

# 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 18, 2009 • Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



**Annual Golf Classic**  
**Our Tenth Anniversary!**  
**Friday, May 1, 2009—Save the Date**

Details and sign ups coming soon.

**New Golf Committee members  
are welcome!**



For more information, contact John Murphy  
760-497-9117 or murphy8801@cox.net.

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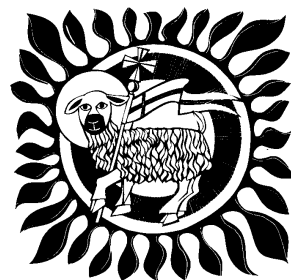
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## Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak  
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### Jesus—The Lamb of God

At every Eucharist, during the Breaking of the Bread, and shortly before the reception of Holy Communion, we pray and call out three times—"Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us."



What John the Baptist announced near the Jordan River over two thousand years ago, we continue to celebrate: Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away sin and who grants us peace. In his mercy and in that peace, we are privileged to live our lives, set apart by grace and set afire by love for the sake of the world and in the service of the word.

What meaning is contained in this imagery of Jesus as Lamb of God and how does he take away our sin?

As for the title Lamb of God, it seems to have been John, the Gospel writer's, intent that his readers call to mind three lamb figures that were featured in their sacred literatures. First, the title

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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.*

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recalled the paschal lamb; according to the tradition recorded in the Book of Exodus (12:6-13), the Israelites were instructed to sacrifice a lamb and apply its blood to the doorposts and lintels of their homes. By virtue of the lamb's blood, the Israelites were passed over and delivered from death.

Second, the title recalled the figure of the Suffering Servant, described in the fourth song by Isaiah—Isaiah as an innocent, oppressed and condemned lamb who would give his life as an offering for sin (Isaiah 53:7-10).

Third, the title Lamb of God referenced the figure of a lamb featured in Jewish apocalyptic literature; though slain, this lamb conquered sin (Revelation 5:6), became the source of life-giving water (Revelation 7:17; 22:1), and ransomed humankind by its blood (Revelation 5:9).

By featuring John the Baptist acclaiming Jesus as Lamb of God, John, the Gospel Writer, has offered his readers a full-blown description of Jesus' saving mission, as the lamb by whose blood sinners are delivered from death, as the innocent one who has borne the guilt of many, and as the victorious lamb who has forever conquered sin.

As for how our sin is taken away by the Lamb of God: As civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. set out to overcome racial hatred, he said, "I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word." In the face of the real threat of violence, he drew on the image of Jesus and the words of another mentor, Gandhi, who, approaching his own assassination in 1948, insisted on meeting violence with nonviolence:

"If blood be shed, let it be our blood," Gandhi said. "Cultivate the quiet courage of dying without killing. For man lives freely only by his readiness to die, if need be, at the hands of his brother, never by killing him."

"Lamb of God" is a potent messianic symbol that ties the identity and mission of Jesus to Passover. He will liberate his people not by direct power from this or that political oppressor, but from the power of sin itself. Jesus is the one who takes away the sin of the world by absorbing evil into himself, accepting the suffering that sin causes.

John, the Evangelist, shows the kind of messiah Jesus will be and reveals a radical reading of the scriptural prophecies—that God will come to rescue us from evil, not as a warrior but as the victim of our violence and rejection, who is still ready to forgive!

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace...

(The information for this Column was liberally taken from "Preaching Resources, Celebration, January 2002" by Patricia Datchuck Sanchez, Jeannine Lightburn and Rev. James Smith.)

*F.N. Mike*



## Readings for the Week Ahead

Sunday Year B; Weekday Year I  
Readings online at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org).

