

# 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

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**May 24, 2009 • The Ascension of the Lord**

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## Rosary

A communal Rosary is prayed after every morning Mass (Tuesday-Friday) in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Please join us!



## Pastor's Column

*Rev. Michael Ratajczak*  
*michaelr@stmoside.org*  
*760-758-4100 x100*

### Ascension—"Jesus Was Lifted Up, and a Cloud Took Him from Their Sight"

When we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension, we celebrate the absence of Jesus. He is physically gone from us. He is no longer with us as He once was.

When we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, the gift of the Holy Spirit, we celebrate the presence of Jesus in the new way in which He remains with the Church, until the end of time.

The gift of the Spirit is a profound realization that the Church is the Body of Christ. The Church is Jesus for this time and this place. It is the Church that continues the Mission and Ministry of Jesus in the here and now, in and through our flesh.

This distinction is at the heart of Christianity. Our God is not just "up in heaven." We are not theists that believe only in a God totally transcendent from us.

Our God is not only transcendent but also imminent. Our God is "down here on earth among us."

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## Memorial Day † Monday, May 25

Join us for Mass at 8:15am!

The Parish Office will be closed for the holiday.

The Blessed Sacrament Chapel will also be closed.  
The usual Adoration schedule will resume on Tuesday, May 26.



## 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:** 8:30am 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)

Christianity is incarnational. God is in our flesh and bones and comes to the world through us.

This distinction is the difference between theism and Christianity. Fr. Ronald Rolheiser, in *The Holy Longing*, describes it this way:

*If my mother is sick and I pray that she gets better, but do not drive her to see the doctor, I have prayed as a theist, not as a Christian.*

*I have not given an incarnational flesh, skin, to my prayer. It is more difficult for God to answer such a prayer.*

*If I see a colleague or friend who looks depressed and pray for her, but do not speak to her, then I am praying like a theist, not as a Christian.*

*How is God supposed to console her? Send her an e-mail from heaven?*

*It is my voice and my compassion that is called for since I am a part of the Body of Christ, am praying, precisely through the Body of Christ, and am there, available to talk to her.*

*If I pray for a close friend but do not send him a postcard to tell him I am thinking about him, how is that prayer supposed to touch him?*

*If I pray for world peace, but do not, inside myself, forgive those who have hurt me, how can God bring about peace on this planet?*

*Our prayer needs our flesh to back it up.*

As we move through these feasts of Ascension and Pentecost, may we be mindful that if we are feeling the absence of Jesus in our lives and in our world, it is because we are not relying upon the insight and strength of the Holy Spirit and we are not backing up our prayer with our flesh!

If we are asking "Where is Jesus in all of this?" maybe we should be asking, "Where am I in all of this?"

*F. Mike*

## 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.*

## 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.*

## Readings for the Week Ahead

Sunday Year B; Weekday Year I  
Readings online at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org).

### Sunday, May 24 (58)

*The Ascension of the Lord*  
Acts 1:1-11

Psalms 47:2-3,6,9

Ephesians 4:1-13

Mark 16:15-20

### Monday, May 25 (297)

*Bede the Venerable, priest doctor;*

*Gregory VII, pop;*

*Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, virgin*

Acts 19:1-8

Psalms 68:2-7

John 16:29-33

### Tuesday, May 26 (298)

*Philip Neri, priest*

Acts 20:17-27

Psalms 68:10-11,20-21

John 17:1-11a

### Wednesday, May 27 (299)

*Augustine of Canterbury, bishop*

Acts 20:28-38

Psalms 68:29-30,33-36c

John 17:11b-19

### Thursday, May 28 (300)

Acts 22:30,23:6-11

Psalms 16:102a,5,7-11

John 17:20-26

### Friday, May 29 (301)

Acts 25:13b-21

Psalms 103:1-2,11-12,19-20ab

John 21:15-19

### Saturday, May 30 (302)

Acts 28:16-20,30-31

Psalms 11:4-5,7

John 21:20-25

### Sunday, May 31 (63)

*Pentecost Sunday*

Acts 2:1-11

Psalms 104:1ab,24ac,29bc-30,31,34

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7,12-13 or

Galatians 5:16-25

John 20:19-23 or

John 15:26-27,16:12-15

## Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 23, 5:00pm  
Irene Caligiuri

