

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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Office Hours: Monday-Friday
8:30am-12:00 noon and 12:30-4:00pm

Mass Schedule
Saturday at 5:00pm
Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am
Tuesday-Friday at 8:15am
First Monday of the Month at 7:00pm

Eucharistic Adoration
Monday-Friday, 6:30am-7:30pm

Reconciliation (Confession)
Saturday, 4:00-4:30pm

January 4, 2009 • The Epiphany of the Lord

**The Parish Office will reopen on
Monday, January 5**

**Join us for Monday Night Mass
January 5 at 7:00pm**

**Fr. Mike & Friends Bookies meet
Wednesday, January 7
9:00am or 7:00pm**

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Pastor's Column

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Epiphany Quiz

1. How many Wise Men (Magi) visited Joseph, Jesus, and Mary?
___Two
___Nobody knows
___Three
___Four
2. Which King of Israel wanted to kill the baby who would grow to become the Messiah?
___Flavius Josephus
___Caesar Augustus
___Herod
___Quirinius
3. Who wrote the text of the Epiphany carol "We Three Kings of Orient Are"?
___Phillips Brooks
___Father Josef Mohr
___Charles Wesley
___John Henry Hopkins, Jr.

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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

Music Ministry: Contact Douglas Lynn at 758-4100 x140

Communion for the Homebound/Hospitalized:

Contact Parish Office at 758-4100 x100

Anointing of the Sick: Contact Parish Office

Matrimony:

Contact Parish Office a minimum of nine months in advance

*For further information, call Rev. Michael Ratajczak
at 758-4100 x100 or michaelr@stmoside.org.*

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 or kathleenb@stmoside.org.*

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, see page 10, or call Chris Smith
at 758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org.*

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

Jan 4 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and
10:30am Masses
Jan 11 RE.A.CH Classes (at Church)

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4. The story of the visit of the Wise Men (Magi) appears in the Gospel according to whom?
 ___Mark
 ___John
 ___Luke
 ___Matthew
5. Which of the following is not a kind of Three Kings Cake?
 ___La Rosca de Reyes
 ___Dreikonigskuchen
 ___Galette des Rois
 ___Kulitch
6. Whose poem "The Journey of the Magi" begins "A cold coming we had of it, just the worst time of the year for a journey, and such a long journey"?
 ___William Butler Yeats
 ___T.S. Eliot
 ___O. Henry
 ___Henry Wadsworth Longfellow
7. What is the origin and meaning of the word "epiphany"?
 ___From the Greek, meaning "to show forth"
 ___From the Latin, meaning "astrologers or magicians"
 ___From the Greek, meaning "before Lent"
 ___From the German, meaning "after Christmas"
8. What are/were the three traditional names assigned to the Wise Men (Magi)?
 ___Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego
 ___Huey, Dewey, and Louie
 ___Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar
 ___Peter, Paul, and James
9. "The Adoration of the Magi" was commissioned in the late 15th century as an altarpiece for the Augustinian monks of San Donato a Scopeto in Florence. It was unfinished and now hangs in the Uffizi Gallery in Florence. Who painted it?
 ___Leonardo da Vinci
 ___Fra Angelico and Fra Filippo Lippi
 ___Andrea del Verrocchio
 ___Sandro Botticelli
10. What is myrrh?
 ___The Arabic word for silver
 ___The dried sap of an African tree used anciently in embalming ointments and burned at funerals
 ___Nutmeg
 ___A mercurial compound used to treat flesh wounds

Answers will be given in next week's Pastor's Column. This is an "open book" quiz. Feel free to research the answers if you wish!

Have fun...

F.N. Mike

Readings for the Week Ahead

Sunday Year B; Weekday Year I
Readings online at www.usccb.org.

