

# Church of St. Thomas More

A Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of San Diego

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Spirituality + Tradition + Community

**Rev. Michael Ratajczak, Pastor**  
**Deacon Thomas A. Goeltz**

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

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

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

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

March 29, 2009 • Fifth Sunday of Lent

## FAITHFUL FAMILIES PARISH MISSION

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

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**Mass of the Lord's Supper**  
Thursday, April 9 • 6:00pm

**Good Friday of the Lord's Passion**  
Friday, April 10 • 12:00noon or 7:00pm

**The Easter Vigil**  
Saturday, April 11 • 8:00pm

**The Resurrection of the Lord**  
Sunday, April 12 • 6:30am, 8:30am, or 10:30am

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## Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak  
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### On Genuine Religion

These words are taken from an address given by Pope Benedict XVI to the Representatives of Cameroon's Muslim Community on March 19, 2009 during his visit to Africa:

*"...I believe a particularly urgent task of religion today is to unveil the vast potential of human reason, which is itself God's gift and which is elevated by revelation and faith.*

*Belief in the one God, far from stunting our capacity to understand ourselves and the world, broadens it. Far from setting us against the world, it commits us to it.*

*We are called to help others see the subtle traces and mysterious presence of God in the world which he has marvelously created and continually sustains with his ineffable and all-embracing love.*

*Although his infinite glory can never be directly grasped by our finite minds in this life, we nonetheless catch glimpses of it in the beauty that surrounds us.*

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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.*

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

*When men and women allow the magnificent order of the world and the splendour of human dignity to illumine their minds, they discover that what is "reasonable" extends far beyond what mathematics can calculate, logic can deduce, and scientific experimentation can demonstrate; it includes the goodness and innate attractiveness of upright and ethical living made known to us in the very language of creation.*

*This insight prompts us to seek all that is right and just, to step outside the restricted sphere of our own self-interest and act for the good of others.*

*Genuine religion thus widens the horizon of human understanding and stands at the base of any authentically human culture. It rejects all forms of violence and totalitarianism: not only on principles of faith, but also of right reason.*

*Indeed, religion and reason mutually reinforce one another since religion is purified and structured by reason, and reason's full potential is unleashed by revelation and faith.*

*I therefore encourage you, my dear Muslim friends, to imbue society with the values that emerge from this perspective and elevate human culture, as we work together to build a civilization of love.*

*May the enthusiastic cooperation of Muslims, Catholics, and other Christians in Cameroon be a beacon to other African nations of the enormous potential of an interreligious commitment to peace, justice, and the common good!"*

In this Lenten Season, let us pray for, and be mindful of, the enormous potential of interreligious commitment, not only for Africa, but for us here in the United States, and indeed, around the world.

It is the only way to justice and peace.

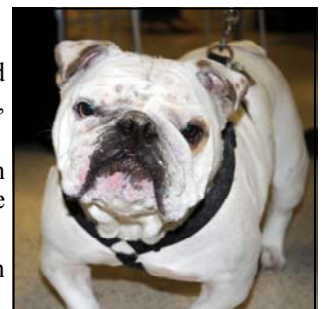
*Fr. Mike*

### Herman—Rest in Peace!

Herman died suddenly and unexpectedly on Wednesday, March 18.

His "vet," after consultation with other "vets," believes that he probably died of meningitis.

Herman celebrated his fourth birthday on February 28.



He lived a charmed, though short life. He was so comfortable here among the Faith Community of St. Thomas More. He knew that he was loved and appreciated by so many!

I am grateful for all of you who embraced him simply because you knew that he was special to me.

Your care and concern, and your notes of condolence to me, are greatly appreciated!

Let us continue to celebrate and rejoice in all of God's Creation, and be mindful that we are called to "steward" the world in which we live. —Fr. Mike

## Readings for the Week Ahead

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

### Sunday, March 29 (35)

*Fifth Sunday of Lent*

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm 51:3-4,12-15

Hebrews 5:7-9

John 12:20-33

### Monday, March 30 (251)

Daniel 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62

Psalm 23:1-6

John 8:1-11

### Tuesday, March 31 (252)

Numbers 21:4-9

Psalm 102:2-3,16-21

John 8:21-30

### Wednesday, April 1 (253)

Daniel 3:14-20,91-92,95

Daniel 3:52-56 (Psalm)

John 8:31-42

### Thursday, April 2 (254)

*Francis of Paola, hermit*

Genesis 17:3-9

Psalm 105:4-9

John 8:51-59

### Friday, April 3 (255)

Jeremiah 20:10-13

Psalm 18:2-7

John 10:31-42

### Saturday, April 4 (256)

*Isidore, bishop, doctor*

Ezekiel 37:21-28

Jeremiah 31:10-13 (Psalm)

