

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

February 8, 2009 • Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Did You Know?

The economy continues to play havoc with our Operations Budget. We are presently taking in less in our Offertory than what was budgeted.

Presently, our income is down 5% from the budgeted amount.

The "Did You Know?" Campaign helps to contain this shortfall.

Consider a special gift to St. Thomas More through the "Did You Know?" envelope, and let's catch up with what we have budgeted and what we need.

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Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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For a Holy Heart

I share with you a prayer written by St. Thomas More:

*Lord, grant me a holy heart
that sees what is always fine and pure
and is not frightened at the sight of sin
but creates order wherever it goes.*

*Grant me a heart that knows nothing
of boredom, weeping, and sighing.*

*Let me not be too concerned with the bothersome thing
I call "myself."*

*Lord, give me a sense of humor,
and I will find happiness in life
and profit for others.*

Amen!

F. 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) for complete calendar information.

The Week Ahead

Feb 8 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
Feb 8 RE.A.CH Classes (at Church)
Feb 9 Women's Guild Luncheon Meeting
Feb 15 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and
10:30am Masses

The Month Ahead

Feb 16 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.

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

Monday, February 9 (329)

Genesis 1:1-19

Psalms 104:1-2,5-6,10,12,24,35

Mark 6:53-56

Tuesday, February 10 (330)

Scholastica, virgin

Genesis 1:20-2:4a

Psalms 8:4-9

Mark 7:1-13

Wednesday, February 11 (331)

Our Lady of Lourdes

Genesis 2:4b-9,15-17

Psalms 104:1-2,27-30

Mark 7:14-23

Thursday, February 12 (332)

Genesis 2:18-25

Psalms 128:1-5

Mark 7:24-30

Friday, February 13 (333)

Genesis 3:1-8

Psalms 32:1-2,5-7

Mark 7:31-37

Saturday, February 14 (334)

Cyril, monk, and

Methodius, bishop

Genesis 3:9-24

Psalms 90:2-6,12-13

Mark 8:1-10

Sunday, February 15 (77)

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46

Psalms 32:1-2,5,11

1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Mark 1:40-45

Mass Intentions

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

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

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

Tuesday, February 10, 8:15am
Joseph Suozzo ☩

Wednesday, February 11, 8:15am
Thomas Esmonde ☩

Wednesday, February 11, 9:30am
Jane Jarmon ☩
Emeritus of Carlsbad

Thursday, February 12, 8:15am
Frank Wittreich ☩

Friday, February 13, 8:15am
Donald Kope ☩

Saturday, February 14, 5:00pm
Vern DiCola ☩

Sunday, February 15, 8:30am
Katie King ☩

Sunday, February 15, 10:30am
Pauleta Carrillo ☩

Prayer List

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

Mary Alexander

Mary Baker

Theresa Balestreri

Patricia Barbour

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

Thomas Cornwell & Family

Helen Corson

Cecilia DeSimone

Linda Dossman

Kate Egan

The Eklem Family

Kathryn Ernst

The Fiore Family

Betty Fisk

Larry Fisk

Karen Fox

Kathryn Franklin

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 Klaidifko

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

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

Sr. Elizabeth Shields

Nadine Slemmer

Nick Soltau

Ed Sox

Dorothy and Ray Staehr

Carl Streling

Lisa & Kyle Valpoon

Arnie Velasco

Dominic Vienna, Jr.

Vanessa Vitiello-Koble

Kevin Watson-Graff

Marilyn Wesel

John Whitton

The Wolfe Family

Stevan Zygutis

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

Staff Sgt. Julian Fyffe, 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, USMC

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President's Day Holiday

**Join Us for Mass
Monday, February 16
at 8:15am**

**Parish Office Closed
No Adoration**



Annual Golf Classic Our Tenth Anniversary!

**Friday, May 1, 2009
Save the Date**

**Golf at Fallbrook Golf Club
Miniature Golf at Boomers!
Evening Festivities at STM**

**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.*

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

Eucharistic Adoration



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

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

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

Irma Martinez
Helena Okolski

Flower Donations

We would like to gratefully acknowledge the contribution of:

Frank & Eileen Flood

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

In Memoriam

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:



Melanie Wolfe, who died last week. Her Funeral Mass was celebrated on February 7 at St. Thomas More. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Helen Eklem, who died last week. Her funeral services will be private. Please keep her family in your prayers.

*May their souls 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.

