

# 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 15, 2009 • Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**President's Day Holiday**  
**Join Us for Mass Monday, February 16, at 8:15am**  
**Parish Office Closed • No Adoration**

## **New Member Reception**

*Sunday, March 1 • 12:00 noon*

We are hosting a new member welcome reception for those who have joined our Parish family since October 2008. Invitations have been mailed to you and we look forward to meeting you at this special luncheon.

If you are a newer existing member and were unable to attend the last reception, you are more than welcome to attend.

*Please RSVP by February 22 with a "yes" or a "no" at  
760-758-4100 x154.*

*For information, please call Louise Briseno at 760-726-4496.*

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## **Pastor's Column**

*Rev. Michael Ratajczak  
michaelr@stmoside.org  
760-758-4100 x100*

### **Our Life Is Mission**

The Diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) is getting underway this month. All of our Parish households will receive a "love letter" from me asking for your support.

The Diocesan goal this year is \$2.5 million, and our Parish assessment, our fair share, is \$34,000. All money raised over this assessment is returned to us for our Parish use. It will be directed toward our Operations Budget.

Last year our assessment was \$34,000, and we collected \$41,600. \$7,600 was returned to our Parish and this amount was directed to our Operations Budget.

You may return your pledge card to the Parish anytime during the Season of Lent.

The theme of this year's Appeal is "Our Life is Mission." We are reminded that as Disciples of Jesus we have a mission to continue His ministry for this time and place. The funds raised by the ACA help us, the Church of San Diego, to do just that.

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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.*

## Pastor's Column (Continued from page 1)

The ACA supports:

### Education in the Faith

The Office for Evangelization and Catechetical Ministry provides formation for catechetical and evangelization leadership and for catechists of varying levels. The Office facilitates the implementation of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and also serves as a resource to parish evangelization and adult formation programs, and to catechetical programs which service more than 37,000 children.

The Office for Youth and Young Adults offers formation, consultation and resources in order to support Parish leadership in their work with youth and young adults and the start-up for Catholic campus ministry at the San Diego Community Colleges.

The Office for Schools enables our 49 Catholic schools to strengthen Catholicity, maintain academic excellence, and provide guidance for granting financial assistance.

The San Diego Diocesan Institute provides adult faith education and ministry preparation for approximately 800 Parishioners throughout the diocese each year.

### Priestly Ministry

The Office for Vocations promotes vocations awareness, fosters prayer for vocations, and assists potential candidates for the priesthood.

St. Francis Center for priests and priestly formation provides college level and pre-theology priestly formation, as well as a place for prayer and rest for priests, bishops, and seminarians.

The Office for Priests promotes priestly spirituality, provides programs for ongoing formation, and ministers to over 400 active and retired priests.

### Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities, as the primary social service agency of the diocese, assists approximately one million people each year by providing a network of 42 different programs, including:

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|--|----------------------------------|
| *Emergency Services                        | *Counseling Services             |
| *Pregnancy/Parenting/<br>Adoption Services | *Homeless Men Services           |
| *Senior Services                           | *Homeless Women Services         |
| *Senior Residential<br>Services            | *Immigration/Refugee<br>Services |
| *Family Support Services                   |                                  |

In all these ways, the mission of Jesus continues for this time and this place. Your support is crucial.

In anticipation of your positive response, I offer you my deep gratitude!

*F. Mike*

## Readings for the Week Ahead

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

**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

**Monday, February 16 (335)**  
Genesis 4:1-15,25  
Psalm 50:1,8,16bc-17,20-21  
Mark 8:11-13

**Tuesday, February 17 (336)**  
*The Seven Founders of the Order of Servites, religious*  
Genesis 6:5-8;7:1-5,10  
Psalm 29:1a,2,3ac-4,3b,9c-10  
Mark 8:14-21

**Wednesday, February 18 (337)**  
Genesis 8:6-13,20-22  
Psalm 116:12-15,18-19  
Mark 8:22-26

**Thursday, February 19 (338)**  
Genesis 9:1-13  
Psalm 102:16-18,19-23,29  
Mark 8:27-33

**Friday, February 20 (339)**  
Genesis 11:1-9  
Psalm 33:10-15  
Mark 8:34-9:1

**Saturday, February 21 (340)**  
*Peter Damian, bishop, doctor*  
Hebrews 11:1-7  
Psalm 145:2-5,10-11  
Mark 9:2-13

**Sunday, February 22 (80)**  
*Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Isaiah 43:18-19,21-22,24b-25  
Psalm 41:2-5,13-14  
2 Corinthians 1:18-22  
Mark 2:1-12

