

# 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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**Deacon Thomas A. Goeltz**  
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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 25, 2009 • Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## Fr. Thomas Thompson, Thank You and Farewell!

It is with great sadness that I inform you that Fr. Thomas will no longer be with us and supply the assistance that is needed for daily and weekend Masses.

Fr. Thomas has indicated to me that the especially long distance between his main ministry as Chaplain in Scripps La Jolla Hospital, Scripps Green Hospital, and UCSD Thornton Hospital, and St. Thomas More has become increasingly difficult for him.

We are very grateful for his service to us these past three years, and we wish him the best, and we continue to offer our prayers on behalf of his ministry.

Fr. Thomas's last day with us will be at daily Mass on Tuesday, January 27, at 8:15am.

I would encourage you to send a note of appreciation to him for his service to us. His address is: Rev. Thomas Thompson, P.O. Box 675854, Rancho Santa Fe, CA 92067-5854

—Rev. Michael Ratajczak

## Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak  
michaelr@stmoside.org  
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### Saul, Saul, Why Are You Persecuting Me?

In the Scriptures of this weekend, we hear of the conversion of St. Paul.

Saul is a zealous Jew working to protect Judaism against the people of the Way, the people who believe that Jesus is the Messiah, a messiah who suffered on the cross, who died the death of a common criminal, and who was gloriously raised from the dead.

Saul made sure that the people of the Way were being persecuted and punished, and some historians would indicate that Saul was responsible, indirectly, for the deaths of some of the early Christians.

He is on his way to Damascus and something happens to him that changes his life forever.

He has a "shattering" moment in which he hears a voice. It is the voice of Jesus who says to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" Jesus does not say, "Why are you persecuting

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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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the Church?" or "Why are you persecuting my followers?" Jesus says, "Why are you persecuting me?"

In that moment when Saul's life was turned upside down, in that moment that Saul went from persecutor of the Christians to a Christian leader, and in that moment that Saul became Paul, Jesus identifies himself with his followers. He and they are one! "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"

From this experience, Paul, in his later writings, develops the theology of the Mystical Body of Christ. The Church is the Body of Christ, with Christ as the head. The Church is the physical and mystical presence of Christ for any given time and place. The followers of Jesus are each members of the Body working together to be Jesus for a specific time and place. Jesus and the Church are one.

After Paul's faith encounter with the Christ, he did not go off on his own to preach the Gospel and to found his own Churches. He went back to the very people that he was persecuting and began a journey of trying to convince them that he encountered Christ and because of that encounter he had to find a place with them, the first followers of Jesus.

It was not easy for him, and it was not easy for the early Church to believe in and to trust Paul. The struggle was tumultuous and difficult, but it brought Paul into the fold of the Church.

The theology of the Mystical Body is an important framework in which we are called to live our Christianity.

As a Christian, we must be connected to the Church, which is the Body of Christ. There is no such thing as just "Me and Jesus."

A "Me and Jesus" lifestyle is not true Christianity. It is a personalized life style based on the Teachings of Jesus. It may be good, it may be virtuous, but it is not the fullness of Christianity.

If one has heard the call of Jesus and responds to that call to develop a personal relationship with Jesus, as Lord and Savior, then that call must be lived out in community, within the Church.

It is so much easier to follow Jesus on one's own path, than to submit oneself to a group of fellow believers where there will be differences of opinions, ideas, strategies, practices, customs, likes, and dislikes.

Yet, Paul makes it very clear for us, by his example, that if we are to be in communion with Jesus, we must be in communion with the Church.

As we celebrate this Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, may it provide an opportunity for each of us to be more deeply committed to Jesus as our Lord and Savior, and to live out our relationship with Christ, as faithful members of the Body of Christ, the Church!

Fr. Mike

## Readings for the Week Ahead

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

### Sunday, January 25 (519)

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

Acts 9:1-22

Psalms 117

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 16:15-18

### Monday, January 26 (570)

*Timothy & Titus, bishops*

2 Timothy 1:1-8 or Titus 1:1-5

Psalms 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10

Mark 3:22-30

### Tuesday, January 27 (318)

*Angela Merici, virgin*

Hebrews 10:1-10

Psalms 40:2, 4, 7-8, 10-11

Mark 3:31-35

### Wednesday, January 28 (319)

*Thomas Aquinas, priest, doctor*

Hebrews 10:11-18

Psalms 110:1-4

Mark 4:1-20

### Thursday, January 29 (320)

Hebrews 10:19-25

Psalms 24:1-6

Mark 4:21-25

### Friday, January 30 (321)

Hebrews 10:32-39

Psalms 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40

Mark 4:26-34

### Saturday, January 31 (322)

*John Bosco, priest*

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

Luke 1:69-75 (Psalms)

