

# Church of St. Thomas More

A Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of San Diego

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Spirituality + Tradition + Community

**Rev. Michael Ratajczak, Pastor**  
**Deacon Thomas A. Goeltz**

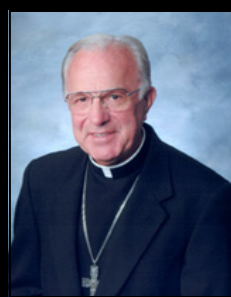
**Office Hours: Monday-Friday**  
8:30am-12:00 noon and 12:30-4:00pm

**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

February 1, 2009 • Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Welcome Bishop Brom!

### Please Help Our New Orleans Volunteers!

Our volunteer team will be returning for the third year to New Orleans March 21-28 to continue helping families repair their homes. You can participate in this effort even if you are not able to go to New Orleans. Please pray for them and consider using the envelope attached to the bulletin. See page 5 for more information. Thank you!

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## Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak  
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### One of My Favorite Prayers

I share with you one of my favorite prayers, written by Thomas Merton:

*My Lord God, I Have No Idea Where I Am Going*

*My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going.*

*I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end.*

*Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so.*

*But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you, and I hope that I have that desire in all that I am doing.*

*And I know that if I do this, you will lead me by the right road although I may know nothing about it.*

*Therefore will I trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death.*

*I will not fear, for you are ever with me and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.*

I pray this prayer often and encourage you to do so as well!

*Fr. Mike*

## 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 ([www.stmoside.org](http://www.stmoside.org)) for complete calendar information.

### The Week Ahead

Feb 1 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and  
10:30am Masses

Feb 2 Monday Night Mass at 7:00pm

Feb 8 RE.A.CH Classes (at Church)

### The Month Ahead

Feb 9 Women's Guild Luncheon Meeting

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 27 Knights of Columbus Fish Dinner

