Church of St. Thomas More

A Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of San Diego

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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

Spirituality | Tradition | Community

February 22, 2009 • Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ash Wednesday • February 25 Mass with Distribution of Ashes 8:15am, 12:00noon, 5:30pm, and 7:30pm **Soup Supper 5:30-7:30pm**

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

Parish Mission to Combat Bad Influences: **Faithful Families by Sound Mission Ministries** Here at St. Thomas More, March 29 and 30

"Families are often under assault from negative cultural influences," said Pat Impiccini, "but there are ways to combat that influence and grow in grace and fidelity to the Lord."

He's an event coordinator for Sound Mission Ministries, a Tempe, Arizona-based organization that hosts parish missions...

"Families are challenged these days by everything our culture has to throw at them," Impiccini said. "You have to take time to get out of the general routine that you're in and just focus on Christ."

To help participants gain that focus, the mission will alternate between music and talks, small group discussions and silent time before the Blessed Sacrament.

"It calls people to focus and worship," said Chris Muglia, a local musician who founded Sound Mission Ministries about five years ago.

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Our Mission is to: worship God,

Mass Schedule:

Saturday at 5:00pm; Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am;

Tuesday-Friday at 8:15am;

first Monday of the month at 7:00pm;

watch bulletin for holydays

Rite of Reconciliation (Confession):

Saturday from 4:00-4:30pm (or by appointment)

Eucharistic Adoration: Monday-Friday from 6:30am-7:30pm **Liturgical Ministry:** Contact Douglas Lynn at 758-4100 x140 **Music Ministry:** Contact Douglas Lynn at 758-4100 x140

Communion for the Homebound/Hospitalized:

Contact Parish Office at 758-4100 x100 **Anointing of the Sick:** Contact Parish Office

Matrimony:

Contact Parish Office a minimum of nine months in advance For further information, call Rev. Michael Ratajczak at 758-4100 x100 or michaelr@stmoside.org.

teach and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ,

Inquiry into the Catholic Faith:

First and third Thursday evenings

Religious Education for Youth & Children:

Two times a month, September-May, on Sundays

Religious Education for Adults: Various times, September-May **Liturgy of the Word for Children:** 8:30 and 10:30am Masses

Little Rock Scripture Study: Weekly sessions,

morning or evening

High School Youth Ministry: Monday evenings

Middle School Youth Ministry:

Two Monday evenings per month

Preparation for the Sacraments:

Baptism (for infants):

Begins with an appointment with the Pastor

Baptism (7-14 yrs.)/RCIA:

One to two year process with children and parents

Baptism (adults)/RCIA:

One to two year process; weekly sessions

First Reconciliation: In home process begins in Level 1

First Communion:

In home process begins after first reconciliation

Confirmation: Minimum two year process of preparation;

begins in high school

For further information, call Kathleen Bell at 758-4100 x110 or kathleenb@stmoside.org.

and serve God's people in word and deed.

There are many groups who serve the parishioners and provide outreach to the local community.

For further information, see page 10, or call Chris Smith at 758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org.

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He had been working mainly in music and teen ministry, but saw a need for parish missions offered to regular families. Muglia connected with Bob Perron, a nationally based speaker, and began presenting these missions around the country.

"We've gotten wonderful feedback," Perron said. A recent mission in Santa Barbara, California drew more than 700 people.

Attracting a broad spectrum of families is one of Sound Mission Ministries' goals.

"We had been doing what we call parish missions for years and basically—when you looked at who was coming to the parish mission—it was the most committed and active families, the ones who were on every committee at Church," Perron said.

"There wasn't a broad appeal at many missions. Now, that's a generalization, but I think it's accurate," he said.

So, Sound Mission Ministries invites attendees to bring their neighboring families, aunts, uncles, and friends who have drifted away from regular practice of the faith.

In addition to music, adoration, and presentation by Muglia, Perron, singer-songwriter Simona Olson, as well as Mary Moore, who writes a regular column for the "The Catholic Sun," the mission will also feature group discussions for the men, women, and teens in attendance.

