

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
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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

March 8, 2009 • Second Sunday of Lent

FAITHFUL FAMILIES PARISH MISSION

Sunday and Monday

March 29-30

7:00-9:00pm

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Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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The Mark of a Christian

As we continue to make our journey through this Season of Lent, as we lose ourselves in the disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we ready ourselves to be refreshed and renewed in our Baptismal Promises.

On Easter Sunday, with renewed vigor, as we renew our Baptismal Promises, we take on again "The Mark of a Christian." May these words of St. Basil strengthen us in these efforts:

What Is the Mark of a Christian?

That we be holy and blameless
and so eat the Body of Christ
and drink His Blood.

And what is the mark of those
who eat the Bread
and drink the Cup of Christ?

That they keep in perpetual remembrance
Him who died for us and rose again.

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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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What is the mark
of those who keep such remembrance?

That they live not for themselves
but for Him who died for us and rose again.

What, then, is the mark of a Christian?

That our justice abound in all things,
to watch daily and hourly
and to stand prepared in that state
knowing that the Lord comes
when we least expect Him.

So, then what is the mark of a Christian?

That we love one another
as Christ loves us.

What is the mark of a Christian?

To set the Lord always in our sight,

—St. Basil (329CE-379CE)

Continue to be faithful to your Lenten resolutions so that these
days of Lent will help us to bear the marks of a Christian, to carry
and wear the wounds of Christ Crucified!

F. Mike

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Exposition of the Eucharist on First Fridays.

Next date: Friday, April 3.

For more information, contact John O'Donnell at 760-598-6003.

Looking for Information on the Catholic Faith?

Are you interested in learning more about Catholicism, becoming
a Catholic, or returning to the Catholic Church after being away?
You're invited to Inquiry Sessions, which meet on the first and
third Thursdays of each month at 7:00pm at the Parish Center.

For information, call Jim Treat at 760-598-3602.

Can't Get to Mass?

Our Parish has ministers who can bring Holy Communion to
anyone who is unable to attend Mass—the homebound, those in
the hospital, those in convalescent homes.

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

Publicize Your Parish Event!

Would you like to publicize a Parish event to the general public?
Submit a Press Release Form at least three weeks in advance of
your event to have it advertised in local news publications. Press
Release Forms are available:

- on the Parish website (www.stmoside.org,
Contact Us, Parish Forms),
- the Parish office, or
- from Anne Marshall at 760-727-2668 or
annemarshall@sbcglobal.net.



Readings for the Week Ahead

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

Sunday, March 8 (26)

Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18

Psalms 116:10,15-19

Romans 8:31b-34

Mark 9:2-10

Monday, March 9 (230)

Frances of Rome, religious

Daniel 9:4b-10

Psalms 79:8-9,11,13

Luke 6:36-38

Tuesday, March 10 (231)

Isaiah 1:10,16-20

Psalms 50:8-9,16bc-17,21,23

Matthew 23:1-12

Wednesday, March 11 (232)

Jeremiah 18:18-20

Psalms 31:5-6,14-16

Matthew 20:17-28

Thursday, March 12 (233)

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Psalms 1:1-4,6

Luke 16:19-31

Friday, March 13 (234)

Genesis 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a

Psalms 105:16-21

Matthew 21:33-43,45-46

Saturday, March 14 (235)

Micah 7:14-15,18-20

Psalms 103:1-4,9-12

Luke 15:1-3,11-32

Sunday, March 15 (29)

Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 20:1-17

Psalms 19:8-11

1 Corinthians 11:22-25

John 2:13-25

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 7, 5:00pm
Jim Tutino ☩

Sunday, March 8, 8:30am
Owen Fredette ☩

Sunday, March 8, 10:30am
Missa pro Populo

Tuesday, March 10, 8:15am
Gene Frink ☩

Wednesday, March 11, 8:15am
Josephine Javorsky ☩

Thursday, March 12, 8:15am
Tuesday/Thursday Coffee Group
in Thanksgiving for their Dedication