Feb 27 Stations of the Cross

Feb 28 Men's Prayer Breakfast

### The Year Ahead

Mar 1 New Member Reception

Mar 9 Women's Guild Luncheon Meeting

Mar 19 Women's Guild Day of Recollection

Mar 21-22 Women's Guild Bake Sale

Mar 21-28 Volunteer Team Working in New Orleans

Mar 26 Spirited Seniors Bus Trip

Mar 29-30 Parish Mission: Faithful Families

Apr 20 Women's Guild Luncheon Meeting

Apr 26 *Spring Sing* Invitational Choral Festival Concert

May 1 STM Tenth Annual Golf Classic

May 11 Women's Guild Luncheon Meeting with

Election of Officers

May 13 Women's Guild North County Deanery

Luncheon Meeting

May 31 Confirmation

*Questions? Contact Henny at  
760-758-4100 x100 or hennyj@stmoside.org.*

## 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.*

## 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.*

## Readings for the Week Ahead

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

### 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

### Monday, February 2 (524)

*The Presentation of the Lord*

Malachi 3:1-4

Psalms 24:7-10

Hebrews 2:14-18

Luke 2:22-40

### Tuesday, February 3 (324)

*Blaise, bishop, martyr*

*Ansgar, bishop*

Hebrews 12:1-4

Psalms 22:26-28,30-32

Mark 5:21-43

### Wednesday, February 4 (325)

Hebrews 12:4-7,11-15

Psalms 103:1-2,13-14,17-18a

Mark 6:1-6

### Thursday, February 5 (326)

*Agatha, virgin, martyr*

Hebrews 12:18-19,21-24

Psalms 48:2-4,9-11

Mark 6:7-13

### Friday, February 6 (327)

*Paul Miki, martyr, and*

*his companions, martyrs*

Hebrews 13:1-8

Psalms 27:1,3,5,8-9

Mark 6:14-29

### Saturday, February 7 (328)

Hebrews 13:15-17,20-21

Psalms 23:1-6

Mark 6:30-34

### Sunday, February 8 (74)

*Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Job 7:1-4,6-7

Psalms 147:1-6

1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23

Mark 1:29-39

## Mass Intentions

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

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

Sunday, February 1, 10:30am  
Josephine Mase

Monday, February 2, 7:00pm  
*For the Youth of Our Parish*

Tuesday, February 3, 8:15am  
Paul Cassidy

Wednesday, February 4, 8:15am  
Ken Everson ☩

Thursday, February 5, 8:15am  
Clancy Soler ☩

Friday, February 6, 8:15am  
Arnie Velasco

Saturday, February 7, 5:00pm  
Les Scott ☩

Sunday, February 8, 8:30am  
Gerard Herrernan ☩

Sunday, February 8, 10:30am  
Mona Flood O'Connor ☩

## 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  
B.J. Coberg  
James Coleman  
Pat Coley  
The Comstock Family  
Michael Patrick Contreras  
Thomas Cornwell & Family  
Helen Corson  
Shirley Darcy  
Cecilia DeSimone  
Linda Dossman  
Kate Egan  
Kathryn Ernst  
The Fiore Family  
Betty Fisk  
Larry Fisk  
Karen Fox  
Kathryn Franklin  
The Garcia Family  
Bob Godley  
Rick Gonzalez  
Anita Hage  
Mary Hallahan  
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  
Helen Kuhn  
Lillian Lachance  
The Lamelin Family  
Brandon LeBlanc  
Cassandra Loretto  
Lauren Loretto  
Loree Luther  
Jackie Lynn  
James MacArthur  
Ken Mauro

Ruth McClelland  
Bob McWilliams  
Carol Michael  
Carroll Tom & Nona Miller  
Nancy Moore  
Margie Myers  
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  
Nadine Slemmer  
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

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

ST. PAUL MIKI

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to Go to Mass*

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**Monday Night Mass  
February 2 • 7:00pm**

**Join us!**



**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.*

## Little Rock Scripture Studies: The Letter to the Hebrews

The letter to the Hebrews is one of three letters called *Pastorals*. The other two are the books of Timothy (1 and 2) and Titus. This study helps us examine and enter into the priestly ministry of Jesus and consider our role in the Kingdom of God today.

Hebrews is known in the New Testament as a letter, but is to be understood fundamentally as a sermon or homily. The sermon represents the kind of discourse the Christian church was developing to meet the needs of its members. It is not a missionary sermon designed to convert non-Christians; it is directed to believers who are in need of exhortation, guidance, and comfort.

To whom was the letter originally addressed? The writer is a Hellenistic Jewish Christian, and his arguments presuppose that he is writing to others who may well have been in Rome.

When was the letter written? It was written in a time of actual or threatened persecution. The persecution of the Christian faith presented the Christians with the possibility of renouncing their faith as a means to escape suffering and hostility, and to return to Judaism. One of the purposes of the Letter to the Hebrews was to deal with this problem.

Interested? Please join us starting on Wednesday, February 25, 9:00am or Thursday, February 26, 7:00pm. For more information, contact Masako Streling at 760-295-2594 or [mstr0619@cox.net](mailto:mstr0619@cox.net).

## STM \$crip 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 Parishioners

**Barbara & Conrad Davies**  
**Joaquin & Harriet Maldonado**  
**Billy & Carrie Turley**

## Flower Donations

We would like to gratefully acknowledge the contribution of:

**Don & Maureen Tutino**

*(for January 24-25)*

**Bill & Betsy Draper**

**Charles & Kathy Salter**

*(for January 31-February 1)*

whose generosity helped to defray the cost of flowers in our liturgical environment.

## In Memoriam

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:



**Dorothy "Peggy" Comstock**, who died on January 20, 2009. Her Funeral Mass was celebrated on January 27 at St. Thomas More. Please keep her family in your prayers.

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

## Women's Guild News

**Luncheon Meeting**—Monday February 9, 11:00am, lower level of the Parish Center. Lunch will be served, and the cost is \$7 per person. Entertainment will be provided by the *Boot Scootin' Red Hatters*. RSVP to Mary Vernaci at 760-599-4386 or Germaine Wilmott at 760-758-9949.

## Thank You from Birth Choice of San Marcos

Dear Parishioners,

We were able to serve 1,054 women in 2008. 87 babies were born to our clients. Our speakers gave two presentations to local schools and churches on abstinence, abortion, adoption, and the services we offer. We have two clients living in a host's home.