"I had some concern with how open the men would be in the breakout groups," Impiccini said. "But they really opened up and shared and talked about the things that challenge men today."

Those challenges—be they pornography, consumerism, or just spiritual malaise—have helped foster a vocations crisis that not many people talk about.

"We hear about a vocations crisis in the Church, and I believe that crisis is real, but I think a larger vocations crisis in our Church is that 50% of our marriages are ending in divorce," Perron said.

"If tomorrow 50% of the priesthood packed it up and quit doing what they were doing, it would be the biggest headline in this country," he said. "Faith is central to our home and not just what we do on Sunday."

Muglia wants families to focus more on God.

"Regardless of where you are in your relationship with Christ or the Church, Christ is calling us, welcoming us, and He wants to offer the fullness of life in all its forms," Muglia said.

"Come and see what may be there for you," he said. "I know that when people open themselves up, the Holy Spirit can move them."

—Andrew Junker, "The Catholic Sun," September 4, 2008, www.catholicsun.org

More information will be forthcoming about this special Parish Mission. Check out Sound Mission Ministries at www.soundmission.org and mark your family's calendar for Sunday, March 29, and Monday, March 30.



The Middlebrooks Family

Nancy Moore

Margie Myers

Helen Pingtella

Lupe Casas Pelletier

R. Northrup

Rusty Pato

Anne Post

Dort Riley

Otila Quiroz

Janet Raiman

Margo Redford

Deana Reynolds

Sr. Lovola Romey

The Russo Family

Nadine Slemmer

Nick Soltau

Carl Streling

Arnie Velasco

Betty Wehner

Marilyn Wesel

John Whitton

Parish

deployed:

The Wolfe Family

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

1st Lt. Jeffrey Bauer, USMC

Pfc John Brandone

Sgt. Jason Cohick,

Air Force

Air Force Reserve

Mst. Sgt. Shellie Cohick,

Lance Corporal Brandon Doyle,

Staff Sgt. Julian Fyffe, USMC

MSGT Steve Gallegos, USMC

Med. Staff Sgt. Jana Alexander

Pvt. 2 Jess Phillips, US Army

Spec. Jared Ratzlaff, US Army

Col. Kathleen Henderson

Madrid, USAF

Julian Torres, USMC

Maj. Scott Wadle, USMC

who have been

Ed Sox

Sr. Elizabeth Shields

Dorothy and Ray Staehr

Lisa & Kyle Valpoon

Dominic Vienna, Jr.

Kevin Watson-Graff

Vanessa Vitiello-Koble

Dorothy Rouse

Rose Rowland

Carroll Tom & Nona Miller

Readings for the Week Ahead

Sunday Year B: Weekday Year I Readings online at www.usccb.org.

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

Monday, February 23 (341)

Polycarp, bishop, martyr

Sirach 1:1-10

Psalm 93:1-2,5 Mark 9:14-29

Tuesday, February 24 (342)

Sirach 2:1-11

Psalm 37: 3-4,18-19,27-28,39-40

Mark 9:30-37

Wednesday, February 25 (219)

Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:12-18

Psalm 51:3-6,12-14,17

2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2 Matthew 6:1-6,16-18

Thursday, February 26 (220)

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalm 1:1-4.6

Luke 9:22-25

Friday, February 27 (221)

Isaiah 58:1-9a

Psalm 51:3-6,18-19 Matthew 9:14-15

Saturday, February 28 (222)

Isaiah 58:9b-14

Psalm 86:1-6

Luke 5:27-32

Sunday, March 1 (23)

First Sunday of Lent

Genesis 9:8-15

Psalm 25:4-9

1 Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:12-15

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 21, 5:00pm Mary Hjelt ₽ Sunday, February 22, 8:30am