Mark 4:35-41

### Sunday, February 1 (71)

*Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Psalms 95:1-2, 6-9

1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Mark 1:21-28

## Mass Intentions

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

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

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

Tuesday, January 27, 8:15am  
Betty Dow ☩

Wednesday, January 28, 8:15am  
J. C. Gonzalez ☩

Thursday, January 29, 8:15am  
Mary Norelli ☩

Friday, January 30, 8:15am  
Connie Starr ☩

Saturday, January 31, 5:00pm  
Victor Vigil ☩

Sunday, February 1, 8:30am  
Kevin Cline ☩

Sunday, February 1, 10:30am  
Josephine Mase

## Prayer List

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

Mary Alexander

Mary Baker

Theresa Balestreri

Patricia Barbour

The Bechtold Family

Cindra Bell

Tom Belprez

Katie Bergman

Nancy Bermudez

Gale Beyer

Beatrice Brooks & Family

Janet Brown

The Cadenas Family

James Coleman

Pat Coley

The Comstock Family

Michael Patrick Contreras

Thomas Cornwell & Family

Shirley Darcy

Cecilia DeSimone

Linda Dossman

Kathryn Ernst

The Fiore Family

Betty Fisk

Larry Fisk

Karen Fox

The Garcia Family

Bob Godley

Rick Gonzalez

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

Dr. Robert Kladifko

George Kleekamp

Willis Koffroth

Sr. Anne Kremenik

Lillian Lachance

The Lamelin Family

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

The Narcy Family

R. Northrup

Lupe Casas Pelletier

Helen Pingtella

Anne Post

Otila Quiroz

Janet Raiman

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

Arnie Velasco

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

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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 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 8 RE.A.CH Classes  
(at Church)

Feb 19 President's Day Holiday  
Mass at 8:15am  
Office Closed

No Adoration  
Feb 21 Women's Guild  
Game Day

Feb 22 RE.A.CH Classes  
(at Church)

Feb 25 Ash Wednesday  
Masses at 8:15am,  
12:00pm, 5:30pm, and  
7:30pm

Feb 28 Men's Prayer Breakfast

## The Year Ahead

Mar 1 New Member Reception  
Mar 19 Women's Guild

Day of Recollection

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



**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](mailto:murphy8801@cox.net).*

### 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 760-598-6003.*

### 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.*

### 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*

### 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!*

### Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioner

**Sam Haro**

### Women's Guild News

**Board Meeting**—Monday February 2, at Germaine Wilmott's home to discuss plans for the February 9 meeting and other events. Please try to attend. RSVP to Germaine 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.

### 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.

### Facing Surgery or a Serious Illness?

If you, a family member or close friend is facing surgery or has been diagnosed with a serious illness, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick can be powerful and comforting.

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



### 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



### 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.*



## 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 760-598-6003 or Matt Fermin at 760-734-1934.



## Bishop Brom to Visit St. Thomas More

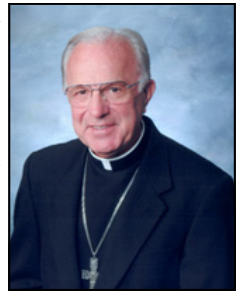
Bishop Brom wanted to be in a super Parish on Super Bowl Sunday!

So the Bishop will be here on Sunday, February 1, for his pastoral visit.

He will preside at the 8:30am and 10:30am Masses.

I know that we will give him a warm St. Thomas More welcome.

—Rev. Michael Ratajczak



## Update on New Orleans Ministry

We who have committed to join the mission returning to New Orleans for the third year have had our first planning meeting. We will join our hands and hearts with Catholic Charities for the first time to help our brothers and sisters in New Orleans. This promises to be a very exciting and rewarding time. We are happy to tell you that **we have opportunities for a few more workers to join us.**

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

## 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).

# BEING THE CHANGE

High School Youth Group

Monday, January 26, 2009

7:00 to 8:30pm

at

GODSPACE

Call Gale at 760-726-7236 for info

## 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).

## 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.

## 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).



## 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 worst 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).

# Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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



## AUTHORITY OVER EVIL

### Lectionary Themes for February 2009

In January, the authors of the sacred texts drew our attention to God's universal and salvific outreach to humankind. The outreach took on a face, received a voice, and extended the divine graciousness to us all in the person and through the mission of Jesus. Through baptism and by faith, this mission has become the privilege and responsibility of those who call themselves church.