Friday, March 13, 8:15am
Pete Depietro ☩

Saturday, March 14, 5:00pm
Laura Ludke ☩

Sunday, March 15, 8:30am
Donn Wilmott ☩

Sunday, March 15, 10:30am
Missa pro Populo

Prayer List

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

Mary Alexander
Mary Baker
Patricia Barbour
Cindra Bell
Tom Belprez
Jean Bentz
Beatrice Brooks & Family
Janet Brown
Steve Brown
Irene Caligiuri
Paul Cassidy
Marjorie Chapin
Dolly Cole
James Coleman
Pat Coley
Thomas Cornwell & Family
Margie Daniels & Family
Mercedes Dea
Cecilia DeSimone
Linda Dossman
The Eklem Family
Kathryn Ernst
The Fiore Family
Peggy Fischer
Betty Fisk
Larry Fisk
The Fox Family
Kathryn Franklin
The Fredette Family
Lourdes Garcia
Bob Godley
Rick Gonzalez
Paula Gurrera
Anita Hage
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
George Kleekamp
The Koffroth Family
Sr. Anne Kremenik
Lillian Lachance
The Lamelin Family
The Layden & Bermudez Families
Brandon LeBlanc
Paul & Brenda Leue
Cassandra Loretto
Lauren Loretto
Jackie Lynn
James MacArthur
Ken Mauro
Shirley McAllister
Bob McWilliams
Carol Michael
The Middlebrooks Family
Carroll Tom & Nona Miller
Nancy Moore
Margie Myers
R. Northrup
Helen O'Connell

Rusty Pato
Lupe Casas Pelletier
Helen Pingtella
Anne Post
Otila Quiroz
Janet Raiman
Margo Redford
Deana Reynolds
Dort Riley
Sr. Loyola Romey
Dorothy Rouse
Rose Rowland
The Russo Family
Sr. Elizabeth Shields
Nick Soltau
Ed Sox
Dorothy and Ray Staehr
Carl Streling
Steven Toth
Lisa & Kyle Valpoon
Arnie Velasco
Dominic Vienna, Jr.
Vanessa Vitiello-Koble
Kevin Watson-Graff
Betty Wehner
Ed Wesel
Marilyn Wesel
John Whittton
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
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

*Thank you for your prayers
for Col. Kathleen Henderson
who has returned home
safely.*

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

- Mar 8 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
- Mar 8 RE.A.CH Classes at Church (including HS)
- Mar 9 Women's Guild Luncheon Meeting
- Mar 13 Fish Dinner
- Mar 15 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
- Mar 15 Lenten Reconciliation Service
- Mar 15 High School RE.A.CH

The Month Ahead

- Mar 19 Women's Guild Day of Reflection
- Mar 20 Fish Dinner
- Mar 21-22 Women's Guild Bake Sale
- Mar 22 RE.A.CH Classes at Church (including HS)
- Mar 21-28 Volunteer Team Working in New Orleans
- Mar 26 Spirited Seniors Bus Trip
- Mar 29-30 Parish Mission: Faithful Families

The Year Ahead

- Apr 12 Easter Sunday—Masses at 6:30, 8:30, 10:30am
- 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

Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioners

Jocelyn Guerra & Family
Joan Kenkel

Women's Guild News

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.

Bake Sale—March 21-22. The Women's Guild will be calling parishioners whose last names begin with the letters A through H requesting donations of home made baked goods for the Bake Sale of March 21-22. Please bring your baked goods when you come to Mass and drop them off at the designated tables. Please note if the item contains nuts. Please do not bring items that require refrigeration. Your support is greatly appreciated.

*For more information,
call Pat Wong at 760-806-1310 or
Nancy Wozniak at 760-729-0782.*



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)

Ralph's Card—Please visit Scrip table for flyer.

☐ 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!

Update on New Orleans Ministry

We now have 18 folks who are confirmed to go to New Orleans from March 21-28.

There is a special blessing of these volunteers who will represent our Parish at the 5:00pm Mass this weekend. 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 \$3,070. 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.

For more information, call Sr. Maureen at 760-758-4100 x131.

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.*

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 seven of the monthly dinners!

