

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 19, 2009 • Second Sunday of Easter

Thank You from Catholic Charities

Thank you, St. Thomas More, for your continued donations of peanut butter and jelly. We saw an increase in demand as parents came to us for help feeding their children over Spring Break. Catholic Charities Vista Food Resource Center fed over 1,400 people in March. We have immediate volunteer openings for food distribution and client intake assistants (training provided) and are in urgent need for dried soup, beans, rice, and canned goods.

Please mark your calendar for Saturday, May 9, and come help sort canned goods during the Annual Postal Food Drive. We have shift openings between 2:00 and 7:00pm. Please call 760-631-4792 for more information.



Thank you,
Lisa DuMolt, Case Manager
Food Resource Center
Emergency Services Catholic Charities
LDuMOLT@ccdsd.org

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Used Cell Phone Donation Project*

Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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The Tiger and the Goats

"A starving and pregnant tigress comes upon a flock of goats and pounces on them with such fervor that she brings about the birth of her little one, as well as her own death. The goats scatter, but soon come back to find the newborn tiger by the side of the dead mother.

The goats adopt the baby tiger and it grows up believing it is a goat. He learns to bleat and eat grass, but the trouble is that grass doesn't nourish tigers well, and he grows into a weak and miserable member of his own species.

One day, a large male tiger pounces on the flock and the goats scatter. The young tiger, not being a goat, remains standing there. The big male is surprised to find a young tiger living with goats, and when he inquired into it, the young one simply says, 'Maaaa.' Mortified, the old tiger swats him back and forth a couple of times, but the only response coming forth was more bleating and grass nibbling.

The old tiger brings the young one to a pond and makes him look at his own reflection for the first time. He leans over

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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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and points out to him, 'See, you look like me. You are not a goat. You are a tiger, like me. Be like me! He then brings the young tiger to his den and shows him bloody chunks of gazelle meat from a recent hunt. Taking a big chunk, he says, 'Open up and eat this!' 'Oh no, I'm a vegetarian,' says the little one. But the old tiger would not take no for an answer, and shoves a piece of red meat down the little one's throat, causing him to gag a little. Now the real tiger food is in his gut, getting into his blood. Spontaneously, the young one gives a tiger-like stretch, and then a small little tiger roar.

'Now you've got it! Now go into the forest and eat tiger food!' says the big one.

Is there something larger than our ego that wants to come through, to demand authenticity and genuineness in the way we live? Are we to cruise onwards toward that inevitable ending, that certain exit on terms that were assumed and purchased for the first half? The second half of life is not a chronological issue, but a psychological one, in which we question what values and paradigms we are living by.

This is a question for each of us, whatever stage of life we're in—are we tigers living as goats? If the answer is in the affirmative, then a second question—what is the good tiger food? In other words, if we are not living as we ought to be, activating our fullest potentials, then what must we do, what would nourish us towards that?"

**Osbon, Diane K. A Joseph Campbell Companion.
The Joseph Campbell Foundation, 1991, 9.117*

As we move through this Easter Season, let us be willing to ask ourselves if we are living as children of this world or as children of God.

When we look in the mirror, what reflection do we see?

What is nourishing us as we make our journey of faith?

Are we becoming the people that God intends us to be?

F. Mike

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.

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.*

Readings for the Week Ahead

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

Sunday, April 19 (44)

Second Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday

Acts 4:32-35
Psalm 118:2-4,13-15,22-24
1 John 5:1-6
John 20:19-31

Monday, April 20 (267)

Acts 4:23-31
Psalm 2:1-9
John 3:1-8

Tuesday, April 21 (268)

Anselm, bishop, doctor

Acts 4:32-37
Psalm 93:1-2,5
John 3:7b-15

Wednesday, April 22 (269)

Acts 5:17-26
Psalm 34:2-9
John 3:16-21

Thursday, April 23 (270)

George, martyr;
Adalbert, bishop, martyr

Acts 5:27-33
Psalm 34:2,9,17-20
John 3:31-36

Friday, April 24 (271)

Fidelis of Sigmaringen,
priest, martyr

Acts 5:34-42
Psalm 27:1,4,13-14
John 6:1-15

Saturday, April 25 (555)

Mark, Evangelist
1 Peter 5:5b-14
Psalm 89:2-3,6-7,16-17
Mark 16:15-20

Sunday, April 26 (47)

Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 3:13-15,17-19
Psalm 4:2,4,7-9
1 John 2:1-5a
Luke 24:35-48

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 18, 5:00pm
Dick & Charlene Belprez