**Sunday, January 18** (65)  
*Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

1 Samuel 3:3b-10,19  
Psalm 40:2,4,7-10  
1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a,17-20  
John 1:35-42

**Monday, January 19** (311)

Hebrews 5:1-10  
Psalm 110:1-4

Mark 2:18-22

**Tuesday, January 20** (312)

*Fabian, pope, martyr*  
*Sebastian, martyr*

Hebrews 6:10-20  
Psalm 111:1-2,4-5,9,10c  
Mark 2:23-28

**Wednesday, January 21** (313)

*Agnes, virgin, martyr*  
Hebrews 7:1-3,15-17  
Psalm 110:1-4

Mark 3:1-6

**Thursday, January 22** (314)

*Vincent, deacon, martyr*  
Hebrews 7:25-8:6

Psalm 40:7-10,17

Mark 3:7-12

**Friday, January 23** (315)

Hebrews 8:6-13  
Psalm 85:8,10-14

Mark 3:13-19

**Saturday, January 24** (316)

*Francis de Sales, bishop, doctor*  
Hebrews 9:2-3,11-14

Psalm 47:2-3,6-9

Mark 3:20-21

**Sunday, January 25** (519)

*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*(Conversion of St. Paul)*

Acts 9:1-22

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 16:15-18

## Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 17, 5:00pm  
Margaret Alvaro ☩

Sunday, January 18, 8:30am  
Rita Priest ☩

Sunday, January 18, 10:30am  
Olive Burke ☩

Monday, January 19, 8:15am  
Agnes Gaugel ☩

Tuesday, January 20, 8:15am  
Hans Jakob ☩

Wednesday, January 21, 8:15am  
Al Barmasse ☩

Wednesday, January 21, 9:30am  
Michael McOnaid ☩  
*Aegis Assisted Living*

Thursday, January 22, 8:15am  
Enzo Norelli ☩

Friday, January 23, 8:15am  
Lorie Whitmore ☩

Saturday, January 24, 5:00pm  
Jim Tutino ☩

Sunday, January 25, 8:30am  
Eleanor Sanger ☩

Sunday, January 25, 10:30am  
Mary Macjeski ☩

## Prayer List

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

Mary Alexander  
Mary Baker  
Patricia Barbour  
The Bechtold Family  
Cindra Bell  
Tom Belprez  
Katie Bergman  
Nancy Bermudez  
Gale Beyer  
Beatrice Brooks & Family  
Janet Brown  
The Raymond Brown Family  
James Coleman  
Pat Coley  
Michael Patrick Contreras  
Thomas Cornwell & Family  
Shirley Darcy  
Cecilia DeSimone  
Linda Dossman  
The Durette Family  
Kathryn Ernst  
The Fiore Family  
Betty Fisk  
Larry Fisk  
The Fleeman Hazlett Family  
The Garcia Family  
Bob Godley  
Rick Gonzalez  
Paula Gurrera  
Anita Hage  
Susan Hallahan  
The Harker Family  
Rita Hamacker  
Barry Henwood  
Cynthia Horner  
Bernie & Ginny Jaeger  
Sue Johnston  
Joan Jones  
Colleen Kaup  
Paul Kennedy  
Debbie Kinny  
Dr. Robert Kladifko  
George Kleekamp  
Willis Koffroth  
Sr. Anne Kremenik  
Lillian Lachance  
The Lamelin Family  
Bernie Lanzrath  
Brandon LeBlanc  
Cassandra Loretto  
Lauren Loretto  
Loree Luther  
Jackie Lynn  
James MacArthur  
Ken Mauro  
Bob McWilliams  
Carol Michael  
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)  
Margo Redford  
Dort Riley  
Sr. Loyola Romey  
Dorothy Rouse  
Rose Rowland  
The Russo Family  
Julie Shea  
Nick Soltau  
Ed Sox  
Dorothy and Ray Staehr  
Lisa & Kyle Valpoon  
Robert Vasquez  
Arnie Velasco  
Lisa Vickonoff  
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  
Sgt. Jason Cohick, Air Force Reserve  
Mst. Sgt. Shellie Cohick, Air Force  
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  
Pfc. Nicholas B. Dawson,  
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.*

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## Calendar Highlights

Also check the Parish website ([www.stmoside.org](http://www.stmoside.org)) for complete calendar information.

