

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 26, 2009 • Third Sunday of Easter

Monday Night Mass

Join us
May 3 at 7:00pm for
Monday Night Mass
(Upper Level of the Parish Center)

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

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

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Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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Pedal!

At first I saw God as my observer, my judge, keeping track of the things I did wrong, so as to know whether I merited heaven or hell when I die.

God was out there, sort of like a president—I recognized the picture when I saw it, but I really didn't know God.

But later on when I met Christ, it seemed as though life was rather like a bike, but it was a tandem bike. I noticed that Christ was in the back, helping me pedal. I don't know just when it was that He suggested we change places, but life has not been the same since.

When I had control, I knew the way. It was rather boring, but predictable—it was the shortest distance between two points. But when He took the lead, he knew delightful long cuts, up mountains and through rocky places at breakneck speeds. It was all I could do to hang on! Even though it looked like madness, He said, "Pedal!"

I worried and was anxious and asked, "Where are you taking me?" He laughed and didn't answer, and I started to learn to trust.

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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)

I forgot my boring life and entered into the adventure. And when I'd say, "I'm scared," He'd lean back and touch my hand. He took me to people with gifts I needed—gifts of healing, acceptance and joy. They gave me their gifts to take on my journey, my Lord's and mine.

And we were off again. He said, "Give the gifts away—they're extra baggage, too much weight." So I did give the gifts away to the people we met and I found that in giving I received and still our burden was light.

I did not trust Him at first, in control of my life. I thought He'd wreck it. But He knows bike secrets, knows how to take sharp corners, jumps to clear high rocks, fly to shorten scary passages. And I am learning to shut up and pedal in straight places, and I am beginning to enjoy the view and the cool breeze on my face with my delightful, constant companion, Christ.

And when I am sure I just can't do any more, he just smiles and says, "Pedal!"

F. Mike

—Author Unknown

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.*

Blood Drive

May 3 is our spring blood drive. The Red Cross mobile unit will be in the upper parking lot on Sunday, May 3, from 9:00am-2:30pm. You can sign up on the Plaza after all weekend Masses. For more information, contact Linda Dicus at 760-726-5081.

Heartnotes

Congratulations to our recent Infant/Child CPR/AED graduates!

Renewal: Petenera Perun; **Newly Certified:** Patricia Goeltz, Brian Proctor, Michele Proctor, and Lucy Viramontes.

The next Adult CPR/AED class will take place on Saturday, June 13, 8:30am-1:00pm. The fee is \$27 per person.

Tune-Ups for our graduates will be deferred until autumn.

If you wish to register for this class, or if you have any questions about the St. Thomas More CPR program, contact medical director Dr. Phil Goscienski at drphilg@cox.net or 760-732-1414.

Readings for the Week Ahead

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

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

Monday, April 27 (273)

Acts 6:8-15

Psalm 119:23-24,26-27,29-30

John 6:22-29

Tuesday, April 28 (274)

Peter Chanel, priest, martyr;

Louis Mary de Montfort, priest

Acts 7:51-8:1a

Psalm 31:3-4,6-8,17,21

John 6:30-35

Wednesday, April 29 (275)

Catherine of Siena, virgin, doctor

Acts 8:1b-8

Psalm 66:1-7

John 6:35-40

Thursday, April 30 (276)

Pius V, pope

Acts 8:26-40

Psalm 66:8-9,16-17,20

John 6:44-51

Friday, May 1 (277)

Joseph the Worker

Acts 9:1-20

Psalm 117:1-2

John 6:52-59

Saturday, May 2 (278)

Athanasius, bishop, doctor

Acts 9:31-42

Psalm 116:12-17

John 6:60-69

Sunday, May 3 (50)

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:8-12

Psalm 118:1,8-9,21-23,26,28,29

1 John 3:1-2

John 10:11-18

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 25, 5:00pm

Anna Mae Lavelle ☩

Sunday, April 26, 8:30am

Eleanore Phillips ☩

Sunday, April 26, 10:30am

Gonzalo Carrillo ☩

Tuesday, April 28, 8:15am

Anthony Masseth ☩

Wednesday, April 29, 8:15am

Bud Hazlett ☩

Wednesday, April 29, 9:30am

Hennij Schothuis ☩

Aegis at Shadowridge

Thursday, April 30, 8:15am

Al Smith

Friday, May 1, 8:15am

Bud Flanagan ☩

Saturday, May 2, 5:00pm

Carl Bechtold ☩

Sunday, May 3, 8:30am

Pat Thiesse

Sunday, May 3, 10:30am

Owen Fredette ☩

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
Irene Caligiuri
Shelby Campbell
Paul Cipowski
James Coleman
Thomas Cornwell & Family
Karen Flaharty Daley
Margie Daniels & Family
Cecilia DeSimone
The Charlie Doherty Family
Linda Dossman
Ann Edmunson
Pat Egan
Kathryn Ernst
The Fiore Family
Peggy & Jack Fischer
Larry Fisk
Kathryn Franklin
Lyn Friedman
Carmen Garcia
Bob Godley
Rick Gonzalez
Paula Gurrera
Jack Haeffelin
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
Colleen Kaup
Paul Kennedy
Debbie Kinney
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
The Lundell & Shaughnessy Families
Jackie Lynn
James MacArthur
Michael Martin
Ken Mauro
Bob McWilliams
Carol Michael
Carroll Tom & Nona Miller

