

Church of St. Thomas More

A Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of San Diego

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Spirituality + Tradition + Community

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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

November 9, 2008 • Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome

“Did You Know?”

We are feeling the effects of our present economy. Our offertory collection for the first three months (July, August, and September) of this fiscal year is \$15,000 less than what we collected last fiscal year.

The “Did You Know?” envelope provides an opportunity for those who may be in a position to help more, thus helping to make up the difference for those who are finding that they must give less.

Your support is needed and encouraged!

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Pastor’s Column

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Christian Stewardship Awareness Month

As we begin this month of “Christian Stewardship Awareness,” we allow the words of Peter to echo in our minds, hearts, and souls:

“You also, as living stones, are built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.”

—1 Peter 2:5

We are the living stones, each of us, coming together to be built up as a spiritual house, as the Church, which continues the mission and ministry of Jesus for this time and this place.

In December 2007, I received a Christmas card from Larry and Betty Dorsa. In their card was a note which said: “Father, we already have a Church, the buildings will come in time.” That thought is significant!

We always need to keep focused that the Church, ultimately, is a gathering of people in faith not a building.

We are the living stones of which the Church is built. We already have a consecrated Temple that is built with the members of this Parish, the living stones.

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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 8-27 Christian Stewardship Awareness/Renewal
- Nov 9 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 10:30am Mass
- Nov 13 Exposition of the Eucharist
- Nov 15 Adult CPR/AED
- Nov 16 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
- Nov 16 RE.A.CH Classes

The Month Ahead

- Nov 18 Christmas Angel Project Meeting
- Nov 20 Spirited Seniors Fall Luncheon & Concert
- 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

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.*

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.



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As we move through this month of Christian Stewardship
Awareness allow yourself to reflect upon the many ministries
available in this Faith Community. Choose a ministry or
ministries that will help you to become a living stone which is a
part of the foundation of this Church. You will benefit, your
family and friends will benefit, and the world will benefit!

Let us together, living stone upon living stone, be the living
Temple, the living Church that continues the mission of Jesus for
this time and this place.

F.A. Mike

Readings for the Week Ahead

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

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

Monday, November 10 (491)
Leo the Great, pope, doctor
Titus 1:1-9
Psalm 24:1b-4b,5-6
Luke 17:1-6

Tuesday, November 11 (492)
Martin of Tours, bishop
Titus 2:1-8,11-14
Psalm 37:3-4,18,23,27,29
Luke 17:7-10

Wednesday, November 12 (493)
Josaphat, bishop, martyr
Titus 3:1-7
Psalm 23:1-6
Luke 17:11-19

Thursday, November 13 (494)
Frances Xavier Cabrini
Philemon 7-20
Psalm 146:7-10
Luke 17:20-25

Friday, November 14 (495)
2 John 4-9
Psalm 119:1-2,10-11,17-18
Luke 17:26-37

Saturday, November 15 (496)
Albert the Great, bishop, doctor
3 John 5-8
Psalm 112:1-6
Luke 18:1-8

Sunday, November 16 (157)
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31
Psalm 128:1-5
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
Matthew 25:14-30

Mass Intentions

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 ☩
Tuesday, November 11, 8:15am Gene Frink ☩
Wednesday, November 12, 8:15am Ellen Hearne
Wednesday, November 12, 9:45am Pat Burch ☩ <i>The Springs</i>
Thursday, November 13, 8:15am Haley Knoll ☩
Friday, November 14, 8:15am Helen & Cornelius Garrigan ☩
Saturday, November 15, 5:00pm Lew Crowell ☩
Sunday, November 16, 8:30am Alfred Holscher ☩
Sunday, November 16, 10:30am Jennifer Treat ☩

Prayer List

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

Michael Ainis
Mary Alexander
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
Margie Daniels
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
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
Joan Picco
Helen Pingtella
Alison Plant & twin babies to be
Lucy Poole
Mari Jo Porter
Anne Post
Otila Quiroz
Janet Raiman
Dort Riley
Sr. Loyola Romey
Dorothy Rouse
Rose Rowland
The Russo Family
Julie Shea
The Soler Family
Ed Sox
Dorothy and Ray Staehr
Lisa & Kyle Valpoon
Arnie Velasco
Lisa Vickonoff
Dominic Vienna, Jr.
Dominic Vienna, Sr.
Vanessa Vitiello-Koble

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

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

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Collection for National Needs

Envelopes were stapled to the front of the bulletin last 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!