## The Week Ahead

Jan 18 Knights of Columbus  
Breakfast  
Jan 19 Mass at 8:15am  
Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Holiday  
Parish Office Closed  
No Adoration  
Jan 25 Liturgy of the Word  
for Children at  
8:30am Mass  
Jan 25 RE.A.CH Classes  
(at Church)

## The Month Ahead

Feb 1 Liturgy of the Word for  
Children at 8:30am and  
10:30am Masses  
Feb 21 Women's Guild  
Game Day  
Feb 25 Ash Wednesday  
Feb 28 Men's Prayer Breakfast

## The Year Ahead

Mar 1 New Member Reception  
Mar 21-28 Volunteer Team  
Working in New  
Orleans  
Mar 26 Spirited Seniors Bus Trip  
Mar 29-30 Parish Mission with  
Sound Mission  
Ministries  
Apr 26 *Spring Sing* Invitational  
Choral Festival Concert  
May 1 STM Tenth Annual Golf  
Classic  
May 31 Confirmation

*Questions? Contact Henny at  
760-758-4100 x100  
or [hennyj@stmoside.org](mailto:hennyj@stmoside.org).*





## 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**



### Eucharistic Adoration

*Monday-Friday • 6:30am-7:30pm Blessed Sacrament Chapel*

Exposition of the Eucharist on First Fridays. Next date: Friday, February 6.

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

### Visit the Parish Website—[www.stmoside.org](http://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.

### Imagine No Home or Food for Your Family!

Our ministry answers the call by Jesus to feed the hungry in our time and neighborhood. The North County Solutions for Change 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!

**We need dinners provided  
for 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**



*Contact: Paul & Kalei Mendiola at  
760-945-9042 or [kaleiann@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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](http://www.stmoside.org), *Contact Us, Parish Forms*),
- the Parish office, or
- from Anne Marshall at 760-727-2668 or [annemarshall@sbcglobal.net](mailto:annemarshall@sbcglobal.net).



### Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioner

**A.J. Middlesworth  
David & Leigh Ann Zakrewsky**

### Announcing the Baptism of

**Daniel Isaac Torres**

on January 18, 2009

*Our Christian community  
welcomes you with great joy!*



### In Memoriam

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:



**Luis Cadenas**, who died on January 7, 2009. His Funeral Mass was celebrated on January 17 at St. Thomas More. Please keep his family in your prayers.

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

### 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.*

### 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.



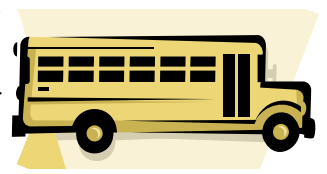
## Knights Encourage Boy Scouts

"On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country..." For those of us who have been involved with the Boy Scouts of America, the scout oath is a time-honored pledge. Boy Scouts learn not only survival skills, but also teamwork. At least one of our former presidents was an Eagle Scout. If you have a son between the ages of 11 and 17 who is sincerely interested in becoming self-sufficient in the outdoors, now is the time to inquire. The Boy Scout Troop of St. Francis of Assisi Church meets at 7:00pm on Tuesdays. The cost is nominal; the rewards are numerous. For further details, contact John O'Donnell at 760-5698-6003 or Matt Fermin at 760-734-1934.



## Get on the Bus Program

Our Parish will be joining this very important endeavor. Get on the Bus brings children and their caregivers from throughout the state of California to visit their mothers and fathers in prison. This is so important! One of the worse things that can happen to a child is to come to believe that their parent has forgotten them or does not love them anymore. Many of these children come from families who cannot afford to travel to the prison on their own.



There are many ways to become involved in this program. In addition to providing the monies for the bus, the program offers 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, and a teddy bear with a letter from their parent and post-event counseling.

For more information, contact Sr. Maureen at 760-758-4100 x131 or [maureenb@stmoside.org](mailto:maureenb@stmoside.org).

## DARE TO BE DIFFERENT

Monday Night High School Youth Group

January 19, 2009

7:00 to 8:30pm

at Godspace

Lower Level of the Parish Center

Call Gale at 726-7236 for more information

## 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](mailto:parishoffice@stmoside.org).

## Thank You...

For your prayers for Dan Dallenbach. They were answered!


