

Church of St. Thomas More

A Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of San Diego

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Spirituality + Tradition + Community

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

Mass Schedule
Saturday at 5:00pm
Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am
Tuesday-Friday at 8:15am
First Monday of the Month at 7:00pm

Eucharistic Adoration
Monday-Friday, 6:30am-7:30pm

Reconciliation (Confession)
Saturday, 4:00-4:30pm

March 15, 2009 • Third Sunday of Lent

FAITHFUL FAMILIES PARISH MISSION
Sunday and Monday, March 29-30 • See Page 7!

TENTH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC
Friday May 1 • See Page 5!

Did You Know?

The economy continues to play havoc with our Operations Budget. Presently, income from the Offertory Collection is less than what we budgeted.

We are catching up, but we are not there yet. The "Did You Know?" Campaign is helping greatly in this endeavor.

Please consider a special gift to St. Thomas More with the use of a "Did You Know?" envelope.

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Pastor's Column

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Works of Mercy

If you are still looking for something to do during this Lenten Season, let me recommend the traditional "Works of Mercy—Corporal and Spiritual."

Corporal Works of Mercy

To Feed the Hungry
To Give Drink to the Thirsty
To Clothe the Naked
To Shelter the Homeless
To Visit the Sick
To Ransom Captives
To Bury the Dead

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Lenten Communal Reconciliation Service
Sunday, March 15 • 4:00pm
Please join us!

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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Spiritual Works of Mercy

To Instruct the Ignorant
To Counsel the Doubtful
To Admonish Sinners
To Bear Wrongs Patiently
To Forgive Others Willingly
To Comfort the Afflicted
To Pray for the Living and the Dead

Let's get going...

We all have a lot of work to do.

We have three more weeks of Lent, but we also have 365 days in every year to keep this going!

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.

St. Thomas More Vehicle Donation Program

Do you have a vehicle you want to donate?

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



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 15 (29)

Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 20:1-17

Psalms 19:8-11

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

John 2:13-25

Monday, March 16 (237)

2 Kings 5:1-15b

Psalms 42:2-3; 43:3-4

Luke 4:24-30

Tuesday, March 17 (238)

Patrick, bishop

Daniel 3:25,34-43

Psalms 25:4-9

Matthew 18:21-35

Wednesday, March 18 (239)

Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop, doctor

Deuteronomy 4:1,5-9

Psalms 147:12-13,15-16,19-20

Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday, March 19 (543)

Joseph, husband of the Blessed

Virgin Mary

2 Samuel 7:4-5a,12-14a,16

Psalms 89:2-5,27,29

Romans 4:13,16-18,22

Matthew 1:16,18-21,24a or

Luke 2:41-51a

Friday, March 20 (241)

Hosea 14:2-10

Psalms 81:6c-11b,14,17

Mark 12:28-34

Saturday, March 21 (242)

Hosea 6:1-6

Psalms 51:3-4,18-21b

Luke 18:9-14

Sunday, March 22 (32)

Fourth Sunday of Lent

2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23

Psalms 137:1-6

Ephesians 2:4-10

John 3:14-21

Mass Intentions

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

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

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

Tuesday, March 17, 8:15am
Mary Norelli ☩

Wednesday, March 18, 8:15am
Alfred Barmasse ☩

Thursday, March 19, 8:15am
Shirley Via ☩

Friday, March 20, 8:15am
Lorie Whitmore ☩

Saturday, March 21, 5:00pm
Tom Hannon

Sunday, March 22, 8:30am
Virginia Dunbar

Sunday, March 22, 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
The Coley Family
Thomas Cornwell & Family
Margie Daniels & Family
Mercedes Dea
Cecilia DeSimone
Linda Dossman
Kathryn Ernst
The Fiore Family
Peggy Fischer
Betty Fisk
Larry Fisk
Lucy Fonseco
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
Kristin Hinds-Sweet
Cynthia Horner
The Jacobson Family
Bernie & Ginny Jaeger
Sue Johnston
Joan Jones
Colleen Kaup
Paul Kennedy
Debbie Kinney
George Kleekamp
The Koffroth Family
Sr. Anne Kremenik
Helen Kuhn
Lillian Lachance
The Lamelin Family
The Layden & Bermudez Families
Brandon LeBlanc
Paul & Brenda Leué
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
Mary Kay Porter
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
Marie Sterling
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 Whitton