Lina & Rudolfo Pitesa &

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

Tuesday, February 24, 8:15am Carlos Hoyos 🕆

Wednesday, February 25, 8:15am Eugene Masseth &

Wednesday, February 25, 12:00noon Lydia Bilboa

Wednesday, February 25, 5:30pm Departed Souls of the Fernandes Family 4

Wednesday, February 25, 7:30pm F. Vasquez 🕆

Thursday, February 26, 8:15am Dominic Vienna, Sr. ♥

Friday, February 27, 8:15am Joan Manns

Saturday, February 28, 5:00pm Tom Lavey

Sunday, March 1, 8:30am Filip Jorjevic &

Sunday, March 1, 10:30am Joe Coccaro 🕆

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 Nancy Bermudez Beatrice Brooks & Family Janet Brown Steve Brown B.J. Coberg Paul Cassidy Dolly Cole James Coleman Pat Colev The Comstock Family Thomas Cornwell & Family Helen Corson Cecilia DeSimone Linda Dossman

Margie Daniels & Family

Kate Egan

The Eklem Family Kathryn Ernst The Fiore Family

Betty Fisk Larry Fisk Karen Fox

Kathryn Franklin The Fredette Family

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

Paul & Brenda Leue Cassandra Loretto

Lauren Loretto Loree Luther

Jackie Lynn James MacArthur Ken Mauro

Shirley McAllister Ruth McClelland

Bob McWilliams

Carol Michael

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) for complete calendar information.

The Week Ahead

Feb 25

Feb 27

Feb 22 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass

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

> 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

Stations of the Cross

Feb 28 Men's Prayer Breakfast

The Month Ahead

Liturgy of the Word for Mar 1 Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses New Member Reception Mar 1

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

Spirited Seniors Bus Trip Mar 26 Mar 29-30 Parish Mission: Faithful

Families

The Year Ahead

Apr 20 Women's Guild Luncheon Meeting

Apr 26 Spring Sing Invitational Choral Festival Concert

May 1 STM Tenth Annual Golf Classic

Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioners

Nancy Azpeitia & Charles Zolotas & Family
Nicole & Matthew Hutchins & Family
Kim Mazakas
Catherine Settineri & James McNulty

Women's Guild News

Board Meeting—Monday, March 3, at Germaine Wilmott's home to discuss March 9 meeting and Day of Recollection. Please try to attend. RSVP to Germaine Wilmott at 760-758-9949.

Luncheon Meeting—Monday, March 9, at 11:00am in the lower level of the Parish Center. Lunch will be served, and the cost is \$7 per person. After lunch, Douglas Lynn, our Director of Music, will speak to us about the handbell choir! RSVP to Mary Vernaci at 760-727-2318 or Germaine Wilmott at 760-758-9949.

Day of Recollection—Thursday, March 19, 9:00am-2:30pm. Men and women are welcome to join us. Our former pastor Rev. Peter McGuine will be conducting this day of reflection in the upper level of the Parish Center. Join us on our Lenten journey, including Mass, talks, lunch, and Stations of the Cross. Please reserve your spot by March 12 by completing the registration form, along with your check for \$12 made out to the STM Women's Guild, and returning both to the Parish Office, Box 35. For more information, contact Pat Wong at 760-806-1310 or Germaine Wilmott at 760-758-9949.

St. Thomas More Vehicle Donation Program

Do you have a vehicle you want to donate?

Call the Parish Office at

758-4100 ×100



STM \$crip News

Thank you to all who use the Scrip Program!

In order for St. Thomas More to benefit from your shopping at Ralphs, Food4Less, and Albertsons you must update your cards. Please stop by the Scrip table to find out how, or call Theresa Goeltz at 760-453-2876.

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

I Want to Earn STM Building Fund \$\$\$ with My		
Albertson's Card #(11 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 Office during the week. Thank you!		

