

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

May 3, 2009 • Fourth Sunday of Easter

Monday Night Mass

Join us
May 4 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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Brother Benno Thank You

Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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On Living the Resurrected Life

As we continue to celebrate the gift of the Resurrection during these 50 days of Easter, we are mindful that the Resurrection is not just a past event, but just as importantly, it is a present reality in which we are called to live, move, and have our being.

I share with you the words of Rev. Henri Nouwen, taken from his book, *Sabbatical Journey*:

...As we claim our faith in the resurrection of the body, we come to see that the resurrection is not simply an event after death but a reality of everyday life.

Our care for the body calls us to unity beyond organization, to intimacy beyond eroticism, and to integrity beyond psychological wholeness.

Unity, intimacy, and integrity are the three spiritual qualities of the resurrected life.

We are called to break through the boundaries of nationality, race, sexual orientation, age, and mental

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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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capacities and create a unity of love that allows the weakest among us to live well.

We are called to go far beyond the places of lust, sexual need, and desire for physical union to a spiritual intimacy that involves body, mind, and heart.

And we are called to let go of old ways of feeling good about ourselves and reach out to a new integration of the many facets of our humanity.

These calls are calls to the resurrection.

Caring for the body is preparing the body for the final resurrection while anticipating it in our daily lives through spiritual unity, intimacy, and integrity.

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, June 5.

*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.

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.

There are many ways to help support your Parish.

We offer a variety of options for easier giving.

In addition to the extra "mail-back" envelopes included in your packet, we offer automatic:

- ♦ Credit Card Withdrawal (Visa, MC, or Discover)
- ♦ Automatic Checking Account Deduction
- ♦ Automatic Savings Account Deduction

*To participate in these time-saving alternatives,
please contact the Parish Office at:
760-758-4100 x100 or parishoffice@stmoside.org*

Readings for the Week Ahead

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

Sunday, May 3 (50)

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:8-12

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

1 John 3:1-2

John 10:11-18

Monday, May 4 (279)

Acts 11:1-18

Psalms 42:2-3;43:3-4

John 10:1-10

Tuesday, May 5 (280)

Acts 11:19-26

Psalms 87:1-7

John 10:22-30

Wednesday, May 6 (281)

Acts 12:24-13:5a

Psalms 67:2-3,5-6,8

John 12:44-50

Thursday, May 7 (282)

Acts 13:13-25

Psalms 89:2-3,21-22,25,27

John 13:16-20

Friday, May 8 (283)

Acts 13:26-33

Psalms 2:6-11

John 14:1-6

Saturday, May 9 (284)

Acts 13:44-52

Psalms 98:1-4

John 14:7-14

Sunday, May 10 (53)

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31

Psalms 22:26-28,30-32

1 John 3:18-24

John 15:1-8

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 2, 5:00pm
Carl Bechtold ☩

Sunday, May 3, 8:30am
Pat Thiesse

Sunday, May 3, 10:30am
Owen Fredette ☩

Monday, May 4, 7:00pm
For the Youth of the Parish

Tuesday, May 5, 8:15am
William Hoogestraat ☩

Wednesday, May 6, 8:15am
Lou Franklin ☩

Thursday, May 7, 8:15am
Eliana Rind

Friday, May 8, 8:15am
Italino Norelli ☩

Saturday, May 9, 5:00pm
Frances Hoogestraat ☩

Sunday, May 10, 8:30am
Carl Streling

Sunday, May 10, 10:30am
Celia Nunez

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
Pat Egan
Kathryn Ernst
The Felton Family
The Fiore Family
Peggy & Jack Fischer
Larry Fisk
Kathryn Franklin
Lyn Friedman
Carmen Garcia
Bob Godley
Rick Gonzalez
Paula Gurrera
Jack Haefelin
Anita Hage
Susan Hallahan
Mary Hannan
The Harker Family
Rita Harnacker
The Hayden Family
Barry Henwood
Kristin Hinds-Sweet
Cynthia Horner
Brenda Johnson
Sue Johnston
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
The Lundell & Shaughnessy Families
Jackie Lynn
James MacArthur
Scott Macfarlane
Michael Martin
Ken Mauro
Bob McWilliams
Carol Michael
Carroll Tom & Nona Miller