In February, the Marcan evangelist in particular will continue to educate and encourage believers in practicing a missiology (theology of mission work) that will most authentically reflect the one first modeled by Jesus. Along with Jesus, we are to have an outreach that is exercised with authority, especially as it regards the evils of sickness and sin and the resulting separation from God and community. Through Jesus' ministry of healing, casting out demons, and forgiving sin, he showed himself to be possessed of an authority that was not derivative like that of the prophets or scribes. On the contrary, Jesus' perception and teaching of the truth was direct and unmediated. He did not call on any external source to validate what he said and did. Rather, the only authority Jesus appealed to was the authority of the truth itself. Through the power of his words, he conveyed that truth, and his impact on his contemporaries was rooted in their experience of the power of truth, the power of God at work in him.

Mark will tell his readers on more than one occasion this month of the impression Jesus made on his contemporaries. "All we're amazed and asked one another, 'What is this? A new teaching with authority'" (February 1). "All were astounded and glorified God saying, 'We have never seen anything like this'" (February 22). Those who saw and heard Jesus became aware that at the very heart of his being was a unique experience of closeness to God that Edward Schillebeeckx called the "Abba experience." So united to God was Jesus that he was possessed by the very compassion and love of God. As a consequence, all of Jesus' words and works were expressions of this fundamental experience. His solidarity with God, which was translated into an experience of solidarity with humankind, made Jesus a uniquely free person, uniquely courageous, fearless, independent, and truthful. His contemporaries perceived his uniqueness and called it authority. Today Jesus challenges his followers to be similarly courageous, independent, and truthful as we work at continuing his mission...with

authority.

Just as Jesus' authority was rooted in his solidarity with God, the authority of his followers begins in their relationship with Jesus. That relationship, says Lamar Williamson Jr., enables and empowers disciples to be channels for the living, authoritative words and works of Jesus (Mark, Westminster John Knox Press, Louisville, Ky.: 1983). For that reason, the followers of Jesus are charged with the responsibility of speaking truth to power, especially when that power is being abused to perpetrate acts of inhumanity masquerading as "justice." Jesus' own authority speaking in us demands that we, as individuals and as church, relinquish the safety of silence and make our voices heard on behalf of victims everywhere. Rooted in truth, compassion, and love, ours is to be the authoritative voice that identifies evil, names it for what it is, and works to overcome it with the very goodness of God.

Unfortunately, it seems that all too few authoritative voices are being raised to speak God's truth. Who is addressing the all too moral treatment of refugees, displaced persons and undocumented workers? Who is speaking out for the thousands who are dying of treatable diseases because money for their medicines is not forthcoming? Who is telling the plight of those who are tortured and murdered in the countless wars that plague our planet? Who is there who will have the courage to question the problems of homelessness, hunger, and poverty and dare to become part of the solution?

Unless and until the followers of Jesus begin to speak with an authority that is rooted in their union with him and with God, how will the truth be told? February's glimpse of the Marcan Jesus challenges us to speak that truth and not be cowed, despite the risk and despite the cost. Then the authority and truth of Jesus will become manifest in us. Then the compassion and love of God will begin to overcome evil in all its forms—only then, only when we begin to speak as Jesus spoke.

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



## Music Ministry Next Week

JANUARY 31

5:00pm Mass

Cantor

FEBRUARY 1

8:30am Mass

Adult Choir

10:30am Mass

Handbell Choir

## Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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



### High School, Phase I Courses

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|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| * February 9,16,23            | Monday Mini Course |
| * March 1,8,15,22,29, April 5 | Core Course        |
| * April 19,26, May 3          | Sunday Mini Course |

### Peanut Butter and Jelly Update

2009 GOAL:	365 jars
TOTAL to date:	117 jars



## Men's Prayer Breakfast

### *The Good Samaritan in All of Us*

Saturday, February 28 8:00-10:30am

Father Michael Barry is President and Chairman of the Board for Mary's Mercy Center, Inc. This public, non-profit organization is committed to serve all races, creeds, and conditions of life, and extends unconditional love, acceptance, and respect to all who come for assistance. Networking with local agencies empowers them to reach out to the poor and powerless of society and help people grow and develop into useful, affirmed people in today's world. Restoring dignity to the poor and marginalized, they serve the young, the old, and the mentally and physically challenged.