2009 Annual Catholic Appeal Now Underway!

St. Thomas More's "Fair Share": \$34,000

The ACA provides funding to programs vital for our diocesan mission:

- ...to teach through instruction in the faith: Youth and Young Adult Ministry; Catholic Schools; Adult Faith Formation; Evangelization and Catechesis
- ...to sanctify through priestly ministries: Vocations to the Priesthood; St. Francis Center in San Diego; Continuing Education for Priests
- ...to serve through Catholic Charities: Emergency, Food and Shelter; Pregnancy, Parenting and Adoption Services; Senior Citizen Programs; Family and Individual Counseling; Immigration and Refugee Services

Every registered household is receiving a letter with the ACA brochure and donation form. You are asked to make your pledge/gift by completing the pledge envelope. It can be returned in the mail, at the Parish Office, or in the Offertory Collection anytime during the Season of Lent. Please be as generous as you can in these difficult economic times.

Remember, no payment is needed now. You may pay your pledge over 10 months or all at one time with your Visa or MasterCard or Debit Card.

All money raised over our assessed amount of \$34,000 will be returned to the Parish and will be directed toward the Operations Budget.

Your support is greatly appreciated!

-Rev. Michael Ratajczak, Pastor

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 Jim Treat at 760-598-3602.

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 espan ol)

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





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.

HUGH SCHOOL NUGHT

MEDIA PART III—Concludes MONDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP February 23 With Rory and Team At GODSPACE 7:00-8:15pm

Gale @ 760-726-7236

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.

Interested? Please join us starting on Wednesday, February 25, 9:00am or Thursday, February 26, 7:00pm. For more information, contact Kathleen Bell at *kathleenb@stmoside*.org or 760-758-4100 x110.



Get On the Bus Update



An excellent meeting was held last week to further plan for this important event. It was attended by members of St. Francis, St. Thomas More, Pilgrim Church, and some agencies in North County. A lot of information was shared with the main focus of receiving the paperwork and directions on how to minister to the families by helping them fill out paperwork necessary to visit a prison. This will be the main focus for the next month.

Watch the bulletin in the next few weeks for an announcement of a meeting here at St. Thomas More for ongoing planning.

An envelope will be attached to our bulletin the weekend of April 4-5, along with a flier that will list the items needed for the children and young adults traveling to see their moms.

For further information or volunteering, contact Vanessa at 858-518-5991

In the meantime let us keep these families in our prayers.

Update on New Orleans Ministry

We now have 20 folks who are confirmed or very seriously interested in joining forces for good in New Orleans from March 21-28.

The group can be up to 25 people, so if the Holy Spirit is nagging your heart, act now! The absolute deadline for signing up is Monday, March 2.

Call Sr. Maureen at 760-758-4100 x131.

There will be a special blessing of these volunteers who will represent our Parish at the 5:00pm Mass on March 7. Please keep them all in your prayers.

Thank you for your generous monetary donations. In this way you are also participating in being the helping hands of Christ to the people of New Orleans. To date, we have received \$2,945. An additional donation of \$1,500 was made by a donating agency outside of the Parish to cover the price of the vans for our volunteers.

In a special way, let us remember the people of our Sister Parish, St. Peter Claver, as they continue their recovery process.

Liturgy & Music



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



PRAYING AND CHANGING

Scripture Themes for March 2009

Thirty-five Lenten seasons ago, when the late Raymond E. Brown was unwrapping the gift of the Word of God for students at Union Theological Seminary and Woodstock College in New York, he took his turn in leading the weekly ecumenical prayer service. His message was at once profoundly simple and profoundly challenging.

Each time we pray, said Brown, we are to come away from that experience of union with God as a changed person. This change might be so minor as to be almost imperceptible or it may be so major as to cause others to take notice. But, each time we pray, there must be a change, otherwise our prayer has not been truly authentic or absolutely sincere. Brown readily admitted that the change that is the fruit of prayer may not be easily sustained; therefore, frequent prayerful encounters should punctuate our days and nights for all our lives so that, in our changing and changing, we become more and more like the One whom we meet in prayer.

