

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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Deacon Thomas A. Goeltz

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

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

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

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

March 22, 2009 • Fourth Sunday of Lent

FAITHFUL FAMILIES PARISH MISSION

Sunday and Monday, March 29-30 • See Page 7!

T Mass of the Lord's Supper
R Thursday, April 9 • 6:00pm
I Good Friday of the Lord's Passion
D Friday, April 10 • 12:00noon or 7:00pm
U The Easter Vigil
U Saturday, April 11 • 8:00pm
M The Resurrection of the Lord
Sunday, April 12 • 6:30am, 8:30am, or 10:30am

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Pastor's Column

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Faith and Family—Gifts to Be Nurtured

FAITH

By way of a fortune cookie, at the end of a meal in a restaurant, one of the best definitions of faith came my way: *"Faith is the bird that feels the light and begins to sing while the dawn is still dark."*

Faith is a gift given to us from God to see the world not as the world sees itself, but as God sees it.

We are called to be people of light in a world that is often filled with darkness.

This gift of faith doesn't just maintain itself. It must be nurtured if it is to grow and deepen into a way of life.

The Season of Lent provides an opportunity to tend to our faith. Through the disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we have significant moments in which we can "grow the faith."

Why are we called to prayer? Because we do not pray enough! There are 1,440 minutes in the course of every day. How many of those minutes are spent in prayer? How many of those minutes

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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 our 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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are spent in connecting with God, the source of all that we are and all that we have?

Why are we called to fasting? Because we live life in excess! Be it food, drink, recreation, shopping, time spent "just on me," or negative activities like gossiping, judging, condemning, ridiculing, etc., we live life in excess.

What things are we able to let go of, from which to fast, at least for awhile? And then when we feel the craving, the longing, the desire of that pleasure or activity, can we, in that moment, ask God to come in and fill that emptiness?

We fast in order to make room for God in our lives, to create ever greater space for God to come into our lives and to keep us focused and in the right direction, the direction that leads to God's Reign, and away from the things of this world which are all passing away right before our eyes.

Why do we give alms? There will come a time in our lives when we will die and will have to give all that we are and all that we have back to God. There is no better time than now, to start getting ready, by giving alms.

Our closets are full, our garages are full, our storage units are full, our wallets and bank accounts are full. We are the richest nation on the face of the earth.

Giving alms now helps us to ready ourselves for the ultimate give-a-way!

And it provides for those who have less than us and are in need of the basic elements of life!

FAMILY

Faith is not just personal; it is also communal. We live our faith in community with our family, our Parish family, and with the world around us.

Faithful Families, Our Parish Mission, will be held on Sunday, March 29, and Monday, March 30, from 7:00-9:00pm each evening.

The retreat is family focused and family centered. All the details have been and are in our bulletin.

I encourage and challenge every Parish household to join in this Parish Mission. It is an opportunity for the entire family to come together in one Lenten activity, to get refocused, to be nourished, and to be refreshed.

Lent is 40 days. Can you give just 4 hours for this Mission as a Lenten activity to enrich and strengthen your family life?

God is closest to you in the members of your family! Do you see, hear, and feel God's presence?

Faith and family are gifts that need to be nurtured if they are to flourish.

Lent is the time to do so!

Now is the time!

F. Mike

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.

Readings for the Week Ahead

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

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

Monday, March 23 (244)

Toribio de Mogrovejo, bishop

Isaiah 65:17-21

Psalms 30:3,4-6,11-13

John 4:43-54

Tuesday, March 24 (245)

Ezekiel 47:1-9,12

Psalms 46:2-3,5-6,8-9

John 5:1-16

Wednesday, March 25 (545)

The Annunciation of the Lord

Isaiah 7:1-14;8:10

Psalms 40:7-11

Hebrews 10:4-10

Luke 1:26-38

Thursday, March 26 (247)

Exodus 32:7-14

Psalms 106:19-23

John 5:31-47

Friday, March 27 (248)

Wisdom 2:1a,12-22

Psalms 34:17-21,23

John 7:1-2,10,25-30

Saturday, March 28 (249)

Jeremiah 11:18-20

Psalms 7:2-3,9b-12

John 7:40-53

Sunday, March 29 (35)