Game Day—Saturday, February 21, 11:00am. Everyone is invited. Bring your own games or join in games provided (bridge, dice games, hand & foot). Door prizes and opportunity baskets. Lunch will be served. Cost is \$10. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses on the Plaza. Please RSVP to Shirley Kudzia at 760-598-0952 or to Betty Nelson at 760-598-2673.

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.



St. Thomas More Vehicle Donation Program

Do you have a vehicle you want to donate?

**Call the Parish Office at
758-4100 x100**



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.



Social Justice Update

Get on the Bus Update



A second planning meeting for those interested in being involved or who would like additional information about this special program will be held on Wednesday, February 11, 6:30-8:00pm at the Pilgrim Church, 2020 Chestnut Ave. in Carlsbad (directly across the street from Carlsbad High School). The meeting will be held in Rooms 2 and 3.

There will be three buses going from North County to two prisons in Chowchilla. Since each bus is being sponsored by different churches in North County, the joint planning meetings will rotate among the sponsoring churches.

More information about the Get on the Bus program—Children with a parent in prison are usually cared for by relatives, often grandparents. Many of these caregivers are unable to make the six-hour trip to Chowchilla, due to health issues, distance, and expenses. GOTB offers a priceless opportunity—a mother's hug, a family photo, a private conversation, and a connection with hope and healing—a physical reminder that their mom has not forgotten them.

Any questions, contact Sr. Maureen at 760-758-4100 x131 or maureenb@stmoside.org

Worker Justice Update

The Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice is overjoyed to announce that University of California Service Workers at all ten UC campuses and five UC medical centers across the state have reached a tentative agreement with UC management, which they are confident will lead to the ratification of a fair and just contract! After a year and a half at the bargaining table, Service Workers remained resolute in their pursuit for a strong contract that would help them take a step out of poverty. Their struggle, reinforced with solidarity from the faith community, has resulted in an excellent contract that will greatly benefit workers and their families.

AFSCME Local 3299 members and staff and the ICWJ would like to generously thank the countless clergy and faith leaders who raised their voice in solidarity with UC Service workers throughout their long and arduous contract struggle.

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.**

Other ways to help include continuing to pray for our efforts and using the envelope stapled to last week's bulletin to make a donation toward supplies needed.

For more information, contact Sr. Maureen at 760-758-4100 x131 or maureenb@stmoside.org as soon as possible.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Wednesday February 11

2nd Wednesday Adoration... 7:00 PM Blessed
Sacrament to 8:30 PM Starbucks RBV

Monday February 9, 16, 23

MONDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP with Rory
and Team.... "Believing in a Media Culture"

Gale @ 760-726-7236

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!

Thanks to those who have stepped up for May and September dinners!

We need dinners provided for the following dates:

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



Contact: Paul & Kalei Mendiola at
760-945-9042 or kaleiann@sbcglobal.net.

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



RECEIVING COMMUNION

BECAUSE IT MAY HAVE BEEN A WHILE SINCE YOUR FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

In Jesus' Words...

Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving it to his disciples said, "Take and eat; this is my body." Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins." (Matthew 26:26-28)

Communion in the Hand

Communion in the hand follows traditional practice, mirroring the Last Supper, which was a ritual meal, following the customs of the day. Communion in the hand was the universal practice until the ninth century, when a change in the shape of bread and a growing false sense of unworthiness on the part of the communicants led to a gradual changeover to receiving communion on the tongue.

Today, the Church teaches that Communion in the hand can deepen our faith in the dignity of the whole Christ, of every Christian as a member of the body of Christ, including our own personal dignity. Communion in the hand can help to remove disrespect for the human person and more particularly, the human body, and does not imply that some parts of the human body are less worthy than others.

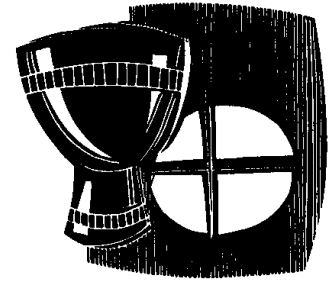
Communion from the Cup

Some think taking the Eucharist from the cup is a new thing, instituted by the Second Vatican Council, but many centuries before that Council, sharing both the body and the blood was so much the norm that to refuse the cup raised suspicions about one's belief.

Today, good, faith-filled liturgy demands that our actions be consistent with our words. At the preparation of the gifts, we bring forward the gifts of bread and wine. We pray that "the fruit of the vine and work of human hands" become "our spiritual food and drink." The fullness of the mystery is lost when we do not accept the gifts in return.