Brown's words set an appropriate tone for the season of change we call Lent. A similar tone regarding change has been echoing in the political arena, where a desire for a new beginning was championed with the slogans "Change we can believe in!" "Yes, we can!" Granted, there are many things in our world in need of change. There are wars and famines, there is poverty, there is disease. There is unchecked greed, and there is abuse on so many levels. Suffering seems to go too often untended and unabated. Too frequently, these difficulties seem insurmountable and change seems impossible. Nevertheless, this season of change into which we now enter holds out the promise that, if we change what we can, that change can be contagious and its effects can have an exponential. albeit gradual, effect on the world in which we live.

In order for that gracious contagion to begin, each of us must begin to change the only thing we can—ourselves. And what better time is there to begin than now? That means *this* Lent rather than next and *today* rather than tomorrow. In order to be authentic, change must begin from within, namely with one's attitude. Viktor Frankl once called the ability to change or to choose one's attitude in any given circumstance "the last of human freedoms." Frankl's own circumstances were dire. A prisoner in a Nazi concentration camp, he had no power to change

anything except the manner in which he would make his way through those circumstances. His example lends itself readily to Lenten believers, as does the wisdom of this month's sacred writers.

Each author will offer a voice in order to affirm the gift of salvation that is ours through the sacrifice of Jesus. That gift and the grace it has afforded each of us invites our gratitude as well as our cooperation, for it is only by appropriating the gift of salvation that change and growth can occur. On March 1, Jesus' own experience with evil invites us to change our attitude toward temptation. Temptation is not an unwinnable war we are left on our own to fight. Temptation is a struggle we share with Jesus. His strength is our strength; his victory can be ours as well, if we change and make his attitude our own.

On March 8, Abraham's attitude of total trust in God challenges our desire for self-sufficiency and control. Even when God asked the unthinkable and common sense dictated another course of action, Abraham believed. Can we similarly let go of ourselves and let God be our guide? Imagine the change that might be possible if we were to do so!

Midway through Lent, on March 15, the narratives on the Ten Commandments and the moneychangers in the temple will address our attitude as regards law and worship. Are these unwanted obligations that curtail our freedoms, or are they venues for encountering and expressing our love for God and one another?

With the fourth and fifth Sunday of Lent, we will draw nearer to Holy Week and to the reason for all our believing, all our serving, all our loving: Jesus Christ. In all he said and did while he walked among us, Jesus revealed the unimaginable intensity of God's love and the desire of God to be intimately united to each and to all of us in a relationship called covenant. Jesus' relationship with God inspired and guided his every word and work. This Lent, as in every Lent, Jesus invites our sharing in that relationship. He encourages us to choose his attitude as our own. In order for this to be so, we are to pray and, in our praying, to change little by little, day by day so as to grow into more accurate images of God. Isn't this change we can believe in? Yes, we can!

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

Music Ministry Next Week

FEBRUARY 25 Ash Wednesday

8:15am Mass

Cantor

12:00noon Mass

Cantor

5:30pm Mass

Handbell Choir

7:30pm Mass

Adult Choir

FEBRUARY 28/ MARCH 1

5:00pm Mass

Cantor

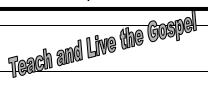
8:30am Mass

Adult Choir

10:30am Mass

Handbell Choir

Faith Formation



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



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

Peanut Butter and Jelly Update



2009 GOAL: 365 jars TOTAL to date: 150 jars

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

Our Lenten Journey begins Ideas to Consider



- Use the Little Black Book for adults and teens or the Little Purple Book for ages 6-12 for six minutes each day.
- Join Operation Rice Bowl to make practical the meaning of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.
 - Pick up a Rice Bowl at church for your dinner table
 - Watch the introduction video as a family
 - You can find it on our parish website:

go to www.stmoside.org
click on Ministries/Pastoral Staff
click on Religious Education...RE.A.CH
click on the Rice Bowl graphic
when the Phanfare page comes up,
click on Play Slideshow
(for a smaller image, you can click on the rice bowl photo)

◆ Sign up for a weekly Lenten *reflection online* with Fr. Ed Hays at http://ncronline3.org/drupal/?q=node/2569

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 SDivine 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 #7:

God has a special message for us

When we listen to the readings, the homily, and the prayers of the Mass, God speaks to us in a special way. We should come away from each Mass with at least one inspiration that will impact our lives in some way. We just have to pay attention and be open to what the Lord is trying to tell us.