## Mass Intentions

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

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

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

Monday, February 16, 8:15am  
Bob Ballard ☩

Tuesday, February 17, 8:15am  
Harry Stewart ☩

Wednesday, February 18, 8:15am  
Rosemary Meinders ☩

Wednesday, February 18, 9:30am  
Carol Kope  
*Pacific Place*

Thursday, February 19, 8:15am  
Angelyne Smith ☩

Friday, February 20, 8:15am  
Bill Greeley ☩

Saturday, February 21, 5:00pm  
Mary Hjelt ☩

Sunday, February 22, 8:30am  
Lina & Rudolfo Pitesa ☩

Sunday, February 22, 10:30am  
*Missa pro Populo*

## 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  
Beatrice Brooks & Family  
Janet Brown  
Steve Brown  
B.J. Coberg  
Dolly Cole  
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  
Paula Gurrera  
Anita Hage  
Mary Hallahan  
Susan Hallahan  
The Harker Family  
Rita Harnacker  
Dave & Cynthia Henk  
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  
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  
Betty Wehner  
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

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

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## Calendar Highlights

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

## The Week Ahead

Feb 15 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses  
Feb 16 President's Day Holiday  
Mass at 8:15am  
Office Closed  
No Adoration  
Feb 21 Women's Guild Game Day  
Feb 22 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass  
Feb 22 RE.A.CH Classes (at Church)

## The Month Ahead

Feb 25 Ash Wednesday  
Masses at 8:15am, 12:00pm, 5:30pm, and 7:30pm  
Soup Supper 5:30-7:30pm  
Feb 27 Knights of Columbus  
Fish Dinner  
Feb 27 Stations of the Cross  
Feb 28 Men's Prayer Breakfast

## The Year Ahead

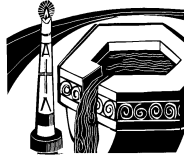
Mar 1 New Member Reception  
Mar 9 Women's Guild Luncheon Meeting  
Mar 19 Women's Guild Day of Reflection  
Mar 21-22 Women's Guild Bake Sale  
Mar 21-28 Volunteer Team Working in New Orleans  
Mar 26 Spirited Seniors Bus Trip  
Mar 29-30 Parish Mission: Faithful Families  
Apr 20 Women's Guild

## Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioners

Richard & Marcelle Bernier  
Mary Guilfoil & Family  
Emilio Haro  
Jennifer Rich & Duane Roman

## Announcing the Baptism of

Rocco Alexander Beauchamp  
Lindsay Anne Embrey  
Logan Peter Embrey  
Gianna Rose Hartdegen  
Liam Matthew Johnson  
Tylen Riley Logan  
Katherine Ava Zeisse



on February 15, 2009

*Our Christian community  
welcomes you with great joy!*

## Flower Donations

We would like to gratefully acknowledge the contributions of:  
**Susan Hallahan**

**August & Barbara Panella**

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

## Knights of Columbus News

Lent is just around the corner, and so are the traditional Friday fish dinners! Watch for details next week.

## STM \$crip News

Thank you to all who use the Scrip Program!

Albertsons, Ralphs and Food4Less are updating their Community Programs. See the flyer in this week's bulletin to learn more on how to update your cards. In order for St. Thomas More to benefit from your shopping, you must update your cards.

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

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to 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 \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

*Please place completed form in the collection basket or return it to the \$CRIP table after weekend Masses or the Parish*

## Minimum Time, Maximum Reward

The Pastoral Council is looking for chairpersons for two of its ministries, Marriage & Family Life and Parish Organizations & Events (PO&E).

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

The goal of PO&E 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.

Chairpersons sit on the Pastoral Council and coordinate with the committees under each ministry to further St. Thomas More's mission to worship God, teach and live the Gospel, and serve God's people in word and deed.

*Please contact Doug D'Agrosa (619-980-7400) or  
Chris Smith (760-758-4100 x120) to discuss the opportunity.*

## Women's Guild News

**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.

**Bake Sale**—March 21-22—more details coming soon!

## 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.

## Little Books

This series provides a six-minute meditation for each day of the Lenten season.