Sunday, January 4 (20)

Epiphany of the Lord
Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,10-13
Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6
Matthew 2:1-12

Monday, January 5 (212)

John Neumann, bishop
1 John 3:22-4:6
Psalm 2:7bc-8,10-12a
Matthew 4:12-17,23-25

Tuesday, January 6 (213)

André Bessette, religious
1 John 4:7-10
Psalm 72:1-4,7-8
Mark 6:34-44

Wednesday, January 7 (214)

Raymond of Peñafort, priest
1 John 4:11-18
Psalm 72:1-2,10,12-13
Mark 6:45-52

Thursday, January 8 (215)

1 John 4:19-5:4
Psalm 72:1-2,14,15bc,17
Luke 4:14-22

Friday, January 9 (216)

1 John 5:5-13
Psalm 147:12-15,19-20
Luke 5:12-16

Saturday, January 10 (217)

1 John 5:14-21
Psalm 149:1-6a,9b
John 3:22-30

Sunday, January 11 (21)

Baptism of the Lord
Isaiah 55:1-11
Isaiah 12:2-6 (Psalm)
John 5:1-9
Mark 1:7-11

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 3, 5:00pm

Lew Crowell ☩

Sunday, January 4, 8:30am

Shirley Via ☩

Sunday, January 4, 10:30am

Albert Sykes ☩

Monday, January 5, 7:00pm

For the Youth of the Parish

Tuesday, January 6, 8:15am

Judith Nichols ☩

Wednesday, January 7, 5:00pm

Kathy Stewart ☩

Thursday, January 8, 9:30am

Charles Robinson ☩

Friday, January 9, 8:15am

Byron Mcfarlane

Saturday, January 10, 5:00pm

George Martin Duarte, Jr. ☩

Sunday, January 11, 8:30am

Frank Hannon ☩

Sunday, January 11, 10:30am

Gene Frink ☩

Prayer List

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

The Ainis Family
Mary Alexander
Mary Baker
Patricia Barbour
The Bechtold Family
Cindra Bell
Tom Belprez
Nancy Bermudez
Beatrice Brooks & Family
Janet Brown
The Raymond Brown Family
James Coleman
Michael Patrick Contreras
Thomas Cornwell & Family
Shirley Darcy
Cecilia DeSimone
Linda Dossman
The Durette Family
Kathryn Ernst
The Fiore Family
Larry Fisk
The Fleeman & Hazlett
Families
The Garcia Family
Rick Gonzalez
Paula Gurrera
Anita Hage
Susan Hallahan
The Harker Family
Rita Harnacker
Barry Henwood
Cynthia Horner
Bernie & Ginny Jaeger
Sue Johnston
Joan Jones
Colleen Kaup
Paul Kennedy
Debbie Kinny
George Kleekamp
Willis Koffroth
Sr. Anne Kremenik
Lillian Lachance
The Lamelin Family
Bernie Lanzrath
Brandon LeBlanc
Patty Lewis
Cassandra Loretto
Lauren Loretto
Loree Luther
Jackie Lynn
James MacArthur
Ken Mauro
Bob McWilliams
Carroll Tom & Nona Miller
Nancy Moore
Margie Myers
Patric Nackla
The Narcy Family
Leticia Navarro
Nolberto Navarro
R. Northrup
Leticia & Patrick Ornelas
Lupe Casas Pelletier

Helen Pingtella
Anne Post
Otila Quiroz
Janet Raiman
Cecil Ramirez
Isabel Ramirez (daughter)
Isabel Ramirez (mother)
Max Rocoles
Sr. Loyola Romey
Dorothy Rouse
Rose Rowland
The Russo Family
Julie Shea
Norm Shultz
Ed Sox
Dorothy and Ray Staehr
Ginger Thompson
Lisa & Kyle Valpoon
Robert Vasquez
Arnie Velasco
Lisa Vickonoff
The Vienna Family
Dominic Vienna, Jr.
Vanessa Vitiello-Koble
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
Pfc. Nicholas B. Dawson,
US Army
Lance Corporal Brandon Doyle,
USMC
MSGT Steve Gallegos, USMC
Col. Kathleen Henderson
Med. Staff Sgt. Jana Alexander
Madrid, USAF
Pvt. 2 Jess Phillips, US Army
Spec. Jared Ratzlaff, US Army
Julian Torres, USMC
Maj. Scott Wadle

Thank you for your prayers for:

Christian Caplinger, US Army
Ronald Meyers, US Navy
Search & Rescue
Who have returned

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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Thank You for Bringing Your "Crown" Baby Gifts This Weekend January 3-4!