On November 5, we started training two new volunteers, and on October 25, seven of our volunteers went to a post-abortion healing workshop. On Saturday, November 15, we sent 16 of our volunteers to the *Focus on Fertility* workshop in Corona. We teamed up with Image Clear Ultra Sound on Mondays at the Oceanside Pier, seeing 35 clients, and Thursdays in our parking lot, seeing 16 clients.

Your donation of a van load of new baby things and \$280 in cash and checks helps to make all of this possible. You are a very important part of this ministry. The layettes we give to our clients after their babies are born will be even more special because of you. It is an honor to be working with you saving babies, one mom at a time.

*God bless you,  
John McDonnell,  
President of the Board*



## 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.



## More's Workers Need Help

More's Workers are participating in the renovation of a recently-purchased apartment building for Interfaith Community Services. The four two-bedroom apartments in the Escondido building will house handicapped and homeless seniors. This distressed property must be made ready for occupancy by the end of March. With cash donations decreasing, Interfaith needs the assistance of volunteers to complete the project. If you have some home handyman skills and would like to donate a few hours to this project, please contact Dick Belprez at 760-295-1431.

## 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).

## 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).

# HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

**Monday February 2, 7:00pm**  
**MONDAY NIGHT MASS**

**Wednesday February 11**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday Adoration...**  
**7:00pm Blessed Sacrament to**  
**8:30 PM Starbucks RBV**

**Monday February 9, 16, and 23**  
**MONDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP**  
**with Rory and Team....**  
**"Believing in a Media Culture"**

**For info: Gale at 760-726-7236**

## Parish Potluck

Please come to the potluck on Friday, February 13, 6:00pm, lower level of the Parish Center. Please bring one of your favorite main dishes, salads, or desserts. A few bottles of wine would be appreciated! Last, but not least, bring your favorite date. If you don't have a date, come anyway! Please RSVP to Germaine Wilmott at 760-758-9949.

# Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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



## EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6

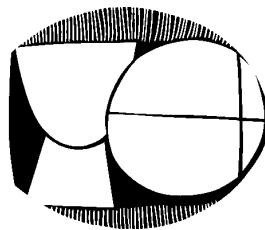
**ST. PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS**

8:45am - 7:30pm

### INTENTION FOR THE DAY

That we may always recognize the abiding presence of God in our lives

## WELCOME NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS



Ninety-nine people from ten Parishes attended a workshop for new Eucharistic Ministers sponsored by the Deanery of Oceanside and hosted by St. Thomas More last weekend.

We look forward to welcoming the fourteen new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion from St. Thomas More as they begin their service to the Parish in this important liturgical ministry.

## Making a Joyful Noise!

Singing or playing in one of our Parish choirs or musical ensembles is an excellent way to get to know people in the Parish and to serve God and your neighbors in a loving, caring, and nurturing environment. Join us!

### WHEN WE MEET

#### Monday Night Mass Team

Tuesdays 7:00-8:30pm Upper Level

#### Handbell Choir

Wednesdays 6:30-8:00pm Stage

#### Adult Choir

Thursdays 7:00-9:00pm Upper Level

### Music Ministry Next Week

FEBRUARY 7/8

5:00pm Mass

Handbell Choir

8:30am Mass

Cantor

10:30am Mass

Adult Choir

## ST. PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS

February 6

Nagasaki, Japan, is familiar to Americans as the city on which the second atomic bomb was dropped, killing hundreds of thousands.

Three and a half centuries before, 26

martyrs of Japan were crucified on a hill, now known as the Holy Mountain, overlooking Nagasaki. Among them were priests, brothers and laymen, Franciscans, Jesuits, and members of the Secular Franciscan Order; there were catechists, doctors, simple artisans and servants, old men and innocent children—all united in a common faith and love for Jesus and his Church.