In this form of prayer, we take a Scripture passage and spend some quiet time reading it with God at our side. We listen for God to speak to us through the words, guiding us to thoughts and reflections that sometimes seem to come from nowhere. People are often surprised how easy it is to pray this way.

The following are available at the Information Table on weekends and the Church Office during the week. Your \$2 donation helps cover our cost.

- Little Purple Book (for children, approximately 6-12)
- Little Black Book (for teens through adults)
- El Librito Negro (en español)



# HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

**Monday Night Youth Group continues with  
Media Night**

**Rory & Team**

**February 16, 2009  
7:00-8:45pm**

**Call Gale at 760-726-7236 for more information**

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

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 is most welcome!

Many thanks to those who have stepped up to supply six of the monthly dinners!

**These dates are still available  
for dinner adoption:**

**June 28**

**August 23**

**September 27**

**November 29**

**December 27**

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



## Ash Wednesday Soup Supper



Come join your Parish family for a bowl or two of soup and bread from 5:30-7:30pm on Ash Wednesday. Come before the 7:30pm Mass, after the 5:30pm Mass, or come back if you attended an earlier Mass.

## A Statement on Father Abel Quispe

Father Abel Quispe, a priest of the Archdiocese of Trujillo, Peru, continues to present himself as a Catholic priest able to respond legitimately to the spiritual needs of the people. However, since he is acting without appropriate authority, portions of his ministry are without sacramental validity, namely, marriage and confessions.

The Diocese of San Diego has not given faculties for priestly ministry to Father Quispe because the Archdiocese of Trujillo is unable to provide a testimonial letter declaring his suitability for ministry. On the contrary, the Archbishop of Trujillo has directed Father Quispe to leave the Diocese of San Diego. He refuses to do so with the result that he has been canonically prohibited from ministry here.

Nevertheless, in open disobedience, Father Quispe continues to function independently of the Church. He should, instead, be obedient to the Archbishop of Trujillo and stop misleading people of good faith who should be directed to become active participants in their own Parishes.

—Rodrigo Valdivio, Chancellor, Diocese of San Diego

## 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  
available next weekend!**

**New Golf Committee members are welcome!**

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

## Get On the Bus Update



Watch the bulletin next week for an important report from our General Meeting which took place last Wednesday! I'm sure we will have great information to share with you.

Special thanks to all who have sent in donations thus far. An envelope will be attached to our bulletin in April, but if you wish to donate now, that's wonderful!

Checks should be made out to **Get on the Bus** with a memo that it is for **Bus "O"** and can be brought or mailed to the Parish Office (Church of St. Thomas More, 1450 S. Melrose Dr., Oceanside, CA 92056). It is very important that you mark the check to go to **Bus "O"** which is the one going from our Parish.

For any other questions, or if you wish to become involved in the more direct preparations which will take place in April, please give Sr. Maureen a call at 760-758-4100 x131.

## 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 the bulletin earlier this month to make a donation toward supplies needed.

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

## St. Thomas More Vehicle Donation Program

**Do you have a vehicle you want to donate?**

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





# Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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



## SINGING IN THE PASCHAL CHOIR

### A Different Kind of Music Making...

Many singers and instrumentalists from our Parish participate in the music ministry at St. Thomas More. It is a very public ministry—standing up on those choir risers, behind a microphone, attached to an amplifier, or at a keyboard. These musicians support our gathered faith community in their songs of praise and prayer, and they also present additional music to the glory of God. This is why being a part of most of our choirs requires that one participates at rehearsals during the week in addition to singing at the liturgies. Most.

The Paschal Choir doesn't meet during the week to practice. It doesn't present special music in addition to the customary congregational songs during the liturgy. It doesn't require that you be or become familiar with the rudiments of music notation.

The Paschal Choir plays a different role in its liturgies in that focuses almost exclusively on extending hospitable voices of support to worshipping friends and family of the deceased. Those gathered at a Funeral Mass are not able to participate as fully in the liturgy as those at weekend or daily Masses. Sometimes their grief prevents it. Sometimes they are not familiar with the liturgy of the Catholic Church. The Paschal Choir, in its singing of the songs and responses with those who are grieving, offers to stand in for them, to be their voices of praise and thanksgiving during a difficult time.

