

Church of St. Thomas More

A Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of San Diego

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 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 26, 2008 • Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Love Lived on Death Row—Documentary Film
Sunday, October 26, at 6:00pm

Haunted Hall for Middle School Youth
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Pastor's Column

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Prayer for the Upcoming National Elections

The election is only a few weeks away. I share with you a prayer taken from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) recent document, *"Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: a Call to Political Responsibility from the Catholic Bishops of the United States."*

You are encouraged to pray this prayer in the days ahead:

*Immaculate Heart of Mary,
 help us to conquer the menace of evil,
 which so easily takes root in the hearts
 of the people of today,
 and whose immeasurable effects
 already weigh down upon our modern world
 and seem to block the paths toward the future.*

*From famine and war, deliver us.
 From nuclear war, from incalculable self-destruction,
 from every kind of war, deliver us.
 From sins against human life
 from its very beginning, deliver us.
 From hatred and from the demeaning of the dignity
 of the children of God, deliver 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 \$crip News

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

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

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

Albertson's Card #(11 digits) _____

Ralph's Card #(13 digits) _____

Please send me a Food 4 Less Card

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

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

Calendar Highlights

Also check the Parish website for complete calendar
information for the current month: www.stmoside.org, then
select "Schedules and Calendars"

The Week Ahead

- Oct 26 Knights of Columbus Breakfast
- Oct 26 High School RE.A.CH
- Oct 27 Youth Group Mini-Course
- Oct 27 P.U.S.H. Halloween Party
- Nov 1 Feast of All Saints—Mass at 9:30am
- Nov 2 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
- Nov 2 RE.A.CH Classes

The Month Ahead

- Nov 3 Monday Night Mass at 7:00pm
- Nov 4 Christmas Angel Meeting
- Nov 8-27 Christian Stewardship Awareness/Renewal
- Nov 9 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 10:30am Mass
- Nov 16 RE.A.CH Classes
- Nov 23 Music Ministry presents "With Thankful Hearts"
- Nov 27 Thanksgiving Dinner at STM

The Year Ahead

- Mar 1 New Member Reception

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.*

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*From every kind of injustice in the life of society, both
national and international, deliver us.*

*From readiness to trample on the
commandments of God, deliver us.*

*From attempts to stifle in human hearts
the very truth of God, deliver us.*

From the loss of awareness of good and evil, deliver us.

From the sins against the Holy Spirit, deliver us.

*Accept, O Mother of Christ,
this cry laden with the sufferings
of all individual human beings,
laden with the sufferings of whole societies.*

*Help us with the power of the Holy Spirit conquer all sin:
individual sin and the "sin of the world,"
sin in all its manifestations.*

*Let there be revealed once more in the history of the world
the infinite saving power of the redemption:
the power of merciful love.*

May it put a stop to evil.

May it transform consciences.

May your Immaculate Heart reveal for all the light of hope.

Amen.

F. Mike

Readings for the Week Ahead

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

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

Monday, October 27 (479)

Ephesians 4:32-5:8
Psalm 1:1-4,6
Luke 13:10-17

Tuesday, October 28 (666)

Simon and Jude, Apostles
Ephesians 2:19-22
Psalm 19:2-5

Luke 6:12-16

Wednesday, October 29 (481)

Ephesians 6:1-9
Psalm 145:10-14
Luke 13:22-30

Thursday, October 30 (482)

Ephesians 6:10-20
Psalm 144:1b,2,9-10
Luke 13:31-35

Friday, October 31 (483)

Philippians 1:1-11
Psalm 111:1-6
Luke 14:1-6

Saturday, November 1 (667)

All Saints
Revelation 7:2-4,9-14
Psalm 24:1b-4b,5-6

1 John 3:1-3

Matthew 5:1-12a

Sunday, November 2 (668)

*The Commemoration of All the
Faithful Departed (All Souls)*

Wisdom 3:1-9

Psalm 23:1-6

Romans 6:3-9

John 6:37-40

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 25, 5:00pm
Jeanette Cirenza ☩

Sunday, October 26, 8:30am
Laura Ludke & Ann Couture ☩

Sunday, October 26, 10:30am
Bill De Grootte ☩

Tuesday, October 28, 8:15am
Eamonn McCluskey, Jr. ☩

Wednesday, October 29, 8:15am
Gilda Spiegl

Thursday, October 30, 8:15am
Theresa Farrell

Friday, October 31, 8:15am
Jim Lapp ☩

Saturday, November 1, 9:30am
Rose Gogan ☩

Saturday, November 1, 5:00pm
Missa pro Populo

Sunday, November 2, 8:30am
For the Deceased of the Parish

Sunday, November 2, 10:30am
For the Deceased of the Parish

Prayer List

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

Michael Ainis
Mary Alexander
The Angelucci Family
Mary Baker
Patricia Barbour
Lois Bather
Carl Bechtold
Tom Beck
Tom Beck
Cindra Bell
Tom Belprez
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

All-powerful God, be their constant companion and strength in every adversity. May they experience your faithful presence, gentle love and compassionate healing.