These gifts will be delivered to Birth Choice of San Marcos, our local pregnancy resource center. The moms and babies who benefit will be grateful for your generosity!

Monday Night Mass

Join us
January 5
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 760-758-4100 x153
ronb@stmose.org

New Orleans Still Needs Our Help



We need to begin serious planning for those who would like to join the group from our Parish traveling to New Orleans March 21-28, to continue rebuilding their homes and their lives.

If you have already committed to going with the Parish group or are in any way interested, please mark your calendar now for an information meeting on Thursday, January 8, at 6:30pm for a

potluck dessert and information sharing.

For more information, please contact

Sr. Maureen at 760-758-4100 x131 or maureenb@stmoside.org.

When a Loved One Dies

Call the Parish Office first, before you call the funeral home.

Call anytime, night or day!

Our Parish has a wonderful Bereavement Team that is available when a loved one dies. They are available to assist the family with many arrangements related to the funeral, which might include meeting with the family to pray, helping to plan the funeral, and providing bereavement support afterwards.

In addition, those who like to plan ahead may meet with a Bereavement Team member to pre-plan preferences and place them on record, which can be a great help for children or other family members when the time comes.

For more information, call Sr. Maureen at 760-758-4100 x131.

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!



St. Thomas More groups will be providing dinners on the following dates:

February 22, March 22, April 26, May 24,
June 28, July 26, August 23, September 27,
October 25, November 29, and December 27

To find out which dates still need food, delivery or monetary donations, please contact: Paul & Kalei Mendiola at 760-945-9042 or kaleiann@sbcglobal.net.

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 760-727-2668 or annemarshall@sbcglobal.net.



Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioners

Chuck & Wanda Nitsch

Announcing the Baptisms of

Therese Francesca Schanzanbach
Thomas Alexander Wilson

on January 4, 2009

*Our Christian community
welcomes you with great joy!*



In Memoriam

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:



Raymond Brown, who died on December 15. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, January 10, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Carl Bechtold, who died on December 26. His funeral arrangements are pending but will be held at St. Thomas More. Please keep the family in your prayers.

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

Little Rock Scripture Studies

Touching the Mysteries: Scripture and Rosary

We would like to invite you to join us in the study of Scripture and the Rosary, beginning on Wednesday, January 14, at 9:00am, or Thursday, January 15, at 7:00pm, for five weeks. The study focuses on the biblical stories that provide background for the mysteries of the rosary. Each session is devoted to a set of mysteries—joyful, luminous, sorrowful, and glorious. The representatives will be on the Plaza after Masses to answer any questions you might have or to assist you in registering. Thank you very much.

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 760-630-4589.

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.

For information, please call the Parish Office at 760-758-4100.

Reporting Sexual Abuse

In accordance with the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, the Diocese of San Diego has published a brochure that includes information regarding sexual misconduct by Church ministers and how to report any complaints. This brochure, entitled *Sexual Misconduct: Preventing, Responding, Reporting*, is available in our pamphlet rack on the lower level of the Parish Center.



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.



Middle School Youth Group

Next Meeting

Monday, January 5, 7:00pm

Monday Night Mass

For more information, contact Ron or Louise at
760-758-4100 x153 or ronb@stmoside.org.

Visit the website: www.stmoside.org/ym.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

resumes January 5 for Monday Night Mass
January 12 for Monday Night Youth Group at GODSPACE

Questions? Gale at 760-726-7236

BE THE CHANGE

"Be the change you wish to see in the world"

High School Retreat 2009

at Kamp Kuper, Escondido
Friday, January 23, at 6:00pm
to

Sunday, January 25, after 10:30am Mass
\$95 (includes Friday dinner to Sunday breakfast)
\$40 Deposit due by January 5

Contact Person: Gale Gibbons 760-726-7236 or galeg@stmoside.org
Download forms at www.stmoside.org/hsym.htm

Women's Guild News

Board Meeting—Monday January 5, at 12:30pm at Germaine Wilmott's home to discuss plans for the January 12 meeting and other events. Please try to attend! RSVP to Germaine Wilmott at 760-758-9949.