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

August 23
September 27
November 29
December 27



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

Fish Dinners Every Friday During Lent

5:30-6:30pm

**Cod, Vegetables, Bob Wong's Dessert Station
Drawings!**

2009 Annual Catholic Appeal Now Underway!

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

Pledge Total to Date: \$10,065

Households Responding: 71

Average Gift per Household: \$141

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

...to teach through instruction in the faith

...to sanctify through priestly ministries

...to serve through Catholic Charities

Every registered household has received 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

Spirited Seniors' Bus Trip to Getty Villa

There are still seats available for this day trip to the Getty Villa in Malibu on Thursday, March 26, leaving at 7:30am from the Parish parking lot and returning at 4:00pm. Cost of \$30 includes transportation, driver gratuity, and breakfast goodies. Lunch is on your own. Checks should be made to *STM Spirited Seniors* with memo *Getty Villa Trip* and may be put in the offertory collection or brought to the Parish Office. For more information, contact Joyce Frink at 760-724-8091.

Heartnotes

Congratulations to our recent graduates!

Owen Murphy and Kathleen Gerhard

Recertification: D.G. Kilcher

Upcoming classes:

Saturday, March 14 8:30am-1:00pm Adult CPR/AED

Saturday, March 21 9:00am-3:00pm Infant/Child CPR

If you have an interest in learning CPR or you are a graduate of our program but you have not received an e-mail from us in the past week it means that we don't have a current e-mail address for you.

Please send a message to drphilg@cox.net if you'd like to receive timely updates on upcoming classes as well as the *STM Heartletter*, a brief monthly note in which we pass on the latest information regarding CPR-related topics.

Need more information?

Call Dr. Phil Goscienski at 760-732-1414.

Annual Golf Classic Our Tenth Anniversary!

Friday, May 1, 2009

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



Flyers with details and registration forms are available at the information table on the Plaza, in the Parish Office, and on the Parish website: www.stmoside.org/golf

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

Knights of Columbus News

Fish Dinners Every Friday During Lent

5:30-6:30pm

Please join us!

Monday Night Youth Group
GIVE IT UP
high school night

March 9 • 7:00-8:30 PM

at

GODSPACE

2nd Wednesday Gdonation

March 11 • 7:00pm Blessed Sacrament

8:30pm Pick Up at Starbucks RBV

Gale @ 726-7236 for information

Annual Brother Benno Food Drive

Deacon Tom (and others) will have trucks ready in the parking lot after all Masses on March 14-15 to receive non-perishable food items for Brother Benno's. This is our once-a-year food drive for Brother Benno's, and your

wonderful generosity in the past has helped us fill two to three pickup trucks with much needed food items. Brother Benno's not only runs a soup kitchen, but they also supplement the food budget for low income families. Please continue to be **Unbelievably Generous Loveable You** [UGLY].



Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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



OUR NEW OSSUARY

Did you see our Parish's new Ossuary on the plaza after Mass last weekend?

An Ossuary is a container in which a person's Remains are placed prior to their Funeral Mass. Ossuaries are being used more often in parishes, as the number of funerals with Remains increases.

When a casket is present for a Funeral Mass, a special cloth called a Pall is placed over the casket representing our Baptismal garment and creating a sense of equality, for in death, we are all the same before our God, neither rich nor poor, but equal daughters and sons of God.

In a similar manner, when Remains are present, the Ossuary becomes a consistent and dignified container in which the Remains are placed—be they in an elaborate urn or a simple cardboard box.

In death, as in life, we are all equally loved and saved by Christ. Stripped of all earthly possessions, we are made rich in Christ. The Pall and the Ossuary are symbols of this equality.

The Bereavement Team looks forward to using our Parish's new Ossuary at each Funeral Mass where Remains are present. The Ossuary was crafted at the Parish's request by

parishioner Al Rouse. Thank you Al, for this beautiful new piece of liturgical furniture with which we can further the ministry of St. Thomas More Parish in this time and in this place.

If you have any questions about the new Ossuary, please contact Sr. Maureen Brown or any of the Bereavement Team. They would be happy to answer any questions you may have.



Music Ministry Next Week

MARCH 14/15

5:00pm Mass

Adult Choir

8:30am Mass

Handbell Choir

10:30am Mass

MNM Music Team

CHILDREN'S EASTER CHOIR ANNOUNCED!!!

St. Thomas More's Children's Choir returns for a special engagement on Easter Sunday, at the 10:30am Mass.

All children, grades 2-6 are invited to sing with the Children's Easter Choir.

They will be singing by themselves and with the other choirs.

