

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

November 2, 2008 • Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)

MONDAY NIGHT MASS • November 3 • 7:00pm

VOTE! • Tuesday, November 4

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION • Friday, November 7

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Pastor's Column

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Love Deeply

The Christian call to be people of love is ever before us. The pain of love is most felt when we experience the death of a loved one.

As we celebrate this Feast of All Souls, we painfully remember all of our loved ones who have gone before us in death.

May these words of Fr. Henri Nouwen, taken from his book, *The Inner Voice of Love*, strengthen us to continue to be people of love, even as we experience, not only the joy of love, but also its pain:

Do not hesitate to love and to love deeply. You might be afraid of the pain that deep love can cause. When those you love deeply reject you, leave you, or die, your heart will be broken. But that should not hold you back from loving deeply. The pain that comes from deep love makes your love ever more fruitful. It is like a plow that breaks the ground to allow the seed to take root and grow into a strong plant. Every time you experience the pain of rejection, absence, or death, you are faced with a choice. You can become bitter and decide not to love again, or you can stand straight in

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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

Are you making a list and checking in twice? Get started by checking out the updated Scrip List of vendors located in this weekend's bulletin. Stop by the Scrip table after Mass for more information on how Scrip can make your holiday gift buying faster and easier!

For information, call Theresa Goeltz at 453-2876

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

- Nov 2 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
- Nov 2 RE.A.CH Classes
- 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

The Month Ahead

- 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
- Mar 29-31 Parish Mission with Sound Mission Ministries
- May 1 STM Tenth Annual Golf Classic

*Questions? Contact Henny at 758-4100 x100
or hennyj@stmoside.org.*

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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your pain and let the soil on which you stand become richer and more able to give life to new seeds.

The more you have loved and have allowed yourself to suffer because of your love, the more you will be able to let your heart grow wider and deeper. When your love is truly giving and receiving, those whom you love will not leave your heart even when they depart from you. They will become part of your self and thus gradually build a community within you.

Those you have deeply loved become part of you. The longer you live, there will always be more people to be loved by you and to become part of your inner community. The wider your inner community becomes, the more easily you will recognize your own brothers and sisters in the strangers around you. Those who are alive within you will recognize those who are alive around you. The wider the community of your heart, the wider the community around you. Thus the pain of rejection, absence, and death can become fruitful. Yes, as you love deeply the ground of your heart will be broken more and more, but you will rejoice in the abundance of the fruit it will bear.

F. Mike

Readings for the Week Ahead

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

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

Monday, November 3 (485)
Philippians 2:1-4
Psalm 131:1b-3
Luke 14:12-14

Tuesday, November 4 (486)
Philippians 2:5-11
Psalm 22:26b-32
Luke 14:15-24

Wednesday, November 5 (487)
Philippians 2:12-18
Psalm 27:1,4,13-14
Luke 14:25-33

Thursday, November 6 (488)
Philippians 3:3-8a
Psalm 105:2-7
Luke 15:1-10

Friday, November 7 (489)
Philippians 3:17-4:1
Psalm 122:1-5
Luke 16:1-8

Saturday, November 8 (490)
Philippians 4:10-19
Psalm 112:1b-2,5-6,8a,9
Luke 16:9-15

Sunday, November 9 (671)
The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome
Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12
Psalm 46:2-3,5-6,8-9
1 Corinthians 3:9c-11,16-17
John 2:13-22

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 1, 5:00pm <i>Missa pro Populo</i>
Sunday, November 2, 8:30am <i>For the Deceased of the Parish</i>
Sunday, November 2, 10:30am <i>For the Deceased of the Parish</i>
Monday, November 3, 7:00pm <i>For the Youth of the Parish</i>
Tuesday, November 4, 8:15am Judith Nichols ☩
Wednesday, November 5, 8:15am Masako & Carl Streling
Thursday, November 6, 8:15am Kathleen McCluskey ☩
Friday, November 7, 8:15am Frank Flood
Saturday, November 8, 5:00pm Deceased members of the Lavelle family & James Tutino ☩
Sunday, November 9, 8:30am Ed Mohrman ☩
Sunday, November 9, 10:30am Anthony Masseth ☩

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
Cindra Bell
Tom Belprez
Nancy Bermudez
Marie Breda & Family
Janet Brown
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
John Kilcher
Debbie Kinny
George Kleekamp
Willis Koffroth
Elizabeth Kowellek-Hayes
Sr. Anne Kremenik
Lillian Lachance
The Lamelin Family
Brandon LeBlanc
Cassandra Loretto
Lauren Loretto
Loree Luther
Jackie Lynn
James MacArthur
Ken Mauro
The Patrick McCarthy Family
Bob McWilliams
Carroll Tom & Nona Miller
Jim Montoya
Nancy Moore
Margie Myers
R. Northrup
Vince Pecoraro
Helen Pingtella
Alison Plant & twin babies to be