Stewardship & Development



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

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP Turbulent Times

God's promise of redemption for sinners in not predicated on things going well. God didn't promise riches in heaven assuming the stock market is rising.

There isn't a footnote at the bottom of the Ten Commandments with a disclaimer that these were only valid under certain conditions that God reserved the right to invoke.

God's covenant with us applies in both good and difficult times.

Whatever our hard work has accomplished, we must not forget that God alone is the source of our abilities and wealth: "But remember the *Lord* your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, so that He may confirm His covenant sworn to your ancestors, as He is doing today." (*Deuteronomy 8:18*)

In these difficult times, it is important to remember our faith and continue to be thankful for the gifts God has given us. We should continue to give and share these blessings no matter how difficult the times are, as there are many more troubled than we may be.

Giving will help others to deal with adversities and will fill our hearts with gladness. "Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the *Lord*, and will be repaid in full." (*Proverbs 19:17*)

—Stewardship, Spring 2009

Yes, life can be difficult and seem unfair at times. "Why me?" is a common cry. Forgiveness, then, becomes a necessity.

This weekend's Gospel reminds us again of the importance God places on the gift of forgiveness. Before healing the paralytic's physical disability, Jesus forgives the man his sins. This act is absolutely key for us to absorb.



God forgives us, over and over, and yet it is *so* difficult for us to forgive one another. If we take a hard look into the mirror of our soul, we will clearly see that not one of us is perfect. That being said, why is it so hard for us to forgive?

In my case, it is pride and stubbornness.

How pathetic. God remains patient, loving and forgiving of me, despite my human limitations. God sees that I am trying, but sees that I do not always try hard enough.

A very dear friend of mine continually sets a terrific example and I try, more and more, to follow that example. It helps. Whenever something recurs that seems totally unjust, this friend faithfully says, "We need to pray about this and leave it in God's capable hands." This is faith in action and total trust in God.

My special intention this Lent is to make lasting progress with forgiveness. Doing so will free up more energy to do the work the Lord intends for me to do. God is, after all, much more qualified than me. Who am I to presume to take on His job? Judgment is up to God, and not me — or any of you. Our energy is better spent continuing the mission and ministry of Jesus in our world.

Forgiveness is not something we do for other people.

We do it for ourselves to get well and move on.

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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: February 14/15, 2009

Number of Registered Households: 992

Offertory* \$ 7,356.03

Offertory (Loose Collection) 1,061.00

Children's envelopes 2.50

Total \$ 8,419.53

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

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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
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News from the Larger Church

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 Nancy Thomas at 760-630-7964 or visit 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.

Signs of the Times Dialogue: Simple Living—Necessity and Invitation at USD in San Diego—Thursday, February 26, 7:00-9:00pm at Salomon Hall, Bishop Maher Hall, University of San Diego. Keynote speaker is Mary Doak, Ph.D. For more information, contact 619-260-4784 or ccs@sandiego.edu.

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 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.

Meshuggah-Nuns! The Ecumenical "Nunsense" Musical at Patio Playhouse in Escondido—February 27-March 29, Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00pm, Sundays at 2:00pm. For more information, call the box office at 760-746-6669.

North County Coastal Regional Young Adult Group Kick Off Mass and Dinner in Vista—Sunday, March 8, at 5:00pm at St. Francis Parish, 525 Vista Way, Vista. Dinner to follow at Colimas Restaurant (1850 Hacienda Drive, Vista). Visit www.yamsd.org for a calendar of upcoming events. For more information, contact Carrie at cgiebel@diocese-sdiego.org or 858-490-8260.