John 11:45-56

### Sunday, April 5 (37, 38)

*Palm Sunday of Our Lord's Passion*

John 12:12-16

Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalm 22:8-9,17-20,23-24

Philippians 2:6-11

Mark 14:1-15:47

## Prayer List

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

Mary Alexander  
Mary Baker  
Patricia Barbour  
Cindra Bell  
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  
Ann Edmunson  
Kathryn Ernst  
The Fiore Family  
Peggy Fischer  
Larry Fisk  
Lucy Fonseca  
The Fox Family  
Kathryn Franklin  
Lyn Friedman  
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  
The Jaeger Family  
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  
Cassandra Loretto  
Lauren Loretto  
Jackie Lynn  
James MacArthur  
Ken Mauro  
Bob McWilliams  
Carol Michael  
Carroll Tom & Nona Miller  
Nancy Moore  
Margie Myers  
R. Northrup

Sergio Ochoa  
Helen O'Connell  
Esther Ortega  
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  
The Rodriguez Family  
Sr. Loyola Romey  
Dorothy Rouse  
Rose Rowland  
The Russo Family  
Julie Shea  
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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## Calendar Highlights

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

## The Week Ahead

- Mar 29 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
- Mar 29-30 Parish Mission: Faithful Families
- Apr 3 Fish Dinner and Stations of the Cross
- Apr 5 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
- Apr 5 RE.A.CH Classes at Church (including HS)

## The Month Ahead

### Easter Triduum

- Apr 9 Holy Thursday
- Apr 10 Good Friday
- Apr 11 Easter Vigil
- Apr 12 Easter Sunday—Masses at 6:30, 8:30, 10:30am
- April 19 RE.A.CH Classes at Church
- 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 Lunch Meeting
- May 21-24 Adult Choir Tour to Napa, California
- May 31 Confirmation
- June 6 Women's Guild Lunch at Shadowridge Country Club

## Mass Intentions

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

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

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

Tuesday, March 31, 8:15am  
Willis E. Holmes ☩  
Genevieve C. Holmes ☩

Wednesday, April 1, 8:15am  
Elizabeth Nead ☩

Thursday, April 2, 8:15am  
Daphne Dunn ☩

Friday, April 3, 8:15am  
Theresa Burns ☩

Saturday, April 4, 5:00pm  
Lee Romens ☩

Sunday, April 5, 8:30am  
Bud Hazlett ☩

Sunday, April 5, 10:30am  
Departed Souls of the Monteiro Family ☩



## In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Ginny Jaeger**, who died this week. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, April 3, at 10:30am at St. Thomas More. Please keep her husband Bernie and the family in your prayers.

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

## 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.*

## 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.*

## 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

Our volunteers are on their way home after a week in New Orleans helping repair and restore homes damaged by Hurricane Katrina.

For more pictures and the daily diary, visit the Parish website:

[www.stmoside.org](http://www.stmoside.org)

and click on:

Ministries/Pastoral Staff,  
then click on:

New Orleans 2009 in the  
Quick Clicks section.



## Women's Guild News

**Bake Sale Results**—A great big **Thank You** to everyone who participated in the bake sale last weekend, from callers and bakers to buyers and donators. Because of your generosity, we raised over \$1,080!

**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.

## 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 during 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

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

### Registrations needed for:

- ◆ **Golf at Fallbrook Golf Club ~ foursomes and singles**  
(Anniversary special—\$100 per person for foursome, includes golf, lunch, and dinner!)
- ◆ **Miniature Golf at Boomers! ~ foursomes and singles**  
*FUN* afternoon with a demo by a professional miniature golfer—who knew?
- ◆ **Sponsorships**—a great way to support our Tenth Anniversary!
- ◆ **New item donations** for the auction and raffles
- ◆ **Volunteers** to help at Fallbrook Golf Club and Boomers of Vista for Miniature golf!



### 1955 Classic Ford Truck to be auctioned at dinner!

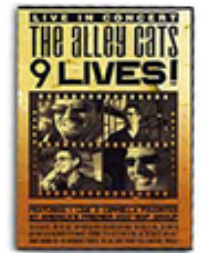
- ◆ Beautiful vintage “show” truck will go to the highest bidder on May 1. Bidding will start at \$7,000.
- ◆ The truck will be on the Plaza after all Masses this weekend and the weekend after Easter, April 18-19.



- ◆ Sealed bids will be available for those who are out of town and cannot attend on May 1.
- ◆ Don't miss out on this!