R. Northrup
Vince Pecoraro
Helen Pingtella
Alison Plan & twin babies to be
Lucy Poole
Anne Post
Otila Quiroz
Deana Reynolds
Sr. Loyola Romey
Dorothy Rouse
Rose Rowland
The Russo Family
Ed Sox
William Sparrow
Dorothy and Ray Staehr
Lisa & Kyle Valpoon
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
Pvt. 2 Jeff Phillips, US Army
Spec. Jared Ratzlaff, US Army
SPC Robert Sullivan, US Army
Maj. Scott Wadle
Capt. Richard H. Witt III,
USMC
Capt. Thomas Zeeff, USAF

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.

Monday Night Mass

Join us
November 3
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

Do We Have Your Email Address?

If you are a registered Parishioner, and would like to be on the list for our occasional *eNews—Beyond the Bulletin* messages (reminders about parish events, funeral notices, etc.), please send an email request to parishoffice@stmoside.org.

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.



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



Visit the Parish Website

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.

Can't Get to Mass?

Our Parish has ministers who can bring Holy Communion to anyone who is unable to attend Mass—the homebound, those in the hospital, those in convalescent homes.

Please call the Parish Office at 758-4100 for more information.

Life Line Screening

St. Thomas More will be hosting this screening program on Monday, November 17. The screenings include ultrasound vascular tests and osteoporosis screenings. For more information, see the flyers in the Parish Office or contact 800-324-1851.

Women's Guild

Bake Sale Results—A great big “Thank You” to everyone who supported the bake sale last weekend. Because of the generosity of our wonderful parishioners, we raised over \$1,127.50!

Board Meeting—Monday, November 3, at 12:30pm at Germaine Wilmott's home to discuss plans for the November 10 meeting and other events! Please try to attend. RSVP to Germaine Wilmott at 758-9949.

Luncheon Meeting—Monday, November 10. The meeting will be to honor our veterans, so ladies, if your husband is a veteran, bring him with you. If you know a veteran, invite him or her to come. Join us! Lunch will be served. Tommy Thompson will entertain us again this year. The cost will be \$7. RSVP to Mary Vernaci at 599-4386 or Germaine Wilmott at 758-9949.

Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioners

James & Araceli Cruz & Family
Andrea & Andy Steele & Family

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.

Christmas Angel Time Is Coming Up!

It is hard to believe but, Christmas Angel Ministry will be having the first meeting on Tuesday, November 4, at 7:00pm. in the lower level of the Parish Center. Every year we have a dedicated group of twenty or thirty parishioners who are filled with the spirit of giving. Embracing that spirit is the only requirement we have.

There are very few meetings to attend—the kickoff mentioned above, a follow-up meeting on Tuesday, November 18, at 7:00pm, a tree decorating on Saturday, November 29, at 3:30pm, and a Stocking Stuffing Party on Saturday, December 13, at 9:00am. Our Angel Tree will be displayed on the Plaza throughout the Advent Season, adorned with gift tag ornaments.

Again this year Christmas Angels will connect with families from our sister Parish, St. Peter Claver, in New Orleans, families that still suffer from the ravages of Hurricane Katrina. For the last two years, St. Thomas More has provided Christmas gifts for a number of less fortunate families. Through a network of supporters Sr. Maureen has established, we will provide a small piece of Christmas to a wonderful parish still trying to get back on its feet.

Every year our Parish brings the spirit of giving to hundreds of less fortunate children in the North County area. Again this year we will support Catholic Charities by filling hundreds of stockings with small gifts. Our ministry also works with North County Solutions for Change, Birth Choice, and local programs for abused children by providing toys and gifts that fill their Christmas wishes.

There is always a place and need for new volunteers. Please join us for this wonderful ministry. For further information, contact R.J. or Suzee Irwin at 597-2706 or rjsuzee@sbcglobal.net.



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. All Souls' envelopes were attached to the bulletin on October 19. 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.

At each Mass the weekend of November 1-2, 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.