Deployed Military

As a faith community let us pray for all who serve our country in these troubled times. We pray especially for those connected to our Parish who have been deployed:

1st Lt. Jeffrey Bauer, USMC
Pfc John Brandone
Sgt. Jason Cohick,
Air Force Reserve
Mst. Sgt. Shellie Cohick,
Air Force
Capt. Gregory Day, USMC
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
Julian Torres, USMC
Maj. Scott Wadle, USMC

Thank you for your prayers for Spec. Jared Ratzlaff 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 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
- Mar 19 Women's Guild Day of Reflection
- Mar 20 Fish Dinner
- Mar 21-22 Women's Guild Bake Sale
- Mar 22 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
- Mar 22 RE.A.CH Classes at Church (including HS)
- Mar 21-28 Volunteer Team Working in New Orleans

The Month Ahead

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

The Year Ahead

- Apr 9-11 Easter Triduum
- 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 County Deanery Luncheon Meeting
- May 31 Confirmation

Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioners

Nestor & Sara Aguilar & Family
Caryl Boyle
Patricia Libreros
Albert & Hollie Thielemann & Family

In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Francis Corcoran**, who died March 3. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, March 27, at 10:30am at St. Thomas More. Please keep his family in your prayers.

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

Thank You for Your Prayers...

for **Nancy Bermudez**, who died in February. Nancy is the daughter of Miriam Layden, who is grateful for all the prayers and concern during Nancy's illness.

for **Jo Ann Jones**, who died recently. Jo Ann is the sister of Bob Jacobson, who wishes to thank all those who offered their thoughts and prayers.

St. Francis and St. Thomas More Offertory Envelopes

Any St. Francis Offertory Envelopes given to the offertory collection at St. Thomas More will be returned to St. Francis.

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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!

Social Justice

New Orleans Update

Thank you so much for your contributions to this most important project! To date, members of our Parish have donated \$3,195. With this amount, monies donated from other sources, and funds we have remaining from last year, our volunteers will have more than sufficient funds to work with the people of New Orleans on your behalf! As printed on the envelope, any remaining monies will be used for our More's Workers right here in our own neighborhood. Monies will also be retained to continue our outreach to the neediest in our Sister Parish, especially during Christmas time.

Our 18 volunteers received a blessing at the 5:00pm Mass last weekend, followed by a potluck dinner and very enthusiastic final planning meeting. Please keep all of them in your prayers.

One of the greatest fears expressed by the parishioners of our Sister Parish is that they will be forgotten and abandoned before they are able to complete the rebuilding of their homes and their lives. You are making sure that won't happen! May God bless you for your continuing generosity!

Congratulations More's Workers

The work party this past Saturday, March 7, was a huge success. We had 11 volunteers turn out for an intense, but rewarding, morning. More's Workers teamed with volunteers from The Church at Rancho Bernardo and D & D Construction to continue renovating a four-unit apartment in Escondido that will house low-income seniors. Our involvement in this project will continue for the next three weeks. We have committed to performing several more renovation tasks. We can use help during the week and again next Saturday morning, March 14. For more information, please contact Dick Belprez at 760-295-1431.



Get On the Bus

As you may recall, an envelope was attached to the bulletin, to help defray the costs of the bus and three meals for the children, caregivers, and volunteers traveling to the two prisons in Chowchilla. If you did not get an envelope we will take your check in any envelope of your choosing! Just be sure to make the check out to **Get on the Bus** and mark the memo: **Buses "N" & "O."**

St. Francis Catholic Church, Pilgrim Church, and several other organizations are working together to sponsor a total of three buses from North County. A total of 48 buses will be traveling to various prisons throughout the state during the month of May!