## STM Scrip News

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

Start the new year off by looking over the Scrip list and making an effort to use the program. This is free money for our church. Let's let the merchants on our list help us build our church.

Scrip is sold after weekend Masses and on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:00-10:00am in the Parish Office.

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



**Middle School Youth Group  
Spring Calendar Out Soon!**

*For more information, contact Ron or Louise at  
760-758-4100 x153 or [ronb@stmoside.org](mailto:ronb@stmoside.org).  
Visit the website: [www.stmoside.org/ym](http://www.stmoside.org/ym).*

## 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](mailto:parishoffice@stmoside.org)

## 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



## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2009

January 18-25, 2009

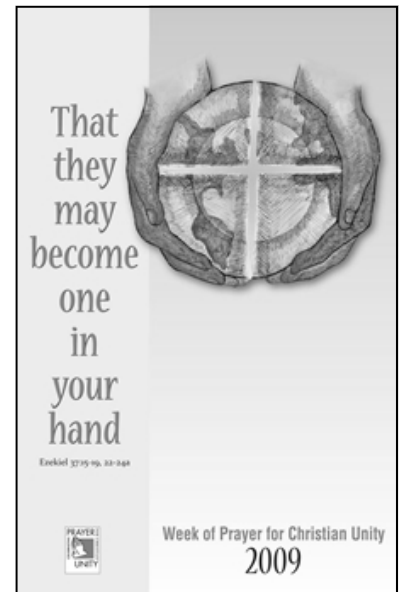
*That they may become one in your hand.*

—Ezekiel 37:15-19, 22-24a

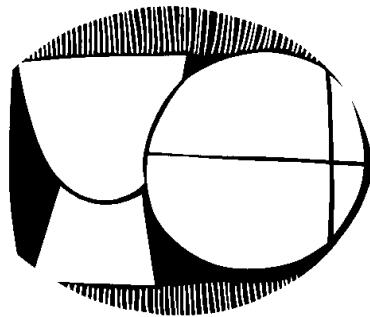
Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Each year during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity our communities of faith gather to pray together for the full unity which is Christ's will "that all may be one," as he and the Father are one. We see this desire for Christian Unity expressed in the text of Ezekiel in which he did not despair but proclaimed a message of hope for the renewal and the unity of God's people, "that they may become one in your hand." (Ezekiel 37:17)

As we gather once again and pray in the hope of Christian Unity may our actions and prayers embody the true peace, reconciliation, and unity which is to be found where God dwells. For Ezekiel and for our communities of faith this unity is not simply the joining of previously divided groups; it is God's intention for God's people that require conversion and renewal. In this prayer for unity is found the hope that God's people may yet be one.



Catholic Association of Diocesan  
Ecumenical & Interreligious Officers  
Episcopal Diocesan Ecumenical Officers  
Christian Churches Together in the USA  
National Council of Churches of Christ  
Churches Uniting in Christ  
Metropolitan New York Synod, ELCA



## CALLED TO BE A EUCHARISTIC MINISTER? WE CERTAINLY NEED YOU!!!

and mail it in with your check for \$10 to cover the registration fee, payable to "Church of St. Thomas More." You also may return form and payment to the reception desk in the Parish Office. Forms are available at the reception desk during regular business hours as well.

The class will be taught by the top-notch team of Rev. Jerry O'Donnell, of All Hallows Parish, Sr. Madeline Fitzgerald, OSC, of St. Francis Parish, and Ms. Mary Ann Fallon, former Director of Liturgy and Spirituality for the Diocese of San Diego.

Eucharistic Ministers must be confirmed in the Catholic Church.

We look forward to having you join us.

For additional information, contact Douglas Lynn at 760-758-4100 x140 or douglasl@stmoside.org.

### Music Ministry Next Week

JANUARY 24/25

5:00pm Mass

Adult Choir

8:30am Mass

Handbell Choir

10:30am Mass

MNM Music Team

### Formation Class at St. Thomas More Saturday, January 24

The Oceanside Deanery (churches in the northwest portion of the diocese) will present a training at St. Thomas More Parish for those interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. It will take place on Saturday, January 24, from 9:00am to 3:30pm on the upper level of the Parish Center.