Brother Paul Miki, a Jesuit and a native of Japan, has become the best known among the martyrs of Japan. While hanging upon a cross Paul Miki preached to the people gathered for the execution: "The only reason for my being killed is that I have taught the doctrine of Christ. I certainly did teach the doctrine of Christ. I thank God it is for this reason I die. I believe that I am telling only the truth before I die. I know you believe me and I want to say to you all once again: Ask Christ to help you to become happy. I obey Christ. After Christ's example I forgive my persecutors. I do not hate them. I ask God to have pity on all, and I hope my blood will fall on my fellow men as a fruitful rain."

When missionaries returned to Japan in the 1860s, at first they found no trace of Christianity. But after establishing themselves they found that thousands of Christians lived around Nagasaki and that they had secretly preserved the faith. Beatified in 1627, the martyrs of Japan were canonized in 1862. Their feast is celebrated on February 6.

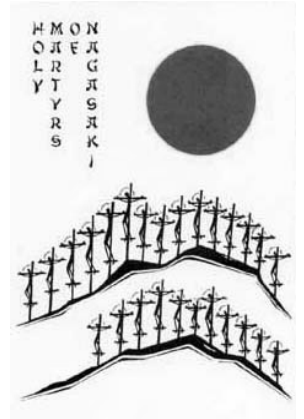
—AmericanCatholic.org

## SAVE THE DATE!

### Spring Sing! Invitational Choral Festival

St. Thomas More Adult Choir and friends...

Sunday, April 26, at 4:00pm



"...so that they may be one..."

John 17:11

# Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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



## 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.

RSVP: 760-758-4100 x159



## High School, Phase I Courses

- \* 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

March 4

9:00am & 7:00pm

Book Discussion

*Gift of the Red Bird* by Paula Darcy

Sister Maureen, Facilitator

Book available, Lower Level, \$11



March 29 and 30

7:00-9:00pm

Dynamic Parish Mission

***Faithful Families***

Meaningful topics presented in ways  
that keep the entire family engaged!



*High School Seniors,*

*We offer a special Core Course, open only to you! It is a wonderful opportunity to get together in a small group and process some of the issues and challenges that you face as you complete high school and move into your next phase of life. Friends who are seniors are also welcome.*

*Please let me know if you are interested so I can give you additional information.*

*Kathleen*

kathleenb@stmoside.org

## Items Available for Purchase

- \* 2009 Sunday Missal ..... \$ 5
- \* White gift Bible ..... \$15
- \* Children's Read & Learn Bible..... \$15
- \* Children's Bible ..... \$20
- \* Catechism of the Catholic Church..... \$20

## Peanut Butter and Jelly Update



2009 GOAL: 365 jars  
TOTAL to date: 130 jars

## Ten Good Reasons To Go To Mass

### Reason #10

God asked us to make one day holy.

When we go to Mass each week, we begin to see everything from a different perspective. We have the opportunity to reconnect spiritually. We begin to see in the depths of our being that God is in charge. We can let go of our own agenda. We can look forward to going to Mass because we know that God will inspire us, guide us, and strengthen us for the week ahead.

# Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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

## CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP Whose Money Is It Anyway?!

St. Augustine answers that question for us as follows:

"Find out how much God has given you (OK, so it is God's money) and take from it what you need; the remainder which you do not require is needed by others. The extras of the rich are the necessities of the poor. Those who retain what is superfluous possess the goods of others."

Billy Graham put it this way, "If a person gets their attitude toward money straight, it will help straighten out almost every other area in their life."

### Remember the Promise?

Years ago, a young man knelt with his pastor and prayed as he committed to God his tithe. His first week's pay was \$10.00 and the tithe was \$1.00. As he grew older he became more prosperous and his tithe was \$7.00 a week, then \$10.00. He moved to another city and soon his tithe was \$100 a week, then \$200, then \$500.

It was at that point that this man sent his old friend a request to come and see him. The pastor arrived at the man's house. They had a good time talking over old times. Finally the man came to his point for requesting this visit.

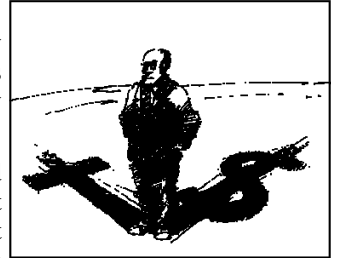
"You remember that promise I made years ago to tithe. How can I get released?"

