

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

April 5, 2009 • Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

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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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A Lenten Reflection

by Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa, OFM Cap.

Raniero Cantalamessa is a Franciscan Capuchin Catholic Priest, born in Ascoli Piceno, Italy 22 July 1934, ordained priest in 1958 and has a doctorates in Divinity and Classical Literature. He is a former Professor of History of Ancient Christianity and Director of the Department of Religious Sciences at the Catholic University of Milan, and was a member of the International Theological Commission (1975 -1981)...

In 1980 he was appointed by Pope John Paul II as "Preacher to the Papal Household" in which capacity he still serves, preaching a weekly sermon in Advent and Lent in the presence of the Pope, the cardinals, bishops and prelates of the Roman Curia, and the general superiors of religious orders...

—www.cantalamessa.org

It is just as deadly to try to forego either of the two guides of the Spirit. When the interior testimony is neglected, we easily fall into legalism and authoritarianism; when the exterior, apostolic testimony is neglected, we fall into subjectivism and fanaticism...

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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 everything is reduced to just the personal, private listening to the Spirit, the path is opened to a unstoppable process of division and subdivision and multiplication of denominations and sects, often contrasting each other in their essential points, demonstrates that the same Spirit of truth in speaking cannot be in all, because otherwise he would be contradicting himself...

We should recognize however that there is also the opposite risk: that of making the external and public testimony of the Spirit absolute, ignoring the internal testimony that works through the conscience enlightened by grace. In other words, it is the risk of reducing the guidance of the Paraclete to only the official magisterium of the Church, thus impoverishing the variegated action of the Holy Spirit.

In this case, the human element, organizational and institutional, can easily prevail. The passivity of the body is fostered and the doors are opened to the marginalization of the laity and the excessive clericalization of the Church.

Even in this case, as always, we should rediscover the whole, the synthesis, that is truly 'catholic.' It is the ideal of a healthy harmony between listening to what the Spirit says to me, as an individual, and what he says to the Church as a whole and through the Church to individuals.

—Raniero Cantalamessa, OFM Cap.
Preacher of the Papal Household
Lenten Reflection
27 March 2009

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.

Visit the Parish Website—www.stmoside.org

Click on *Ministries/Pastoral Staff* for information on a particular ministry, including liturgy and music, faith formation, youth groups, stewardship, and social justice.

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, April 5 (37, 38)

Palm Sunday of Our Lord's Passion

John 12:12-16

Isaiah 50:4-7

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

Philippians 2:6-11

Mark 14:1-15:47

Monday, April 6 (257)

Isaiah 42:1-7

Psalms 27:1-3, 13-14

John 12:1-11

Tuesday, April 7 (258)

Isaiah 49:1-6

Psalms 71:1-6, 15-17

John 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday, April 8 (259)

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalms 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34

Matthew 26:14-25

Thursday, April 9 (39)

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14

Psalms 116:12-13, 15-18

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

John 13:1-15

Friday, April 10 (40)

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Psalms 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25

Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

John 18:1-19:42

Saturday, April 11 (41/42)

The Easter Vigil

Psalms 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12-14, 24, 35

Genesis 1:1-2:2

Genesis 22:1-18

Exodus 14:15-15:1

Isaiah 54:5-14

Isaiah 55:1-11

Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4

Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28

Romans 6:3-11

Psalms 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Mark 16:1-7

Sunday, April 12 (42)

The Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Psalms 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

1 Corinthians 5:6-8

John 20:1-9

Mass Intentions

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 ☩

Monday, April 6, 7:00pm

For the Youth of Our Parish

Tuesday, April 7, 8:15am

Judith Nichols ☩

Wednesday, April 8, 8:15am

In Thanksgiving for grandson's safe
return from third tour in Iraq

Wednesday, April 8, 9:30am

Virginia Lee Roper ☩
Emeritus of Carlsbad

Thursday, April 9, 6:00pm

Shelby Campbell

Sunday, April 12, 6:30am

Dominic Vienna, Sr. ☩

Sunday, April 12, 8:30am

Bud Flanagan ☩

Sunday, April 12, 10:30am

Pauleta Carrillo ☩

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

Shelby Campbell

Marjorie Chapin

James Coleman

The Coley Family

The Corcoran Family

Thomas Cornwell & Family

Jean Crowell

Karen Flaharty Daley

Margie Daniels & Family

Cecilia DeSimone

The Charlie Doherty Family

Linda Dossman

Ann Edmunson

Kathryn Ernst

The Fiore Family

Larry Fisk

Lucy Fonseca

The Fox Family

Kathryn Franklin

Lyn Friedman

Carmen Garcia

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

Brenda Johnson

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

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

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

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

Lisa & Kyle Valpoon

Arnie Velasco

Dominic Vienna, Jr.