Sunday, May 24, 8:30am  
Noeline Flood ☩

Sunday, May 24, 10:30am  
Pasqua Colucci ☩

Monday, May 25, 8:15am  
Nancy Bermudez ☩

Tuesday, May 26, 8:15am  
Joe Kudzia ☩

Wednesday, May 27, 8:15am  
Richard Dockery ☩

Wednesday, May 27, 9:45am  
Andres Bernardino ☩  
*Emeritus of Oceanside*

Thursday, May 28, 8:15am  
J. C. Gonzalez ☩

Friday, May 29, 8:15am  
Lorie Whitmore ☩

Saturday, May 30, 5:00pm  
Lee Romens

Sunday, May 31, 8:30am  
Dylan Weakly ☩

Sunday, May 31, 10:30am  
Thomas Rizzo ☩

## 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  
Monica Broussard  
Janet Brown  
Steve Brown  
Irene Caligiuri  
Shelby Campbell  
Paul Cipowski  
James Coleman  
Thomas Cornwell & Family  
Karen Flaharty Daley  
Margie Daniels & Family  
Cecilia DeSimone  
Linda Dossman  
Pat Egan  
Kathryn Ernst  
The Fiore Family  
Peggy & Jack Fischer  
Larry Fisk  
Kathryn Franklin  
Carmen Garcia  
Bob Godley  
Rick Gonzalez  
Paula Gurrera  
Jack & Rosemary Haefelin  
Anita Hage  
Susan Hallahan  
The Harker Family  
Rita Harnacker  
Barry Henwood  
Cynthia Horner  
The Ipsen-Welch Family  
Sue Johnston  
Colleen Kaup  
Paul Kennedy  
Debbie Kinny  
George Kleekamp  
Sr. Anne Kremenik  
Helen Kuhn  
Lillian Lachance  
The Lamelin Family  
Bernie Lanzrath  
Brandon LeBlanc  
Cassandra Loretto  
Lauren Loretto  
The Lundell & Shaughnessy Families  
Jackie Lynn  
James MacArthur  
Scott Macfarlane  
Michael Martin  
Ken Mauro  
Shirley McAllister  
Mary Jane McCoy  
Bob McWilliams  
Carol Michael

Carroll Tom & Nona Miller  
Howard Montgomery  
Nancy Moore  
Dolores Murchison  
Margie Myers  
R. Northrup  
Helen O'Connell  
Lupe Casas Pelletier  
Helen Pingtella  
The Porter Family  
Anne Post  
Otila Quiroz  
Janet Raiman  
Stacy Ramseyer  
Robert D. Rees  
Deana Reynolds  
Dort Riley  
William L. Roberts  
Joanne Robinson  
Sr. Loyola Romey  
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

## 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

*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](http://www.stmoside.org)) for complete calendar information.

### The Week Ahead

- May 23-24 First Communion at 5:00pm and 10:30am Masses  
Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
- May 25 Memorial Day  
Mass at 8:15am  
Parish Office closed  
No adoration
- May 28 Project Linus Coffee
- May 31 Confirmation

### The Month Ahead

- June 6 Women's Guild Lunch at Shadowridge Country Club
- June 7 Spirited Seniors  
Presentation by Aegis of Shadowridge
- June 12-14 Parish Campout

### The Year Ahead

- July 20-24 Crocodile Dock—  
Vacation Bible School
- Aug 23 First Annual  
Pastor's Dinner
- Nov 22 Stewardship  
Appreciation Event

### Next Year—2010

- April 30 Eleventh Annual  
Golf Classic

*Questions? Contact Henny at 760-758-4100 x100 or [hennyj@stmoside.org](mailto:hennyj@stmoside.org).*

**Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioners**

Florence Crull  
 Chad & Bridget Dale & Family  
 Kevin & Evelyn Leahy & Family  
 Michael & Mary Ann Veneracion & Family

**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.

**2009 Annual Catholic Appeal Progress!**

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

Pledge Total to Date: \$42,442.15

Households Responding: 309

Average Gift per Household: \$137.35

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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**STM \$crip News**

Thank you to all who use the Scrip Program!