Knights of Columbus

Breakfast—On the lower level this Sunday, 9:00-10:30am.



Tootsie Roll Drive—On the Plaza this weekend after all Masses. All donations to benefit the ARC of San Diego, an organization that assists the developmentally disabled.

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.

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

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.



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

Thanksgiving Dinner at STM

Our Parish Family will be hosting their Fourth Annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 27, at 1:00 pm. Dinner will be provided; if you would like to bring a side-dish it will be welcomed.



If your family is out of town, you don't want to fix a huge dinner or you would like to share the holiday with your Parish Family, please pick up a reservation form at the Information Table after Mass or at the Parish Office. For more information call the parish office at 758-4100 x100. We'd love to have you celebrate this holiday with us!

Dating and Love...

**Battle of the Sexes Night at Youth Group
(Mini-Course I) October 27, 7:00-8:45pm**

Call Gale at 726-7236 for more information

Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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



ALL IS GIFT

November invites us to stand on the threshold where two liturgical years meet, and to look back at the ending year with gratitude and ahead at the new year with hope. As we remember the past and anticipate the future, the sacred authors will remind us that all is gift. This fact is enunciated quite clearly by a parable in the Gospel of Matthew that stands in the very center of November. In the narrative (Nov. 16), Jesus tells of a man who gave each of his servants a share of his possessions before departing on a journey, challenging us to consider ourselves in a similar light. In the interim between Jesus' two advents, each of us has been entrusted by Jesus with a special gift that we are to tend, and for which we shall be called to render an account.

Among the most important of these gifts is that eternal aspect of ourselves called soul (Nov. 2). This soul is created to live forever and will survive every struggle, even our death. Because of Jesus' unconditional love for sinners, this soul will forever enjoy the company of all those holy souls for whom living was an opportunity to love and serve God and others as faithfully as possible. As we remember all those holy souls this month, we thank God for the gift of anticipation; one day, we shall encounter all who have gone before us. Besides our reunions with family and friends, we shall meet our ancestral guides, among them Ezekiel (Nov. 9, 23) and Isaiah (Nov. 30), whose words have made God real for us. God is shepherd, they tell us, and we are the sheep who are to gather with God and one another. God is Father and Mother, they have told us, and this gift of parental love makes us brothers and sisters to one another. God is the potter, they remind us, and we who are clay are to be pliable in God's hands, able to bend to God's will, willing to be shaped and molded by God's ways. This month we shall also meet the four evangelists and Paul. Together, they have been our weekly mentors, offering good example and inspiration so that we might carry Sunday's faith into every other day of the week.

Besides the gift of soul, we also celebrate this month the gift of God's presence in time and space. God has become one of us in Jesus, and the incarnated divine presence, when made welcome, can make every place a sacred space. We are to revere that presence in all those people and places where God chooses to be revealed and experienced. Besides those great temples (Nov. 9) where the presence of God is sometimes more obvious, Jesus has chosen also to disguise his divine presence in the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the ill, the immigrant, the imprisoned, the homeless, the addict, the depressed,

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Liturgical Minister Preference 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. Thank you.

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Music Ministry Next Week

NOVEMBER 1/2

9:30am Mass
All Saints

Cantor

5:00pm Mass
All Souls

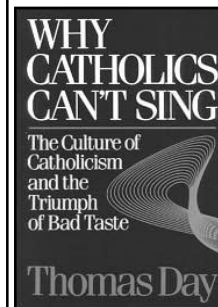
Handbell Choir

8:30am Mass
All Souls

Adult Choir

10:30am Mass
All Souls

Children's Choir



Study Question for Chapter 7

Fr. Mike's Bookies returns in two weeks.

How is your reading going? Here's a question about Chapter 7 to think about as you read.

Clarity, convenience, cultural evolution, and a change in focus are all discussed in this chapter. How relevant do you think the author's commentary about these issues is today? What parts are still applicable? What parts have continued to change in the past 20 years, and how?

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

the tormented, the insane (Nov. 23). All these are temples too, gifts where the presence of God awaits our discovery. In our giving to these, we best revere the God who chooses to be revealed in them. We also become our best selves, for it is in giving and loving that spirituality develops and faith deepens.

Along with the gifts of soul and the all-pervasive divine presence, our brother Jesus has entrusted each of us with gifts that we are to discover, develop and share with others. Some we are born with; others we learn; still others we adopt and make our own. At times we need help in order to recognize and realize the gifts God gives us. What we may not do is neglect to use our gifts by burying them in fear, self-doubt or selfishness.

