no more apology than does praying. In the Bible there are 1,539 passages that reference giving, while there are only 523 that refer to praying!

We all have obligations to pay our bills. Generally speaking, the number of bills we pay is directly proportionate to the choices we have made in living our lives. Exceptions happen with some of us who have medical expenses for ourselves and family members (not covered by insurance) that take a toll. Others find themselves helping family members in unanticipated times of need. Still others find themselves out of work in a tough job market.

As I reflect back on my life to date, it occurs to me that the best times—in many cases—were the worst times financially. Those were the times when our family had to dig in to survive, and in doing so we were reminded of the things that truly mattered in life. We developed a mutual respect borne of *extra* hard work and sacrifice, and appreciated the ‘little things’ a lot more.

I have been saving a piece that was sent to me awhile back and this week I share it with you, as a reflection during these days.

A group of graduates, well established in their careers were talking at a reunion and decided to go visit their old university professor, now retired. During their visit the conversation turned to complaints about stress in the work and lives.

Offering his guests hot chocolate, the professor went into the kitchen and returned with a large pot of hot chocolate and assortment of cups—porcelain, glass, crystal, some plain looking, some expensive, some exquisite—telling them to help themselves to the hot chocolate.

When they all had their drinks in hand, the professor said, “Notice that all the nice looking, expensive cups were taken, leaving behind the plain and cheap ones. While it is normal for you to want only the best for yourselves, that is the source of your problems and stress. The cup that you’re drinking from adds nothing to the quality of the hot chocolate. In most cases it is just more expensive and in some cases even hides what we drink. What all of you really wanted was hot chocolate, not the cup; but you consciously went for the best cups...and then you began eyeing each other’s cups.

Now consider this: Life is the hot chocolate; your job, money and position in society are the cups. They are just tools to hold and contain life. The cup you have does not define you, nor change your quality of the life. Sometimes, by concentrating only on the cup, we fail to enjoy the hot chocolate. God has provided for us. God makes the hot chocolate; man chooses the cups.

The happiest people don’t have the best of everything. They just make the best of everything they have.

***It’s not how much of my money will I give to God,  
but how much of God’s money will I keep for myself.***  
—Oswald Smith

## A WAY TO GIVE ~ A WAY TO RECEIVE



### DESIGNATED BANK ACCOUNTS, WILLS, LIVING TRUSTS, STOCKS, LIFE INSURANCE, MUTUAL FUNDS, REAL ESTATE

There have been changes in the tax laws that are beneficial to both the recipient and the giver. A few examples of Planned Giving to STM are: Designated Beneficiary Accounts, Wills, Living Trusts, Stocks, Life Insurance, Mutual Funds, Real Estate, and Endowments.

This program is one way of helping the Parish raise the resources necessary to continue our campus build out and also help plan for our future needs (i.e., Tower of Faith participants). Planned Giving is a generic term that covers the many ways an individual can give to a charity while, in many cases, avoiding taxes.

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

### Collection for Week of: October 11/12, 2008

Number of Registered Households:	978
Offertory	\$ 6,631.84
Plate	991.10
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 7,622.94</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:  
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## News from the Larger Church

**Bruckner Te Deum—Fourth Annual USD Music Program North County Outreach in Rancho Bernardo**—Sunday, October 19, at 4 :00pm at San Rafael Catholic Church, 17252 Bernardo Center Drive, San Diego. Featuring the San Rafael Parish Choir and the USD Immaculata Parish Choir, with soloists Tori Lund '08, Amanda Leger '09, and more. Accompanied by the University of San Diego Symphony Orchestra. The annual USD North County Music Showcase is made possible by the Music Program of the University of San Diego, Dr. Angela Yeung, Director, in cooperation with San Rafael Parish, Msgr. Dennis L. Mikulanic '73. For more information: please contact Angela Yeung at 858-487-4314 [ayeung@sandiego.edu](mailto:ayeung@sandiego.edu).

**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, October 26, 4:00-5:30pm, at Lutheran Church of the Incarnation (ELCA), 16889 Espola Rd., Poway .

Welcome: Rev. Paul Bieber, All Saints Lutheran Church (ELCA), San Diego; Moderator: Rt. Rev. James Mathes, Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of San Diego; Panelists: Rev. Dr. George Morelli, St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church; Rev. Gloria Espeseth, Gethsemane Lutheran Church, San Diego; Mr. Stanwood Johnson, Attorney at Law, San Diego; Rabbi Lauri Coskey, Executive Director of the Interfaith Committee on Worker Justice.

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 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 or both sessions. For more information, contact 757-3659 or [www.sanluisrey.org](http://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](http://www.yamsd.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](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).

**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](http://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](http://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](http://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!

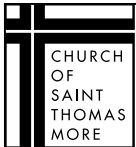
**Foster and Affirm Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life in Carlsbad**—Join the Serra Club of San Diego North Coast at 8:00am Mass at St. Patrick Church in Carlsbad followed by a breakfast meeting on the second Saturday and fourth Tuesday of each month. For more information, call 729-9528.

**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 one-on-one 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](mailto: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](http://www.sanluisrey.org).

**Diocesan Young Adult Ministry**—Contact Carrie Giebel at [cgiebel@diocese-sdieog.org](mailto:cgiebel@diocese-sdieog.org) or 858-490-8260 for scheduled young adult activities around the Diocese.



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