Luncheon Meeting—Monday, January 12, 11:00am. We will be having a Chinese Auction. Please bring your gently used knick knacks such as Lenox, Lladro, or Hummel figurines, or take this opportunity to recycle your Christmas presents. Cost is \$7. Please RSVP by January 9 to Mary Vernaci at 760-599-4386 or Germaine Wilmott at 760-758-9949.



Seniors Special Needs and Services

Are you aware that there are many services for seniors with special needs in North County? One of the services is Interfaith Community Services, which helps elderly seniors in many ways. To obtain more information about senior services, please contact Ann Eriksson at 760-599-7151.

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, MC, or Discover)
- ♦ Automatic Checking Account Deduction
- ♦ Automatic Savings Account Deduction

To participate in these time-saving alternatives,
please contact the Parish Office at:
760-758-4100 x100 or parishoffice@stmoside.org

STM \$crip News

Thank you to all who purchased Scrip for your shopping needs!

Scrip sales will resume on January 6, 2009. We wish everyone a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year.

For information, call Theresa Goeltz at 760-453-2876

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 \$CRIP table after weekend Masses or the Parish Office during the week. Thank you!

Liturgy & Music

Worship God

Douglas Lynn
Director of Music/Coordinator of Liturgical Ministries
douglasl@stmoside.org; 760-758-4100 x140



REGRETS AND RESOLUTIONS

On November 30, 2008, the praying community stood together on the threshold of a new liturgical year, looking back with gratitude and ahead with hope at the wondrous workings of God within our individual and collective lives.

Today, we stand together to welcome 2009. Looking back over 2008, we thank God for the joys and blessings the year held and, since none of us is perfect, we cannot help but hold some regret in our hearts. Confessing what we have done and what we have failed to do, we are bound to admit that our care for the whole human family has not always been conscientious. Nor have we been true reflections of the compassion of our God for others. We have also been lacking in fastidious stewardship of this world and its resources.

All this we know, and of all our failings God is indeed aware. Nevertheless, the fact that we are still here is an indication that God is allowing us both the time and the opportunity to turn our regrets into resolutions. Therefore, now is not the time for sadness or discouragement; now is the time for renewed efforts and a fresh start. Rather than allow guilt to weigh us down, the new year invites our wholehearted surrender to grace. In God's grace lies our hope and our assurance that this year can be different and better. This year can be our gift to God just as grace is God's gift to us.

God's gifts of grace are clearly enunciated on each of January's Sundays. On the feast of Epiphany (January 4), grace compels us to remember that God's salvific plan is universal, admitting of no limitations or exclusions. Regret may cause us to look back at 2008 with the sad realization that we have openly excluded others or neglected to defend their God-given rights to freedom and to fellowship in the human family. But grace invites our renewed resolve to include all and to exclude no one from our care, our service, our love.

We celebrate Jesus' baptism on January 11, and with it the inauguration of his action as God's servant, whose mission of justice, healing and liberation was forever to impact the injustices and evils that threaten human well-being. Jesus' wholehearted embrace of his mission reminds us that our baptism brings with it a similar mission.

While we may look back at 2008 and regret the manner in which we accepted and exercised this mission, grace enables us to transform those regrets into resolutions. Grace empowers us to work and to witness as Jesus did, so as to foster the growth of

God's justice, especially for those whose rights to this justice are being denied.

Discipleship is the theme offered for our consideration on January 18. In their readiness to respond to God's call, Samuel, Andrew, and Simon encourage our own responsiveness. However, if we are truthful with ourselves, we cannot help but regret those instances during 2008 when our following of Jesus was not so careful and not so authentic. When the struggle of living the counterculture seems overwhelming, some of us succumb to "just getting by" or to mediocrity that keeps the peace but challenges nothing and no one. Aware of our regrets in this regard, let us be even more aware that grace can empower us to a new resolve in following Jesus more nearly, more truly, one day at a time.

January's lessons are rounded out on the 25th as Jonah, Paul, Simon, Andrew, James, and John remind us that our mission is one of drawing others to God, to Jesus.