Sunday, April 19, 8:30am
Lydia Bilboa

Sunday, April 19, 10:30am
Joe & Virginia Voza

Tuesday, April 21, 8:15am
Jack & Mary Quirk ☩

Wednesday, April 22, 8:15am
Floyd Cline ☩

Wednesday, April 22, 9:30am
Tim Beary ☩
Pacific Place

Thursday, April 23, 8:15am
Edmund Fredette ☩

Friday, April, 24, 8:15am
Helen Gemperline ☩

Saturday, April 25, 5:00pm
Anna Mae Lavelle ☩

Sunday, April 26, 8:30am
Eleanore Phillips ☩

Sunday, April 26, 10:30am
Gonzalo Carrillo ☩

Prayer List

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

Mary Alexander
Mary Baker
Patricia Barbour
Cindra Bell
Regina Bentz
Beatrice Brooks & Family
Janet Brown
Steve Brown
Shelby Campbell
James Coleman
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
Kathryn Franklin
Lyn Friedman
Carmen Garcia
Bob Godley
Rick Gonzalez
Paula Gurrera
Anita Hage
Susan Hallahan
Mary Hannan
The Harker Family
Rita Harnacker
The Hayden Family
Barry Henwood
Kristin Hinds-Sweet
Cynthia Horner
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
Dave & Stella Leué
Krista Leué
The Lindroth Family
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

The O'Brien Family
Sergio Ochoa
Esther Ortega
Lupe Casas Pelletier
Helen Pingtella
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
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

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

SPRING SING!

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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 25-26 Used Cell Phone Collection in Memory of Haley Knoll
- 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 3 Blood Drive
- May 3 RE.A.CH Classes at Church
- 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.

Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioners

Lourdes Acevedo
Marie Kiisel

Flower Donations

We would like to gratefully acknowledge the contributions of:

Ralph & Flora Fallone

whose generosity helped to defray the cost of flowers this weekend in our liturgical environment.

With Easter Joy!

Congratulations to parishioner

David Parks

who was received into full communion and confirmed
on April 11 at the Easter Vigil.



In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the souls of :

Marion "Peg" Lindroth, who died recently. Her funeral services will be held in June in New York. Please keep Peg's daughter Lyle Conifrey and the family in your prayers.

Elizabeth "Muffy" Hayden, who died this week. Funeral arrangements are pending. Please keep Muffy's husband Skip and the family in your prayers.

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

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!

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

2009 Annual Catholic Appeal Now Underway!

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

Pledge Total to Date: \$37,074.15

Households Responding: 269

Average Gift per Household: \$137.82

Your support is greatly appreciated!

—Rev. Michael 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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Pro-Life Postcard Signing Weekend!

This 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. Postcards will be available on the Plaza after all Masses. A \$1 donation is suggested to help with the postage.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Join us for Monday Night Youth Group

April 20 • 7:00-8:30pm

Lower Level

Eat, Sing, Meet New Friends, Meet God

**MISS STEUBENVILLE REGISTRATION?
CONTACT GALE FOR WAIT LIST**

760-726-7236

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 ~ 50 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.
- ◆ Last chance to view the truck will be on the weekend of April 25-26 after all Masses on the plaza.
- ◆ 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.

Little Rock Bible Study—Parables of the Kingdom

Some of the most memorable teachings of Jesus were delivered as parables and are found in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke. This study explores those parables crafted by Mark and then turns attention to the same parables as they appear in Matthew with a slightly different twist. What is a parable? The term parable is one of the forms of Hebrew literary tradition that was used by Jewish rabbis to illuminate, illustrate, and instruct. In the hands of Jesus, however, the parable is not only a means of instruction but also a form of proclamation: Jesus taught in parables! The study begins on Wednesday, May 13, 9:00am or Thursday, May 14, 7:00pm, for six weeks. Please join us.

For more information, contact Masako Streling, 760-295-2594 or mstr0619@cox.net

Wanted: Used Cell Phones

Please drop off your old cell phones, and/or any accessories (if available), in a collection box on the Plaza before or after Masses next weekend, April 25-26.

The phones will be recycled and 100% of the proceeds will be donated to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in memory of Haley Knoll, a 13-year-old STM Parishioner who died from Leukemia last year.



Feeling Lucky? Buy a Chance on a Quilt!

The Women's Guild Quilters Group are at it again, this time with "Quilts Galore III," which features twelve lap-sized and nap-sized creations. The raffle will take place on June 6 at the Women's Guild Installation Luncheon. Your raffle tickets will be arriving in the mail the first week of May. The quilts will be displayed at the April 20 and May 11 Women's Guild Luncheons. Your support is greatly appreciated!

For further information, contact Nancy Wozniak at 760-729-0782 or Nell McGlone at 760-726-5211.