Nancy Moore
Margie Myers
R. Northrup
The O'Brien Family
Sergio Ochoa
Helen O'Connell
Esther Ortega
Lupe Casas Pelletier
Helen Pingtella
Anne Post
Otila Quiroz
Janet Raiman
Margo Redford
Deana Reynolds
Dort Riley
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
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

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 6 Spirited Seniors Board
Meeting (new leaders
welcome!)
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**Tom & Kris Rinear****Flower Donations**

We would like to gratefully acknowledge the contributions of:

Maureen and Don Tutino

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

In Memoriam

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:



Lyman "Bud" Lundell, who died on April 19. His funeral arrangements are pending. Please keep Bud's sister Maurine Shaughnessy and their families in your prayers.

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

**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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Get On the Bus

Total monetary contributions to date are \$3,435! Thank you!!

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

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!

2009 Annual Catholic Appeal Now Underway!**St. Thomas More's "Fair Share": \$34,000****Pledge Total to Date: \$37,399.15****Households Responding: 274****Average Gift per Household: \$137**

Your support is greatly appreciated!

—Rev. Michael Ratajczak, Pastor

Thank You for Signing Postcards!

The Parish Pro Life Committee would like to thank all Parishioners for their tremendous response to the recent postcard campaign to fight the Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA). Together we can promote a Culture of Life. For anyone who was away that weekend, there are extra postcards on the table in the lower level of the Parish Center. For more information, call Jane Kelleher at 760-822-7041

Mothers' Day Baby Shower for Birth Choice

Everyone is invited to participate in the first annual Mothers' Day Baby Shower to benefit Birth Choice of San Marcos, our local pregnancy resource center. All baby items such as formula, diapers, or clothing will be much appreciated. Birth Choice relies solely on donations. Representatives from the Parish Pro-Life Committee will be available at all the Masses the weekend of May 9-10 to receive your gifts. For more information, please contact Jane Kelleher at 760-822-7041.

Have Time for a Little Extra Laundry?

If you would like to take on a small task that is very helpful to the Parish and rewarding for you, please consider joining the group that launders the small altar linens every week. The more people in the group, the less often each one needs to do the laundry! Training is provided. For more information, please contact Marge Gillen at 760-630-1929.

**St. Thomas More
Middle School Youth Group**

Meets Monday, April 27 • 7:00pm

HAPPY EASTER
• **Team Games**
• **Snacks**

Website: www.stmoside.org/ym; Email: ronb@stmoside.org
Call Ron or Louise Briseno 760-758.4100 x153

PEACE

at

MONDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

7:00-8:30pm

April 27, 2009

at Godspace

Call Gale at 726-7236 for questions

Tenth Anniversary Golf Classic ~ Friday, May 1 ~ Final Call!!!

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!

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

Please submit payments at Golf table, offertory basket or drop box outside parish office.

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 ~ only 40 left, going fast. Sign up today!!!



AT THE MIRAGE WITH JAY LENO

- ◆ Delicious dinner at Shadowridge Country Club, hors d'oeuvres, open bar, and desserts.
- ◆ The Alley Cats entertaining!
- ◆ Check for details at the golf table and at: www.stmoside.org/golf

1955 Classic Ford Truck to be auctioned at dinner!

- ◆ Beautiful vintage "show" truck will go to the highest bidder on May 1. Bidding will start at \$7,000.
- ◆ Last chance to view the truck 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.

Movie Night for Children and Youth

Come join the youth of our Parish for a fun and exciting movie night fundraiser! This is to benefit the KIVA organization to help people start their own businesses. We would love for you to join us. We are having two showings, both on Saturday, May 9. The first showing is at 6:00pm on the lower level for children between the ages of 6 and 12. We're watching *The Tales of Despereaux* and admission is \$8 per child. Child care, the movie, a snack, and a drink are included in admission.



The second showing is at 9:00pm for the older kids ages 13 and up. The movie is *Bedtime Stories*! Admission for the second showing is \$5 per person and does not include a snack and drink, but there will be snacks and drinks available for sale. So snack and drink donations will be greatly appreciated and can be dropped off after Masses at our table on the Plaza. This fundraiser is a service project organized by several of our Confirmation candidates.