Too frequently, we ourselves may be the stumbling block that prevents others from experiencing the goodness of God. Our hypocrisy, our mixed signals, our lives that are not fully integrated into one authentic witness through faith and prayer—all of these hinder our efforts at evangelization. Therefore, with our regrets to offer us impetus, let us repent and then relegate our failures to the past. Then, by God's grace, let us transform our regrets into resolutions: to be better so as to do good, to recognize that we are loved by God so as to love others better, to accept that we are "sinners in rehab" so as to be more understanding and less judgmental of the failings of others.

Above all, let us acknowledge and accept this new year for what it is: God's gift. Rejoicing in that gift and reveling in God's sure and steady graces, let our regrets be replaced by a truer, deeper, and more enduring resolve to be God's own in the world.

—Patricia Datchuck Sánchez and
Rafael Sánchez Alonso
from *Celebration* magazine,
January 2009



Music Ministry Next Week

JANUARY 5
Monday Night Mass

7:00pm Mass

MNM Music Team

JANUARY 10/11
Baptism of the Lord

5:00pm Mass

Cantor

8:30am Mass

Adult Choir

10:30am Mass

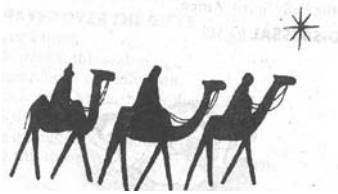
Cantor

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

Kathleen Bell
Director of Faith Formation
kathleenb@stmoside.org; 760-758-4100 x110

Epiphany: You Can't Go Home Again



Excerpts from Richard Rohr
O.F.M.

An epiphany is not an experience that we can create from within, but one that we can only be open to and receive from another.

Epiphanies leave us totally out of control, and they always demand that we change.

The Magi bring themselves and their assumptions on a perilous journey, and only then can they offer their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And it all leads to an encounter that rearranges their lives, their self-images, and seemingly even their pocketbooks.

Epiphanies, thank God, wake us up so we can in fact experience our experiences, learn from them and be transformed by them. This is the journey of holiness.

What we celebrate in the mystery of the Epiphany is not that we are right, that we have God in our pocket, or that our religion is best. Instead we celebrate that God is apparent, God has humanity in God's pocket, and God-in-Jesus is utterly given, trustworthy and better than we ever imagined. It is God who is manifest, not our formulations of God!

If God can be manifest in a baby in a poor stable for the unwanted, then we better be ready for God just about anywhere and in anybody.

Looking at Life Through the Eyes of Faith

"Fr. Mike (and friends) Bookies" continues on January 7 at 9:00am or 7:00pm with **Food and Faith: Justice, Joy and Daily Bread** by Michael Schut. Gale Gibbons, a member of our parish staff will facilitate our discussion.

From the cover:

"Food and Faith brings together a distinctive group of writers, rich resources for integrating the vital value of food with the religious value of faith. These two values draw our attention to the fact that food is not simply fuel; it has sacramental significance as daily sustenance. This book helps us appreciate that eating is indeed an agricultural act, an ecological act, a social act, a moral act, an act of faith."



A few books may be available for \$11 in the hall outside the Faith Formation Office. You can also find it at your local bookstore. Anyone is welcome to join in!

Q & A

Q **We're new to the parish . . . can we still get our children in Religious Education?**

A YES! Children between the ages of 3 and 17 are always welcome at RE.A.CH (Religious Education for Adolescents and Children). If you are a registered parishioner, call Kathleen Bell and set up an appointment to enroll.

Q **I'm pregnant. . . when should we have our baby baptized?**

A NOW is the best time to begin preparation. If you are a registered parishioner, the first step is an appointment with Fr. Mike for the parents. We ask the parents and godparents to take a preparation class. It is easier for some to do this before the baby is born. Just call Kathleen Bell to begin the process

Q **I've never been to a "bible study" before, but I'm curious to know more about scripture, yet a little embarrassed that I don't know more. Would I "fit in" with the Little Rock Scripture Study?**

A YES! Both the morning session and the evening session are small friendly groups where everyone is welcome, no matter what your background. Participants share insights and preparing for class is a good discipline. Forms are available to sign up now for the class beginning January 14 & 15.