- \* A wonderful opportunity for spiritual refreshment for men
- \* Welcome: men of St. Thomas More, young adults, high school age youth, and friends



For further information, contact Wayne Zych at 760-717-1145.

## The Professor's Challenge

There's an old story about an atheist professor on a university campus who was trying to point out the difference between what people say they believe and what they do. He asked if there were any Catholics in the class. Several students raised their hands.

"Is it true that you believe Jesus Christ is the Son of God?" he asked.

"Yes," they replied.

"Is it true that you believe bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ during the Mass?" he continued.

"Yes," they replied.

"Do you go to Mass every weekend?" he asked. Some of the students said yes, but others admitted that they did not go.

"If I believed that Jesus Christ was God," the professor replied, "and if I believed that this God would make himself present to me at a Mass, then I wouldn't just go every week, I would probably go every day!"

How does what you believe affect what you do? How would you respond to the professor's challenge?

# Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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

## CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

### Answering the Call of Jesus

Once again in today's scripture readings, we are reminded of how much people gave up, and how quickly they did it, to follow the ministry of Jesus. They answered *immediately*!

I don't know about you, but I find myself squirming a bit inside each time I read or hear certain readings. Compared to the early disciples and followers of Jesus, I pale in comparison.

Now is a good time to ask yourself, "To what is Jesus calling me—at *this moment*, in these circumstances? What do I need to abandon to follow Him?" This means sacrifice. You can do it.

There are many ways to minister in today's world. All we need to do is look around, and then *do* something!

There are a lot of TV and radio talk shows that pontificate about the "right" things to do in life. Many get really wound up in this type of verbiage and self-righteousness. However, they never actually *do* anything but talk about all that is wrong in this world.

Beep! Talk is easy. Talk is comfortable. Talk is a good way to feel superior. Talk requires no sacrifice. Talk is cheap.

God wants more.

Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to review the following ministerial opportunities. *Maybe* one says you!

### MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

The purpose of this ministry is to achieve a more meaningful expression of Catholic belief by preserving and fostering the dignity and sacred value of the family.

- Marriage Preparation
- Engaged Encounter Weekend
- Evenings for the Engaged
- Family Services
- Marriage and Family Enrichment
- Parents and Tots
- Widows and Widowers

We are very grateful to Paul and Kalie Mendiola, who have served as chairpersons for Marriage and Family Life for over two years. They are moving into another ministry soon; hence the opportunity to chair this rewarding ministry is open!

### PARISH ORGANIZATIONS AND EVENTS

The goal is to create within our Parish family an environment of belonging and interdependence and extend this atmosphere of welcome and support to the surrounding community.

- Golf Classic ~ Tournaments for all ages/Evening festivities
- Parish Historian
- Knights of Columbus
- Parish Library
- Spirited Seniors Ministry
- Social Activities ~ potlucks, campouts, and more
- Women's Guild

To minister with any of these vibrant ministries, please contact:  
**Chris Smith at 76-758-4100 x 120 or chriss@stmoside.org**

**Talk without action is not what God had in mind  
in the Gospel today.**

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

1. **I was out of town and missed the January Capital Campaign update. Are there copies of the talk?**  
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?**  
To renew a pledge and/or start a pledge, please contact Chris Smith as indicated below.

**For further details and/or questions, please contact:**

**Chris Smith at 760-758-4100 x120 or [chriss@stmoside.org](mailto:chriss@stmoside.org)**

## Collection for Week of: January 17/18, 2009

Number of Registered Households:	988
Offertory*	\$ 9,258.96
Offertory (Loose Collection)	890.00
Children's envelopes	3.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 10,151.96</b>

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



## News from the Larger Church

**Theology on Tap Series for Young Adults in Escondido**—Tuesday evenings, January 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.

**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 760-726-4343.

**Healing Weekend Retreat in Temecula**—There will be a *Rachel's Vineyard Healing Weekend Retreat* March 27-29 hosted by *A Time for Mercy/Rachel's Vineyard* of Temecula. This retreat is an opportunity for any woman or man who has struggled with the emotional and spiritual pain of abortion. The retreat and registration are strictly private. All inquiries are answered *confidentially*. More information about the retreat can be obtained by calling Dolores at 951-325-7702 or by e-mail at [RVTemecula@msn.com](mailto:RVTemecula@msn.com). More information about Post-Abortion Syndrome (PAS) and Rachel's Vineyard can be found at [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org).