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalms 51:3-4,12-15

Hebrews 5:7-9

John 12:30-33

Prayer List

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

Mary Alexander
Mary Baker
Patricia Barbour
Tom Belprez
Jean Bentz
Beatrice Brooks & Family
Janet Brown
Steve Brown
Irene Caligiuri
Shelby Campbell
Paul Cassidy
Marjorie Chapin
James Coleman
The Coley Family
The Corcoran Family
Thomas Cornwell & Family
Jean Crowell
Karen Flaharty Daley
Margie Daniels & Family
Mercedes Dea
Cecilia DeSimone
Linda Dossman
Kathryn Ernst
The Fiore Family
Peggy Fischer
Betty Fisk
Larry Fisk
Lucy Fonseca
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
Barry Henwood
Kristin Hinds-Sweet
Cynthia Horner
The Jacobson Family
Bernie & Ginny Jaeger
Sue Johnston
Joan Jones
Colleen Kaup
Paul Kennedy
Debbie Kinny
George Kleekamp
The Koffroth Family
Sr. Anne Kremenik
Helen Kuhn
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
Mary Kay Porter
Anne Post
Otila Quiroz
Janet Raiman
Margo Redford
Deana Reynolds
Dort Riley
Joanne Robinson
The Rodriguez Family
Sr. Loyola Romey
Dorothy Rouse
Rose Rowland
The Russo Family
Nick Soltau
Ed Sox
Dorothy and Ray Staehr
Marie Sterling
Carl Streling
Henrietta Tiernan
Steven Toth
Lisa & Kyle Valpoon
Arnie Velasco
Dominic Vienna, Jr.
Vanessa Vitiello-Koble
Kevin Watson-Graff
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
St Sgt Joseph Duffy, USAF
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

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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BUT FROM WHERE?

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Calendar Highlights

Also check the Parish website (www.stmoside.org) for complete calendar information.

The Week Ahead

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
Mar 27 Fish Dinner and Stations of the Cross
Mar 26 Spirited Seniors Bus Trip
Mar 29 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
Mar 29-30 Parish Mission: Faithful Families

The Month Ahead

Apr 3 Fish Dinner and Stations of the Cross
Apr 5 RE.A.CH Classes at Church (including HS)
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

The Year Ahead

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 21-24 Adult Choir Tour

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 21, 5:00pm
Tom Hannon

Sunday, March 22, 8:30am
Virginia Dunbar

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

Tuesday, March 24, 8:15am
Cecil De Forest ☩

Wednesday, March 25, 8:15am
Derick Donolon

Wednesday, March 25, 9:30am
Rosemary Meinders ☩
Emeritus at Oceanside

Thursday, March 26, 8:15am
Eleanor Szczepanski ☩

Friday, March 27, 8:15am
Barbara Foster ☩

Saturday, March 28, 5:00pm
J. C. Gonzalez ☩

Sunday, March 29, 8:30am
Lewis Garrett ☩

Sunday, March 29, 10:30am
Missa pro Populo

Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioners

**Tony & Malia Cappuccio & Family
Steve & Louise Toth**

In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **John Rodriguez**, who died this week. His funeral arrangements are pending. Please keep his wife Francisca and the 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! Thank You!

The words "FANTASTIC"... "OUTSTANDING"... "A BLESSING"... "WONDERFUL" rang out early Monday morning when the first two of **FOUR** pickup trucks brimming with food items arrived at Brother Benno's. Once again, your generosity has been overwhelming. Because of your kindness, many people will eat this month. Thank you!!! —*Deacon Tom*

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!

New Orleans Update—This Is the Week!

Please keep our 18 New Orleans volunteers in your prayers beginning this weekend as they travel to New Orleans and for their safety, courage, and good health. Pray also that this week of loving service will be spiritually enriching as they interact with other volunteers and the people of New Orleans, especially those in our Sister Parish, St. Peter Claver, whose faith has remained strong throughout this entire ordeal.

Get On the Bus

Thank you so much for your generosity in supplying funds and items for the children as they travel to see their moms at the two prisons in Chowchilla. To date, \$2,500 has been donated by our Parishioners and friends.

We will be sorting the items received for the children's gift bags on March 24, in order to know what else is needed before the actual event on May 8. Please check the information table on the Plaza for an updated list of items needed.

If you would like to help with any aspect of this program, please contact Vanessa Ferraro at 858-518-5991.

More on the Parish's New Ossuary

Special thanks are due to Knights of Columbus Al Rouse, who oversaw the creation of our Parish's new Ossuary, and Brian Leahy, who was responsible for the donation of the raw materials. In addition, Nell McGlone made the special covering that we use when the Ossuary is being stored. Thank you to all of these special people for their part in the Parish's newest piece of liturgical furniture. —*Douglas Lynn*



Knights of Columbus News

Fish Dinners Every Friday During Lent

5:30-6:30pm

Please join us!

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 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.

Tenth Anniversary Golf Classic ~ Friday, May 1, 2009

A full day of celebration, fun and fellowship with family and friends!