Check your Annual Plan

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| ★ January 4 | HOME |
| ★ January 11 | CHURCH |

High School, Phase I Courses

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| ★ February 9, 16, 23 | Monday Mini Course |
| ★ March 1, 2, 15, 22, April 5 | Core Course |
| ★ April 19, 26, May 3 | Sunday Mini Course |

Peanut Butter and Jelly Update

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| 2009 GOAL: | 365 jars |
| TOTAL to date: | 81 jars |



Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

A New Year's Promise

The promise of Christmas is always followed by the promise of a new year; a time for new beginnings and resolutions aimed at changes for the better.

In some respects, this new year may not seem so promising given the challenges that lie ahead; the most striking of course is living in economic uncertainty in the coming year.

While governments around the world are trying to find solutions to the current global economic crisis, many are left to wonder about their present or future job security, the status of retirement savings, or the adequacy of health care coverage. Many others must face more dire challenges such as the lack of resources to provide food, shelter, or heating for themselves and their families.

The start of a new year is a good time to reflect on the promises of Christ and the hope offered by the prophet Isaiah in the first Sunday scripture reading for the new year:

"Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the Lord shines, and over you appears his glory." (Isaiah 60:1-2)



As people of faith we profess to live in hope that Jesus Christ is among us; our Savior who is calling us even more urgently in these anxious times. He invites us to come closer and to know his strength and consolation.

We have lived through economic downturns before.

And although many economic forecasters tell us that this time the forecasts look dimmer, we can imitate St. Paul and look upon anxious times as opportunities to be better stewards of our relationship with the Lord.

Perhaps it is time to adopt a simpler lifestyle; better appreciate the virtue of community; and to open our hearts with even more compassion to those in need.

As we face the coming year with all its challenges, let us remember each day to turn to Christ, our promise and our hope. Let us discover new ways in which to experience the light of Christ shining on us and let that light shine through us, so that we may offer hope to others. —ICSC Parish Stewardship, January 2009

I invite each of you to draw closer to God in 2009, as we all work together toward common goals.

Our faith community stands out for its ministerial work and the many ways that we connect with one another for the greater good. While this year brings challenges, we will weather the storm together. It is not the first time, nor will it be the last.

God is our light, our hope, and our salvation, now and forever!

Have you made a New Year's Resolution with God at the top of the list?

TOWERS OF FAITH

Future Support & Estate Planning Options

This November we welcomed our newest Towers of Faith: Regina Aulisio, Richard Obsitnik, Maurine Shaughnessy, Maria Surmenidis and Elaine Weiler! Their generosity and foresight is most appreciated.

Towers of Faith is a movement that has arisen due to the visionary leadership and generosity of several of our parishioners. Again, we stress that this is not about the gift amount, but the love behind the gift.

These individuals (several anonymous) have included STM in their estate planning. This helps to ensure their ongoing support and a legacy for our Parish. *Towers of Faith* is our future support. Some examples of the various future planning vehicles are:



Designated Beneficiary Accounts,
Last Will and Testament, Living Trust, Life Insurance, Stocks and Bonds, Real Estate, and Endowments.

Any parishioners who have already included STM in their estate plans are *Towers of Faith* participants. If you are interested, please contact us. Your participation is most welcome and appreciated!

Chris Smith at 760-758-4100, x120 or chriss@stmoside.org.

Do two people in your family know the location of your will and/or living trust?

"Did You Know?" Donation Update December 2008

\$14,291.06

Collection for Week of: December 20/21, 2008

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| Number of Registered Households: | 981 |
| Offertory* | \$ 9,297.28 |
| Offertory (Loose Collection) | 1,451.00 |
| Children's envelopes | 4.50 |
| Total | \$ 10,752.78 |

Collection for Week of: December 27/28, 2008

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| Number of Registered Households: | 982 |
| Offertory* | \$ 10,022.71 |
| Offertory (Loose Collection) | 1,863.50 |
| Children's envelopes | 1.50 |
| Total | \$ 11,887.71 |

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

News from the Larger Church

La Jolla Renaissance Singers in Concert in San Diego—Sunday, January 4, 3:00pm at St. Mary Magdalene Church, 1945 Illion St., San Diego, overlooking Mission Bay. The choir will present *Traditional Christmas Music from Romania*. There is no charge, and all are welcome! For more information, please contact 619-276-1041.