Out of common sense courtesy, a communicant with a cold or other contagious illness should refrain from drinking from the cup.

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus.**



As a Practical Matter...

The first rule is reverence.

- Bow your head as the person in front of you is receiving
- Walk up to the minister with the host
- Look at the minister
- Make a throne with your hands with your right hand underneath (if you are right-handed)
- When the minister says "The Body of Christ," answer "Amen" in a clear voice
- After the minister puts the Eucharist in your hand, pick it up and eat it
- Walk to the minister with the cup
- Bow your head as the person in front of you is receiving
- Walk up to the minister with the cup
- Look at the minister
- When the minister says "The Blood of Christ," answer "Amen" in a clear voice
- Take the cup from the minister with both hands, take a small drink, and return the cup
- Return reverently to your place, remaining standing until all have received, singing the communion song
- After all have received, we are seated for a few moments of silent prayer and, sometimes, for a communion meditation song

If you are ill or otherwise choose not to receive from the cup, please stop and reverence the cup (face the cup and bow your head) as you pass in front of it. Remember, this too is Jesus.

Music Ministry Next Week

FEBRUARY 14/15

5:00pm Mass

Cantor

8:30am Mass

MNM Music Team

10:30am Mass

Cantor

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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



Level 1 through 6 complete Unit 2 chapters today. Families are encouraged to review for the Unit 2 test which will be given at our next Church session, February 22.

Peanut Butter and Jelly Update



2009 GOAL: 365 jars
TOTAL to date: 135 jars

High School Courses Monday Mini Course

**Believing
in a
Media
Culture**

Monday,
February 9, 16, 23 • 7:00-8:45pm
with Rory and Team

- ★ March 1,8,15,22,29, April 5 Core Course
- ★ April 19,26, May 3 Sunday Mini Course

Men's Prayer Breakfast

The Good Samaritan in All of Us

Fr. Michael Barry

Saturday, February 28

8:00-10:30am

A wonderful opportunity for spiritual refreshment for men
(and a good breakfast!)

Welcome:

- ★ Men of St. Thomas More,
- ★ Young adults,
- ★ High school age youth,
- ★ and friends

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

RSVP today! 760-758-4100 x159

Fr. Mike's (and friends) Bookies

The Gift of the Red Bird

Sr. Maureen Brown

Wednesday, March 4

9:00am or 7:00pm

You are invited to enjoy *Gift of the Red Bird: The Story of a Divine Encounter* by Paula D'Arcy, which is next in the series of our Parish Book Club on March 4 at 9:00am or 7:00pm.

It is a story full hope, a hope we can claim even when we are challenged by great hardships in life. Paula helps us get in touch with our own spiritual journey and the simple and profound ways that help us move from having an image of God to experiencing God's loving and personal presence in our lives.

There is a Guide for Reflection on page 143 of the book. You are invited to savor one question from each chapter for your own deepening and for our sharing together in our common journey of faith.

Ten Good Reasons To Go To Mass

Reason #9

Jesus gave us the gift of himself.

When we go to Mass each week, we are doing what Jesus asked us to do at the Last Supper, when he instituted the Eucharist. St. Paul reminds us "that the Lord Jesus on the night he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, 'This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me'. In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me'" (1 Corinthians 11:23-25).

Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Stewards of Special Gifts

The Consecrated Life

February 8 is designated as a world day of prayer for those among us who live the consecrated life. Those who live out this special call conjure up memories for many of us of the priest who was an overseas missionary, the nun whose healing ministry graced hospital wards, or the religious brother who taught in high school and ministered to us at our neighborhood parish.

Those who live the consecrated life are a gift to the world because of their profound witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They give witness to what is sacred in the world, to Christ's missionary activity, evangelization, life in community, and the call of all God's children to holiness.



During February, let us pray for all those who are called to the consecrated life: that they continue to be encouraged; that they be given the strength to always be attentive to the needs of the Church and to each other. We pray that those among us who have this special vocation listen to the Lord's call, and in cooperation with God's grace, give

their lives over to Christ in a more explicit, loving, and concrete way through the consecrated life.

Those who live the consecrated life are stewards of a special gift. Their gift is a sign of love and hope in a world where societal values do not always have time for the very virtues holiness implies. Let us also pray that those who live this consecrated life continue to show us the way to holiness and to be more faithful to God who is Love.
—ICSC Stewardship, February 2009

The Gospel today tells of a great number of suffering people seeking the healing touch of Jesus. He could not respond to them all. But the Gospel also reveals Jesus, after praying in solitude, sensing an urgency to minister, with his Father's redemptive love, to those who suffered in the nearby villages and towns.