In order for St. Thomas More to benefit from your shopping at Ralphs, Food4Less, and Albertsons you must update your cards. Please stop by the Scrip table to find out how, or call Theresa Goeltz at 760-453-2876.

Scrip is sold after weekend Masses and on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:00-10:00am in the Parish Office.

**I Want to Earn STM Building Fund \$\$\$ with My...**

Albertson's Card #(11 digits) \_\_\_\_\_

Ralph's Card—Please visit Scrip table for flyer.

☐ Please send me a Food 4 Less Card

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please place completed form in the collection basket or return it to the \$CRIP table after weekend Masses or the Parish Office during the week. Thank you!

**Social Justice News****Please Join Us in Making our Schools Safer**

Violence, and especially bullying, is too common on middle and high school campuses in Oceanside. Our youth want to change that. We need a strong partnership of students, parents, and school officials that reawakens the vision for harmonious schools and devises strategies aimed at the causes of violence and bullying.

Several Oceanside churches and we are hosting a meeting with principals from Oceanside's middle and high schools. Our youth and parents will share their perspective on the problem and we will forge a partnership with the principals to make changes for the upcoming school year.

Youth, parents of youth, and all who care about youth, please join us on Monday, June 1, 6:45-8:30pm, at Mission San Luis Rey Parish Serra Center, 4070 Mission Avenue, Oceanside (400 feet directly east of the historic mission)

For more information, call Peter Hasapopoulos, at 760-443-9323.

**Small Church Communities**

We currently have openings in our Small Church Community Groups that meet once a week in each others' homes to discuss scripture readings and fellowship. If you are new to St. Thomas More, this is a great way to meet new friends and become part of our Parish community. Some groups meet in the mornings; others, in the evenings. For more information, please contact Sondra Parks at 760-598-1269.

**Need Louder Sound at Mass?**

Ask a hospitality minister for an assisted listening device. These units amplify the sound for those with a hearing disability. They do work better in some areas of the worship space than others, so you may need to move around to find the best reception. If you have any questions or have encountered problems with these units, please contact:

Lorraine Doering at 758-4100 x102. or [lorrained@stmoside.org](mailto:lorrained@stmoside.org)

**Seniors Special Needs and Services**

Are you aware that there are many services for seniors with special needs in North County? One of the services is Interfaith Community Services, which helps elderly seniors in many ways. To obtain more information about senior services, please contact Ann Eriksson at 760-599-7151.

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH NEWS**

NO YOUTH GROUP MEMORIAL DAY—MONDAY, MAY 25  
 WILL MEET NEXT ON MONDAY, JUNE 1, MONDAY NIGHT MASS  
 AND

MONDAY, JUNE 8, SENIOR GOOD-BYE NIGHT

**GOING TO STEUBENVILLE?  
 FINAL PAYMENT IS DUE NOW!  
 PAPERWORK AND T-SHIRT MONEY DUE JUNE 1.**

CALL GALE @ 726-7236 FOR INFORMATION



## Women's Guild News

**Annual Installation Luncheon**—Saturday, June 6, 11:00am at Shadowridge Country Club. In addition to installing the new Board of Directors for the Women's Guild, we will be having the drawing for the beautiful quilts that various members have made and donated.

We will be selling luncheon tickets after all Masses until May 30. The cost is \$20. It is always a great time to show our support for the new crew and our gratitude for those who have worked so hard this year.

If you have any questions, please contact Suzee Irwin at 760-597-2706 or Germaine Wilmott at 760-758-9949.

**The Year in Pictures**—Visit the Parish website ([www.stmoside.org](http://www.stmoside.org)) and click on Event Pictures to view a slideshow covering all the meetings and activities of the Women's Guild this past year.

## 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 has moved 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.