Registration forms are available on the Parish's web site at [www.stmoside.org/emhc.htm](http://www.stmoside.org/emhc.htm). Print it out



# Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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

## "ONE BODY MANY PARTS Saint Paul—In His Own Words" On the Big Screen ONE DAY ONLY



**Saturday, January 24, 2009  
10:00am-Noon  
at a Theater Near You!**

This Mark Price portrayal is the one we hosted at STM last spring. In this Year of St. Paul, Mark has made a film of his presentation to be shown throughout the United States as we celebrate the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul.

Theaters have been rented in our area for this screening:

- **Escondido Stadium 16**  
350 W VALLEY PKWY ESCONDIDO 92025
- **La Jolla Village 12**  
8657 VILLA LA JOLLA DR LA JOLLA 92037
- **Oceanside 16**  
401 MISSION AVE OCEANSIDE 92054
- **Mission Valley 20**  
1640 CAMINO DEL RIO N SAN DIEGO 92108
- **Mira Mesa 18 with IMAX**  
10733 WESTVIEW PKWY SAN DIEGO 92126
- **Horton Plaza**  
475 HORTON PLZ SAN DIEGO 92101
- **San Marcos 18**  
1180 W SAN MARCOS BLVD SAN MARCOS 92078

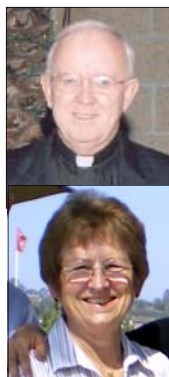
Additional information about the event can be found at  
[www.markpriceministries.com](http://www.markpriceministries.com)

## Looking at Life Through the Eyes of Faith

**February 28 8:00-10:30am**  
Men's Prayer Breakfast  
"The Good Samaritan in All of Us"  
Fr. Michael Barry, SS.CC.  
President of Mary's Mercy Center

**March 4 9:00am & 7:00pm**  
Book Discussion  
"Gift of the Red Bird" by Paula Darcy  
Sr. Maureen Brown, CSJ, Facilitator  
Book available, Lower Level, \$11

**March 29 and 30 Evenings**  
Parish Mission—Faithful Families  
Young, dynamic retreat team:  
Sound Mission Ministries



**Congratulations!**

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

- ✱ ISAIAH ✱ Level 2 A
- ✱ EXODUS ✱ Level 5 A



**January 29 7:00-8:30pm**  
Sacramental Preparation Meeting for Parents continues.

## A Gift For Our Parish Children

In this media age, our Catechists are constantly challenged to keep children "engaged" during our Religious Education classes. There are many short DVD's available that would help reinforce the instruction on faith concepts.

Perhaps you would care to make a New Year's gift so that we could build up our resources ~ \$20.00 will allow us to purchase one DVD.

Checks would be payable to STM with RE.A.CH in the memo. . . any size will do!

Gifts already received are deeply appreciated.

*Kathleen*

## High School, Phase I Courses

- ✱ February 9,16,23 Monday Mini Course
- ✱ March 1,2,15,22,29, April 5 Core Course
- ✱ April 19,26, May 3 Sunday Mini Course

## Peanut Butter and Jelly Update

2009 GOAL: 365 jars  
TOTAL to date: 112 jars





# Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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## CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

### Our Will or God's Will?

The first reading today tells one of my favorite stories about Samuel answering God, "Here I am Lord; I come to do Your Will." He heard God's voice, listened and obeyed. He got it!

The Gospel tells of John the Baptist pointing out Jesus to two of John's followers. They immediately left John to follow Jesus, who asked them, "What are you looking for?"

This is a very good time to ask ourselves the same question that Jesus asked. What exactly are we looking for in Christ Jesus? Is this lifetime about us, or about the will of Jesus? Timely question.

Clearly, those who followed Jesus during those early days gave themselves completely to His service. Their lives were devoted to promoting the Gospel, mission and ministry of Jesus Christ. How much suffering they endured and how many faithful martyrs!