"Why would you want to be released?," asked the pastor.

"It's like this," replied the man, "When I made that promise I only had to give \$1.00, but now it is \$500. I can't afford to give away money like that."

The old pastor looked at his friend and said, "I am afraid we cannot get released from the promise, but there is something we can do. We can kneel and ask God to shrink your income so you can afford to give \$1.00 again."

—Stewardship, February 2009



Somewhere along the line—if we are honest—most of us have determined that what we have belongs to us. We worked hard for it. We earned it. Therefore it is *our* money and we will disburse it however we please, with little (or no) thought about the fact that God has made these gifts possible in the first place.

Beyond that, some are even so bold as to boast about how much money they have and hold it over people's heads. Bragging is commonplace, as is arrogance.

The readings today speak again of Moses (he had his hands full, didn't he?!)—Then we find Jesus expelling an unclean spirit in the Gospel passage. Perhaps money has become an unclean spirit in our lives. If we find that we are angry about giving to grow God's kingdom, it is time to rethink whose money it really is.

**It's not about how much of my money will I give to God, but how much of God's money will I keep for myself.**

—Oswald Smith

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|                                  |                    |
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| Number of Registered Households: | 991                |
| Offertory*                       | \$ 7,342.40        |
| Offertory (Loose Collection)     | 1,175.50           |
| Children's envelopes             | 19.11              |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b>\$ 8,537.01</b> |

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## News from the Larger Church

**Theology on Tap Series for Young Adults in Escondido**—Tuesday evenings, 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-sdiego.org](mailto:cgiebel@diocese-sdiego.org) or 858-490-8260.

**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.

**An Evening with Noel Diaz in San Marcos**—Friday, February 6, 7:00-9:00pm, at St. Mark's Parish in San Marcos. Renowned radio and television evangelist Noel Diaz will lead a special evening of prayer and healing exploring *Through*. For more information, contact Kathleen at 760-744-1540.

**Hospice Volunteer Training in Escondido**—Three Saturdays, February 7, 14, and 21, 9:00am-3:00pm, at Elizabeth Hospice, 150 W. Crest St., Escondido. Volunteers will be able to provide support in their respective communities. For more information, contact 760-737-2050.

**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).

**Michael Cumbe to Present Lenten Mission in San Marcos**—Monday, February 9, through Wednesday, February 11, at St. Mark's Parish in San Marcos. "Conversion—The Never-Ending Story," will be the theme. For more information, contact 760-744-1540.

**Marriage Mini-Retreat at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside**—Give a gift to your spouse this Valentine's Day by attending "Marriage Tune Up, a Mini-Retreat" on February 13-14 at Mission San Luis Rey Retreat Center in Oceanside, CA. Led by Jeannie Foss, MA in Counseling Psychology, this retreat will use Interactive exercises and prayer to help strengthen your marriage. For more information, contact 760-757-3659 or [www.sanluisrey.org](http://www.sanluisrey.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.

**St. Vincent de Paul Ladies Guild Plans Event in San Diego**—Join us for a "Fabulous February Getaway" 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.

**Men's Conference in El Cajon—Real Change Begins with Me**—at St. Kieran's Church in El Cajon on February 21, 8:00am-4:00pm. Speakers include Fr. Isaac Relyea, Jesse Romero, Richard Lane, and Ken Henderson. For registration and more information, contact Kurt at 619-583-3810 or visit [www.SharingTheTreasures.org](http://www.SharingTheTreasures.org).

**St. Francis Preschool Open House**—Tuesday, February 24, 8:30am. The event is open to parents interested in enrolling their children in the preschool. Nancy Thomas, the preschool director, will provide a tour of the facility, plus curriculum, and tuition information. The preschool offers full and part time opportunities, including a pre-Kindergarten program. The school is located at 525 W. Vista Way. For additional information, contact Mrs. Nancy Thomas at 760-630-7964 or visit [www.sfs-vista.org](http://www.sfs-vista.org).