Vanessa Vitiello-Koble

Kevin Watson-Graff

Ed Wesel

Marilyn Wesel

John Whitton

The Eric Williams Family

Deployed Military

As a faith community let us pray for all who serve our country in these troubled times. We pray especially for those connected to our 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) for complete calendar information.

The Week Ahead

Apr 5 Liturgy of the Word for
Children at 8:30am
Mass

Apr 5 RE.A.CH Classes at
Church (including HS)

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

The Month Ahead

April 19 Liturgy of the Word for
Children at 8:30am
Mass

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 28 Project Linus Coffee

May 31 Confirmation

June 6 Women's Guild Lunch at
Shadowridge Country
Club

June 12-14 Parish Campout

July 20-24 Crocodile Dock—
Vacation Bible School

Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioners

Felix De Los Santos & Family

Annual Lenten Collection

Each year all Parishes in the Diocese of San Diego are asked to participate in the Annual Lenten Collection. This collection raises funds for the Church in places other than the United States, places like Africa, Asia, and Latin America.

This weekend we have attached envelopes for this collection to the bulletin. You may indicate on the envelope if you would like to designate your contribution to one or more of the three causes included in this collection.

Special collections provide an opportunity for us as individuals and as a Parish Faith Community to reach out beyond our own boundaries and in solidarity assist those in need elsewhere. Monies raised by this collection go to help the church in many areas beyond our national borders.

In this light, I encourage you to join others in our Parish and throughout the Diocese in responding generously to this collection. You may return the envelopes any time during April.

—Rev. Mike Ratajczak, Pastor

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 Update

Victory for Tri-City Service Workers!

The Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice is excited to announce that service workers at Tri-City Medical Center in Oceanside have reached a tentative agreement, which, with ratification, will lead to a just and fair contract! For the past several months service workers have bargained for a contract which would help them take a step out of poverty and ensure adequate staffing for quality patient care at Tri-City Medical Center.

Service workers have repeatedly expressed their gratitude to the Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice for its support during their organizing drive and contract negotiations. Workers deeply appreciate the ICWJ leadership and its members for remaining in solidarity with them throughout their long and fruitful struggle.

The ICWJ would like to thank all of the clergy and faith leaders who journeyed with Tri-City service workers for the past year and lifted their voices in support of these workers.

Thank You

For your prayers for our New Orleans volunteers, who have returned safely from their week of helping restore homes. Watch for stories and photos of their experiences!

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.

We are still in need of booklets of “forever” stamps, disposable cameras, and magazines and books for teenagers.

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

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

is at Monday Night Mass, April 6, 7-8:30 PM

is at Second Wednesday Adoration, April 8, 7:00pm, Blessed Sacrament and ending at 8:30pm Starbucks RBV

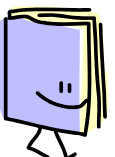
is accepting \$50.00 deposit for Steubenville San Diego (July 24-26) by April 6 (total is \$175.00).

Financial difficulties? Please contact us so we can work with you.
Call Gale at 726-7236 for more information.

Little White Books y El Librito Blanco (en español.)

The Little White Book continues to offer six-minute daily meditations through the fifty days of the Easter Season. It gives us the opportunity to walk through the Resurrection narrative of Mark.

We appreciate a \$2 donation to cover the cost of the book. They are available after Mass or at the Parish Office until we run out of them.



Tenth Anniversary Golf Classic ~ Friday, May 1

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



Registrations still accepted 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—Amen!
- ◆ **Sponsorships**—a great way to support our Parish via our Tenth Anniversary Golf Classic!
- ◆ **New item donations** for the auction and raffles
- ◆ Waiting list for dinner is in progress. Names will be contacted in order received.

***** All payments are due by Sunday, April 26! *****

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 for preview viewing after all Masses on the weekend after Easter, April 18-19.



- ◆ Sealed bids will be available.
- ◆ Detailed description of the truck and photos available at: www.stmoside.org/golf
- ◆ Don't miss out on this one!