### 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!
- ◆ 30 seats have already been reserved!
- ◆ Oh, what a night ~ sign up today!!!



**For more information, contact John Murphy at 760-497-6117 or [murphy8801@cox.net](mailto:murphy8801@cox.net).**

### 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.

The items received for the children's gift bags before March 24 have been sorted 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.

### Knights of Columbus News

#### Fish Dinner on Friday, April 3

**5:30-6:30pm**

**Last one for this year!**

**Don't miss the delicious fish dinner,  
Bob Wong's fabulous dessert bar,  
and raffles**

***Please join us!***

### 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: \$16,940**

**Households Responding: 119**

**Average Gift per Household: \$142.35**

Your support is greatly appreciated!

*—Rev. Michael Ratajczak, Pastor*

## High School Youth Group

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

Join us for the Parish Mission!

**STEUBENVILLE SIGN-UP IS HAPPENING NOW!**

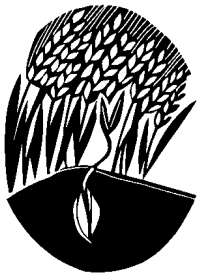
Secure your spot with a deposit by April 6

Call Gale at 726-7236 for questions  
or check [www.stmoside.org/hsym.htm](http://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



## IMMIGRANTS ALL

### Scripture Themes for April

From the time Abram set out from Ur of the Chaldeans to travel to the land God would show to him...from the time the enslaved descendants of Abraham escaped from Egypt to trek through the desert in order to claim the land of God's promise... from the moment Jesus left his place with God to journey into time and space and into flesh and blood and make his home among us for a while...from the years when Jesus walked among us doing good, forgiving sins, and making the love of God known to all, especially to this world's least and lowly ones...from the day when Jesus turned his face toward Jerusalem and made his way to the upper room, to the garden of Gethsemane, to the courts of Caiaphas and Pilate, to Calvary, to the cross, to the tomb and from the tomb, ours has been a faith tradition characterized by movement (April 5).

Even after his journey from death to risen life, Jesus would continue his holy migration. He would return to his own in the upper room to strengthen them with the assurance that they were no longer rootless strangers but citizens of the kingdom and God's own sons and daughters in whom the Spirit chooses to live and move and breathe (April 19). He would entrust them with the power to offer peace and forgiveness to others so that all may be able to move from the darkness of sin into the light of salvation. He traveled with his own on the road to Emmaus and reminded them that they would always have Eucharistic food to sustain them in all their journeying (April 26). All this had been made possible through the movement of Jesus, lifted up in death on the cross, lifted up from death to life. In that uniquely powerful movement through suffering to exaltation, Jesus drew unto himself and to God all who believe. This is the movement and the mystery we celebrate not only this month but every month,

for it is through Jesus' momentous journey that we are healed and forgiven, liberated and redeemed. All of the Hebrew scriptures prepared for this moment and moved toward it; all of the Christian scriptures celebrate this moment, and both testaments gather us in for our annual remembrance of the journey of Jesus from God to us and back to God with every forgiven sinner in tow.

Caught up in this movement and consecrated by it, the first disciples whom Jesus had called to himself continued the journey he had begun (April 12). With new meaning and a new purpose in each of their lives, those early believers put into motion the process whereby the proclaimer of the good news became the proclaimed. Jesus, the messenger sent by God, had become the message, and the power of that good news prompted a universal migration of all peoples toward the God who made and loves them all.

It is a migration that continues to this day. The church's character as a people on the move has been eloquently affirmed by the participants at the Second Vatican Council: As church, we are the one pilgrim people of God, present in all the nations of the earth. All these faithful scattered throughout the world are in communion with each other in the Holy Spirit. As church, the people of God fosters and takes unto itself, insofar as they are good, the abilities, the resources and the customs of all these pilgrim people to purify, strengthen and elevate them. This character of mobility and universality that defines the people of God is a gift from the Lord, who ceaselessly seeks the return of all of humankind to himself, to God.

Centuries before these insights were expressed, Augustine acknowledged the difficulty of the church's journey: "Like a stranger in a foreign land, the church presses forward amid the persecutions of the world and the consolations of God." But we know that we do not journey alone. Every step of the way is blessed and graced with the presence and power of God. Christ's Spirit remains with the church and within every immigrant who strives for peace and justice here and now and fulfillment in the life to come. Given the fact of our common status as spiritual migrants in this world, it devolves upon us to uphold and defend the rights of our fellow immigrants. Regardless of their ethnicity, age, and gender, and with or without documentation, all are the people of God; all are on the move toward home, where the God who loves us all will welcome all without exception.