**The Three Irish Tenors to Perform in Poway**—Friday, February 27, and Saturday, February 28, 7:30pm at St. Michael's Church in Poway. The Three Tenors are an internationally renowned performance group from Dublin who blend traditional Irish music with contemporary classics. Tickets are \$40 per person and include a preconcert wine and cheese reception. For more information, contact 858-485-1037.

**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).

### Prayers for Life Throughout the Year *Prayer for a Baby in Her Mother's Womb*

O God of all creation,  
nurture and protect this tiny child  
and keep her safe in the sanctuary of  
her mother's womb.

As you so wondrously form her heart  
and mind and lungs and soul, so  
strengthen our will to lovingly  
nurture and protect her.

Give us the eyes to see her as our sister,  
the minds to welcome her as our own,  
and the faith to defend her as your child.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary,  
our Blessed Mother, and the mother of all the little ones,  
through Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

—*Respect Life* 2008-2009



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### Pastoral Council Committees

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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    |
| RCIA/Adults .....                                 | Mario Diaz 758-7870                       |
| RCIA/Children .....                               | Jeanette Marriott 434-1818                |
| <b>Liturgy</b> .....                              | <b>Available</b>                          |
| Altar Linen Care .....                            | Marge Gillen 639-1929                     |
| Bereavement Facilitator .....                     | Sr. Maureen Brown 758-4100 x131           |
| Ecumenical & Interreligious Affairs .....         | Regina Aulizio 295-5530                   |
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| Liturgical Ministries .....                       | Douglas Lynn 758-4100 x140                |
| Liturgical Music .....                            | Douglas Lynn 758-4100 x140                |
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| FAMILIA .....                                     | Kalei & Paul Mendiola 945-9042            |
| Family Services .....                             | Deacon Tom Goeltz 758-4100 x130           |
| Marriage Preparation .....                        | Rev. Michael Ratajczak 758-4100 x100      |
| .....   | Deacon Tom Goeltz 758-4100 x130           |
| Parents & Tots .....                              | Paul Mendiola 945-9042                    |
| Widows & Widowers .....                           | Helen Kuhn 727-8612                       |
| <b>Parish Organizations &amp; Events</b> .....    | <b>Available</b>                          |
| 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                      |
| .....   | Judy & Jerry Buoniconti 758-5113          |
| Women's Guild .....                               | Germaine Wilmott 758-9949                 |

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| <b>Social Ministries</b> .....                | <b>Suzee Irwin 597-2706</b>        |
| Blood Drive .....                             | Linda Dicus 726-5081               |
| Bereavement Follow-up Support .....           | Linda Dicus 726-5081               |
| Brother Benno's .....                         | Deacon Tom & Patt Goeltz 727-8442  |
| Christmas Angel Ministry .....                | R.J. Irwin 597-2706                |
| Congregations for Civic Action ...            | Sr. Maureen Brown 758-4100 x131    |
| CPR/AED Classes .....                         | Phil Goscinski 732-1414            |
| Disability Facilitation .....                 | Ann Eriksson 599-7151              |
| Fraternity & Michaelle House .....            | Carmen Tamayo 727-3028             |
| Huggy Buddies Program .....                   | Gale Gibbons 726-7236              |
| Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice ..... | Sr. Maureen Brown 758-4100 x131    |
| Interfaith Shelter Network .....              | Frank Coxon 599-8760               |
| Jail Ministry .....                           | Rita McCarthy 758-4100 x100        |
| More's Workers .....                          | Dick Belprez 295-1431              |
| Prayer Request Line .....                     | Pat Wong 806-1310                  |
| .....   | Norma Flanagan 630-0180            |
| Project Linus .....                           | Mary Coxon 599-8760                |
| Pro-Life Activities .....                     | Jane Kelleher 822-7041             |
| Sick & Homebound ( <i>Eucharist</i> ) .....   | Jean McCloskey 643-2363            |
| Sister Parish Program .....                   | Sr. Maureen Brown, 758-4100 x131   |
| St. Bonaventure Mission .....                 | Knights of Columbus 598-6003       |
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| Annual Catholic Appeal .....     | Flora Fallone 758-4100 x100 |
| 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   |
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