Over time many came to feel that one hour (on the dot) for Mass, once a week was all that required of them. That is, after all, the Roman Catholic requirement. "Someone else" could take care of the mission and ministry of Jesus. We are busy with our lives.

I was actually "one of those people" for several years—many years ago—after I had gone through a difficult time in my life. At that point I discontinued all volunteer work for the Church and attended Mass once a week. Period. I always contributed as much as possible financially, but that was it. A modern day martyr!

I share this experience with you so that you know that I have been where some of you appear to be now. Life had treated me unfairly and I decided that God owed me for my pain. I had, after all, been very faithful, followed all the rules and was generous in the areas of time, talent and treasure my entire life . . . only to end up in pain over something that was not my fault. So I quit!

God was incredibly patient with me, in spite of my self-righteous, all-about-me attitude, and made sure that I absorbed the homilies each week during my "one hour" at Mass. Christina was fed.

Then the day came. Many years after Samuel got his message, I got mine and there was no mistaking it.

My message was to come to St. Thomas More. Understand that I had been fighting this message from several friends for over two years. It nearly ruined friendships. I finally came, with the clear declaration to God that I would come, but would not be involved in anyway. I paid my dues already—I even had extra credit!

A month later, I became Finance Council secretary, a position I held for over four years. Hospitality ministry, Christmas Angels, Golf Tournament, and Capital Campaign Follow Up Chairperson followed. Next thing I knew, I was leaving a better paying job to come to work here—and was thankful and delighted about it!

God has a sense of humor and works in mysterious ways.

Jesus gave His life for each of us, in forgiveness for the many ways that we put ourselves first. Consider what He has given us. These days I count my many blessings instead of complaining.

God called me here for a purpose. God called you too . . .

***Here I am Lord. I've come to do Your Will.***

## "Our Journey Into The Future . . . Together" Questions & Answers/January 11, 2009 Update

### 1. I was out of town last weekend. How can I find out what was said?

The presentation and bulletin insert are available on our website: [www.stmoside.org](http://www.stmoside.org), on the Parish Information table on the plaza, and in the Parish Office.

### 2. When will we break ground to build our Church?

When we have enough money on deposit with the Diocese. One-third of the project cost is required. For us, that is \$3.1 million, and we currently have \$2.8 million on deposit.

AND

Our Operations Income needs to be healthy and in a positive cash flow. Presently, our operational income is below budget. It needs to increase significantly, so that we operate in the black and show consistency over a period of time before we can apply for a Diocesan loan. Building pledges need to be fulfilled and/or renewed, and the commitment to the Operations Budget must deepen.

### 3. Why don't we build a cheaper church so I can see it before I die?

The estimated cost of our Church is completely in line with other recently completed Churches. And none of us know when we are going to die (unless God has told you something not shared with anyone else).

### 4. Can we build a smaller Church?

The Diocese has requirements for size, and we have been encouraged to build for between 1,100 and 1,200 (in keeping with our CUP.) This is positive future planning.

### 5. How do I renew my pledge?

Contact Chris Smith as indicated below.

**For further details and/or questions, please contact:  
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### 2008 Retirement Fund for Religious

**\$4,521.57**

### 2008 Christmas (to date)

**\$30,839.52**

### 2009 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (to date)

**\$2,249.50**

### Collection for Week of: January 10/11, 2009

Number of Registered Households:	986
Offertory*	\$ 6,819.98
Offertory (Loose Collection)	1,306.00
Children's envelopes	13.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 8,139.48</b>

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



## News from the Larger Church

**Theology on Tap Series for Young Adults in Escondido**—Tuesday evenings, January 20, 27, February 3, and 10 from 7:00-8:30pm at Macaroni Grill, 202 E. Via Rancho Pkwy., Escondido. For more information visit [www.yamsd.org](http://www.yamsd.org) or contact Carrie Giebel at [cgiebel@diocese-sdigo.org](mailto:cgiebel@diocese-sdigo.org) or 858-490-8260.