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

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 this weekend for a donation time at your convenience. This is a wonderful way to serve your Parish. You WILL save a life.

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: Thursday, November 13.

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

Leftover Halloween Candy?

Got candy leftover? If so, please bring it to the Parish Office and place it in a box for Deacon Tom before December 1. He will see that it gets to a Mexican orphanage and other organizations as special treats for those who have very little else. Thank you!

Pies! Pies! Pies!

Every year Brother Benno's throws a Thanksgiving feast for the homeless and underprivileged. In good times they feed as few as 400 and in bad times as many as 800 people. St. Thomas More has been active in providing home-baked apple and pumpkin pies for this special meal. Please help again this year and deliver baked apple and pumpkin pies to St. Thomas More by noon on Wednesday, November 26. Give those in need a taste of fine, home cooking. Thanks!

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.

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.

Women's Guild

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

Tony & Maggie Alvarez

Flower Donations

We would like to gratefully acknowledge the contribution of:

Don & Maureen Tutino

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.

Christmas Angel Time Is Coming Up!

It is hard to believe, but the Christmas Angel Ministry had its first meeting on Tuesday, November 4. 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 more meetings to attend—

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.

Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Our Faith Community Family ~ Living Stones

Our Church is built of "living stones" which is made up of men, women and children, each endowed by God with multiple gifts. We, as the recipients of these gifts, are then charged to exercise good Christian stewardship with them.

This month we will examine how well we are doing as living stones, entrusted with God's generous gifts.

For the many faithful stewards at St. Thomas More who are already actively involved in various ministries, there is a genuine sense of shared goals, values and accomplishments.

During my lifetime, I've had the opportunity to work with many various causes and people, in a wide variety of locations and circumstances. I share that my experience in working with, and witnessing the intensity of service of the Christian Stewards at St. Thomas More, is the most incredible experience of all. This is definitely a community of living stones!

Fr. Mike captures the spirit of the faithful at St. Thomas More with the description of *intentionality*. We are part of this faith community because:

- ◆ We *want* to be here.
- ◆ We *want* to make a difference.
- ◆ We *want* to do God's will.
- ◆ We *want* to fulfill the mission and ministry of Jesus.
- ◆ We *like* being living stones!

Today, as we celebrate the feast of the Lateran Basilica, mother of all churches, the symbol of our being "one, holy, catholic and apostolic," church, we joyfully celebrate all of God's people, "God's temple with whom the Holy Spirit dwells." —1 Cor. 3:16

~ WE ARE FAMILY ~



This weekend we are distributing a stone to each household. On each stone, the name of a parish household is inscribed. We ask that each household prays daily for the family they receive. With each of us praying for one another, we are fulfilling God's command to love one another.

The next step will be to pray for our entire faith community and the many goals that lie ahead of us. Specifically, we ask that you keep these stones in a special place, because we will want them back when we break ground for our Church! They will become part of the foundation of that milestone accomplishment. For the many who are working so hard to make our dreams a reality, we will have our names in the foundation upon which our Church is built. One day we will look back on this day and smile at the progress we have made in our time!

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.

For more information please contact:

Chris Smith at 758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org.

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

Collection for Week of: November 1/2, 2008

Number of Registered Households:	976
Offertory*	\$ 13,696.28
Offertory (Loose Collection)	1,389.50
Total	\$ 15,085.78

(* 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

Watch for the new 2008 Stewardship Ministry Booklet!

Liturgy & Music

Worship God

Douglas Lynn
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THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

Church of St. John Lateran

Most Catholics think of St. Peter's as the pope's main church, but they are wrong. St. John Lateran is the pope's church, the cathedral of the Diocese of Rome where the Bishop of Rome presides.

The first basilica on the site was built in the fourth century when Constantine donated land he had received from the wealthy Lateran family. That structure and its successors suffered fire, earthquake, and the ravages of war, but the Lateran remained the church where popes were consecrated until the popes returned from Avignon in the 14th century to find the church and the adjoining palace in ruins.

Pope Innocent X commissioned the present structure in 1646. One of Rome's most imposing churches, the Lateran's towering facade is crowned with 15 colossal statues of Christ, John the Baptist, John the Evangelist, and 12 doctors of the Church. Beneath its high altar rest the remains of the small wooden table on which tradition holds St. Peter himself celebrated Mass.

