

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 12, 2009 • Easter Sunday • The Resurrection of the Lord

Did You Know?

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

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

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

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Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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A Little Yeast Has Its Effect All Through The Dough

Do you not know that a little yeast has its effect all through the dough? Get rid of the old yeast to make of yourselves fresh dough, unleavened loaves, as it were; Christ our Passover has been sacrificed. Let us celebrate the feast not with the old yeast, that of corruption and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

—1 Corinthians 5:6-8

We are at the end of our Lenten journey for another year.

The call to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving was issued on Ash Wednesday. The next 40 days were to be different, to be special, to be a time of renewal. These days of retreat were meant to help us let go of the people and things that stand in our way of deepening our relationship with "The Holy One." These days were meant to help us grab hold of the people and things that we need in order to deepen our relationship with "The Holy One." Jesus, our Master, taught us to call this "Holy One" Abba, Daddy!

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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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We have a God that we can reach out to with complete trust and confidence, one who will never reject us.

We find ourselves today beginning our celebration of Easter.

For the next 50 days we celebrate the new hope, the new beginnings, and the new life that the Resurrection of Jesus brings. Christ died for you! Christ died for me! Christ died for all humanity and for all life that may be held within the Universe! In Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection, God proclaims how precious each and everyone of us are, that we are loved, that we have a job to do, and that what we do does make a difference!

At times, as we get caught up with the daily routine of life, we may feel insignificant, that our efforts do not make a difference. We may begin to feel useless, irrelevant, and unworthy.

The Seasons of Lent and Easter are meant to shake us and wake us up to God's vision of whom we are. We are God's redeemed and loved ones! We are precious in God's sight! What we do in our own little corner of the world, indeed, does make a difference. A little yeast has its effect all through the dough.

As we begin this Easter Season, let us take stock of our relationships, and our responsibilities. May this be a time of renewed energy and commitment to them.

We do make a difference in the "grand scheme of things."

A little yeast has its effect all through the dough!

F.N. 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.

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 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

Monday, April 13 (261)

Monday in the Octave of Easter

Acts 2:14,22-33

Psalms 16:1-2a5,7-11

Matthew 28:8-15

Tuesday, April 14 (262)

Tuesday in the Octave of Easter

Acts 2:36-41

Psalms 33:4-5,18-20,22

John 20:11-18

Wednesday, April 15 (263)

Wednesday in the Octave of Easter

Acts 3:1-10

Psalms 105:1-4,6-9

Luke 24:13-35

Thursday, April 16 (264)

Thursday in the Octave of Easter

Acts 3:11-26

Psalms 8:2a,5-9

Luke 24:35-48

Friday, April 17 (265)

Friday in the Octave of Easter

Acts 4:1-12

Psalms 118:1-2,4,22-27a

John 21:1-14

Saturday, April 18 (266)

Saturday in the Octave of Easter

Acts 4:13-21

Psalms 118:1,14-15,16ab-21

Mark 16:9-15

Sunday, April 19 (44)

Second Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy Sunday

Acts 4:32-35

Psalms 118:2-4,13-15,22-24

1 John 5:1-6

John 20:19-31

Mass Intentions

Sunday, April 12, 6:30am

Dominic Vienna, Sr. ☩

Sunday, April 12, 8:30am

Bud Flanagan ☩

Sunday, April 12, 10:30am

Pauleta Carrillo ☩

Tuesday, April 14, 8:15am

Communion Service

Wednesday, April 15, 8:15am

Communion Service

Thursday, April 16, 8:15am

Communion Service

Friday, April 17, 8:15am

Communion Service

Saturday, April 18, 5:00pm

Dick & Charlene Belprez

Sunday, April 19, 8:30am

Lydia Bilbao

Sunday, April 19, 10:30am

Joe & Virginia Voza

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
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
Peggy & Jack Fischer
Larry Fisk
Lucy Fonseca
Kathryn Franklin
Lyn Friedman
Carmen Garcia
Bob Godley
Rick Gonzalez
Paula Gurrera
Anita Hage
Susan Hallahan
Mary Hannan
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
Carol Kope
Sr. Anne Kremenik
Helen Kuhn
Lillian Lachance
The Lamelin Family
Brandon LeBlanc
Cassandra Loretto
Lauren Loretto
Bud Lundell
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
Richard Rossmassler
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 Valpoun
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

Thank you for your prayers for Maj. Scott Wadle, USMC who has returned home safely.

All-powerful God, be their constant companion and strength in every adversity. May they experience your faithful presence, gentle love and compassionate healing.