We are also collecting items for gift bags for the children with activities they can do while traveling the seven hours to and from the prisons. You may drop these items off at the Parish Office during the week or after the weekend Masses on March 14-15 and 21-22.

Thank you so much!

2009 Annual Catholic Appeal Now Underway!

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

Pledge Total to Date: \$12,505

Households Responding: 91

Average Gift per Household: \$137.41

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

Women's Guild News

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.

Holy Thursday Dinners

It is a tradition in our Parish on Holy Thursday to have dinners in parishioners' homes after the liturgy. Loaves of bread and bottles of wine are blessed after Mass for consumption at these dinners. We need "Hosts" who provide the setup in their home, and "Guests" who will be assigned to those home to bring a dish to share. Host families determine the number of Guests they can accommodate, and if their home is suitable for children. This is a random assignment of Guests to Host homes. This event is not for Host homes who have pre-planned dinner guests invited. This is meant as a way to meet new fellow parishioners as well as extend the blessings and meaning of this holy night. Sign ups to be a Host Home or Guest will take place after all Masses the weekends of March 14-15, 21-22, and 28-29. The last day to sign up will be Sunday, March 29 after the 10:30am Mass. If you would like more information, call Henny Jocelyn at 760-758-4100 x100 or 760-726-1177.

Friday, May 1, 2009

Our Tenth Anniversary Golf Classic!

Register today for:

- Golf at Fallbrook Golf Club
- Miniature Golf at *Boomers!*
- Dinner and Evening Festivities at STM
- Sponsorships
- Donations of new items for auction/raffle
- Volunteering



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!

High School Youth Group

de•fine: to determine or identify the essential qualities or meaning of

Monday, March 16, 7:00-8:30pm

Steubenville San Diego 2009

July 24-26

Sign Up Now!

\$50.00 due by April 6

\$125.00 balance due May 15

Attend BE THE CHANGE Retreat?

See photos at:

<http://picasaweb.google.com/stthomasmoreyouth>

Call Gale at 726-7236 for information

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.

Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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



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Behind the altar in my church stands a large crucifix. I cannot tell you just how tall it stands, but simply know that it towers above us, a symbol of Christ's love that cannot be ignored. The sanctuary was designed in a manner that leaves the space around the base of the cross open so that people may pray at the foot of the cross if their hearts lead them there. This cross, Christ's cross, must be embraced in order to fully experience its transformative power in our lives.

Forming the community

"What part of 'take up your cross' do you not understand?" That was the question I found myself asking a women's retreat team not long ago. The guide for discussion that we were using included a question that asked, "How are you called to take up your cross at this time, and how are you given strength to do so?" The women were stymied. Group after group seemed to experience the same sort of confusion, blank incomprehension, or, perhaps, denial. Taking up our cross is not something that arises in everyday conversation, I suppose. The circumstances surrounding most of our lives assure us that we need never experience anything close to a cross, so it is easy for us to attempt to flee the cross rather than to find the strength to embrace it.

Formed through life within the community

I don't know if my pastor remembered hearing of these discussions or if he has had similar ones himself, but a few months later, Father Jan spoke of Christ's victory over death, his triumph of the cross. He talked about how each of us probably envisions the difficulties we might experience in life. We mentally prepare ourselves for challenge; we think we are ready to face whatever life might have in store. And then, often, we face something we would never have imagined, a challenge we feel is beyond our capacity to meet. On the night before his passion, Jesus faced a cross that seemed almost too great to bear and still found the strength to pray, "Not my will but yours be done" (Luke 22:42). Each of us faces the cross, and by definition, the cross will be great, but God's love, Christ's victory over the cross, is greater.