Therefore, if careful listening is your gift, listen you must. If it is sharing a smile or a funny story, then smile and share you must. If your gift is knowing how to speak effectively to power, then speak you must. If sending cards or e-mails or making friendly phone calls is your gift, then communicate you must. If it is just being there to encourage and reassure people, then present you must be. If changing the direction of a conversation gone gossipy is among your talents, then change you must. If tending to the sick is your forte, then tend you must. If it is teaching, then teach; if it is singing, then sing; if it is cooking, then cook. In all we are and all we have, all is gift. Therefore, it seems appropriate to release the liturgical year now ending and welcome the new one now beginning with words made memorable by former United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld: "For all that has been, thanks! For all that will be, yes!"

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

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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Director of Faith Formation
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Autumn Psalm of Fearlessness

*I am surrounded by a peaceful ebbing,
as creation bows to the mystery of life;
all that grows and lives must give up life,
yet it does not really die.*

*As plants surrender their life,
bending, brown and wrinkled,
and yellow leaves of trees
float to my lawn like parachute troops,
they do so in a sea of serenity.*

*I hear no fearful cries from creation,
no screams of terror,
as death daily devours
once-green and growing life.*

*Peaceful and calm is autumn's swan song,
for she understands that hidden in winter's death-grip
is spring's openhanded,
full-brimmed breath of life.*

*It is not a death rattle that sounds
over fields and backyard fences;
rather I hear a lullaby
softly swaying upon the autumn wind.*

*Sleep in peace, all that lives;
slumber secure, all that is dying,
for in every fall there is the rise
who's sister's name is spring.*

Edward Hays

Looking at Life Through the Eyes of Faith

Upcoming Events

Fr. Mike (and friends) Bookies

- November 5 (See music page for details)



Re-Discover Catholicism

- Do you wish you had a more “up-to-date” understanding of how the Church looks at certain issues?
- Do you wish you could come together with a few other folks in a “non-threatening setting” and perhaps get a good answer from a discussion that you could use with others?
- Has it just been a long time since you’ve taken a look at the Catholic Church and its teachings?
- Can co-workers or neighbors seem to talk about what they believe and you wish you were comfortable doing the same?

This program is for you! It only meets 12 times between December and May in the evening. Bring a friend!

Today is a **RE.A.CH** day
Religious Education for Adolescents & Children
at Home!

Parents,

Just a reminder that our program is a “partnership”. Our catechists faithfully give of their time and faith, fulfilling in a serious manner, the church’s part of the partnership.

Please take this commitment at home as a serious responsibility as well. The Annual Plan (which can also be found on the parish website) outlines our partnership.

Those in 7th & 8th grade have an online expectation for the home weeks . . . are they seriously keeping the home portion of the partnership?

Beginning at our next class, November 2nd, the adult responsible for taking children home will be required to come in to the building, especially after the evening session. This may be seen as an inconvenience by some, but the safety of all our children is our first concern. In the dark, a child could dart between cars, resulting in a serious accident. . .we want to avoid such possibilities by releasing our young people into your care.

On the upper level, we sure appreciate the help of parents in putting the furniture away after the evening session. The catechists are trying to collect their materials, so if parents would help stack chairs, fold tables, and close walls, we could all get home much more quickly. I want to thank our young people who do a great job with helping!

All this spells “partnership” . . . thanks for being on board with us!

With you in ministry,
Kathleen

PBJ Update

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

2008 GOAL: 365jars
Collected to date: 596 jars !



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

Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Trick or Treat!

On October 31, little goblins, ghosts, superheroes, and princesses descend upon our doorsteps seeking treats and goodies. If we think about it, our relationship with God is often similar to the Halloween experience.



We, like children on Halloween, eagerly come to God's doorstep when we want something. We come to God for blessings, requests of help for ourselves or someone else, for strength in times of trouble, and most importantly, for the gift of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist at Mass.

All of these things are available to us if we but knock at God's door. But are we to be merely like children who continually ask for more without ever thinking about God's will for us and the gifts he gives us?

If our relationship with God is based solely on our asking and God giving, we are like the neighborhood children coming to our door for candy. There is no relationship.

God is always at the door waiting for us to knock, and wants to give us love, joy, faith and blessings. God is like the neighbor who does not just give one candy bar per child but who dumps a whole handful of candy into each bag.

However, unlike candy on Halloween, God's gifts come with a purpose and responsibility. God does not give us these gifts to keep for ourselves. They are to be shared and shared abundantly, with others. With love and generosity the gifts are given, so with love and generosity they are to be shared.