First Annual Pastor's Dinner ~ Sunday, August 23

- ◆ **This exciting new event replaces the previous “Dinner for 10” prepared and hosted by Fr. Mike.**

- ◆ 100 seats available for \$250 per seat ~ 40 seats are already reserved!
- ◆ Wonderful 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!!!



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, May 1.

For more information, contact the Parish Office at 760-758-4100 x100.

2009 Annual Catholic Appeal Now Underway!

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

Pledge Total to Date: \$19,895

Households Responding: 132

Average Gift per Household: \$150.71

Your support is greatly appreciated!

—Rev. Michael Ratajczak, Pastor

Monday Night Mass

Join us
April 6 at 7:00pm for
Monday Night Mass
(Upper Level of the Parish Center)

Abbot Charles Wright
from the Prince of Peace Abbey
will be celebrating this youth-led Mass

“Stand Up for Kids,” a homeless teen day shelter in Oceanside, is in need of water bottles or boxes of juice bags.

If everyone could bring one box or case,
it would be greatly appreciated.

For more information please contact Ron Briseno at
760-758-4100 x153 or ronb@stmoside.org

Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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

WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS?

Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord!



Music Ministry Next Week

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

APRIL 11

Easter Vigil

8:00pm Mass

Adult Choir
Handbell Choir

APRIL 12

Easter Sunday

6:30am Mass

Cantor

8:30am Mass

Adult Choir
Handbell Choir

10:30am Mass

Adult Choir
Children's Easter Choir
MNM Music Team

I have
given you
a model
to follow,
so that
as I have done
for you,
you should
also do.



For as often as you eat this bread and
drink the cup, you proclaim the death
of the Lord until he comes.



Do not be
amazed!
He is
not here!



This is the night...



It is finished.

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 Church

Sunday Sign-Up's for 2009-2010

If your family is currently enrolled in St. Thomas More's Religious Education program, OR

If you have children from age 3 through 17 and would like to partner with your parish in their faith formation, please

- * Plan to complete your (re)enrollment packet at our April 19 RE.A.CH session from (9:45am-2:00pm and 4:00-6:30pm)
- * Pick up your packet in the lower level hallway at the beginning of class
- * Fill it out at the available tables or bring it back at the end of class
- * Tuition may be paid by
 - ★ cash
 - ★ check
 - ★ a written payment plan
 - ★ credit card (Visa, Mastercard, Discover)
- * For Levels 1-8: **please** consider the 12:30-2:00pm session if at all possible
- * Classes will be filled on a first come, first serve basis

*If you are a newer family in the Parish,
please come down and find out
what our religious education program
is all about!*

Peanut Butter and Jelly Update



2009 GOAL: 365 jars
TOTAL to date: 239 jars

Your almsgiving is appreciated!

Lenten Journey—Entering Holy Week

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!



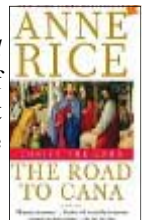
When Lent ends, it can be a meaningful family event to empty the Rice Bowl and count its contents as a family, say a prayer for those who will benefit from these alms, then turn in your donation. (It is very helpful if you turn your cash into a check, payable to STM. All our gifts will be joined and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

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.



Ten Good Reasons to Go to Mass

Reason #2:

We need ritual in our lives

Mass is a ritual, which means that through the repetition of the prayers, the movements, and the changing of bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ, we are formed, disciplined, and consoled. The "sameness" of the Mass carries us along the spiritual journey – even when we don't "feel" like praying. The "sameness" of the ritual allows us to be transformed on a soul level even if we are unaware of what is happening.

Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP Be Kind to Someone Else

The strangest paradox is that as we accept the heavy yoke of Christ, all of our burdens become lighter. As we accept the stewardship of God's grace and give ourselves to the Kingdom's cause, we become rich.

At the heart of Christian stewardship is the act of service, even at great cost. But the wonderful thing is that Christian service does something to us as well as to the people whom we serve.

Good stewards strive to conform their lives to that of Christ—emptying themselves of all pride and putting themselves at the service of others.
—Stewardship, April 2009

As Lent is drawing to a close, and the intensity of Holy Week is upon us, it is a good time to count our blessings and focus on positive actions. After all that Jesus suffered for our sake, this is a very small challenge indeed, and one we should embrace all year.