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

## Spirited Seniors' Presentation by Aegis

The Spirited Seniors of St. Thomas More wish to remind you about the educational event which will take place in the lower level of the Parish Center on Sunday, June 7, 12:30-2:30pm. Registration time is drawing to a close.

This will be a thoughtful day of learning which will be of most interest to seniors who are considering the possibility of making life-style changes to accommodate their diminishing ability to live at home alone. Adult children will benefit greatly by learning of the several options which are available for their parents' declining years. Nursing homes are not the only options!

Come and learn with us! This is a free seminar and lunch hosted by our neighbors--Aegis at Shadowridge. They will not be singing their own praises, but will willingly share with us many possibilities for aging gracefully.

We need to know how many to plan for, so call to register soon, if you are interest. The number is 760-806-3600.

## Visit the Parish Website—[www.stmoside.org](http://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.

## Tenth Anniversary Golf Classic

Our 2009 Golf Committee is delighted to announce that we presented Fr. Mike with a \$54,000 check for St. Thomas More this past week. **Thanks again for all of your help!**

The First Annual Pastor's Dinner is officially sold out! Let the good times roll on Sunday, August 23!

**Watch for our final Tenth Anniversary "wrap" in the bulletin next weekend, complete with photos.**

## Project Linus Coffee

Project Linus will host a coffee and work session on Thursday, May 28, at 10:00am on the lower level of the Parish Center. Volunteers donate hand-made crocheted, knitted, or quilted blankets, which are then delivered to sick and needy children. For more information on blanket requirements and the Project Linus organization, please attend the coffee or call Mary Coxon at 760-599-8760.

## Can't Get to Mass?

Our Parish has ministers who can bring Holy Communion to anyone who is unable to attend Mass—the homebound, those in the hospital, those in convalescent homes.

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

## 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. The border of the cover letter you received with your tickets pictures a small portion of each quilt. For a full viewing of the quilts, come to the May 18 Women's Guild Luncheon, or stop by the tables on the Plaza on Sunday, May 24, or Sunday, May 31. Please return your ticket stubs and money no later than Sunday, May 31. Please make checks payable to St. Thomas More Women's Guild. Your support is greatly appreciated!

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

## 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  
November 29  
December 27**

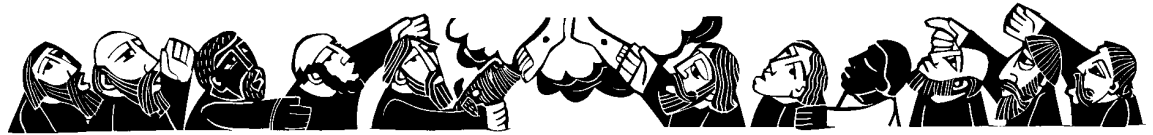


*Contact: Paul & Kalei Mendiola at  
760-945-9042 or  
[kaleiann@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kaleiann@sbcglobal.net).*

# Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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



## HEADING OUT...

### Examining the Concluding Rites

Some people leave the Mass immediately after they have received communion. No kidding! This exodus is one of the most consistent occurrences among the three Catholic parishes where I have ministered, and it is one of the most discussed concerns among local and national liturgists. From my admittedly biased point of reference, this practice has always seemed out of synch with the whole church-going experience. Now, I'm not talking about those who have some extra-ordinary, once-in-a-blue-moon commitment. No, the quandary for me are those who habitually depart the church before the liturgy is over, as if the liturgy is complete when they receive the Precious Body and Blood.

By leaving, they miss one of the best parts!

After the Closing Prayer, we begin the Concluding or Dismissal Rite. In other words, after Communion we receive needed encouragement to go forth with what we have heard and experienced and put it into practice in our daily lives. One of the great exhortations of Jesus to his disciples is found in this Sunday's Gospel:

*Jesus said to his disciples:  
"Go into the whole world and  
proclaim the gospel to every creature."*

This statement is made not only to the early Christians of Jesus' time, but also to those of us who have chosen to follow Jesus as Lord and Savior in this time and in this place.