Healing Masses in Solana Beach—Monday, January 5, 7:00pm, with Fr. Leonardo Arboleda and Fr. Ernesto Torres; Wednesday, January 28, 7:00pm, with Fr. Ernesto Torres. Both Masses will be at St. James Church, 625 S. Nardo Ave., Solana Beach. For more information, contact Cory Graves at 858-755-8990.

The Ones Who Knew St. Francis Musical Program at Mission San Luis Rey Parish in Oceanside—Friday, January 9, 7:00pm, 4070 Mission Ave., Oceanside. A compelling, engaging, and entertaining musical program of stories and songs about St. Francis of Assisi, told from the perspective of the ones who really knew him: his family and friends. For more information and tickets, contact 760-757-3250 or www.sanluisreyparish.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. Upcoming weekend: January 9-11. For more information, contact 951-259-9474 or 619-423-0182 (Español).

Hospice Volunteers Needed in San Diego County—Sharp Hospice Care needs caring, compassionate adults and teens to work with the terminally ill and their families throughout San Diego County. Training for hospice volunteers will be January 15 -February 7, for a total of one Thursday evening session and four Saturday sessions. The training's focus is on communication skills, ethics, needs of the terminally ill, family dynamics, pain and symptom management, grief and bereavement, and spiritual care of the dying and their loved ones. For further information, contact Camelia McRae Gower, Program Coordinator, at 619-667-1900.

Annual Parent Retreat in San Marcos—January 30-February 1 at St. Mark's Parish in San Marcos. Michael Barber, Professor of Theology, Scripture, and Catholic thought at John Paul the Great Catholic University in San Diego, will be the guest speaker. The retreat will also include praise and worship, a healing prayer service, and opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration and confession. For more information, contact Jennifer McClintock at 760-744-1130 or jennifer@stmarkscc.org.

Mainly Mozart Concert Series in Carlsbad—Sunday, February 15, 2:00pm, at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 6628 Santa Isabel St., Carlsbad. Featuring James Ehnes, violin, Cynthia Phelps, viola, and Julie Albers, cello, performing Schubert's Trio in B flat, D. 471 and Mozart's Divertimento in E flat, K. 563. For more information, contact www.mainlymozart.com or 619-239-0100 x2.

Pilgrimage to Holy Land—Starting May 25 with Sr. Margaret Kelly, OP, the Director of Religious Education at Mission San Diego de Alcalá. Package includes airfare from San Diego, 4-star hotels (double occupancy), daily Mass, breakfast and dinner daily, all entrance fees and admission charges. For more information, contact Sr. Margaret at 619-624-0900.



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 760-729-9528.

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.

Mission San Luis Rey Retreat Center in Oceanside—has an ongoing schedule of retreat activities. For more information, contact 760-757-3659 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 an ongoing 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.

Natural Family Planning Classes—Great marriage insurance! A moral, healthy, and inexpensive way to plan your family. For current schedules and to register, visit www.diocese-sdiego.org and click on "Ministries" then "Marriage & Family Life."

Take a Stand for Life in Carlsbad—A group of North County parishioners meets from 10:00 to 10:30am on the third Monday of each month to peacefully pray the rosary in front of the Carlsbad Planned Parenthood Clinic. The clinic is located at 1820 Marron Road, in the shopping center just west of Plaza Camino Real Mall. Please join us in our prayers for an end to abortion. For more information, call Jahna White at 760-586-6356.

Interfaith Community Services Needs Help

Interfaith offices in Oceanside and Escondido have experienced incredible increases in the number of people needing help. More two-parent families need food, shelter and help with the basics of life. Your help is needed to serve our community through these trying times. Like you, our government, and experts, we don't know when things will change, but we are committed as are you, to help those who are most adversely affected for as long as it takes. In this season of giving if you are able please give to your neighbors in need. Your Interfaith Board and staff promise to continue to extend your resources in the most prudent way. Your entire Interfaith family says, thank you for letting us be of service and wishes you a truly blessed year.