**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 760-908-5561 or [chsinvisiblechildren@hotmail.com](mailto:chsinvisiblechildren@hotmail.com) 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@stmarksrcc.org](mailto:Jennifer@stmarksrcc.org).

**Choral Concert in San Diego**—PACEM (The Pacific Academy of Ecclesiastical Music) presents a choral concert with orchestra and soloists at 7:30pm on Saturday, January 31, at St. Paul's Cathedral, 2728 6th Avenue (corner of Nutmeg) in San Diego. The PACEM Choir will perform J.S. Bach's "Magnificat," including the rarely sung "Christmas Interpolations," as well as three "Coronation Anthems" by G.F. Handel. General admission: \$20. Student/senior/military: \$15. Tickets are available at the door, or contact [www.PACEM-music.org](http://www.PACEM-music.org) for details and to purchase tickets.

**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.

**Piano Concert in San Diego**—The music ministry at St. Mary Magdalene Parish presents Marilyn Lozano, pianist, in concert on Sunday, February 8, at 3:00pm in the church, 1945 Illion St., on the hill overlooking Mission Bay. There is no charge, and all are welcome. For more information, call 619-276-1041.

**Keynote Lecture in San Diego**—The Center for Christian Spirituality at the University of San Diego presents *The Devout Life in Modern Dress: Lay Spirituality in a Contemporary World*, by Wendy Wright, Ph.D., on Monday, February 9, 7:30-9:00pm, at the Shiley Theatre, University of San Diego. For more information, contact 619-260-4784 or [ccs@sandiego.edu](mailto:ccs@sandiego.edu).

**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.

**St. Vincent de Paul Ladies Guild Plans Event in San Diego**—Join us for a "Fabulous February Get away" on Wednesday, February 18, at the Hilton Mission Valley. Lunch will be served at noon after the 11:00am social hour. Tickets are \$45. Proceeds will help us provide a special Easter for the children and teens at the shelter. For more information, call 858-271-5432.

**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 Highway 78, 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.

**Online Auction for St. Francis School**—Don't miss out on the St. Francis online Auction Extravaganza! Most items are up for bid through the last week of February. Be sure to visit [www.catholicauctionsonline.com](http://www.catholicauctionsonline.com) today and see what the buzz is all about!

**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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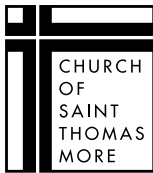
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If you would like more information before choosing an area, please call Sr. Maureen at 758-4100 x131.

# ... It takes a community to help a grieving family in their time of need

Phone calling for food

Donate salad

Donate dessert

Kitchen coordinator

Kitchen helper

Sacristan

Clean up crew

Greeter

Eucharistic minister

Usher



Altar server

Booklet typist/technician

Name(s)

Phone

Email

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Submit your completed form by: ♦ putting it in the collection basket; ♦ giving it to the greeter at the information table on the Plaza; or ♦ bringing it to the Parish Office.

# The Knights of Columbus

(Visit us online at [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org))



## Who are these men called Knights?

We are a fraternal organization of Catholic men devoted to making lives better by supporting our families, our church, our community and our country. Fr. Michael McGivney (now the venerable-his cause for sainthood is progressing through the Vatican) founded our organization. We are your pastors. Our very own Fr. Mike Ratajczak is a Knight. We are policemen, firefighters, serve in the military, and yes, we are also sanitation engineers. Our first Supreme Knight was a sergeant who had served in the Civil War.

## What do we do?

We assist in charitable, church related functions as the needs occur, such as:

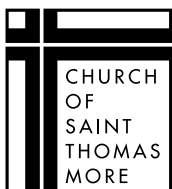
- Helping Birth Choice of San Marcos
- Raising funds for the handicapped
- Supporting Brother Benno's
- Attending Eucharistic Adoration
- Supporting Interfaith activities
- Helping More's Workers
- Supporting our sister parish, St. Peter Claver, in New Orleans
- Supporting other activities as the needs arise

We have social functions, such as:

- Sunday Morning Breakfasts
- Lenten Fish Fries
- Christmas Parties-Last year it was at Camp Pendleton

## Applications are welcome –

You must be a practicing Catholic, 18 years or older. A neighboring Parish recently welcomed a “young” 90-year-old as a first-time Knight. He stated, upon being initiated, “I can give 10 good years to the Knights!” God bless him. He probably will. It's called ATTITUDE.



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