Lucy Poole
Anne Post
Otila Quiroz
Janet Raiman
Dort Riley
Sr. Loyola Romey
Dorothy Rouse
Rose Rowland
The Russo Family
Julie Shea
Ed Sox
Dorothy and Ray Staehr
Lisa & Kyle Valpoon
Arnie Velasco
Lisa Vickonoff
Dominic Vienna, Jr.
Dominic Vienna, Sr.
Vanessa Vitiello-Koble
Isabella Wallin
Kevin Watson-Graff
Marilyn Wesel
John Whitton

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
Pfc John Brandone
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. Thomas Zeeff, USAF

Thank you for your prayers for Capt. Richard H. Witt III, who has returned home safely.

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

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.



Tuesday, November 4

Blood Drive

It is time for our fall Blood Drive. The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in the upper parking lot on Sunday, November 16, 8:30am-2:30pm. Please sign up on the two weekends before for a donation time at your convenience. This is a wonderful way to serve your Parish. You WILL save a life.

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, Parish Forms),
- the Parish office, or
- from Anne Marshall at 727-2668 or annemarshall@sbcglobal.net.



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.

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

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.

In Memoriam

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:



Patrick McCarthy, who died on October 21. Funeral arrangements are pending. Please keep the family in your prayers.

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

Spirited Seniors News

St. Thomas More's Spirited Seniors will be hosting a fall luncheon and concert on Thursday, November 20. Be sure to make your reservation now! If you don't have copy of the flyer, check the information table on the Plaza or the Parish Office.

Collection for National Needs

Envelopes are stapled to the front of the bulletin this week for the 2008 Collection for National Needs. This collection supports the Black and Indian Missions, the Catholic Home Missions, the Catholic Communication Campaign, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, and the Catholic University of America. The envelopes may be returned any time during the month of November. Thank you for your support!

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 on 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.

Remembering Our Departed Loved Ones

The month of November (through the Feast of Christ the King) is a special time in our Church for remembering our beloved dead.

Banners on the altar list the names of 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 during this time 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 that were completed and submitted will remain on the altar until the Feast of Christ the King.

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

Knights of Columbus

St. Bonaventure Clothing Drive—Our annual collection of clean, serviceable clothing and household items for St. Bonaventure Mission in New Mexico will take place on the weekend of November 22-23 after each of the Masses. Items especially needed at this time of year are warm clothing, XL sweat shirts and coats, and blankets. For more information, contact Jim Baker at 630-2471.

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 while supplies last.

—John O'Donnell, Grand Knight



High School Youth Group

MONDAY NIGHT MASS and Closest Moment (After Mass)

Call Gale at 726-7236 for more info

Middle School Youth Ministry

Next Meeting—November 3

Monday Night Mass, 7:00pm

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

Visit 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!



Interfaith Committee

for

Worker Justice News:

Living Wage Victory!

The San Diego City Council unanimously approved the Center for Policy Initiatives (CPI) package of proposals to strengthen and extend the Living Wage Ordinance! The vote on Monday, October 20, came after a rally and worker testimony organized by CPI, the San Diego-Imperial Counties Labor Council, and the Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice (ICWJ).

This important victory will greatly boost the impact of the living wage law enacted in 2005. It closes loopholes in the application of the law and creates a fair and open process for investigating and correcting violations by contractors.

—Sr. Maureen



Parish Social Justice Ministry at STM

It is the aim of the Parish Social Justice Committee to introduce you not only to what we at St. Thomas More are doing in the local community, but to what goes on in our greater church, that has called us to "Conversion and Action." Ever since Pope Leo XIII's Encyclical, "Rerum Novarum," and Pope Pius XI's "Quadragesimo Anno," the thinking of the laity began to change gradually. We slowly became (and are still becoming) aware of our rights and responsibilities of "Reconstructing the Social Order that decries the effects of greed and concentrated economic power on working people and society."

The popes propose a society based on subsidiarity. Our bishops, in their "Called to Faithful Citizenship" letter, emphasize that "this is a time to bring together the guidance of the Gospel and the opportunities of our democracy to shape a society more respectful of human life and dignity, and more committed to justice and peace." The Catholic Legislative Network," a partnership of all twelve California Dioceses and the California Catholic Conference (CCC), urges us to learn more about public policy, contact public officials on issues of concern, and help bring Catholic values into the public policy conversation taking place right now in California.

This parish ministry meets once a month with Sr. Maureen as facilitator. We have committed ourselves to continue to bring our congregation into the arena of Social Justice work, by reporting to you regularly on happenings of importance to all in our area here and the greater area of California.