Spirited Seniors Leadership Help Wanted!

Qualifications: age 50+ male or female with energy and ideas. Our goal is to enhance the spiritual, educational and social lives of our members.

Stella Leué has been our leader for twelve years, but she will be moving out of the area and will be sorely missed.

Our eleven-member Board will stay in place to help with the transition to new leadership, but we need a new chairperson (or, even better, a team of two co-chairpersons) to take the helm for the coming year. If you like to lead, delegate, and you have some creative ideas for future events, we're praying for the Spirit to move you.

Please come to our next Board meeting in the lower level on Wednesday, May 6, at 1:00pm to see what we're all about.

For more information, call Judy or Gerry Buoniconti 760-758-5113.

Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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



THE PILLAR OF FIRE

What is this great paschal candle that stands in our midst, that during the Fifty Days of Easter seems always to be burning, never to go out?

It is the pillar of fire by which God led the children of Israel from slavery to freedom, through the dusty desert to the land flowing with milk and honey. Behind it, we marched freed from sin from the gloom of exile back into our church's house on Easter's eve. With it, we led those chosen for the sacraments of new life to the font of baptism that is both tomb and womb.



It is the holy sign of Christ our Light. (Thanks be to God!) On it, we traced the sign of Christ yesterday and today, the beginning and the end, the alpha and omega. Into it, we pressed five jewels that are the wounds of divine hands and feet and side. For it, we sang our song of consecration and praise: "Accept, O God, this Easter candle. Let it shine with the lights of heaven and bravely burn forever!" From it, we take our own light, a flame divided but undimmed. All who are baptized walk in its glow.

For fifty days it shines gloriously in the assembly of the church. Then, held in a place of honor near the font, it is brought out and lit for every evening sacrifice of praise, for every baptism and every funeral, every birth and every birth unto eternal life. And as the days and seasons turn, slowly this pillar of finest wax and strongest wick is consumed, burned down, eaten up by fire, sacrificed—like Christ himself—and never truly extinguished. And so it measures our days and seasons until it is Easter again, until once more we sing in the light of a new paschal candle: "May the Morning Star which never sets find this flame still burning: Christ the Morning Star, who came back from the dead and shed his peaceful light on all people." Thanks be to God!

—David Philippart

Music Ministry Next Week

APRIL 25/26

5:00pm Mass

Handbell Choir

8:30am Mass

Cantor

10:30am Mass

Adult Choir

JOIN US IN TWO WEEKS!

SPRING SING

Invitational
Choral Festival



"...so that
they may be
one..."

John 17:11

**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

Today is a
RE.A.CH day
Religious Education for Adolescents & Children
at Church
Rice Bowl Donations Welcome!
Also...

Today is Sunday Sign-Up

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

- * Pick up your enrollment packet in the lower level hallway between 10:00am and 6:30pm
- * Fill it out at the available tables or bring it back at the end of class
- * Tuition may be paid by
 - * cash
 - * check
 - * credit card (Visa, Mastercard, Discover)
 - * a written payment plan
- * 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: 257 jars

Your almsgiving is appreciated!

Teen Faith Formation

The next Mini Course Series for teens begins this evening!

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

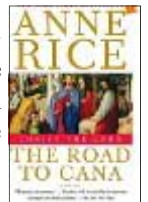
- ◆ Recognize your own needs and see religious practice as a way of fulfilling human needs.
- ◆ Understand what New Age practices are and how they can appeal to basic human needs.
- ◆ Acquire discernment skills for assessing what is healthy and what is unhealthy among New Age practices.

To sign up, email kathleenb@stmoside.org

Fr. Mike's Bookies

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

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



Safe Environment Education

The Diocese of San Diego is committed to providing a safe environment for all who worship, work, or participate in formation opportunities in our parishes.

Parents, as the primary educators of your child, are entrusted with the responsibility of providing appropriate information regarding how to keep your child safe from sexual abuse. Empowered parents can develop and maintain an environment of trust in the home that allows children to discuss any topic, any fear, and any experience they are having. Potential abusers will avoid children who have such an open and honest relationship with their parents because abusers depend upon secrecy to avoid suspicion.

In compliance with the Diocesan Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, the topic of safe environments will be reviewed with our children in Levels 4 and 6 today and Level 1 on May 3.

Middle school and high school youth ministers will review this topic in Youth Group on April 27, and an envelope of supportive material for parents will be sent home with our youth that evening.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Kathleen

Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Is There No End to This Giving Thing?

No. We were created to use all we have in fellowship with God. It is important to remember that all we have is pure gift from God in the first place, on loan to us to care for during our lifetime.