- † Give up complaining.....focus on gratitude.
- † Give up pessimism.....become an optimist.
- † Give up harsh judgments ..think kindly thoughts.
- † Give up worrytrust Divine Providence.
- † Give up discouragement ...be full of hope.
- † Give up bitternessturn to forgiveness.
- † Give up hatred.....return good for evil.
- † Give up pettiness.....become mature.
- † Give up gloomenjoy the beauty all around you.
- † Give up jealousypray for trust.
- † Give up gossipingcontrol your conversations.
- † Give up sin.....turn to virtue.
- † Give up giving upkeep the faith in God's wisdom.

Many years ago a beautiful creed to live by was expressed by Etienne De Grellet. It still applies today.

"I expect to pass this way but once. Therefore,
any good that I can show to any fellow creature,
let me do it now.

Let me not defer or neglect it,
for I shall not pass this way again."



**The Will of God never takes you to where the
Grace of God will not protect you.**

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.



**"Did You Know?" Donation Update
March 2009
\$5,437.00**

Collection for Week of: March 28/29, 2009

Number of Registered Households:		1,000
Offertory*	\$	6,740.36
Offertory (Loose Collection)		1,067.50
Children's envelopes		2.50
Total	\$	7,810.36

* Offertory Envelopes, Credit Card withdrawals,
Automatic Checking or Savings Account Deductions
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News from the Larger Church

St. Francis School Open House in Vista—Monday, April 6, 5:45-7:00pm, for families interested in enrolling their children in preschool through eighth grade. St. Francis of Assisi Parish School is at 525 W. Vista Way, Vista. For more information, contact 760-630-7960 or www.sfs-vista.org.

Update on Macular Degeneration and Glaucoma in San Diego—Thursday, April 9, 9:00am-2:00pm at the Braille Institute, 4555 Executive Dr., San Diego. Includes presentations and technology fair (lunch will not be provided). For more information, contact Dave at 858-404-5000 or visit www.brailleinstitute.org.

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.

Easter Twilight Retreat at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside—Wednesday, April 15, 6:00pm at Mission San Luis Rey Retreat Center, 4050 Mission Ave., Oceanside. *He Is Risen* will be presented by Br. James Lockman, OFM, and will focus on the meaning of the Resurrection of Christ in human history. For more information, call 760-757-3659.

Blood Drive in Vista—Sunday morning, April 19, at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 525 W. Vista Way, Vista. All blood donors welcome. For more information, contact David Jones at 760-758-4198.

Presentation on St. Paul at the University of San Diego—Thursday, April 23, 7:00-8:30pm at Salomon Hall, Bishop Maher Hall, USD. *St. Paul's "Grand Finale:" The Letter to the Romans* will be presented by Rev. Jack Lindquist. For more information, contact 619-260-4784 or www.sandiego.edu/ccs.

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.

Junior High Chastity Education Programs in San Diego—Mother/Daughter Tea on Sunday, April 26, 1:30-5:00pm; Father/Son Program on Sunday, May 3, 1:30-5:00pm. Both events will be at Acension Parish, 11292 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., San Diego. For more information, contact Betty Vega at 619-448-0467.

Camp Oliver Summer Fun for Kids in Descanso—Early Bird Discount price of \$295 until May 1. Regular camp tuition is \$325 per week. One-week sessions begin July 12 and continue through August 14 for children ages 6-12; one session for teens ages 13-16. Owned by the Sisters of Social Service, the camp has been operating for 60 years. Children can enjoy swimming, arts and crafts, archery, dance and drama classes, hiking, campfires, low ropes course and more! Financial assistance is available. For more information, contact 619-445-5945 or www.campoliver.com.

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.



Musical Instruments Needed for School in the Holy Land—The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, an organization whose mission is to preserve the Christian presence in the Holy Land, is helping a Catholic school in Jordan by seeking new or used musical instruments for students in music development programs at the school. The Catholic school is located in an economically depressed area of Jordan and parents and the school are hard pressed financially to provide musical instruments for the students. Pastor Issam has stated, "*Music is considered to be an important way to our souls, music and songs are used at our Masses and our students are strongly attracted to developing their musical skills*". The school has 581 students, a motivated music instructor, and only one musical instrument—an organ. If you have musical instruments (please no tubas!) you would like to donate, please contact Chuck or Ede Radloff at 858-451-1079, and we will arrange to pick up the instruments and ship them to the Catholic school in Jordan.

Lenten Reconciliation Services at Local Parishes

Date	Time	Parish
Mon., Apr. 6	6:30pm	St. Mark, San Marcos
Tue., Apr. 7	6:30pm	St. Francis, Vista

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