Register today for:

- ◆ Golf at Fallbrook Golf Club
(Anniversary special—\$100 per person for foursome, includes golf, lunch, and dinner!)
- ◆ Miniature Golf at *Boomers!*
FUN afternoon with a demo by a professional miniature golfer—who knew?
- ◆ Dinner and evening festivities at STM. Nearly at capacity already, so don't delay—register today!
- ◆ Sponsorships—a great way to support our Tenth Anniversary!
- ◆ New item donations for the auction and raffles
- ◆ Volunteering to help the committee



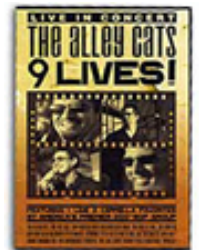
1955 Classic Ford Truck to be auctioned at dinner!

- ◆ Beautiful vintage "show" truck will go to the highest bidder on May 1. Don't miss out on this one!
- ◆ The truck will be on the Plaza after all Masses this weekend, and on the following weekends: March 28-29 and April 18-19.



First Annual Pastor's Dinner ~ Sunday, August 23

- ◆ New twist for the culinary evening hosted by Fr. Mike!
- ◆ 100 seats available for \$250 per seat
- ◆ Spectacular dinner at Shadowridge Country Club hors d'oeuvres, open bar, and, desserts. Be sure to come hungry!
- ◆ Entertainment by The Alley Cats!
- ◆ Sign up today on the Plaza!



For more information, contact John Murphy at 760-497-6117 or murphy8801@cox.net.

Women's Guild News

Board Meeting—Monday, April 6, at Germaine Wilmott's home to discuss the April 20 meeting and the June 6 installation at Shadowridge Country Club. Please RSVP to Germaine at 760-758-9949.

Luncheon Meeting—Monday, April 20, 11:00am, lower level of the Parish Center. Cost is \$7. The Nominating Committee will announce the candidates for the new Board. Then we'll play card Bingo! Please RSVP to Mary Vernaci at 760-727-2318 or Germaine Wilmott at 760-758-9949.

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.*

2009 Annual Catholic Appeal Now Underway!

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

Pledge Total to Date: \$15,690

Households Responding: 107

Average Gift per Household: \$146.63

Your support is greatly appreciated!

—Rev. Michael Ratajczak, Pastor



Bring a Friend!

St. Thomas More

Middle School Youth Group

Meets Monday, March 23 • 7:00pm

How is Lent going?

*** Team Games**

*** Snacks**

Visit our website:

www.stmoside.org/ym

Email: ronb@stmoside.org

Call Ron or Louise Briseno 760-758.4100 x153

High School Youth Group

Monday, March 23, 2009 • 7:00-8:30pm

LIGHT-TIME

Lower Level

STEUBENVILLE SIGN-UP IS HAPPENING NOW!

Secure your spot with a deposit by April 6

Call Gale at 726-7236 for questions
or check www.stmoside.org/hsym.htm

Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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

ONE BREAD...BUT FROM WHERE?



THE SISTERS OF SANTA RITA

There are many choices when it comes to finding the altar bread that becomes the Body of Christ for our Parish community. Although there are large corporate entities that make altar breads more cheaply, we have chosen to purchase our altar breads from the Sisters of Santa Rita, the Cistercian Nuns of Sonoita, Arizona, and this year, the Sisters of Santa Rita are celebrating their 30th anniversary of making altar breads.

Every monastery in their Cistercian Trappist tradition is committed to earning its living through the work of its own members. Arriving in Arizona in 1972, the Sisters began two craft industries: ceramics and stained glass. It was soon apparent that neither industry would support the growing community. So, in 1978, their first prioress sent a sister to California for a crash course in altar bread making. Not long afterwards, they began operations with a single-plate baking machine, one cutting machine which punched out one 1-3/8" round people's bread at a time (10,000 max per day), and one Parish customer.

Thirty years later, they now produce 75,000 1-3/8" hosts per day for more than 370 Parishes (of which St. Thomas More is one). In a year they produce about thirteen million breads in five different sizes. They have achieved their goal of earning their annual living through their altar bread bakery.

Being contemplative nuns, they go about their work in a spirit of prayer, working in silence as much as possible, and they like to think their prayer is an extra-special ingredient to their altar bread recipe.

St. Thomas More is pleased to support the contemplative way of life for the Sisters of Santa Rita, and we congratulate them on thirty years of bread making!



Sr. Cathy sorting



Sr. Margarita sorting



Praying the Office of Terce during morning work



Bernie Reindl mixing



Sr. Kate baking



Sr. Miri bagging



Sr. Esther removing bread from humidifier



Sr. Pam cutting



Sr. Gloria scoring



Sr. Rita shipping

Music Ministry Next Week

MARCH 28/29

All Masses

Chris Muglia
with
Sound Mission
Ministries

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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

COMING IN

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WEEK!

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 by March 25)

Sign up by phoning 758-4100 X 159

- ★ **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!



Prayer Partners

If you did not get a partner, there are more cards on the lower level, outside the Faith Formation Office.