When we don't manage our gifts properly ~ by sharing our time, talents and resources ~ our lives are unfulfilled and incomplete. This is not a matter of earning our salvation, but of putting Jesus in the center of our lives where He belongs.

When we do that, all else falls into place. And when we do that, we enjoy expressing our thanks by sharing our gifts of time, talent, and treasure. This is food for the soul.

We notice this weekend that the Christian community described in Acts understood and practiced total stewardship. St. Paul makes clear that these believers did not claim anything as their own, but rather, held everything in common, and distributed to each whatever was needed.

Fast forward 2,000 years and realize we do not live in communes, yet there are still needs to be met in many places, and not just in our own families. Yes, our families need to come first. However, barring poverty and working two or three jobs, we all have time and talent that can be shared for the greater good.

The bottom line of the road less traveled in regard to our spiritual growth and our 'stuff' is that it will likely affect our lifestyle. Our focus will shift from building up our earthly kingdom to building up the kingdom where our eternal souls will dwell.

The goal is to make the most of our resources for God's kingdom work. Here is a good formula to follow:

1. Make all you can. (God wants to bless you.)
2. Live as inexpensively as possible (with contentment).
3. Provide maximum resources to God's kingdom work.



This means that we should all strive to be as prosperous as God blesses us. The key distinction is what proportion we use for God's work. God doesn't abundantly bless us just so that we can live luxurious lives, but so that we can have more leverage to help with external causes.

Generosity shows where your heart is ~ that your hope is in God and not in yourself or your money (oops, God's money).

Remember that there is *always* work to be done outside of the comfortable walls of our homes. When God asks how we shared our gifts, how will we answer?

Each week there are opportunities for Christian Stewardship in this bulletin. Page 10 is an Easter basket full of opportunities.

God has given us free will and left us in charge of His gifts.

*If God gave you a pop quiz today,
how would you do?*

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Easter 2009 Collections to Date

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Easter Sunday	\$26,487.51

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News from the Larger Church

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.

Theology on Tap for Young Adults—Join other single and married Catholic young adults (20's and 30's) for food, fellowship, and dynamic speakers in the South Bay on Tuesdays, April 21 and 28 from 7:00-9:00pm at Mangia Italiano, 248 Third Ave., Chula Vista. For more information, contact 858-490-8260 or www.yamsd.org, cgiebel@diocese-sdiego.org.

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.

60th Anniversary Symphony Concerts at the University of San Diego—Friday, April 24, 8:00pm and Sunday, April 26, 2:00pm, at Shiley Theater. Featuring USD choirs and symphony; also featuring the Music Teachers Association of California (San Diego Branch) 2009 Concerto Competition winners, one of which is our own Tilly Rudolph. For more information, contact 619-260-4106 or ayeung@sandiego.edu.

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.

Mass and Healing Service in Solana Beach—Wednesday, April 29, 7:00pm, St. James Church 625 S. Nardo Ave., Solana Beach. Celebrated by Fr. John Howard, CJM. For more information, call 760-944-6827.

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.

The Devout Life in Modern Dress: Lay Spirituality in a Contemporary World—Monday, May 4, 7:30-9:00pm, Hahn University Center Forum A/B, University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park, San Diego. Present by Wendy Wright, Ph.D. For more information, contact 619-260-4784 or ccs@sandiego.edu.

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.

Spirit and Truth Event for Young Adults in Ocean Beach—Friday, May 8, 7:00-9:00pm, at Sacred Heart Church, 4776 Saratoga Ave., San Diego. Live praise and worship, a presentation, adoration, and a social. For more information, contact cgiebel@diocese-sdiego.org or 858-490-8260.

Explorer Day for Young Men in San Diego—May 9, 9:00am-3:00pm, 1667 Santa Paula Dr., San Diego. Provides men an opportunity to learn more about the priesthood and how to listen to God's call. For more information, contact your Parish priest.

Diocesan Workshops in May and June—For details, contact www.diocese-sdiego.org/evangelization.htm or 858-490-8230.

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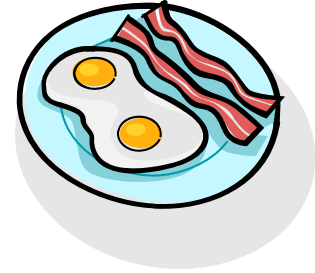
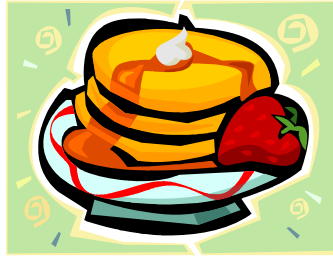
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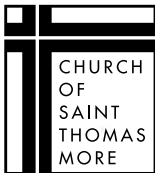
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