The families who experience the loss of a loved one are very appreciative of this choir's unique mission within the overall bereavement ministry:

*Heartfelt thanks...Everything about the Mass was just as we envisioned (wonderful music, Fr. Mike's touching homily, the beautiful flowers). We don't even know all the people who helped, but we want to share our deep gratitude for those who worked to coordinate the Mass and reception. We felt cared about deeply.*

*Thank you for your assistance and support. There isn't a thing I would change about how Mom's special day unfolded. The music was especially moving for me...*

*I now know why my mom missed her Church so much when she moved up here. The readings, Father's talk, the music, flowers—all just so special... Please accept our most sincere... gratitude, to you and your staff for the absolutely perfect Memorial Mass and reception for our mom...It was a privilege to have Mom's Mass at St. Thomas More.*

*You helped the entire family get through the difficult experience because of all your help. We also thank you for all your comfort and the hope we felt through the beautiful Mass as we truly were led to have faith that our father is at peace.*

So, I encourage you to consider singing with the Paschal Choir once in a while. Singing at funeral liturgies is much like singing at Mass, but in this choir,

there are no special rehearsals or extra songs to be sung. You don't have to come to every funeral Mass, but every time you come to be a voice in support of our grieving sisters and brothers in Christ, it makes a difference. Every time.

*If you are interested in becoming a part of the Paschal Choir, contact Douglas Lynn at 760-758-4100 x140 or douglasl@stmoside.org.*

### Music Ministry Next Week

**FEBRUARY 21/22**

**5:00pm Mass**

Adult Choir

**8:30am Mass**

Handbell Choir

**10:30am Mass**

Cantor

**FEBRUARY 25**

**Ash Wednesday**

**8:15am Mass**

Cantor

**12:00noon Mass**

Cantor

**5:30pm Mass**

Handbell Choir

**7:30pm Mass**

Adult Choir

## SAVE THE DATE!

### Spring Sing! Invitational Choral Festival

St. Thomas More Adult Choir  
and friends...


**Sunday, April 26 at 4:00pm**



# Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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



Today is a  
**RE.A.CH** day  
Religious Education for Adolescents & Children  
at Home

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**Thanks, parents, for completing your portion of the Progress Report**  
(and returning it next week, if not already returned)

**We welcome parents at 1:55 and 6:25 to join in the circle of prayer with your child(ren)**

## RE.A.CH—Perfect Attendance

Special congratulations to:

- \* Both Level 2 classes:  
ISAIAH (**FOUR** sessions in a row)  
SAMUEL (TWO sessions in a row)
- \* All three junior high classes!  
SONG OF SONGS  
JONAH  
PROVERBS



Now this is good news!

Families new to our Parish are most welcome in our religious education programs. If you are registered members of our Parish and have children between 4 and 17, please be in touch so we can partner with you in the faith formation of your child.

## Rosary Recycle

Many Parishioners who receive rosaries in the mail have offered them for the use of our children. They are deeply appreciated and always welcome!

## Peanut Butter and Jelly Update



2009 GOAL: 365 jars  
TOTAL to date: 135 jars

## Looking at Life Through the Eyes of Faith

### 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 information, contact Wayne Zych, 760-717-1145

**RSVP today! 760-758-4100 x159**

**March 4 9:00am and 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!

## Ten Good Reasons To Go To Mass

**Reason #8:**

**We need to be part of a community**

God created us as social beings. When we come together at Mass to pray and worship God, we fulfill a deep need inside of us to be in communion with other people. The people in the Parish community give us support, affirmation, and encouragement in our attempt to live the Gospel message. They help us to see that we are not alone. They call forth our gifts. They hold us accountable. They remind us that we are all part of the Body of Christ.

# Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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

## CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP For the Glory of God

The fate of a leper is a tremendous tragedy at any time and place. Lepers were considered condemned in the time of Jesus. Their disease was thought to be part of the plagues God sent as punishment and they were outcast from society and abandoned.

Then St. Mark's Gospel revealed the unthinkable. Jesus actually reached out and touched a leper. In doing so, he risked catching the contagious disease ~ however he healed the man.

As the gospel story teaches, no one is abandoned in Christ. Are there those in our society or in our personal lives for whom we ascribe no hope, who we have abandoned, treated like lepers? Or as Christ's stewards of all of our sisters and brothers, do we risk reaching out and touching those who may seem to us to be "unclean" or not worthy of our time or attention?