Unlike the commemorations of other Roman churches (St. Mary Major, Sts. Peter and Paul), this anniversary is a feast. The dedication of a church is a feast for all its parishioners. St. John Lateran is, in a sense, the parish church of all Catholics, for it is the pope's parish, the cathedral church of the Bishop of Rome. This church is the spiritual home of the people who are the Church.

St. Augustine speaks

"What was done here, as these walls were rising, is reproduced when we bring together those who believe in Christ. For, by believing they are hewn out, as it were, from mountains and forests, like stones and timber; but by catechizing, baptism and instruction they are, as it were, shaped, squared and planed by the hands of the workers and artisans. Nevertheless, they do not make a house for the Lord until they are fitted together through love" (St. Augustine, Sermon 36).

—AmericanCatholic.org

Music Ministry Next Week

NOVEMBER 15/16

5:00pm Mass

Cantor

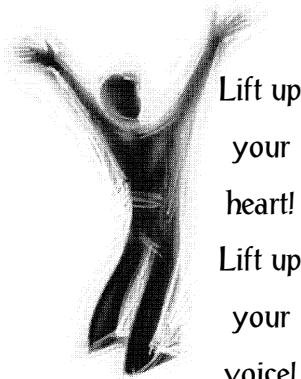
8:30am Mass

Cantor

10:30am Mass

MNM Music Team

WITH THANKFUL HEARTS!



Lift up

your

heart!

Lift up

your

voice!

**Adult Choir &
Handbell Choir
in Concert**

**Sunday,
November 23**

4:00pm

Upper Level

Bring a canned food
item (or three) for the
food pantry at
Interfaith Community
Services!

About "America the Beautiful"

The lyrics to this song were written by Katharine Lee Bates (1859-1929) an instructor at Wellesley College after an inspiring trip to the top of Pikes Peak, Colorado, in 1893. Her poem, "America the Beautiful" first appeared in *The Congregationalist*, a weekly journal, on July 4, 1895. Ms. Bates revised the lyrics in 1904 and again in 1913. It is notable that the poem was not always sung to the tune we sang during the liturgy today (MATERNA, composed by Samuel A. Ward in 1882). In fact, for two years after it was written it was sung to just about any popular or folk tune that would fit with the lyrics, AULD LANG SYNE being the most notable of those. The words were not published together with MATERNA until 1910, and even after that time, the tune to be used was challenged to some degree. In 1926 the National Federation of Music Clubs held a contest to put the poem to new, reportedly "less somber," music, but no other entry was determined to be more acceptable. Before her death in 1929, Ms. Bates never indicated publicly which music she liked best, but it now appears likely that "America the Beautiful" will forever be associated with MATERNA.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13

ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI

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

INTENTION FOR THE DAY

That we may know the will of God
in our lives.

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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

Looking at Life Through the Eyes of Faith



Upcoming Events at STM

- Sunday, November 30, 4:00pm**

Join with our parish family as we celebrate God's great love and forgiveness in the *Sacrament of Reconciliation*. Pray for the parents of our 23 young parishioners who are preparing them to celebrate this Sacrament for the first time with us.

- Tuesday, December 2, 7:00pm**

"*Re-Discover Catholicism*" begins for anyone who would like to take a simple look at the basics of Catholicism.

Signing up is important because you are asked to do a bit of reading in advance so that class time can be discussion-oriented. Brochures with details and the sign up form are available at the Information Table, the Parish Office, or on the website at www.stmoside.org, click on Ministries/Pastoral Staff, then Religious Education.

- Wednesday, January 7, 2009, 9:00am & 7:00pm**

"*Fr. Mike (and friends) Bookies*" continues with *Food and Faith: Justice, Joy and Daily Bread* by Michael Schut. Gale Gibbons will be our facilitator and guarantees the book will be excellent reading over the holidays when family meals take on particular significance. Books are available for \$11 in the hall outside the Faith Formation Office. Anyone is welcome to join in!

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, Camarill

- 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.

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

2nd Wednesday Adoration

November 12

7:00pm Blessed Sacrament Chapel

8:30 Concludes at Starbucks RBV

DATING AND LOVE

Monday, November 10

High School Youth Group

7:00-8:45pm

Call Gale at 726-7236 for questions!

Middle School Youth Ministry

Next Meeting—November 10, 7:00pm

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

Visit www.stmoside.org/ym.

PBJ Update

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

2008 GOAL: 365 jars

Collected to date: 619 jars!



Our 2008 "count" ends with the church year on November 23!
What a marvelous outreach YOU have been to the hungry children of our community! May you know God's blessings in return.