O GOD BEYOND

ALL PRAISING

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Calendar Highlights

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

The Week 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 Knights of Columbus Breakfast
Apr 26 *Spring Sing* Invitational Choral Festival Concert

The Month 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

The Year Ahead

June 6 Women's Guild Lunch at Shadowridge Country Club
June 12-14 Parish Campout
July 20-24 Crocodile Dock—Vacation Bible School

Questions? Contact Henny at 760-758-4100 x100 or hennyj@stmoside.org.

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.

We attached envelopes for this collection to the bulletin the first weekend in April. 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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Facing Surgery or a Serious Illness?

If you, a family member or close friend is facing surgery or has been diagnosed with a serious illness, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick can be powerful and comforting.

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

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!



Thank You!

Thank you for the transformational support your faith center provides to Interfaith Community Services and our North County neighbors in need. This weekend, **we celebrate** your compassion, generosity, and faith! With your help, we provided services to *more than 28,000 people* last year. Your support provides a hand-up, including job training, drug and alcohol rehabilitation, food services, emergency shelter, and counseling. Your support empowers people in crisis to reach their highest level of self-reliance. Thank you!

During this great time of need, YOU are helping us to instill hope, restore dignity, and rebuild lives right here in North County.

The staff, volunteers, and above all the people Interfaith serves, thank you for all you do!

You're Invited to Interfaith's BIG THANK YOU Celebration!

When: Friday, April 24th, 3:00-5:30pm

Where: Mission Hills Church, San Marcos

Who: ALL Interfaith supporters are invited to join in feast and merriment with friends and family at our FREE medieval-themed THANK YOU event

**To RSVP, and for more details,
contact Interfaith's Mary Ferro**

760-489-6380 x266 or mferro@interfaithservices.org

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Join us for Monday Night Youth Group

April 13 • 7:00-8:30pm

Lower Level

Eat, Sing, Meet New Friends, Meet God

MISS STEUBENVILLE REGISTRATION?

CONTACT GALE FOR WAIT LIST

760-726-7236



**Middle School
Youth Group**

**Next Meeting
Monday
April 13
7:00-8:30pm**

Questions? Contact Ron or Louise Briseno
at 760-758-4100 x153 or ronb@stmoside.org
Visit www.stmoside.org/ym

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 are currently being contacted in order received.

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

First Annual Pastor's Dinner ~ Sunday, August 23

- ◆ **This exciting new event replaces the previous "Dinner for 10" prepared and hosted by Fr. Mike.**
- ◆ Seating for 100 at \$250 per seat ~ 46 seats are already reserved!



AT THE MIRAGE WITH JAY LENO

- ◆ Delicious dinner at Shadowridge Country Club, hors d'oeuvres, open bar, and desserts. Menu preview next weekend on the plaza!
- ◆ The Alley Cats entertaining!
- ◆ Sign up today!!!

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 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!



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

Women's Guild News

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.*

New Orleans Volunteer Team Update

Thank you for your prayers and support for our New Orleans Volunteers. Watch for journal entries and photos from their trip.

2009 Annual Catholic Appeal Now Underway!

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

Pledge Total to Date: \$32,944.15

Households Responding: 259

Average Gift per Household: \$127.20

Your support is greatly appreciated!

—Rev. Michael Ratajczak, Pastor

Pro-Life Postcard Signing Weekend!

Next week our Parish will join Catholics across the country in sending a message to Congress. Please oppose the "Freedom of Choice Act" (FOCA) and retain laws against government funding and promotion of abortion. You will have the opportunity to sign postcards to your U.S. Representative and two U.S. Senators. Please plan to participate in this important event at any of the Masses next weekend.

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.

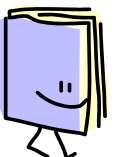
We are still in need of booklets of "forever" stamps, disposable cameras, and magazines and books for teenagers.

If you would like to help with any aspect of this program, please contact Sr. Maureen Brown at 760-758-4100 x131.

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.



Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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



EASTER

O GOD BEYOND ALL PRAISING

A Prayer for Easter and Always

Text by Michael Perry

*O God, beyond all praising,
we worship you today
and sing the love amazing
that songs cannot repay;
For we can only wonder
at every gift you send,
at blessings without number
and mercies without end:
We lift our hearts before you
and wait upon your word,
we honor and adore you,
our great and mighty Lord.*

*The flower of earthly splendor
in time must surely die,
Its fragile bloom surrender
to you, the Lord most high;
But hidden from all nature
the eternal seed is sown
Though small in mortal stature,
to heaven's garden grown:
For Christ the man from heaven
from death has set us free,
And we through him are given
the final victory.*

*Then hear, O gracious Savior,
accept the love we bring,
That we who know your favor
may serve you as our King;
And whether our tomorrow
be filled with good or ill,
We'll triumph through our sorrows
and rise to praise you still:
To marvel at your beauty
and glory in your ways,
And make a joyful duty
our sacrifice of praise!*

A setting of this beautiful text will be one of the pieces sung at the Spring Sing and which the Adult Choir will be singing throughout the Easter season.