The morning Father Jan offered that homily sticks in my memory as being one of the most powerful experiences of prayer I have encountered. It was 7:30 on Sunday morning, and the depth of prayer was palpable. Yet I wondered, "So is it only the 7:30am folks—those who are truly committed to their faith, enough to rise early to begin the day with the Eucharist—who will respond to Christ's message as

Music Ministry Next Week

MARCH 21/22

5:00pm Mass

Cantor

8:30am Mass

Cantor

10:30am Mass

Adult Choir

CHILDREN'S EASTER CHOIR!!!

Children grades 2-6 are invited to sing with the Children's Easter Choir at the 10:30am Mass.

REHEARSALS

Wednesdays, 5:00-6:15pm

March 18, March 25, April 1,

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

EASTER MORNING

April 12, 10:30am Mass

JOIN US!!!

Spring Sing!

Invitational
Choral
Festival



St. Thomas More Adult Choir and friends...

Sunday, April 26 at 4:00pm

voiced by our pastor?" The next week told the tale. I heard from folks who were at Mass the evening before and those at Mass on Sunday night. All spoke of the ways in which they had been moved to really reflect on the part that faith plays in their lives.

Forming pastoral practice

Suddenly it seemed that being a Christian meant more than loving, serving, becoming more selfless. Suddenly, people were talking about their crosses, the ones they have already carried and the ones yet to be embraced or even imagined. Suddenly, it became apparent that people need and want to be given the ability to articulate what the cross means for them. What part of "take up your cross" do we not understand? That is still a question to be answered, over and over again.

—Leisa Anslinger is pastoral associate for faith formation at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Cincinnati and author of Here Comes Everybody! Whole Community Catechesis in the Parish.

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
and at Church
4:00 TODAY Lenten Reconciliation Service

★ Levels 1-6 . . . Pay special attention to the section in the back of the book for each week of Lent/Easter for your family prayer.

★ Is the Rice Bowl the centerpiece of your table? Let it grow until Easter. Continue to look for new ways to be mindful of the poor: a simple meal, no dessert tonight, soda, Starbucks, potato chips. . . this would add \$ \$ \$ \$ in savings.

Congratulations!

Perfect attendance for March 8:

- ★ ISAIAH ★ Level 2 A
- ★ WISDOM ★ Level 6 B
(2 classes in a row!)
- ★ DANIEL ★ Level 3 A



March 26 7:00-8:30 PM

Sacramental Preparation Meeting for Parents continues.

Peanut Butter and Jelly Update



2009 GOAL: 365 jars
TOTAL to date: 176 jars

Your almsgiving is appreciated!

Ten Good Reasons To Go To Mass

Reason #5:

People need our prayers.

We can pray for other people anytime; but when we pray for others during Mass, we pray in a special way. It doesn't matter if the other people are separated from us by distance or by death. The Mass brings us together in the Body of Christ and we all become the Communion of Saints. It is part of the cosmic dimension of the Mass that unites heaven and earth by reaching across time and space.

COMING IN

2

WEEKS!

Faithful Families Our Parish Mission

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

If you have ever asked yourself if Catholic teaching can be

- ♦ relevant,
- ♦ funny,
- ♦ meaningful and inspiring,

ask no more.

This **Mission** will inspire you spiritually and practically,

regardless of whether you're young or old, married or single, liberal or conservative!



Extra Services! (Advanced sign up required)

- ★ **Childcare** (March 29 and/or 30)
Loving "Grandma-Care" for approximate ages 2-10 with religious-centered activities
- ★ **Transportation** (March 29 and/or 30)
Need a ride to or from the Mission?
- ★ **Dinner** (March 30, 6:00pm)
Join us for pizza and salad served by our teens!

Sign up on the Plaza after Mass or call 760-758-4100 x159.

Fr. Mike's Bookies

You are invited to enjoy *Christ the Lord: The Road to Cana* by Anne Rice, which is next in the series of our Parish Book Club on Wednesday, May 6 at 9:00am or 7:00pm. Fr. Mike will be facilitating the discussion of the final book in our series.