Nancy Moore
Margie Myers
R. Northrup
The O'Brien Family
Helen O'Connell
Lupe Casas Pelletier
Helen Pingtella
Anne Post
Otila Quiroz
Janet Raiman
Margo Redford
Deana Reynolds
Dort Riley
Joanne Robinson
Sr. Loyola Romey
Richard Rossmassler
Dorothy Rouse
Rose Rowland
The Russo Family
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
Pvt. 2 Jess Phillips, US Army
Julian Torres, USMC

Thank you for your prayers for Med. Staff Sgt. Jana Alexander Madrid, USAF, 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.

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Calendar Highlights

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

The Week Ahead

- May 3 Blood Drive
- May 3 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
- May 3 RE.A.CH Classes at Church, including high school
- May 6 Spirited Seniors Board Meeting (new leaders welcome!)
- May 10 Happy Mothers' Day!
- May 10 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses

The Month Ahead

- May 13 Women's Guild North County Deanery Lunch Meeting
- May 17 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
- May 17 RE.A.CH Classes at Church
- May 18 Women's Guild Luncheon Meeting with Election of Officers
- May 21-24 Adult Choir Tour to Napa, California
- May 23-24 First Communion
- 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

Flower Donations

We would like to gratefully acknowledge the contributions of:

Paul & Elaine Cassidy

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:



Rosemarie Felton, who died last week. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday, May 4, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Lyman "Bud" Lundell, who died on April 19. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, May 8, at 1:00pm at St. Thomas More. Please keep Bud's sister Maurine Shaughnessy and their families in your prayers.

Elizabeth "Muffy" Hayden, who died last week. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, May 9, at 10:30am at St. Thomas More.

*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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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: \$37,669.15

Households Responding: 275

Average Gift per Household: \$136.98

Your support is greatly appreciated!

—Rev. Michael Ratajczak, Pastor

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 is 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.

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.

Dear Mr. Lynn and members of St. Thomas More,

This is to say a thanks to you and to all those at St. Thomas More and the other churches that worked to put on the Spring Sing, April 26.



I am writing as a member of St. Anne's Anglican Church in Oceanside. The music was a delight, but even more I found the celebration a wonderfully transcendent way for us to worship together when we cannot come together at the Eucharist. I believe it gladdens the heart of God when we gather across denominational lines to praise and glorify His name. I know it gladdens mine.

I was also blessed that the afternoon was more than an opportunity to highlight the gifts of the various choirs. It was also a time that drew all of us into worship—even those of us who are "musically challenged" and will thankfully never be in a choir!

So thanks again for a great afternoon.

In Him who makes us one,
Barbara Lyles

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. 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*

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You...

for your prayers, cards, visits, and meals. I am overwhelmed by your generosity with much gratitude. I am doing well and expect a full recovery soon.

—Gratefully yours, Carl O. Streling

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.

PEACE

at
MONDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP
7:00-8:30pm
May 4, 2009
at *Godspace*

Call Gale at 726-7236 for questions

No Home or Food for Your Family—Just Imagine!

Our ministry answers the call by Jesus to feed the hungry in our time and neighborhood. The North County Solutions for Change women and children's shelter needs volunteers for meal preparation, servers, and donations (food and paper goods). Any help you can provide is most welcome!

Many thanks to those who have stepped up to supply seven of the monthly dinners!

**These dates are still available
for dinner adoption:**

August 23
September 27
November 29
December 27



*Contact: Paul & Kalei Mendiola at
760-945-9042 or
kaleiann@sbcglobal.net.*

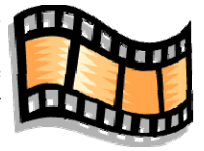
Wanted: Used Cell Phones

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.



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 from 6:00-8:00pm 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. The movie, a snack, and a drink are included in admission.