If you have any questions, please contact jackijvelas@yahoo.com.

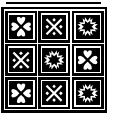
Wanted: Used Cell Phones

Please drop off your old cell phones, and/or any accessories (if available), in the collection box on the Plaza before or after Masses this weekend, or in the Parish Office by May 3, for the fundraiser for 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.

Women's Guild News

Board Meeting—Monday, May 4, at Germaine Wilmott's home to discuss the May 18 meeting and May 13 Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's meeting for the Deanery. Also the June 6 installation meeting at Shadowridge Country Club. Please RSVP to Germaine at 760-758-9949.

Luncheon Meeting—Monday, May 18, 11:00am, on the lower level of the Parish Center. Cost is \$7. the election of new officers will take place! Followed by a short video of the past year's events! Please RSVP to Mary Vernaci at 760-727-2318 or Germaine Wilmott at 760-758-9949.

Mass & Luncheon Meeting—The Women's Guild will be hosting the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women on Wednesday, May 13. It will begin with a Mass at 11:00am, followed by a luncheon and meeting. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Germaine Wilmott at 760-758-9949 by Friday, May 8.

Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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



EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FRIDAY, MAY 1

FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

8:45am - 4:00pm

INTENTION FOR THE DAY

That our work will give glory to God.

JOHN PAUL II ON EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

"The worship of the Eucharist outside of the Mass is of inestimable value for the life of the Church...It is pleasant to spend time with Him, to lie close to His breast like the Beloved Disciple and to feel the infinite love present in His Heart. If in our time Christians must be distinguished above all by the "art of prayer," how can we not feel a renewed need to spend time in spiritual converse, in silent adoration, in heartfelt love before Christ present in the Most Holy Sacrament? How often, dear brothers and sisters, have I experienced this, and drawn from it strength, consolation and support!...The presence of Christ under the species reserved after Mass—a presence which lasts as long as the species of bread and wine remain—derives from the celebration of the sacrifice and is directed towards communion, both sacramental and spiritual.

This is an aspect of the Eucharist which merits greater attention: in celebrating the sacrifice of the Lamb, we are united to the heavenly "liturgy" and become part of that great multitude which cries out: "Salvation to the Lamb!" (Rev 7:10). The Eucharist is truly a glimpse of heaven appearing on earth. It is a glorious ray of the heavenly Jerusalem which pierces the clouds of our history and lights up our journey...and plants a seed of living hope in our daily commitment to the work before us...

Let us take our place, dear brothers and sisters, at the school of the saints, who are the great interpreters of true Eucharistic piety. In them the theology of the Eucharist takes on all the splendor of a lived reality: it becomes "contagious" and, in a manner of speaking, it "warms our hearts". Above all, let us listen to Mary Most Holy, in whom the mystery of the Eucharist appears, more than in anyone else, as a mystery of light."

Music Ministry Next Week

MAY 2/3

5:00pm Mass

Cantor

8:30am Mass

Adult Choir

10:30am Mass

Handbell Choir

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

Today is a
RE.A.CH day
Religious Education for Adolescents & Children
at Home

Sign-Up Today

for 2009-2010 RE.A.CH

Religious Education for Adolescents and Children

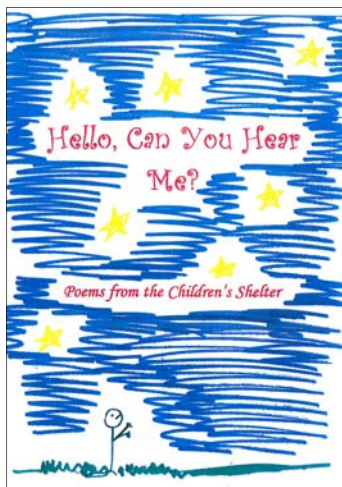
If your family is currently enrolled in St. Thomas More's Religious Education program,

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 on the plaza after Sunday Mass or in the Faith Formation Office.

Poems



This book of poetry was compiled by the teachers of the courageous young teen girls at Casa de Amparo who have been removed from their homes because of abuse, neglect, or abandonment.

Copies of their poetry are available at the Faith Formation table or office for \$10. What began as a simple class assignment has turned into a scholarship project to help these girls have promise in their future.

This is an ideal gift for anyone who "takes life for granted". Wonderful for young girls or adults. You'll need to include some Kleenex with the book for it will truly touch your heart.

"This collection is a journey into their lives, it's an open door on stolen childhood dreams, and all their poems together are a homage to their lives that sometimes are too complicated, still, they are so worthy living, because the beauty of childhood is that hope is a companion of even the darkest hour, and tomorrow is already another day."