In sports, a team's coach often gathers the team before they begin to play, giving them a last thought. It ends with all the players' hands in a pile, and with the coach giving them a word or two to shout together on the count of three. One-two-three "Go Team!"

The Concluding Rite is *our* final pep talk, our inspiration to go out and do, our own "Go Team!"

### Announcements

The announcements are an integral part of the liturgy and give us recommendations for living the Christian life and ways in which we can become

involved in living the message of Jesus. After the announcements, armed with suggestions, we go forth into the world to do what we are called to do.

We are called to hospitality...for welcoming this week's visitors and for the building of community through programs and events that encourage our participation in the mission and ministry of this Parish, the Body of Christ.

We are called to service...for bringing food for Brother Benno's and meals for North County Solutions for Change, for giving blood to the community, and the rebuilding of living spaces for those who are without shelter or warmth.

We are called to offer thanksgiving...for our joys and our answered prayers, for the earth and its abundance, and for the gift of God's son.

We are called to prayer...for our beloved dead, that they might be welcomed at the gates of heaven, and for their families; for the world, the nation, this local community, and each family and person in need. Paul's simple advice: "Pray always" (1 Thes 5:17).

### Blessing

Who wouldn't benefit from a blessing from God, administered by a priest?

*May almighty God bless you,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.*

### Dismissal

A reminder in one short, simple sentence of what we are supposed to do in the days and weeks ahead.  
*Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.*

**Go...in the peace of Christ**, knowing that we are loved and forgiven and saved.

**Go...to love the Lord**, and our neighbor, treating all we meet as if they were Jesus.

**Go...to serve the Lord**, in thought and word and deed, leaving nothing undone, as we continue into the new week, a disciple of Christ.

### The Recessional Song

A final proclamation of communal praise and thanksgiving before we head out into the world.

*One of the best parts, indeed!*

### Music Ministry Next Week

MAY 30/31  
Pentecost

5:00pm Mass

Cantor

8:30am Mass

Handbell Choir

10:30am Mass  
Confirmation

Adult Choir

# Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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

We welcome  
to the table of the Lord:



At the 5:00 Mass:

Sean Caster  
Laurel Hermsmeyer  
Trevor Kizer  
Julia Lazo  
Molly Martinez  
Ryan Rhoades  
Mikayla Tijerina  
Stephen Weber  
Scott Youmans

At the 10:30 Mass:

Alec Cadieux  
Jacqueline Hooks  
Elizabeth Korytko  
Nicholas Korytko  
Scott Meyer  
Emily Rodriguez-Johnson  
Jacob Nootens  
Kylie Pato  
Logan Pinaroc  
Andres Torres  
Martha Torres  
Jose Torres  
Sarah Torres  
Kelsey Williams

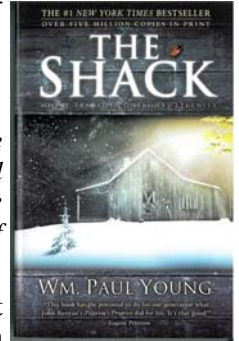
## The Bookies!

*The Shack* by Wm. Paul Young is our next book for discussion on August 12.

From the back cover:

*The Shack* is the most absorbing work of fiction I've read in many years. My wife and I laughed, cried, and repented of our own lack of faith along the way. *The Shack* will leave you craving for the presence of God."

The book is available for \$9 on top of the file cabinet outside the Faith Formation Office or at the Faith Formation table on the plaza after Sunday Masses.



## Liturgy of the Word for Children

This is the time when children ages 4 through 12 are invited to go downstairs to hear and discuss the scripture readings on their own level.

We are able to offer this more frequently during the summer months . . . all we need are more facilitators to make it happen during the 8:30am or 10:30am Mass. We also need assistants, especially at the 10:30am Mass.

It would just be a once-a-month commitment, simple training is provided for you, and the rewards are heavenly. Young adults through grandparents are encouraged to consider this ministry!

A great opportunity for college age home for the summer.

If there is no dismissal for the children at your Mass, please know the children sitting around you were hoping you would say YES!

Contact Kathleen Bell for more information.