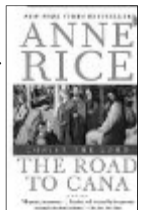
Please pray for the members of our community that you select. You can use the prayer on the back of the name card, or any form of prayer. This creates a spiritual bond between you and this child or adult.

Through your prayer ask God to strengthen and support your partner through the final stage of preparation to receive the Sacrament.

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 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 of the Parish Center.



Peanut Butter and Jelly Update



2009 GOAL: 365 jars
TOTAL to date: 191 jars

Your almsgiving is appreciated!

Ten Good Reasons to Go to Mass

Reason #4:

We stand up for what we believe

Being a follower of Jesus is counter-cultural. At every Mass, we have the opportunity to stand up and proclaim what we believe publicly. We admit that we believe in God, in Jesus, in the Holy Spirit, in the Catholic Church, in the Communion of Saints, in the forgiveness of sins, and in life after death. It is a powerful statement of allegiance and an opportunity to recommit ourselves.

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."

Jesus tells his disciples of the immeasurable generosity God has bestowed on them by offering His only Son for their salvation. Good stewards realize this wonderful gift. God has sacrificed what is most dear to Him for our sake.

Do we rejoice in this gift of Our Savior and respond to this love with our own immeasurable generosity?

Do we allow the light of Christ to shine in the world through us?

Or do we withdraw, refusing this gift, and prefer to live in a way that denies the light of Christ?

—ICSC Parish Stewardship, March 2009

Time and again during Lent we are reminded to be faithful to the message Jesus gave us through his example. Just as the blind man in the Gospel willingly did all that Jesus asked of him, we are asked to do the same.

It is easy to get in a rut, and stay in one, believing that by doing the exact things that are 'required' of us by our Catholic faith are all that is necessary. Routinely following the 'rules' just for the sake of it doesn't prove a thing except that we can follow rules.

Jesus thought and acted outside of the box. Thus, the Pharisees continually resisted his message and spent an inordinate amount of time trying to tear Jesus down ~ rather than believing in His miracles and example.

Thinking outside of the box doesn't garner much popularity to this day. However, all we need to do is look around and see some of the great accomplishments of our time to realize that many of them were started (and finished) by someone who thought outside of the box!

Completing the work that Jesus started requires a commitment of a lifetime. Remember that we are beautifully made by God and we are here for a purpose (or two or three or four, etc.).

St. Thomas More is extraordinarily blessed with many dedicated stewards and I always feel like I am preaching to the choir. Yet, if I can reach just one person that needs a gentle prod to get on board with a new ministry (or stay on board with one that is having difficulties) my efforts are worthwhile.



It is easy to give up after a negative experience or to start a new project only to stop it when the going gets tougher than we anticipated. "Losing interest" equals quitting. Jesus was very blunt about this and we should take that seriously.

Where would we be today if Jesus had just thrown in the towel because His mission was just too rough and he "lost interest?"

People will be more impressed by what you finish than by what you start. Jesus will too.

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.



Ash Wednesday Collection

\$1,625.00

Collection for Week of: March 14/15, 2009

Number of Registered Households:		1,001
Offertory*	\$	7,509.18
Offertory (Loose Collection)		1,143.00
Children's envelopes		2.50
Total	\$	8,654.68

(* 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,

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News from the Larger Church

Holy Week Silent Retreat at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside—Thursday, April 9–Sunday, April 12. *Living—Dying—Rising* will be led by Br. Mark Schroeder, OFM. For more information, contact 760-757-3659 or www.sanluisrey.org.

Faces of Spirituality Series Continues at the University of San Diego—Award-winning author Barbara Bowe, RSCJ, professor of Biblical Studies at the Theological Union in Chicago, will present “Biblical Foundations of Spirituality—Touching a Finger to the Flame” on Thursday, March 26, at 7:00pm at USD. For more information, contact 619-260-4784 or ccs@sandiego.edu.

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, 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.

Catholic Network of Volunteer Service (CNVS) Looking for Volunteers—Thousands of faith-based volunteer opportunities available from nearly 200 programs all over the world for all ages and walks of life. For more information, contact 800-543-5046 or visit www.cnvs.org.

Spring Cleaning? Call Fr. Joe's Villages—Did you know that every week, St. Vincent de Paul Village is in your Parish area to pick up usable discards from you and your neighbors? Those items are needed by Father Joe to assist him in helping over 3,400 neighbors in need each day. You can call 1-888-FatherJoe (1-888-328-4375) to arrange a free pickup and receive a tax deductible receipt (please call at least one week in advance) or donate online at www.neighbor.org.

Foster and Affirm Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life in Carlsbad—Join the Serra Club of San Diego North Coast at 8:00am Mass at St. Patrick Church in Carlsbad followed by a breakfast meeting on the second Saturday and fourth Tuesday of each month. For more information, call 760-729-9528.

Lenten Reconciliation Services at Local Parishes

Date	Time	Parish
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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