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!

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 by November 16! If you don't have a copy of the flyer, check the information table on the Plaza or the Parish Office. To make reservations, contact Pat Wong at 806-1310 or Rita Shepard at 598-1183.



The Spirited Seniors have reserved a block of 25 tickets for the Christmas production of *Forever Plaid* for a Sunday, December 14, at 2:00pm matinee at the

Avo Theater in Vista. A special low price of \$14.50 per ticket is being offered. Carpooling will be available if necessary. Reserve your ticket early. Complete the form below and deliver it with your check to the Parish Office, box 12, by December 7.

For further information and carpool arrangements, contact Joyce Frink at 724-8091.

Forever Plaid Ticket Reservation Form	
Number of tickets: _____ x \$14.50 = \$_____	(Checks payable to St. Thomas More Spirited Seniors)
Name(s)	
Phone:	

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

Parish Social Justice Ministry at STM

Global Settlement Reached!

In July 2008, after months of struggle, hundreds of workers at seven Southern California Prudential Overall laundry facilities have overwhelmingly ratified their contract. This is the first contract for workers at the Vista California facility. The contract raises wage and benefit standards across the company, and represents the first time workers in Vista will have free family medical insurance, a pension, scheduled across-the-board raises, and a real voice on the job.

As a member of the Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice, STM parishioners supported the Vista workers that were on strike by providing food, toys, prayer vigil, and support, along with other ICWJ members.

Congratulations for your patience and fortitude, Vista workers! You are the winners as well as the communities you live in. We stand with you.

—Sr. Maureen

News from the Larger Church

Swap Meet/Bake Sale/Money Tree Raffle in San Marcos—Saturday, November 15, 7:00am-2:00pm at St. Mark's Church, 1147 W. Discovery St., San Marcos, hosted by the St. Mark's Women's Guild. You are welcome to sell new or used merchandise. Cost for sellers is \$25 for 2 spaces—one for your vehicle and one for displaying items for sale. No cost for buyers. Come and shop till you drop. Remember, "one person's junk is another's treasure." For reservations, contact Yvonne at 727-5066.

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.

Advent Mondays Retreats at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside—December 1, 8, 15, and 22, explore the themes from Thomas Merton's book, *New Seeds of Contemplation* with Mark Schroeder, OFM. Merton, a Trappist and writer, uncovers the reality of contemplation. For more information, contact 757-3659 or www.sanluisrey.org.

Advent Wreaths for Sale at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside—These one-of-a-kind wreaths handcrafted from succulent plants grown at the Mission are on sale at the Mission Gift Shop, 4050 Mission Avenue, Oceanside. Many other gift items are also available. Don't forget to ask for your discount. For more information, contact Cornelia at 757-3651 x117.

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.

Catholic Cruise to the Mexican Riviera—May 10-May 17, 2009, on the Carnival Splendor out of Long Beach, CA. For more information, contact Cheryl at 949-249-9618.

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 as Advocates for Foster Children—Become a child advocate and make a lasting difference in the life of a foster child. More than just a mentor, you can give hope to a child who has none. For upcoming information session dates, contact www.speakupnow.org or 858-569-2019.

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.

Diocese of San Diego Diocesan Institute—has an ongoing schedule of classes and workshops. For more information, contact 858-490-8212 or bcarr@diocese-sdiego.org.

Retrouvaille Retreat Program for Troubled Marriages—If your marriage is not what you want it to be, if communication has broken down, if you are divorced or separated, but want to repair your relationship, then Retrouvaille is for you. For more information, contact 951-259-9474 or 619-423-0182 (Spanish).

Wanted: Rosary Makers for the Cause of Our Blessed Mother—Become a missionary by making rosaries for missions in the U.S., the military, and around the world. A beginner's kit is available for \$13.50 and comes with instructions and supplies for making 50 rosaries. For more information, contact 502-968-1434 or visit www.olrm.org.

Ignatian Volunteer Corps Opportunities in North County—Semi-retired? Retired? Eager to give something back? If you are 50 or better, the Jesuit-sponsored Ignatian Volunteer Corps may be for you! Ignatian Volunteers serve the needs of people who are poor, work for a more just society, and grow deeper in Christian faith through reflection and prayer. Contact Pat Doyle, Regional Coordinator, at 858-715-0900 or pdoyle@ivcusa.org, or Margie Carroll, Regional Director, at 619-881-9509 or mcarroll@ivcusa.org. For national website visit www.ivcusa.org.

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