REHEARSALS

Wednesdays, 5:00-6:15pm
Upper Level

March 18

March 25

April 1

April 8 — 7:00-7:30pm
(with the Combined Choirs)

AT MASS

Easter Morning, April 12
10:30am Mass

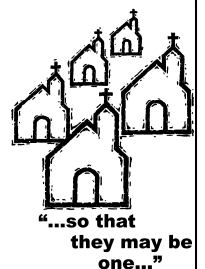
JOIN US!!!

SAVE THE DATE!

Spring Sing! Invitational Choral Festival

St. Thomas More Adult Choir
and friends...

Sunday, April 26 at 4:00pm



*Music can be all things to all persons.
It is like a great dynamic sun in the center of a solar system
which sends out its rays and inspiration in every direction...
Music makes us feel that the heavens open and a divine voice calls.
Something in our souls responds and understands.*

—Leopold Stokowski, Conductor, 20th century

Faith Formation*Teach and Live the Gospel*

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

FAITHFUL FAMILIES PARISH MISSION

Sunday and Monday, March 29-30
7:00-9:00pm

Dynamic Parish Mission for Men, Women, Children, and Teens!

Presented by Sound Mission Ministries, a Non-Profit Catholic Ministry. They present meaningful topics in ways that keep the entire family engaged.

If you have ever asked yourself if Catholic teaching can be relevant, funny, meaningful, and inspiring, ask no more. The Faithful Families Parish Mission will inspire you spiritually and practically, regardless of whether you're young or old, married or single, liberal or conservative!

Childcare, Monday dinner, and transportation assistance will be available by reservation. Call 760-758-4100 x159 and follow the instructions to reserve any of these services.

*For more information,
 contact Wayne Zych at 760-717-1145*

*For more information on Sound Mission Ministries,
 visit www.soundmission.com*

JOIN US!

STM Parish Mission—Please sign me up for

☐ Childcare ☐ Monday Dinner ☐ Transportation Assistance

Name _____

Phone _____

Chris
Muglia
renowned
musician and
speaker



Mary
Moore
speaker and
nationally
syndicated
columnist



Deacon
Mitch Rennix
men's ministry
workshop leader



Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP In the Season of Lent

The Gospel story of the transfiguration of Jesus holds many lessons; the most prominent being the transformation of Jesus from simply being perceived as a wise and gifted prophet to the one who has fulfilled the sacred traditions of the Mosaic law and the hope of the prophets, the Messiah, the Christ.

The Lord calls his stewards to participate in His redemptive activity. Heeding this call requires transformation, being willing to renounce patterns of behavior that draw us away from God.

In this coming week, let us pray for the grace to be transformed, so that by our goodness and generosity, we may walk more authentically in the footsteps of Jesus.

In following the path of Jesus, we see that Lent is a special season for the Christian steward to center attention on conversion, one of the first principles of Christian stewardship. It is a time when conversion finds very practical expression in prayer, fasting, and developing habits of greater generosity.

In the current financial crisis, with rising unemployment and a deepening global recession, the Lenten season invites stewards to focus more intensely on their relationship with the Lord and cultivate a greater awareness of those in need. It is because we live in such an increasingly interconnected world, that the poor and vulnerable suffer the worst during these times.



In his annual Lenten message, our Holy Father, Pope Benedict, made clear that fasting from food and detaching oneself from material goods during Lent helps us open our hearts to God and our hands to the poor. "Fasting is an aid to open our eyes to the situation in which so many of our brothers and sisters live."

Lent is also a time to practice almsgiving; to renounce those conveniences and material comforts that keep us from hearing the cries of a fragile world and find creative ways to respond to the poor. Almsgiving unites our love for God and our neighbor.

As we continue our Lenten journey, let us make a concrete commitment to prayer, fasting and acts of generosity. Let us pray for the wisdom and strength to let go of things that get in the way of our relationship with God; for a strengthening of faith; and for the grace to see that the poor of the world are not strangers, but are our sisters and brothers.

—ICSC Parish Stewardship, March 2009

**All that pleases is for but a moment.
All that troubles is but for a moment.
All that matters is forever.**

St. Thomas More Vehicle Donation Program



Do you have a vehicle
you want to donate?
The St. Thomas More
program is easy!

Call us, and we'll have it picked up.
You get the tax deduction!

Call the Parish Office at
760-758-4100 x100.