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

### Music Ministry Next Week

APRIL 4/5  
Palm Sunday

5:00pm Mass

Cantor

8:30am Mass

Cantor

10:30am Mass

Adult Choir  
Handbell Choir

APRIL 6

7:00pm Mass

MNM Music Team

APRIL 9  
Holy Thursday

6:00pm Mass

Adult Choir  
Handbell Choir

APRIL 10  
Good Friday

12:00pm Liturgy

Cantor

7:00pm Liturgy

Adult Choir

## EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FRIDAY, APRIL 3  
8:45am - 6:30pm

### INTENTION FOR THE DAY

That we will unite our crosses  
to the Cross of Christ.

## Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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

IT'S HERE !!

## 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!



### 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.

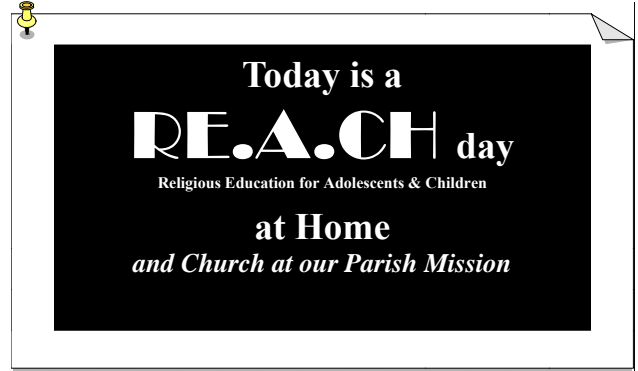
Books are available for \$8 on the lower level.

### Peanut Butter and Jelly Update



2009 GOAL: 365 jars  
TOTAL to date: 218 jars

Your almsgiving is appreciated!

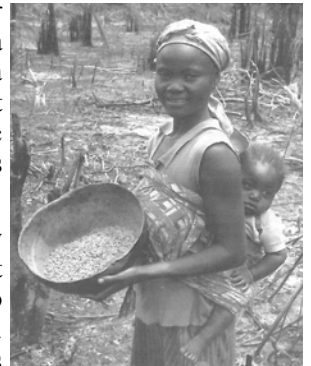


### Lenten Journey—the Second Half

#### Operation Rice Bowl

Does the cardboard Rice Bowl, (or just any designated bowl) occupy a prominent place on your table, as a visual reminder to your family that almsgiving, even in tough economic times, will be repaid by our generous God a hundredfold?

A small donation from every family would go a long way to support Catholic Relief Services' mission to fight global hunger and poverty. Imagine if our one thousand families all sacrificed \$10-20...what a difference we could make!



When Lent ends, it can be a meaningful family event to empty the Rice Bowl and count its contents as a family, say a prayer for those who will benefit from these alms, then turn in your donation. (It is very helpful if you turn your cash into a check, payable to STM. All our gifts will be joined and sent to CRS through the Diocese.)

#### Prayer Partners

Our prayerful support continues for those preparing to celebrate Sacraments in the Easter Season. Prayer cards are available outside the Faith Formation Office. There is a container on top of the bookcase for a card or note of good wishes you may wish delivered to your prayer partner.

### Ten Good Reasons To Go To Mass

#### Reason #3:

#### We know we make mistakes

At every Mass, we have the opportunity to review the past week. We admit to God that we have sinned in thought, in word, in deed, in what we have done, and in what we have failed to do. We seek forgiveness, and we are assured that God still loves us. Before we receive Communion, we admit that we are not worthy, and we ask God to heal us. Going to Mass helps us to strengthen our commitment to live moral lives.



# Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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## CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

### *Allows us to say "No" as well as "Yes"!*

The climactic event of Jesus' passion and death is drawing closer; a time when the great confrontation between Jesus and the powers of darkness takes place. We know about the hideous trials that Jesus suffered. We know of His struggles.

Above all, no matter how difficult the trials were, we know Jesus was obedient to His Father and guided by faith.

The true Christian steward knows and accepts that life can't be lived in complacency. Just as Jesus was called, we too are called to die to self, bear more fruit, and to be ultimately raised up with Jesus. As disciples we are to follow Christ and try to live His life as our own. Even now, today and everyday . . .

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus brings discomfort to those who are comfortable. How does that make you feel? It makes me evaluate my patterns of sharing . . . and not just about money; and not just with my family and friends.

Catholic guilt is alive and well at St. Thomas More and in every Parish in existence. Does that mean we should stop doing what Jesus asks of us to avoid feelings of anger and/or guilt? No.

Many of our Parishioners live very comfortable, and sometimes affluent lifestyles. This is a good thing! God has blessed many of us and is happy to see us prosper. Should we feel guilty or angry about that? No.