Happy Easter from all of us in the Music Ministry!

Music Ministry Next Week

APRIL 18/19

5:00pm Mass

Cantor

8:30am Mass

MNM Music Team

10:30am Mass

Cantor

JOIN US IN TWO WEEKS!

SPRING SING

Invitational
Choral Festival



**Sunday, April 26
4:00pm**

Upper Level of the Parish Center

St. Thomas More Adult Choir
and friends in concert
with **Classic Brass**

featuring the combined church choirs of

Resurrection Catholic Church
Escondido

First Presbyterian Church
Oceanside

First United Methodist Church
Escondido

St. Francis Episcopal Church
Pauma Valley

St. Michael's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church
Carlsbad

St. Thomas More Catholic Church
Oceanside

St. Timothy Catholic Church
Escondido

~ contact Douglas for more information ~

FREE-WILL OFFERING

Bring a canned food item (or three)
for the food pantry at
Interfaith Community Services!

HELPING PEOPLE HELP THEMSELVES
interfaith
community services

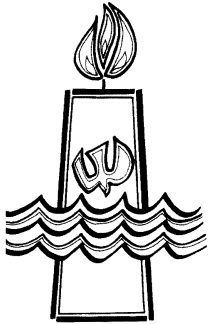
Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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

With Easter Joy!

The Parish community warmly welcomes the newly initiated members of the Church of St. Thomas More RCIA:



Bri Hamilton
Billy Turley
Lourdes Acevedo
Rebecca Eyer
John Fiore
Donna Robles
Kurt Schwend
Diantha Zschoche
Martin Zschoche

Look to these new Catholics who have completed their Lenten journey to resurrection at the Easter Vigil.

They are living, breathing examples of Easter in our midst.

Their presence strengthens us all as we strive to live out the meaning of our baptism.

Teen Faith Formation

The next Mini Course Series for teens begins soon.

Sundays, April 19, 26, May 3 6:30-8:30pm

Space is available in the following Mini-Course:

Challenges to Christian Spirituality

Facilitator: Linda Brault

- ♦ Recognize your own needs and see religious practice as a way of fulfilling human needs.
- ♦ Understand what New Age practices are and how they can appeal to basic human needs.
- ♦ Acquire discernment skills for assessing what is healthy and what is unhealthy among New Age practices.

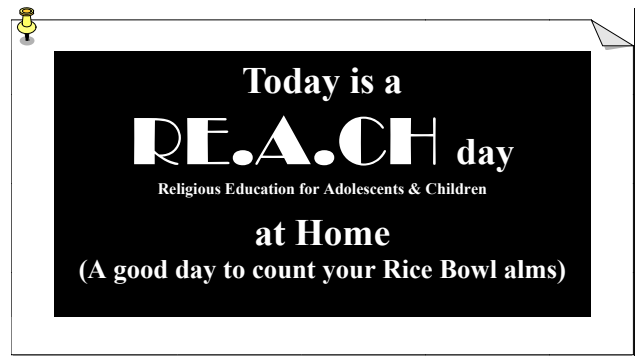
To sign up, email kathleenb@stmoside.org

Ten Good Reasons To Go To Mass

Reason #1:

We need to experience something bigger than ourselves

When we go to Mass, we share in the death and resurrection of Jesus. When we offer our ordinary lives to God through Jesus, we enter into God's great plan for the world. We are strengthened by the Eucharist and sent out into the world to bring the Gospel message to all people. The Mass gives meaning and purpose to our lives. It gives us a sense of destiny and offers to us the kind of peace that the world cannot give. It helps us develop a sense of wonder and awe. It helps us to see that there is something bigger than ourselves.



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 4:00pm-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 or Discover)
- ✱ For Levels 1-8: **please** consider the 12:30-2:00 pm 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: 253 jars

Your almsgiving is appreciated!

Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP *What's the Rush?*

Satan assembled his junior apprentices looking for fresh ideas of how to populate hell.

One apprentice raised his hand and suggested, "I have an idea. Tell them there is no heaven."