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

Vocation Retreat Dav for Young Women in San Diego—Sunday, March 15, 9:00am-4:00pm at Nazareth House, 6333 Rancho Mission Rd, San Diego. For more information, contact Sr. Margaret at 619-563-0480 or Sr. Fintan at 310-216-8170.

Mainly Mozart Concert Series in Carlsbad—Sunday,

March 22, 2:00pm, at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 6628 Santa Isabel St., Carlsbad. Featuring Jennifer Frautschi, violin, Ronald Thomas, cello, and Pedja Muzijevic, piano, performing Mozart's Sonata for Violin and Piano in G, K. 379; Mendelssohn's Piano Trio No. 2 in C minor, Op. 66; and Schumann's Adagio and Allegro for Cello and Piano. For more information, contact www.mainlymozart.com or 619-239-0100 x2.

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. More information about Post-Abortion Syndrome (PAS) and Rachel's Vineyard can be found at 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 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*.

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

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

Pilgrimage to Holy Land—Starting May 25 with Sr. Margaret Kelly, OP, the Director of Religious Education at Mission San Diego de Alcalá. Package includes airfare from San Diego, 4-star hotels (double occupancy), daily Mass, breakfast and dinner daily, all entrance fees and admission charges. For more information, contact Sr. Margaret at 619-624-0900.

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Church of the Resurrection Catholic Gift Shop in Escondido—Open Tuesday-Friday, 9:00am-5:00pm and before and after Masses on the weekends. 1445 Conway Drive, Escondido. For more information, contact 760-747-2322.



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Golf at Fallbrook Golf Club

2757 Gird Road, Fallbrook

www.fallbrookgolf.com

8:30 a.m. Registration begins 10:00 a.m. Shotgun Start* *Lunch provided at Fallbrook Golf Club*

Raffle Tickets and Contests \$10,000 Hole in One Opportunities Snacks and Refreshments Provided Hole Sponsorships with Signs Available

*Beginning with a Shotgun Start, the format is: Captain's Choice.

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Situated in beautiful Gird Valley, Fallbrook Golf Club offers a challenge to golfers of all skill levels. Our regulation-length, par-72 golf course is accented by mature trees, including native Live Oak, Sycamore and Eucalyptus. Fallbrook first opened in 1962. In May, 1999, we were proud to be the host of the inaugural tournament of the Futures Golf Tour, under the auspices of the LPGA. Over 30 years strong, Fallbrook is one of North San Diego County's best public golf course values.

Miniature Golf at Boomers! Vista 1525 West Vista Way, Vista

For any mini-golfers (ages 10-101) who want to join in the fun

1:00 p.m	Registration begins
1:30 p.m.	Shotgun Start

Raffle Ticket Opportunities! Hole Sponsorships with Signs Available Additional Activities at Boomers Offered

Dinner/Dance/Evening Festivities

Church of St. Thomas More 1450 South Melrose Drive, Oceanside (corner of Cannon and Melrose)

For Adults

4:30-7:30 p.m. ·············Happy Hour and Dancing
Raffles and Silent Auction
6:00 p.mDinner
7:15-9:30 p.m. ·····Live Auction, Socializing,
Dancing, and More Fun

For Children Ages 3 and up

4:30-9:30 p.m. Pizza and Entertainment with Supervised Childcare

Other Ways to Help

Besides playing golf and joining in the evening festivities (or if you are unable to join us), you can choose from the following:

Sponsorship

Your donation helps our efforts and earns you an acknowledgement in our program. Donors of \$250 or more may elect to have a message on a hole sign (\$100 donors may elect to have a Miniature Golf hole sign at Boomers! Vista). Those donating \$1,000 or more will be invited to a special appreciation event hosted by Fr. Mike.

Item Donations for Silent/Live Auctions and Raffles

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Volunteer

An event this large requires many hands! Yours will be appreciated wherever you can help.

Mark your calendar ★ Complete and return the registration form!

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