Books are available for \$8 on the lower level.

Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Everything after we say, "I Believe."

Stewards of the Lord's abundant gifts are referred to as the Temple of the Lord.

What are we doing to be cleansed of activities unworthy of an encounter with the Lord?

What are we doing to cleanse our Temple and make sacred space for the gift of our Savior, Jesus Christ?

Three convictions underlie Stewardship:

1. Mature disciples make a conscious, firm decision, carried out in action, to be followers of Jesus Christ, no matter the cost to themselves.
2. This commitment is expressed in an entire way of life.
3. Stewardship is an expression of discipleship, with the power to change how we understand and live out our lives.

—A Disciple's Response, a Pastoral Letter on Stewardship



God of mercy,
You have given us this special time
to reflect on our lives,
believe in the Good News
and draw closer to You.
May this season of Lent
help us use this time
to fast and pray,
be more generous
and show others how to live in Christ.

Let us see each day of this season
as a new opportunity to renew our lives
and gain a deeper appreciation
of Your active presence in us
and our community of faith.

Give us the grace to see
Your face in others,
especially the poor
and those who suffer.
And through your Spirit,
enkindle in us the fire of Your love
so that we may be better stewards
of Your redeeming work
throughout the world.

We ask this through Jesus, Your Son. Amen.

—ICSC Parish Stewardship, March 2009

***If the flood had come today,
would you have missed the boat?—God***

A WAY TO GIVE ~ A WAY TO RECEIVE



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

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

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

For more information please contact:

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

Collection for Week of: March 7/8, 2009

Number of Registered Households:		997
Offertory*	\$	15,011.48
Offertory (Loose Collection)		1,306.50
Children's envelopes		4.00
Total	\$	16,321.98

(* 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:
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News from the Larger Church

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 Planning Classes in San Diego—Symptothermal 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.

Catholic Schools Teacher Job Fair in Del Mar—Saturday, March 21, 9:00am-12:00noon, Cathedral Catholic High School, 5555 Del Mar Heights Rd., San Diego. Prospective elementary and high school teachers will have an opportunity to speak with principals and representatives from Catholic Schools in our Diocese. For more information, contact 858-490-8240.

Open House at Old Mission Montessori School (OMMS) at Mission San Luis Rey Parish in Oceanside—Saturday, March 21, 1:00-4:00pm, 470 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.

Sung Rosary in Rancho Bernardo—Friday, March 27, 7:00pm, San Rafael Catholic Church, 17252 Bernardo Center Dr., San Diego. All are welcome to participate in the Sung Contemplative Rosary, featuring the *Sorrowful Mysteries*. For more information, contact 858-587-4314.

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.

Life Directions Retreat for Young Adults at USD—Sunday, March 29, 10:00am-4:00pm, Salomon Hall, Bishop Maher Hall, University of San Diego. This day-long retreat is for women and men in their 20s and 30s who are facing major choices in their lives and who want help with discerning the next steps. For more information, contact 619-260-4784 or ccs@sandiego.edu.

Palm Sunday Concert in Rancho Bernardo—Sunday, April 5, 4:00pm, San Rafael Catholic Church, 17252 Bernardo Center Dr., San Diego. "The Passion According to St. John" will be performed by the 12@NOW Vocal Ensemble (San Diego State University Department of Music). For more information, contact 858-487-4314.

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.

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—May 1-3. For more information, contact broy2@san.rr.com.



Detention Ministry Opportunities in Our Diocese—To find out more about serving on a team ministering to Catholic inmates, visit www.diocese-sdiego.org/restore, call Deacon Jim Walsh at 858-490-8375, or email jwalsh@diocese-sdiego.org

Religious Articles Sale in Escondido—Anthem Church Supply,

Lenten Reconciliation Services at Local Parishes

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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