## Peanut Butter and Jelly Update:



2009 GOAL: 365 jars  
TOTAL to date: 351 jars

As we feast on the Bread of Life,  
so we continue to reach out to feed  
other children in our community  
in need. Thank you for sharing!

Almsgiving from St. Thomas More families contributed:

**\$680.66**

# Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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## CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

### Positive Thinking

Once, at a convention of salespeople, the speaker placed a white sheet in front of the audience. On the white sheet, he had placed an ink dot the size of a quarter. He asked the thousand people in the audience to write down what they saw.

Almost all wrote down that they saw a black ink spot. None wrote that they saw a white sheet, even though there was a lot more of the white sheet than there was of the ink spot.

The speaker who made the test maintained that this is the great trouble with people who are in the business of selling. They just concentrate on the negatives and fail to see the positives. They see only ink spots, when they should see a whole white sheet.

The problem is not limited to those in sales. Listen to those who complain about life. You will find that their lot is no worse than that of most others. In fact, it is often better than the life of those to whom they are complaining. Their problem is that they always see the worst, when they could be seeing the best.



Take the case of New Yorker, Winston Coburn. He saw only the positive side of things. He saw the Church as a force for good in a world that needed all the good it could get. Winston felt that the least he could do was to become more active in the Church and give it his support.

He found time to study the Bible. He grew in cautious steps from giving ten dollars a Sunday until finally he was tithing his gross income. Said Winston, "I agree that I lacked faith. I am still awestruck when I read about devout souls who tithed all their lives from the first dollar they ever earned. Compared to them, I was like a man venturing out on thin ice, testing the strength of the ice at each step."

For years, Winston assumed that his reward would be in the hereafter. He said, "I now know that the reward is immediate. For when I began to achieve substantial giving, I felt for the first time that I truly belonged to the church; that I had a valid, positive purpose in life."  
—*Stewardship, 2009*

Once again in the Gospel this Sunday, we see Jesus living the life of the perfect steward—watching carefully over all who have been entrusted to Him by the Father and then sending them all out into the world in service.

Jesus prays that they might be protected, know God's truth and that they might share in Christ's joy. May we imitate this example of prayer by thanking God for all He has given us, and by praying for our brothers and sisters as well.

- ✦ Prayer is a powerful force.
- ✦ Prayer grounds us in good times and bad.
- ✦ Prayer keeps us humble, faithful and loving.
- ✦ Prayer is key to the life of Christian Stewards.

**How do you see your glass today?**

**Half Full or Half Empty?**

**Either way, pray about it ~**

## St. Thomas More Vehicle Donation Program



Do you have a vehicle  
you want to donate?  
The St. Thomas More  
program is easy!

Call us, and we'll have it picked up.  
You get the tax deduction!

Call the Parish Office at  
760-758-4100 x100.



## Collection for Week of: May 16/17, 2009

Number of Registered Households:		1,003
Offertory*	\$	6,123.18
Offertory (Loose Collection)		944.00
Children's envelopes		1.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,068.18</b>

\* Offertory Envelopes, Credit Card Withdrawals,  
Automatic Checking or Savings Account Deductions  
(Credit Card and Automatic Bank Account Withdrawals  
are posted at STM on the 5th and/or 20th of each month.)

*Special thanks to our young donors using the Children's  
offertory envelopes for their Christian Stewardship efforts.*

## 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:  
758-4100 x100 or parishoffice@stmoside.org.



## News from the Larger Church

**Young Adult Group Monthly Gathering in Solana Beach**—The new North County Regional Young Adult group, serving Young Adults (18-35 years) will be having its monthly rotating Mass on Sunday, May 17, at 6:00pm at St. James Catholic Church, 625 S. Nardo Ave., Solana Beach, followed by dinner at Tony's Jacal Restaurant, 621 Valley Ave., Solana Beach. Look for the welcome signs at the entrance of the Church and plan to sit together for Mass! For the event calendar or for more information about the group, go to [www.yamsd.org](http://www.yamsd.org), or contact Carrie Giebel at [cgiebel@diocese-sdiego.org](mailto:cgiebel@diocese-sdiego.org) or 858-490-8260.