760-489-6380 or 760-721-2117 or www.interfaithservices.org



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| Religious Education (Adults) | Wayne Zych 598-9244 |
| Small Church Communities | Sondra Parks 598-1269 |
| Little Rock Bible Studies | Masako Streling 295-2594 |
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| Liturgy of the Word for Children | Cathy Meyer 598-7853 |
| Sacramental Preparation | Kathleen Bell 758-4100 x110 |
| Mid. School Youth Ministry | Ron & Louise Briseno 758-4100 x153 |
| High School Youth Ministry | Jeff & Gale Gibbons 726-7236 |
| Young Adult Ministry | Joanna Mueller 726-5644 |
| Evangelization | Available |
| Vocations | Deacon Tom & Patt Goeltz 758-4100 x130 |
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| Altar Linen Care | Marge Gillen 639-1929 |
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| Parents & Tots | Paul Mendiola 945-9042 |
| Widows & Widowers | Helen Kuhn 727-8612 |
| Parish Organizations & Events | Available |
| Golf Classic | John Murphy 945-9935 |
| Historian | Anne Marshall 727-2668 |
| Knights of Columbus | John O'Donnell 598-6003 |
| Library | Chris James 598-5881 |
| Spirited Seniors | Stella Leué 726-3869 |
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| Social Ministries | Suzee Irwin 597-2706 |
| Blood Drive | Linda Dicus 726-5081 |
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| Brother Benno's | Deacon Tom & Patt Goeltz 727-8442 |
| Christmas Angel Ministry | R.J. Irwin 597-2706 |
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| CPR/AED Classes | Phil Goscinski 732-1414 |
| Disability Facilitation | Ann Eriksson 599-7151 |
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| Huggy Buddies Program | Gale Gibbons 726-7236 |
| Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice | Sr. Maureen Brown 758-4100 x131 |
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| Jail Ministry | Rita McCarthy 758-4100 x100 |
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| | Norma Flanagan 630-0180 |
| Project Linus | Mary Coxon 599-8760 |
| Pro-Life Activities | Jane Kelleher 724-9658 |
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| Sister Parish Program | Sr. Maureen Brown, 758-4100 x131 |
| St. Bonaventure Mission | Knights of Columbus 598-6003 |
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| General Support | Henny Jocelyn 758-4100 x100 |
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Development Council Committees

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| Capital Campaign | Bill Ipsen 723-0402 |
| New Construction | Brian Leahey 598-5697 |
| Parish Membership | Louise Briseno 726-4496 |
| Planned Giving | Chris Smith 758-4100 x120 |
| Publicity/Public Relations | Anne Marshall 727-2668 |
| Sacrificial Giving/Tithing | Paul Ibbetson 734-1051 |
| Scrip Sales | Theresa Goeltz 453-2876 |
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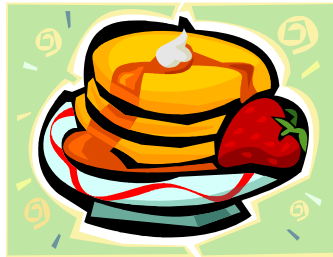
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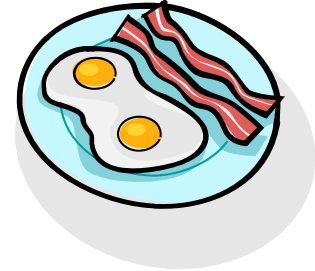
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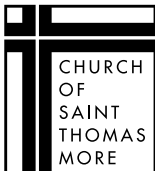
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Uniting children with their mothers and fathers in prison



Our Parish will be joining this very important endeavor. There are many ways to become involved in this program.

You are invited to attend an information meeting at our Parish on Saturday, January 10, 9:00-10:30am. Hope to see you there!

*For more information,
contact Sr. Maureen Brown, CSJ
760-758-4100 x131
maureenb@stmosite.org*



What is Get On The Bus?

Get On The Bus brings children and their caregivers from throughout the State of California to visit their mothers and fathers in prison.

An annual event, Get On The Bus offers free transportation for the children and their caregivers to the prison, provides travel bags for the children, comfort bags for the caregivers, a photo of each child with his or her parent, and meals for the day (breakfast, snacks on the bus, a special lunch at the prison with their parent and dinner on the way home), all at no cost to the children's family.

On the bus trip home, following a four hour visit, each child receives a teddy bear with a letter from their parent and post-event counseling.