It is no secret that there are many, in our own neighborhoods and beyond, who are not so prosperous and have fallen on hard times. This isn't because they haven't worked hard and tried to get ahead, but is often due to circumstances beyond their control. Should we turn our backs on the needs of strangers and only help our family and close friends? No.

Some years are worse than others with natural disasters such as hurricanes, tornadoes, fires and don't forget September 11. The economy itself is a disaster, isn't it? All of these things, when added to the existing needs of missionaries, charities and research of various serious illnesses, add up to a lot of "asks" don't they?

**Is it a requirement for eternal life to say "yes" to every single opportunity for donating to a particular cause? No.**

**Is it healthy for one's heart and soul to get angry about the number of times an opportunity to donate to various causes is presented? No.**

If we donated money every time there was a request, many would not be able to pay mortgages, buy food, etc. Some can, and want to always say yes. Others cannot, or choose not to do so, and that is OK. When mail solicitations are received, we pick and choose where we donate, hopefully without anger! Ditto Church.

As Christian stewards, it is our responsibility to continue the mission and ministry of Jesus. God calls us to be Church. Amen.

**God understands the word "No" when justified.  
God requests calm discernment ~ not anger.**

## TOWERS OF FAITH

### *Future Support & Estate Planning Options*

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

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



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

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

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

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

### Collection for Week of: March 21/22, 2009

Number of Registered Households:		1,000
Offertory*	\$	9,068.60
Offertory (Loose Collection)		1,005.00
Children's envelopes		7.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>10,081.10</b>

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

(Credit Card and Automatic Bank Account Withdrawals  
are posted at STM on the 5th and/or 20th of each month.)

*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](mailto:parishoffice@stmoside.org).



## News from the Larger Church

**Chrism Mass in San Diego**—Thursday, April 2, 4:00pm at Good Shepherd Church, 8200 Gold Coast Dr., San Diego. The Bishop blesses the holy oils (oil of catechumens, oil of the sick, and holy chrism) at this annual liturgy, and representatives bring vessels of the oils back to their Parishes for presentation at the Holy Thursday liturgy and for use throughout the year. All are invited.

**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.

**Holy Week Silent Retreat at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside**—Thursday, April 9 through 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](http://www.sanluisrey.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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.diocese-sdiego.org/restore), call Deacon Jim Walsh at 858-490-8375, or email [jwalsh@diocese-sdiego.org](mailto: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](http://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](http://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.

**Volunteers Needed as Advocates for Foster Children**—Become a child advocate and make a lasting difference in the life of a foster child. More than just a mentor, you can give hope to a child who has none. For upcoming information session dates, contact [www.speakupnow.org](http://www.speakupnow.org) or 858-569-2019.

**Mission San Luis Rey Retreat Center in Oceanside**—has an ongoing schedule of retreat activities. For more information, contact 760-757-3659 or [www.sanluisrey.org](http://www.sanluisrey.org).

**Diocesan Young Adult Ministry**—Contact Carrie Giebel at [cgiebel@diocese-sdiego.org](mailto:cgiebel@diocese-sdiego.org) or 858-490-8260 for scheduled young adult activities around the Diocese.

**University of San Diego Center for Christian Spirituality in San Diego**—has an ongoing schedule of lectures and workshops. For more information, contact 619-260-4784 or [www.sandiego.edu/ccs](http://www.sandiego.edu/ccs).

**St. Francis Church Online Auction**—You're invited to check out our online auction! St. Francis Church has joined [www.CatholicAuctionsOnline.com](http://www.CatholicAuctionsOnline.com) as a new high-tech fund raiser. Items are added as they arrive and have a time limit for bidding. Register as a buyer and get started today!

**Diocese of San Diego Diocesan Institute**—has an ongoing schedule of classes and workshops. For more information, contact 858-490-8212 or [bcarr@diocese-sdiego.org](mailto:bcarr@diocese-sdiego.org).

**Natural Family Planning Classes**—Great marriage insurance! A moral, healthy, and inexpensive way to plan your family. For current schedules and to register, visit [www.diocese-sdiego.org](http://www.diocese-sdiego.org) and click on "Ministries" then "Marriage & Family Life."

**Take a Stand for Life in Carlsbad**—A group of North County Parishioners meets from 10:00 to 10:30am on the third Monday of each month to peacefully pray the rosary in front of the Carlsbad Planned Parenthood Clinic. The clinic is located at 1820 Marron Road, in the shopping center just west of Plaza Camino Real Mall. Please join us in our prayers for an end to abortion. For more information, call Jahna White at 760-586-6356.

### Lenten Reconciliation Services at Local Parishes

Date	Time	Parish
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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