**Diocesan Workshops in May and June**—Various topics related to religious education. For details, contact [www.diocese-sdiego.org/evangelization.htm](http://www.diocese-sdiego.org/evangelization.htm) or 858-490-8230.

**Free Job Search and Networking Clinic in Carlsbad**—Saturday, May 30, 9:00-11:00am at St. Elizabeth Seton Parish Hall, 6628 Santa Isabel St., Carlsbad. Run by volunteers for the sole purpose of helping those who are unemployed or underemployed get decent jobs. Learn proven techniques on networking, interviewing, and building a resume that really work. Come prepared with business cards and specific target companies/contacts that you are trying to reach, network with attendees, establish contacts with others, and form teams that can help each other stay focused on the job search.

**Magnificat Women's Group Meeting in San Diego**—Saturday, May 30, 9:30am at the Mission Valley Sheraton. Pat Doyle, an active leader in our San Diego Diocese, will joyfully share how to find God's love and presence in all things. RSVP to 858-578-1256.

**Old Time County Fair in Ramona**—June 5-7 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, 537 E St., Ramona. There will be a raffle, food, carnival rides, games, and music. For more information, please contact the Parish Office at 760-789-0583.

**Tony Melendez to Perform in San Marcos**—The successful toe-pickin' guitar player and vocalist born without arms and a club foot will give a concert at St. Mark Parish in San Marcos in Friday, June 12. For more information, contact Pat at 760-744-5429.

**Notre Dame Club's Thirteenth Annual Charity Golf Classic in Rancho Bernardo**—June 14-15, at the Country Club of Rancho Bernardo. Features guest speaker Ryan Grant of the Green Bay Packers. For more information, visit [www.ndsandiego.org](http://www.ndsandiego.org).

**How to Start and Grow a Young Adult Ministry at Your Parish or Campus Workshop in San Diego**—Saturday, June 20, 9:00am-12:00noon. The Office for Young Adult Ministry is offering training for Young Adult leaders and core teams, Campus Ministry leaders and core teams, Pastors, and Deacons who are interested in starting a Young Adult Ministry or growing their current Young Adult Ministry at their Parish or Campus. It will be at the Pastoral Center, 3888 Paducah Drive, SD. The cost is \$10, which includes a light breakfast and materials. Please RSVP by June 17 to [cgiebel@diocese-sdiego.org](mailto:cgiebel@diocese-sdiego.org) or calling 858-490-8260. Visit [www.yamsd.org](http://www.yamsd.org) to see the flyer.

**Gran Fiesta in San Marcos**—June 26-28. A great alternative to the San Diego County Fair! Admission and parking are free to this event that is packed with rides, food, games, prizes, dancing, and entertainment fit for all ages! Convenient North County location

at St. Mark Parish at 1147 Discovery St. in San Marcos. For more information, contact 760-744-1540.

**Beginning Experience Weekend for Widowed, Divorced, and Separated Persons in Oceanside**—July 17-19 or November 13-15, at Prince of Peace Abbey. A specially trained team leads participants through a healing and growth experience. For further information, please call 858-274-1878.

**Pilgrimage to the Holy Land**—Fr. Edwin Tutor of St. Pius X Parish in Chula Vista invites you to join him in pilgrimage November 6-16 with Fr. Garret Edmunds, OFM (based in Jerusalem) as tour guide and escort. For more information, contact Lulu Rullan at 619-757-4200.

**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](http://www.sfs-vista.org) or 760-630-7960.

### Pro-Life Corner

#### Prayer for Those Who Have Grown Very Old

Lord, our God, you have given these your faithful the grace to maintain their hope in you through all life's changes and to taste and see your goodness. We bless you for the gifts you have showered on them for so many years. We ask that they may find joy in a renewed strength of spirit, that they may have good health, and that they may inspire us by the example of their serene way of life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

—*Book of Blessings*, no. 357.

### Pilgrimages in 2010

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Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Cairo, Giza, Memphis, Aswan, and Luxor;  
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January 4-15, 2010 • \$3,975 per person, double occupancy

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