**Diocesan Institute Course in San Marcos**—Tuesday, January 20-February 24, 7:00-9:30pm, at St. Mark's Church in San Marcos. Course S340 Apocalyptic Literature: Exploration of the books of Daniel and the Revelation of John, their literary genre, and their historical and faith contexts. Taught by Bernadeane Carr, S.T.L. For more information, call 858-490-8212.

**Eucharistic Healing Service for Pro-Life Issues in San Marcos**—Thursday, January 22, 7:00pm, at St. Mark's Catholic Church, 1147 Discovery St., San Marcos. On this day that we mark the anniversary of Roe v. Wade, let us come together as a faith community and pray for life, for those suffering from a past abortion or miscarriage, and for those who are suffering from terminal illness or caring for the terminally ill. It is a time to pray and ask for God's healing and to embrace life as God has planned.

**Centering Prayer Retreat at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside**—January 23-25 with a theme of *Christ at the Center*. For more information, please call 760-757-3659 x127.

**St. Augustine High School Entrance Exam in San Diego**—Saturday, January 24, at 8:30am, for eighth grade boys entering the ninth grade for the 2009/2010 school year. For more information, contact Mike Haupt at 619-282-2184 or [mhaupt@sahs.org](mailto:mhaupt@sahs.org).

**Magnificat Women's Ministry Breakfast in Escondido**—Saturday, January 24, 9:00am-Noon at the California Center for the Arts in Escondido. Come and gather together for a spirit-filled breakfast. Testimony given by Jessica Liston, a senior at Steubenville University. Young people are encouraged to attend. Bring your daughters and granddaughters to this uplifting morning. For reservations, contact Mary Carey at 760-489-5588 or [www.members.cox.net/Magnificat](http://www.members.cox.net/Magnificat).

**Catholic Widows and Widowers of North County**—will attend the 10:30am Mass on Sunday, January 25, at St. Thomas More, with luncheon following at Mimi's in Oceanside. For more information, contact Jackie Cohen at 760-7264343.

**Healing Masses in Solana Beach**—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.

**Invisible Children Book Drive 2009 at Carlsbad High School**—Invisible Children, a San Diego-based organization committed to promoting safety and education in Uganda, is partnering with Better World Books, a global bookstore that fundraises for literacy by selling new and used books online. By collecting books here in North County, we will be providing secondary schools in Northern Uganda with new buildings, teaching supplies, books, water purification, and more. Your donation of even one book will help us reach our goal. If you would like to be involved, contact [chsinvisiblechildren@hotmail.com](mailto:chsinvisiblechildren@hotmail.com) or call 760-908-5561 by January 29.

**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](mailto:Jennifer@stmarkscc.org).

**2009 Diocesan Revival in San Diego**—February 2, 3, and 4 at 7:00pm each evening at St. Rita Parish. This year's theme is *Preaching the Good News to All* and Fr. Henry Davis will be the preacher. The Revival is sponsored by the Diocesan Commission for African American Catholics. There is no charge and all are welcome to attend.

**St. Francis School Accepting Applications**—St. Francis of Assisi Parish School is accepting applications for the 2009-2010 school year. We have a fully licensed preschool and are an accredited Kindergarten through Eighth grade school. Located in Vista just off the 78 Freeway, St. Francis School provides a strong Catholic religious education program, advanced classes, extracurricular activities, competitive school sports program, and after school care. For more information, contact [www.sfs-vista.org](http://www.sfs-vista.org) or 760-630-7960.

**St. Francis Church Online Auction Extravaganza!**—Mark your calendars for Wednesday, February 4, and bookmark [www.catholicauctionsonline.com](http://www.catholicauctionsonline.com) on your internet browser. The St. Francis Church online auction includes a variety of items such as a signed Christmas card by Greer Garson postmarked in 1940, a brand new microwave oven, crystal candle stick holders, an original painting, antiques, collectables, and so much more! Bidder registration is free and the CAO web site is managed locally to serve any Catholic organization that is seeking alternatives to fundraising! For more information, contact Julie Kaiser at [jkaiser@sfs-vista.org](mailto:jkaiser@sfs-vista.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](http://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.



**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.





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