Looking At Life Through the Eyes of Faith



Adult Opportunities for Nourishment:

- ◆ The *Little White Book* gives us daily six-minute meditations on the Resurrection Gospel, allowing us to process the greatest mystery of our faith in small doses.
- ◆ *Christ the Lord, The Road to Cana* by Anne Rice provides an intimate and tender portrayal of Jesus, allowing us to glimpse a real person and bringing new life to the scriptures. This book should be on everyone's Bucket List, whether or not you are able to attend our discussion on May 6. Wayne Zych will facilitate our gathering at 9:00am and 7:00pm.
- ◆ *The Shack* by William Paul Young was #1 on the New York Times Bestseller List for months. It has captured the imagination of millions and provides a delightful experience of God. By "popular demand" we will add this book to our parish book series for summer discussion. Watch for details and book availability.
- ◆ The Adult Faith Formation Committee is in process of planning our offerings for you for 2009-2010. We welcome your ideas of speakers or books or subjects you would like presented in your Parish. Feel free to contact committee chair Wayne Zych at 598-9244 or Kathleen Bell with your suggestions.

Crocodile Dock



If you want to be swamped with fun July 20-24, come and be a part of a "Bayou Crew" if you are between the ages of 3-12.

Teens and adults have a great part to play in rocking this dock!

This is the place where fearless kids shine God's light!

Sign up soon ~ Enrollment is limited.



Peanut Butter and Jelly Update



2009 GOAL: 365 jars
TOTAL to date: 289 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 *Your Capabilities*

Whenever you consider giving your best talents to God substitute the word CAPABILITIES instead of TALENT.

Capabilities include all of the factors of competency that God has given you. These factors start with that particular combination of genes which give you your individuality.

They continue with all the gifts with which you were born. They include those gifts you acquire, such as education, training, life and work experiences. Even though acquisition requires great effort on your part, it is God who made this possible.

God provides the environment in which you were born and nurtured with all the effects this may have upon your life.

Capabilities also include the day-to-day gifts of good health, inspiration, and insight which we receive from God. You should never cease to thank God for your capabilities, as they can increase and change with time.

Youth has its energy . . . old age has its knowledge. Since they change, yesterday's inadequacies can become tomorrow's sufficiency. All of the talents that we observe are part of the person's capabilities; often talents cannot be applied unless there exists also strength of character.

It is capabilities that you should dedicate to God, for they come from God. With these thoughts in mind, you can better appreciate Romans 12:6: "God has given each of us the ability to do certain things well."

Note also 1 Timothy 4:14-15: "Be sure to use the abilities God has given you . . ." and "Put these abilities to work; throw yourself into your tasks . . ."

Finally, remember Colossians 3:23-25, which tells us to work cheerfully in all we do, just as though we were working for Jesus.

The next time you are challenged by a needed task at church or in God's world, don't be concerned with talents; rather consider all the many capabilities that God has given . . . and continues to give you.
—W. Coburn



The call from Jesus is an urgent one. He doesn't tell us to follow Him later. Tomorrow. In the future when nothing else is going on. This isn't "someone else's" job, but a loving commitment made by each one of us in thanksgiving for all that He did for us.

We are called to follow Jesus and the example he set right now, in this moment and in these circumstances.

Following Jesus is the work of a lifetime. With each step forward, we are challenged to joyfully accept God's will. Being a disciple is not just something to do on occasion, but a total way of life.

Check out page 10 (and the rest of the bulletin) today and see where your capabilities lie. Then make a call to that chairperson!

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Total	\$	10,786.66

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News from the Larger Church

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 Tuesday, April 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.

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 Presentation at USD—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.

Through the Storm Gospel Choir Performing in Vista—Friday, May 8, 7:00pm at St. Francis Church in Vista. A benefit concert with the theme "Building Dreams through Music," this group features acclaimed gospel singer Dorothy Foster and well-known North County musicians, including some St. Francis Church singers. A \$10 suggested donation at the door will benefit Catholic Charities work in the local community and help St. Francis Music Ministry. For more information, contact 760-945-8044 or www.throughthestormchorus.com.

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.

27th Annual Dinner Dance, Gala, and Auction to Benefit Whispering Winds Catholic Conference Center and Camp—Saturday, May 16, 5:00-11:30pm at the Marriott Mission Valley, San Diego. For more details and reservations, contact 619-464-1479.

Catholic Thrive Event for Young Adults in Anaheim—Join others from around the country for world-class speakers and music, Mass, reconciliation, gala dance, and service opportunities for this celebration for Catholic young adults and singles of all ages at the Anaheim Marriott on May 22-24. For more information, visit www.catholicthrive.com.

Marriage Encounter Weekends—For more information, contact broy2@san.rr.com.

Natural Family Planning Classes—For more information, contact daveandcheryl@cox.net or 619-303-5053.

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.

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