—Evi Quinn

Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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



THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

All Souls

The Church has encouraged prayer for the dead from the earliest times as an act of Christian charity. "If we had no care for the dead," Augustine noted, "we would not be in the habit of praying for them." Yet pre-Christian rites for the deceased kept such a strong hold on the superstitious imagination that a liturgical commemoration was not observed until the early Middle Ages, when monastic communities began to mark an annual day of prayer for the departed members.

In the middle of the 11th century, the abbot of Cluny (France), decreed that all Cluniac monasteries offer special prayers and sing the Office for the Dead on November 2, the day after the feast of All Saints. The custom spread from Cluny and was finally adopted throughout the Roman Church.

The theological underpinning of the feast is the acknowledgment of human frailty. Since few people achieve perfection in this life but, rather, go to the grave still scarred with traces of sinfulness, some period of purification seems necessary before a soul comes face-to-face with God.

"We must not make purgatory into a flaming concentration camp on the brink of hell—or even a 'hell for a short time...' St. Catherine of Genoa wrote that the 'fire' of purgatory is God's love 'burning' the soul so that, at last, the soul is wholly aflame. It is the pain of wanting to be made totally worthy of One who is seen as infinitely lovable, the pain of desire for union that is now absolutely assured, but not yet fully tasted." (Leonard Foley, OFM, *Believing in Jesus*).

The Book of the Dead

Please add the name of any loved one who has died in the past year to the Parish's Book of the Dead, which will be available for the next three weeks at each Mass. We are invited especially to pray for our beloved dead this month.

Music Ministry Next Week

NOVEMBER 3

7:00pm Mass

MNM Music Team

NOVEMBER 8/9

5:00pm Mass

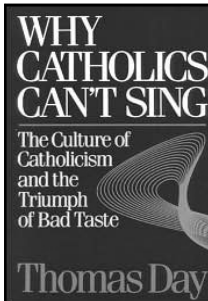
Adult Choir

8:30am Mass

Children's Choir

10:30am Mass

Handbell Choir



Fr. Mike's (and friends) Bookies

Fr. Mike's Bookies meets this Wednesday at 9:00am (coffee and donuts) and 7:00pm (wine and cheese) for 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 to think about as you wrap up your reading.

In the last chapters, Thomas Day asks, "What is the condition of music in American Catholic Churches today?" Answer: "It has never been better and it has never been worse." Do you agree? Disagree? What changes would you make as "Prefect of Music" in the American Catholic Church? Don't forget to read the appendix, where he makes some practical suggestions.

See you on Wednesday!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Preference cards for next quarter are due this weekend. Please check to make sure you received your card in the mail. Additional cards are available in the Parish Office during business hours.

Special Liturgies

December marks a time of year when there are many extraordinary liturgies on the calendar, and you are invited and encouraged to serve your faith community at these seasonal Masses. Please indicate on your preference card if you can serve at these liturgies. Thank you.

Getting Replacements

If you need a replacement, please try to contact Douglas one week ahead, as he can then add your position to the "replacements needed" email that goes out each Monday morning. Thank you.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

FIRST FRIDAY OF NOVEMBER

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

INTENTION FOR THE DAY

That all who have gone before us in death may share in the joy of God's Kingdom

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!

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

- * ISAIAH * Level 2 A
(both October classes!)
- * SAMUEL * Level 2 B

These young people are preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time with our Parish community on November 30.



Parents,

Please remind the adult responsible for taking children home 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

Looking at Life Through the Eyes of Faith

Upcoming Events at STM

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 discussion-type setting?
- 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!

Sign up forms are available at the Information Table, from the parish office, or email: kathleenb@stmoside.org.

For more detail, call Kathleen Bell, Deacon Tom or Patt Goeltz.

PBJ Update

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

2008 GOAL: 365 jars
Collected to date: 601 jars !



Other Opportunities

➤ Scripture Conference

At the Feet of the Beloved: An Overview of John's Gospel
November 15, 9:00am-3:00pm ~ Pastoral Center
Rev. J. Patrick Mullen, Presenter
Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies
St. John's Seminary, Camarillo



➤ Basic Catechist Formation Course

St. Peter Parish in Fallbrook
Begins November 17, 6:00-9:00pm
Continues on Monday evenings and some Saturdays

3-Minute Retreat

Visit 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.

Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

Chris Smith
Director of Stewardship & Development
chriss@stmoside.org; 758-4100 x120

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP Love Is Priceless

There comes a time in every child's life when he or she learns the value of a day's work. For some children, this awareness comes with the first lemonade stand or at a family yard sale, at which some of those piled-up Happy-Meal toys may be redeemed for cold cash. For Bradley, age 8, this awareness arrived one morning just before breakfast. Somehow, he managed to slip under his mother's plate a folded piece of paper. It was a bill. Scrawled in crayon were the words: **Mother owes Bradley:**

- ◆ for running errands, 25 cents;
- ◆ for being good, 10 cents;
- ◆ for taking piano lessons, 15 cents;
- ◆ for extras, 5 cents.