The second showing is at 9:00-11:00pm 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.

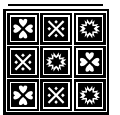
If you have any questions, please contact jackijvelas@yahoo.com.

Parish Potluck

Please join us on Friday, May 22, at 6:00pm on the lower level of the Parish Center for a potluck with good food and fellowship. Bring one of your favorite main dishes, salads, or desserts. A bottle of wine would also be appreciated. Last, but not least, bring your favorite date. If you don't have a date, come anyway! Please RSVP to Germaine Wilmott at 760-758-9949.

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 have been mailed to you. The quilts will be displayed at the April 20 and May 18 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 13 Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's meeting for the Deanery and May 18 meeting. Also the June 6 installation meeting at Shadowridge Country Club. Please RSVP to Germaine Wilmott 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



ec•u•men•i•cal

1. general; universal.
2. pertaining to the whole Christian church.
3. promoting or fostering Christian unity throughout the world.
4. of or pertaining to a movement (ecumenical movement) aimed at achieving universal Christian unity and church union through international interdenominational organizations that cooperate on matters of mutual concern.

This past Sunday, seven North County church choirs gathered at St. Thomas More to sing for each other and the local community at our fourth annual Spring Sing.

During a time when the headlines are trumpeting division and disconnect, nearly 200 singers of various faiths and doctrinal inclination gathered to proclaim their unified faith in Christ Jesus.

As a tangible expression of our commitment to the ministry and mission of Christ, singers, instrumentalists, and audience members were asked

to bring a canned good or drop something in the offering basket for the food pantry at Interfaith Community Services. On Tuesday morning, Joe Garcia and Mike Provinse dropped off a pickup truck load of canned goods to the nearly-empty food pantry...and a check in the amount of \$1,172 for additional food purchases.

Globally, the quest for Christian unity ebbs and flows, with public comments by church officials



The Adult Choir sings for the community.

from various denominations alternatively helping or hindering the process, with other pressing issues grabbing the religious spotlight, and with much of the work seeming to happen at a local level, away from the meetings and high level gatherings of interdenominational organizations.

In our small corner of the world, on a spring Sunday afternoon, Episcopalians, Methodists, Presbyterians, and Catholics joyfully met together in song, and the ecumenical movement had wings.

I hope you will plan to join us next year, Sunday, April 18, 2010, at 4:00pm as we take another small step, raising our voices in one accord.



Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

Music Ministry Next Week

MAY 9/10

5:00pm Mass

Adult Choir

8:30am Mass

Handbell Choir

10:30am Mass

Cantor

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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



RE.A.CH Reminders

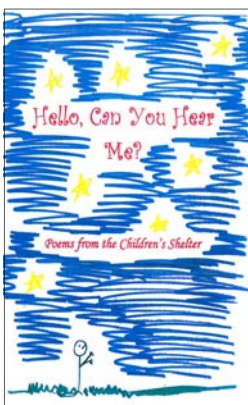
- ◆ Please pick up your 2009-2010 enrollment packet on the lower level today (high school included!)
- ◆ If tuition fees are a difficulty at this time, consider credit card or a payment plan over several months.
- ◆ Last call for Operation Rice Bowl donations/almsgiving

Protecting Our Children

The Diocese of San Diego provides an educational program for all church volunteers and parents. It contains information on diocesan programs to insure the safety of our young people and good reminders for parents of children of all ages.

Stop by the front lobby **TODAY at 12:30pm or 5:00pm** and view this 20-minute video presentation.

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 Spiritual Nourishment:

- ◆ *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 760-598-9244 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!

Sign up soon ~ Enrollment is limited.

Forms available on the Parish website, or outside the Faith Formation Office. The music is here!

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



Peanut Butter and Jelly Update

2009 GOAL: 365 jars
TOTAL to date: 312 jars

We will exceed our Annual Goal BIG TIME this year!



Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

St. Joseph the Worker

May 1 marked the feast of St. Joseph the Worker, a Stewardship Saint for May. The feast of St. Joseph the Worker was established by Pope Pius XII in 1955 to emphasize the dignity of labor as seen through the light of faith.

It is celebrated on the first day of May because that day has been designated throughout the world as a day to celebrate the economic and social achievements of workers.

The relationship between St. Joseph, the carpenter, and the cause of workers enjoys a rich history in the life of the Church. The Pontiff believed it fitting that St. Joseph, a working man and patron of the universal Church, should be honored on May 1.

The opening prayer in the Liturgy on the feast day of St. Joseph the Worker is a stewardship prayer, proclaiming that God, the creator and ruler of the universe, has called men and women of every age to develop and use their talents for the good of others.



Whether our work involves cultivating the land, laying bricks or building bridges, we are called to produce and bear fruit for others with our own hands. We do this for the sake of the Gospel, to build up the Body of Christ. St Joseph, the carpenter, serves as a profound model of Christian stewardship for workers everywhere.

—ICSC Stewardship, May 2009

So the month of May not only honors our Blessed Virgin Mary, but St. Joseph as well. Once again, we have incredible role models to emulate.

Behavior is a matter of choice. Every day, throughout the day, we choose between following the desires of our human nature or by following the direction of the Holy Spirit.

Our human and often sinful nature can lead to immortality, destruction, and despair. Conversely, the Holy Spirit can and will fill our lives with love, joy, and peace.

There is so much for each of us to accomplish. A lifetime hardly seems enough to take care of business. Jesus left His job to be finished by our very capable hands. Remember that He made these hands capable and gave us the gifts to see the job through.

“If we love Christ and His Church enough, we will not stay away from Church for any light reason. If we love enough, we will not easily turn down an opportunity to help with ministries, school, or community. If we love enough, we will not have too tight a hold on our wallet. Love wants to pour itself out. Love never counts the costs. Love never fails.”

—William LaRoe Jr.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph made wise choices.

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“Did You Know?” Donation Update April 2009 \$11,112.17

Collection for Week of: April 25/26, 2009

Number of Registered Households:		999
Offertory*	\$	5,564.64
Offertory (Loose Collection)		786.00
Children's envelopes		2.55
Total	\$	6,353.19

* Offertory Envelopes, Credit Card Withdrawals,
Automatic Checking or Savings Account Deductions
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*Special thanks to our young donors using the Children's
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We offer a variety of options for easier giving.

In addition to the extra “mail-back” envelopes
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- ♦ Credit Card Withdrawal (Visa, MC, or Discover)
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please contact the Parish Office at:
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News from the Larger Church

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.

Preschool Open House in Vista—St. Francis Preschool in Vista will be holding an Open House on Tuesday, May 5, at 6:00pm for parents interested in enrolling their children in the Fall. Parents will receive a tour of the facility, plus information on curriculum and tuition. Licensed by the state of California, St. Francis Preschool offers full- and part-time schedules, plus a Pre-Kindergarten program. The school is located at 525 W. Vista Way, Vista. For additional information, contact Mrs. Nancy Thomas at 760-630-7964 or visit www.sfs-vista.org.

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.

Prayer and Spirituality Presentation in Carlsbad—*Open the Door of Your Heart and Let Jesus In*, presented by Sr. Catherine Marie, OCD, and hosted by St. Elizabeth Seton Women's Auxiliary. Monday, May 11 at 10:00am, at St. Elizabeth Seton Church in Carlsbad. For more information, call Jan Feiner at 760-603-9103.

Diocesan Workshops in May and June—Various topics related to religious education. 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.



A Partnership Between the US Postal Service and Local Food Banks Saturday, May 9

Leave canned goods and/or nonperishable food items by your mailbox.

Donations in the Vista area will be taken to Catholic Charities Food Resource Center, which can use your help sorting the food. Shifts available 2:00-7:00pm. Come to 917 E. Vista Way (corner of E. Vista Way and Vale Terrace), Vista, in the back parking lot behind Round Table Pizza. For more information and to sign up, call 760-631-4792.

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