Satan wasn't happy with that. He said sarcastically, "We've tried that, much as we try to tell people there is no God—but people understand in the deep recesses of their stupid heart that there is, so forget it."

A second apprentice raised his hand and said, "Well, tell them there is no hell."

Satan said, "We've tried that too, and it won't work. Sooner or later people realize that mass murderers can't wind up in the same place as Mother Teresa."

Finally, a third apprentice raised his hand and said slowly, "Then tell them—there is no hurry."

And Satan smiled.

—Archbishop Thomas J. Murphy



Easter is a perfect time to clearly recognize and be thankful for the fact that we are not just God's afterthoughts. God did not give us His leftovers. He gave us His Son!

Think about that. Would we, could we, do the same?

It is easy to prioritize our lives by putting *everything* else before living our Faith. We are busy, after

all. We have lives. There is work, school, sports, shopping, paying bills, cleaning, eating out, exercise, computer stuff, television, etc. Oh, and try not to forget to throw God in there someplace. No hurry. Maybe tomorrow.

Remember who gave us this life in the first place. We do not own the gifts that we so often cling to, take for granted and hoard. We are simply managing them and should be doing so with gratitude.

The following words from Bishop Ken Untener are inspiring and also point out the importance of each of our ongoing efforts:

"... This is what we are about: We plant seeds that one day will grow. We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise. We lay foundations that will need further development. We provide yeast that produces effects beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something, and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for God's grace to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker. We are workers, not Master Builders, ministers, not Messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own. Amen."

Wishing you a blessed and insightful Easter!

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Collection for Week of: April 4/5, 2009

Number of Registered Households:		1,001
Offertory*	\$	16,632.71
Offertory (Loose Collection)		1,409.00
Children's envelopes		11.87
Total	\$	18,053.58

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News from the Larger Church

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.

North County Regional Young Adult Group Monthly Mass and Dinner in Carlsbad—Sunday, April 19, at 5:00pm at St. Patrick Church, 3821 Adams St., Carlsbad., followed by dinner at Hensley's Flying Elephant Pub and Grill, 850 Tamarack Ave., Carlsbad. Look for the welcome signs at the entrance of the church and plan to site together for Mass. Come and meet young adults from North County! For more information, contact Carrie Giebel at cgiebel@diocese-sdiego.org or 858-490-8260.

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.

Life in the Spirit Seminar in Escondido—Saturday, April 25, 9:30am-4:30pm (lunch provided) at Church of St. Timothy, 2960 Canyon Rd., Escondido. Come and join us for this exciting one-day free seminar and experience the power of the Holy Spirit come alive in you! For more information, contact Rosemary Temprendola at rtemprendola@cox.net or 760-741-0866.

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.

Elizabeth Hospice Spring Volunteer Training in Escondido—May 6, 7, and 8, from 9:00am-3:00pm at the Escondido Elks Lodge, 2430 S. Escondido Blvd., Escondido. The Elizabeth Hospice provides hospice and bereavement support of all of North San Diego County. Volunteers completing the training will be serving in their respective communities. For more information, contact Anne or Denise at 760-737-2050 or 800-797-2050.

Divine Mercy Sunday

The Second Sunday of Easter is observed throughout the Church as Divine Mercy Sunday. To encourage its celebrations with special devotion, this Sunday has been enriched by a plenary indulgence (complete forgiveness of sins and punishment) which is granted to the faithful by the Pope under the usual conditions:

1. sacramental confession;
2. Eucharistic communions;
3. prayers for the intentions of the Holy Father.

The requirement of sacramental confession is satisfied by all who remain in the state of grace following their Lenten celebration of the Sacrament of Penance. However, for those who wish, confession will be available, as usual, at St. Thomas More on Saturdays at 4:00pm or by appointment. The other conditions for the plenary indulgence will be included within all celebrations of the Eucharist in this Parish on Divine Mercy Sunday:

- ♦ In the Penitential Rite, we will implore the mercy of God to be detached from all affection for sin, even venial sin.
- ♦ In the General Intercessions, we will pray for the Holy Father and his intentions and for greater fidelity in our Lives to works of charity and mercy, concluding with a devout prayer to our merciful Lord Jesus.
- ♦ As always, we will pray together the Creed and Our Father, that as God forgives us we will pardon those who sin against us.

Pro-Life News

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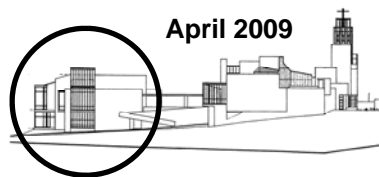
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