Our time, our talents and our treasure, everything that we are and do, are gifts from God to be shared. As recipients of God's gifts, we are not to use them solely for our own benefit, but use them for the benefit of others, as Jesus instructed us.

As we stand at the doorstep of God to receive gifts, we must:

- receive them graciously,
- cultivate them responsibly,
- share them with others in love and justice,
- and return a fitting portion back to God in gratitude.

If we do this, we are no longer just neighborhood children knocking on God's door, but truly sons and daughters of God.

—Jim Lamm, Austin, Texas

Interfaith Community Services is running short of supplies for those in need of help due to the current economic situation. There is need for canned goods, soups of all kinds, juice or juice boxes, dry-packaged foods, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and even paper bags.



It is hard to work or go to school with an empty stomach. Our faith community once again can make a difference.



Please stock up and bring your donations on November 23, to our Music Ministry Concert, "With Thankful Hearts."

Helping People Help Themselves

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, Bonds, Real Estate, and Endowments

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 18/19, 2008

Number of Registered Households:	976
Offertory*	\$ 9,251.88
Offertory (Loose Collection)	1,031.00
Total	\$ 10,282.88

(*Offertory Envelopes, Credit Card withdrawals, Automatic Checking or Savings Account Deductions)

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: 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.

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.

Catholic Annulment Lecture in El Cajon—Monday, October 27, 7:00-8:30pm, at St. Luke's Church, 1980 Hillsdale Rd., El Cajon. Presented by Mary Jo Gretsinger, a judge with the Diocese of San Diego for over 21 years. For more information, contact Jessica at 619-401-6445.

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.

Faithful Citizenship for Young Adults—Tuesday, October 28, presented by Kent Peters, Director for Social Ministries, Diocese of San Diego. For more information, contact Carrie Giebel at cgiebel@diocese-sdiego.org or 858-490-8260.

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.

"Spirit and Truth" Event for Young Adults in San Diego—Saturday, November 1, 7:00-9:00pm at St. John the Evangelist Church in North Park: 1638 Polk St., San Diego. There will be

live praise and worship music, a talk on "Prayer and Meditation: What Is It? Why It Is Important? and How to Do It." by Fr. Dillard, followed by adoration, and a social. For more information, contact Carrie Giebel at cgiebel@diocese-sdiego.org or 858-490-8260.

Open House at St. Augustine High School for Boys in San Diego—Sunday, November 2, 1:00-4:00pm, 3266 Nutmeg St., San Diego. Presentation at 2:00pm. See Saintsmen in action, tour the campus and meet teachers and coaches. For more information, contact Mike Haupt, Director of Admissions at 619-282-2184 x5521.

"The Cities and Letters of Saint Paul" Lecture at USD—Thursday, November 6, 7:00-8:30pm, Salomon Hall, Bishop Maher Hall, University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park, San Diego. Presented by Pastor Jack E. Lindquist. Pre-registration \$10; \$15 at the door. For more information, contact ccs@sandiego.edu or 619-260-4784.

Choral Concert in La Jolla—Friday, November 7, 8:00pm at St. James by-the-Sea Episcopal Church in La Jolla. Church music history for the ears—the San Diego Early Music Society (SDEMS) presents a concert featuring the eight-voice ensemble, Diabolus in Musica. This group will perform Guillaume de Machaut's rarely heard *Messe de Notre Dame*, the earliest known complete setting of the Ordinary of the Mass attributable to a single composer, including the accompanying Gregorian chant proper of a votive Marian Mass. For more information, contact www.sdems.org or 619-291-8246.

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.

Central San Diego Magnificat Women's Group Breakfast—Saturday, November 8, 9:30am, at the Mission Valley Sheraton. Speaker Dr. Elizabeth Kim, Director of Brain Fitness Center, promotes a healthy brain and positive life style while integrating the Catholic faith in her practice. Prayer for healing will follow her sharing. For more information or to RSVP, call 858-578-1256.

Catholic Men's Gathering in Rancho Santa Fe—Saturday, November 8, 9:00am-5:00pm. "Saul, Paul, and Me" will explore Paul's and our Journeys of Faith. Featured speakers are Bishop Sylvester Ryan, retired from Monterey, CA, and Ken Blanchard, author of *The Servant Leader*. Music by *True Presence* and the St. Augustine High School Choir. Mass, continental breakfast, and lunch included. Free will donations appreciated. Register by October 31 to receive copies of *The Servant Leader* and *Rediscovering Catholicism*. For more information and to register, contact www.catholicmen.org or 858-756-1911.

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!



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