Total: 55 cents.



Bradley's mother smiled when she saw the note, but said not a word. As he returned for lunch, Bradley discovered to his delight that at his place was a little pile of coins: 55 cents. He discovered something else, as well: another folded piece of paper. Opening it, he read, in his mother's handwriting: **Bradley owes Mother:**

- ◆ for nursing him through the chicken pox, nothing;
- ◆ for being good to him, nothing;
- ◆ for clothes, shoes and playthings, nothing;
- ◆ for his playroom, nothing;
- ◆ for his meals, nothing.

Total: nothing.

—Stewardship, November 2008

This weekend, we are once again reminded of loved ones who have died, and that we don't know the hour God will call us.

Some of my biggest lessons in life have come from several of our STM friends who have left this life on earth to go to a better one with God. I thank God for their example, friendship and spirit that lives on in my heart, and hopefully in my actions.

We have one life. Following are some tips to make it worthwhile:

- Begin and end each day with prayer.
- Life is too busy for long pity parties and gossip. Get busy living in a manner that leaves no time for negativity.
- Life is too short to waste time hating anyone.
- You don't have to win every argument. Agree to disagree.
- Don't compare your life to others' ~ you have no idea what their journey is all about.
- Make your children's and family's lives memorable.
- No one is in charge of your happiness except you.
- If the only way you find happiness is by revenge or dragging someone else down, seek professional help.
- Envy is a waste of time. You already have all you need.
- Take a deep breath when you need to. It calms the mind.
- All that really matters in the end is that you loved.
- Life isn't tied with a bow, but it is still a gift. Give thanks!

**God loves you because of who God is,
not because of anything you did or didn't do.**



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2008 Annual Catholic Appeal

October 27, 2008

The Diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal raises funds for specific Diocesan programs that benefit the Parishes and may only be used for those purposes. Our Parish assessment for this year is \$34,000. All money raised over this assessment is returned to us for our Parish use. It will be directed toward our Operational Budget. Thank you to those who have responded to date (including our tithing families) and to those who are making monthly payments!

Household returns: 316

Total pledged to date: \$44,782.32

Total paid to date: \$39,820.17

Did You Know? Donation Update—October 2008

\$3,523.00

Collection for Week of: October 25/26, 2008

Number of Registered Households:	976
Offertory*	\$ 5,112.29
Offertory (Loose Collection)	1,003.00
Total	\$ 6,115.29

(* 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

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 Saints in action, tour the campus and meet teachers and coaches. For more information, contact Mike Haupt, Director of Admissions at 619-282-2184 x5521.

All Souls Day Mass at Holy Cross Cemetery in San Diego—Most Rev. Salvatore J. Cordileone will concelebrate our annual All Souls Day Mass on Monday, November 3, at 11:00am at Holy Cross Cemetery, 4470 Hilltop Drive, San Diego. For directions, call 619-264-3127.

“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.

Marriage Mini-Retreat at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside—Friday, November 7, 6:00-9:30pm and Saturday, November 8, 9:30am-12:00noon. Jeannie Foss, MA in Counseling Psychology will use interactive exercises and prayer to help you fine-tune your relationship. \$90 per couple; includes dinner and lunch. For more information and to register, contact 757-3659 or www.sanluisrey.org.

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 propers of a votive Marian Mass. For more information, contact www.sdem.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. For more information contact www.catholicmen.org or 858-756-1911.

Holiday Boutique at St. Timothy’s in Escondido—Saturday, November 15, 2:00-7:00pm and Sunday, November 16, 8:00am-1:00pm, St. Timothy’s Church, 2960 Canyon Rd., Escondido. Arts, crafts, jewelry, home-baked goods, jams, jellies, and more. For more information, contact 489-1200.

Quiet Day at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside—Monday, November 17, 9:00am-4:00pm (or any time in between), 4050 Mission Avenue, Oceanside. Rejuvenate yourself!! Come spend a “Quiet Day”—stay in your own private room reading, relaxing or just catching up on your sleep. Wander the Mission grounds, sit in the chapel or gardens, and experience the beauty and serenity of the surroundings. A swimming pool is also available. \$20-\$25 per person includes lunch. Please pre-register by calling 757-3659.

Young Adult Holiday Party in San Diego—The Diocesan Office for Young Adult Ministry announces the Young Adult Christmas Party to be held on Saturday, December 6, at St. Brigid Parish Hall, 4735 Cass St., San Diego. It will be an evening of great food, music, dancing and fun! Cash bar and dinner is catered by Lotsa Pasta. Cocktail attire. Young adults ages 21-39 are welcome! Cost is \$20 before December 4 and \$30 at the door. For more information and to purchase tickets, contact www.yamsd.org or 858-490-8260.

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 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.



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.

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

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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