Sometimes we get caught up in a 'clique' mentality and ignore people around us who would welcome a smile, a warm hello and fellowship with us.

Let us not lose sight of everyone in God's kingdom. Each day reach out and touch someone in a positive way. Remember that the shortest distance between two people is a smile.

### A Steward's Prayer

Father of all mankind, throughout this day help me to remember that a very real portion of your Kingdom has been placed in my keeping. Therefore teach me to love you:



- † **With all my heart** . . . That I may love those whom you love, giving back to the most unlovable and difficult, your own everlasting mercy and compassion;
- † **With all my soul** . . . That I may seek fresh ways in which your divine power may surge through my commonplace routine from morning until night;
- † **With all my strength** . . . That my hands may work the works of God who sent me, that my energy may be poured out for the needs of your family, until all I win or earn or gain may be spent in a stewardship of loving kindness; and,
- † **With all my mind** . . . That I may think your thoughts from moment to moment, making beautiful and significant each expenditure, always placing you first, that your Kingdom may come through my sharing, my caring, my daring . . . For your name's sake. Amen.  
—M. Japplegarth

Dear God.

I am grateful for the purpose in my life  
that clearly comes from you.  
May my service always be offered  
for your glory.

## TOWERS OF FAITH

### Future Support & Estate Planning Options

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

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



Designated Beneficiary Accounts,

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

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

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

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

### Collection for Week of: February 7/8, 2009

Number of Registered Households:	989
Offertory*	\$ 15,176.46
Offertory (Loose Collection)	1,032.00
Children's envelopes	27.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 16,235.96</b>

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

*Special thanks to our youth donors using the Children's offertory envelopes for their Christian Stewardship efforts.*

### There are many ways to help support your Parish.

We offer a variety of options for easier giving. In addition to the extra "mail-back" envelopes included in your packet, we offer automatic:

- ♦ Credit Card Withdrawal (Visa, MC, or Discover)
- ♦ Automatic Checking Account Deduction
- ♦ Automatic Savings Account Deduction

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



## News from the Larger Church

**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, 12:00noon-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](http://www.SharingTheTreasures.org).

**Spirit and Truth Event for Young Adults in Santee**—Saturday, February 21, 7:00-9:00pm at Guardian Angels Church, 9310 Dalehurst Rd, Santee. There will be live praise and worship music, a talk on “LENT—How is it Relevant Today?” with Fr Kevin Casey, adoration, and a social to follow! For more information, email [cgiebel@diocese-sdiego.org](mailto:cgiebel@diocese-sdiego.org) or call 858-490-8260.

**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).

**Mass with Prayers for Healing at St. Timothy in Escondido**—Tuesday, February 24, 6:45pm, 2960 Canyon Road, Escondido. Presider will be Fr. Bob Clark. For more information, call Bob and Rosemary at 760-741-0866.

**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.

**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).

**St. Joseph Academy Twelfth Annual Spring Gala & Auction in Escondido**—Saturday, April 25, at the California Center for the Arts in Escondido. St. Joseph Academy is located in San Marcos (formerly Sierra Madre Academy). Call John Mitchell 760-579-1601 for auction donor forms, and call the school office 760-305-8505 for tickets to the event.

**Old Mission Montessori Accepting Applications in Oceanside**—Mission San Luis Rey’s Parish school is accepting applications for preschool through eighth grade for the 2009-2010 school year. For more information, contact 760-757-3232 or [www.omms.org](http://www.omms.org).

**St. Francis School Accepting Applications**—St. Francis of

### 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 ALL for 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  
North County Solutions for Change



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**IN A DAY OF RECOLLECTION,  
THURSDAY MARCH 19, 2009  
9 A.M. TO 2:20 P.M.  
ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH,  
UPPER LEVEL**



**Join us on our Lenten journey. Lunch will be  
provided after Mass. Stations of the Cross will  
conclude the day.**

**Please return registration form with your check in the amount of  
\$12.00 for each person to the parish office in Box 35 or place it,  
marked "Women's Guild," in the collection basket**

**Deadline is Thurs. Mar. 12, 2009 Questions? Pat Wong 806-1310**

**Registration form**  **Day of Recollection**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Number attending \_\_\_\_\_

**Write check to STM Women's Guild ( \$12 per person)**