As today's Christian Stewards we are called to follow in the footsteps of Jesus and to respond with compassion to those who suffer. We have a call to reach out to those in need.



We have a consecrated call as lay ministers, and are also asked to dedicate our lives to service. Christ calls us to fill in the gaps and to help our clergy make a difference in the big picture of life.

Does our lifestyle reflect the light of Christ to others in our world? Do others know us by our love?

**Stewardship always starts with a repentant heart,
a change of mind concerning our opinion
about earthly values**

—John A. Knight

A WAY TO GIVE ~ A WAY TO RECEIVE



DESIGNATED BANK ACCOUNTS, WILLS, LIVING TRUSTS, STOCKS, LIFE INSURANCE, MUTUAL FUNDS, REAL ESTATE

There have been changes in the laws that are beneficial to both the recipient and the giver. A few examples of Planned Giving to STM are: Designated Beneficiary Accounts, Wills, Living Trusts, Stocks, Life Insurance, Mutual Funds, Real Estate, and Endowments.

This program is one way of helping the Parish raise the resources necessary to continue our campus build out and also help plan for our future needs (i.e., Tower of Faith participants). Planned Giving is a generic term that covers the many ways an individual can give to a charity while, in many cases, avoiding taxes.

For more information please contact:

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

Collection for Week of: January 31/February 1, 2009

Number of Registered Households:	989
Offertory*	\$ 8,152.97
Offertory (Loose Collection)	1,108.50
Children's envelopes	18.50
Total	\$ 9,279.97

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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

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.

Theology on Tap for Young Adults in Escondido—Tuesday, February 10, from 7:00-8:30pm at Macaroni Grill, 202 E. Via Rancho Pkwy., Escondido. For more information visit www.yamsd.org or contact Carrie Giebel at cgiebel@diocese-sdiego.org or 858-490-8260.

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.

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

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.

Christopher West to Speak in Chula Vista—Friday, February 20, 7:00-9:30pm, St. Rose of Lima Parish, 278 Alvarado St., Chula Vista. *Theology of the Body: Call to Greatness* will be the topic presented by this dynamic speaker known for his work promoting an integral, biblical vision of human life, love, and sexuality. For more information, call 619-427-0230.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Information Luncheon in Escondido—Saturday, February 21, Noon-3:00pm. Court Immaculata 1854 invites Catholic women to a free information/membership luncheon about the oldest Catholic women's organization in the Americas at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 515 Valley Pkwy., Escondido. For more information, call 619-275-0094.

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.

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.

Ash Wednesday Retreat Day at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside—*Searching for Silence This Lent*, February 25, 9:00am-4:00pm. For information and reservations, call 760-757-3659.

Recovering Women's Retreat at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside—*The Twelve Steps: A Fresh Look*, a weekend retreat for all women in recovery, February 27-March 1. Along with a 12-Step Meeting format, there will be prayer rituals and discussion. For more information and reservations, call 760-757-3659.

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.

Michael Cumbie to Present Lenten Mission in San Marcos—Monday, March 9, through Thursday, March 12, at St. Mark's Parish in San Marcos. "Conversion—The Never-Ending Story," will be the theme. Morning or evening sessions. For more information, contact 760-744-1540.

Thanks from North County Solutions for Change

Dear St. Thomas More Parishioners,

Our kids had a wonderful Christmas thanks to everyone who gave so graciously of their time and Christmas donations. The parents had a great experience "shopping" for their kids with all of the donations. Some of our parents expressed that the love that came with every gift made it really worth so much more. We at Solutions have the hope that when our families graduate, they too will be an asset to their community and a help to others. We so appreciate your concern for our homeless families and with wanting to help us bring real solutions into their lives.

Please give a special thank you to Roy and Suzee Irwin for all their hard work in collecting and organizing gifts and gift cards. It can be quite a large task, and they did a great job. Our older kids had a great time shopping with their gift cards.

We really look forward to working with St. Thomas More this coming year and pray that you are blessed as well.

Sincerely,
Antonea Peterson
Faith Outreach Coordinator
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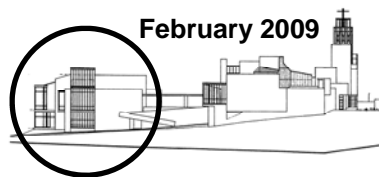
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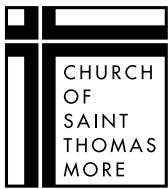
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