Collection for Week of: February 28/March 1, 2009

Number of Registered Households:	993
Offertory*	\$ 8,997.36
Offertory (Loose Collection)	1,136.00
Children's envelopes	1.50
Total	\$ 10,134.86

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

Special thanks to our young 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

Peanut Butter and Jelly Update



2009 GOAL: 365 jars
TOTAL to date: 161 jars

News from the Larger Church

Meshuggah-Nuns! The Ecumenical “Nonsense” Musical at Patio Playhouse in Escondido—Through 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.

Lenten Weekend Retreats at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside—March 13-15 or March 20-21. For more information, contact 760-757-3659 x127 or www.sanluisrey.org.

Marriage Encounter in San Diego—If you tell your kids, “Wait for marriage,” are they seeing something worth waiting for? Shine up your marriage on a Marriage Encounter Weekend—March 13-15 or May 1-3. For more information, contact broy2@san.rr.com.

Vocation Retreat Day 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.

Natural Family Planing Classes in San Diego—Sympto-thermal method, 99.6% effective. Four classes, starting March 16 or April 7. For more information, contact daveandcheryl@cox.net or 619-303-5053.

Annual St. Patrick’s Day Celtic Mass in San Diego—Tuesday, March 17, 6:00pm, at Our Mother of Confidence Church, 3131 Governor Drive, San Diego. All are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Bernadette Cashman at 619-757-3023.

Open House at Old Mission Montessori School (OMMS) at Mission San Luis Rey Parish in Oceanside—Saturday, March 21, 1:00-4:00pm, 4070 Mission Avenue, Oceanside. Browse our classrooms and meet our dedicated teachers! Begin and continue your child’s educational, faith-based journey with OMMS. Preschool through eighth grade; onsite morning and after-school care. Now enrolling for the 2009-2010 school year. For more information, contact 760-757-3232 or visit www.omms.org.

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.

Married Couples Retreat in San Marcos—March 27-28 at St. Mark Parish (no overnight stay is involved). Do something for Lent by spending time with your spouse, endeavoring to make

your good marriage great through REFOCCUS. Join other couples in prayer, led by our deacons, and discussion. For more information, contact Chuck or Patti Maxwell at 760-798-0499 or marriedcouplesretreat@gmail.com.

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.

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.



Religious Articles Sale in Escondido—Anthem Church Supply, 345 W. Grand Ave., Escondido, (800-882-8234), will be discounting all merchandise up to 25% off. They will be closing their retail store when the religious articles are all sold and concentrating their business on furnishings and supplies for churches.

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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Date	Time	Parish
Sun., Mar. 15	4:00pm	St. Thomas More, Oceanside
Wed., Mar. 18	6:30pm	Mission San Luis Rey, Oceanside
Mon., Mar. 23	7:00pm	Nativity, Fairbanks Ranch
Tue., Mar. 24	7:00pm	St. Patrick, Carlsbad
Wed., Mar. 25	7:00pm	St. James, Solana Beach
Thu., Mar. 26	7:00pm	St. Peter, Fallbrook
Mon., Mar. 30	7:00pm	St. Elizabeth Seton, Carlsbad
Tue., Mar. 31	7:00pm	St. John, Encinitas
Wed., Apr. 1	7:30pm	St. Mary Star of the Sea, Oceanside
Mon., Apr. 6	6:30pm	St. Mark, San Marcos
Tue., Apr. 7	6:30pm	St. Francis, Vista



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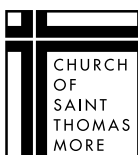
Backpacks - ages 2 yrs. to 18 yrs. (for both boys and girls)

Writing paper or small stationary packs)
Note cards) These will enable children to write letters
Books of postage stamps) to their mothers in prison.
Envelopes)

Pencil boxes
 Pens and pencils
 Disposable cameras
 Journals
 Playing cards for older children
 Travel games for the long bus trip
 Inexpensive gift items
 Small novelty items
 Teen magazines (especially for teen girls)
 Books (ages 6 – 19)
 Hand held video games

Packs of tissues	Small tubes or bottles hand lotion
Bottled water (half size & regular)	Fruit snacks (not fresh fruit)
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Pretzels	Cheese & Cracker Packs
Granola bars	Fruit Roll Ups

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