

Church of St. Thomas More

A Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of San Diego

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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

Spirituality + Tradition + Community

May 31, 2009 • Pentecost

Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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Abortion Changes You!

*The following is the Introduction to her book, **Changed—Making Sense of Your Own or a Loved One's Abortion Experience** by Michaelene Fredenburg:*

"Over the years I've heard many heartrending stories about abortion. Although each story is unique, a common thread moves through them all—abortion changes you. Yet it is difficult to find a safe place to help abortion participants—and those who are closest to them—explore this tragic truth.

I am troubled by the increasing polarization of the abortion debate—a debate that tends to hinder reasoned discussion and keep those who are personally touched by abortion from reaching out.

I primarily wrote this book for those who are touched by abortion.

However, I hope that people who haven't been personally touched by abortion will read this book as well.

The purpose of this book is threefold:

- Communicate to those who've been touched by abortion that they are not alone,
- Heighten awareness of an abortion's impact on various family members and,

- Friends create a place of safety for participants to begin exploring their feelings and seeking resolution.

You Are Not Alone

At current abortion rates, one in three women in the United States will have had an abortion by age 45.

That means a significant percentage of men will have also participated in abortion—either knowingly or unknowingly.

Although abortion has touched many of us, we rarely share our personal experiences.

Shame or guilt may play a role in hiding our abortions. And the rancorous public debate certainly doesn't encourage dialogue about this personal and extremely sensitive topic.

We sometimes lack the language to discuss the conflicted emotions that trouble us.

Whatever the reason, silence perpetuates the myth that we stand alone in our abortion experiences—or at least that we're alone amidst the emotional debris.

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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: 8:30am 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.*

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Heighten Awareness of an Abortion's Impact

In addition to the tens of millions of men and women who've experienced abortion firsthand, there are countless other family members, such as the woman's parents and her children, who are also impacted by the decision to abort.

It is rare for someone not to know a family member or friend who's had an abortion.

Regardless of whether or not a person's family members or friends were directly involved in the abortion decision, they are still touched by it.

Grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and siblings are left grappling with the loss of a family member—a loss that typically isn't openly acknowledged.

They may also be disturbed by the emotional fallout they observe in the woman or in her partner.

They often feel helpless and confused.

How do you grieve a loss that isn't acknowledged by our culture?

How do you reach out to someone you love without causing them more pain?

Create a Place of Safety

Many men and women are seeking to make sense of their own or a loved one's abortion experience.

I hope this book will aid them in their search by creating:

- A place of safety in which to consider the impact of abortion
- A place where they can explore their feelings and identify their losses
- A place removed from politics and activism and labels

This book seeks to convey the real experiences of real people.

I invite you to begin by reading and reflecting upon the following voices.

And as you read, I hope you'll be able to address your own emotions regarding abortion and to gain a better understanding of what others have experienced.

I also hope the stories in this book will begin to equip you with new language So you're better able to sensitively and compassionately communicate with others about abortion.

Although the stories in this book are real, I've chosen to conceal the true identities of the people involved. Because abortion touches multiple family members and friends, it's unlikely that all those who've been impacted will reach a place of healing and wholeness simultaneously. Just as their loss and pain are tragic and real, their timelines for healing are also varied and unique. Therefore, the healing process shouldn't be forced or interrupted. Further information about healing can be found in later chapters, starting with the chapter called 'Healing Pathways.'"

I highly encourage you, whether you have been touched by abortion or not, to go to the website:

www.abortionchangesyou.com

*I also highly encourage you to read Michaelene's book: **Changed—Making Sense of Your Own or a Loved One's Abortion Experience.***

F. Mike

Readings for the Week Ahead

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

Sunday, May 31 (63)

Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11

Psalms 104:1,24,29-30,31,34

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

John 20:19-23

Monday, June 1 (353)

Tobit 1:3;2:1a-8

Psalms 112:1-6

Mark 12:1-12

Tuesday, June 2 (354)

Marcellinus and Peter, martyrs

Tobit 2:9-14

Psalms 112:1-2,7-9

Mark 12:13-17

Wednesday, June 3 (355)

Charles Lwanga, martyr,

and his companions, martyrs

Tobit 3:1-11a,16-17a

Psalms 25:2-9

Mark 12:18-27

Thursday, June 4 (356)

Tobit 6:10-11;7:1bcde,9-17;8:4-9a

Psalms 128:1-5

Mark 12:28-34

Friday, June 5 (357)

Boniface, bishop, martyr

Tobit 11:5-17

Psalms 146:1-2,6-10

Mark 12:35-37

Saturday, June 6 (358)

Tobit 12:1,5-15,20

Tobit 13:2,6-8 (Psalms)

Mark 12:38-44

Sunday, June 7 (165)

The Most Holy Trinity

Deuteronomy 4:32-34,39-40

Psalms 33:4-6,9,18-20,22

Romans 8:14-17

Matthew 28:16-20

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 30, 5:00pm
Lee Romens

Sunday, May 31, 8:30am
Dylan Weakly ☩

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

Monday, June 1, 7:00pm
The Youth of the Parish

Tuesday, June 2, 8:15am
Msgr. Adolphus Chavez ☩

Wednesday, June 3, 8:15am
Willis E. Holmes ☩
Genevieve C. Holmes ☩

Thursday, June 4, 8:15am
Andy Zuttner ☩

Friday, June 5, 8:15am
Judith Nichols ☩

Saturday, June 6, 5:00pm
Patricia Thompson ☩

Sunday, June 7, 8:30am
Bette Ryan ☩

Sunday, June 7, 10:30am
Pasqua Colucci ☩

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
Herman Calandro
Irene Caligiuri
Shelby Campbell
Paul Cipowski
James Coleman
Thomas Cornwell & Family
Karen Flaharty Daley
Margie Daniels & Family
Cecilia DeSimone
Linda Dossman
Kathryn Ernst
The Fiore Family
Peggy & Jack Fischer
Larry Fisk
Kathryn Franklin
Carmen Garcia
Bob Godley
Rick Gonzalez
The Gurrera & Santy Families
The Haefelin Family
Anita Hage
Susan Hallahan
The Harker Family
Rita Harnacker
Barry Henwood
Cynthia Horner
The Davina & Brock Husted
Family
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
Jackie Lynn
James MacArthur
Scott Macfarlane
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
Esther Ortega
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
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
Sharon Whipkey
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) for complete calendar information.

The Week Ahead

May 31 Confirmation at 10:30am
Mass

June 1 Monday Night Mass

The Month Ahead

June 6 Women's Guild Lunch at
Shadowridge Country
Club

June 7 Liturgy of the Word for
Children at 8:30am and
10:30am Masses

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

Oct 18 New Member Reception

Nov 8 *Missa Romantica*

Nov 22 Stewardship
Appreciation Event

Next Year—2010

April 30 Eleventh Annual
Golf Classic

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

In Memoriam

Please pray for the repose of the soul of :



Paula Gurrera, who died recently. Paula is the sister of staff member Kathy Santy. Paula's Funeral Service was held at Generation Church in Oceanside on May 30.

Jack Haeffelin, who died on May 23, 2009. Jack is the brother-in-law of parishioners Diane & Mario Alesi.

Mari Jo Porter, who died on May 24, 2009. A Rosary will be celebrated on Wednesday, June 10, at 7:00pm on the upper level of the Parish Center. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, June 11, at 11:00am on the upper level of the Parish Center, followed by a reception.

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

Paula's Girls Memorial Fund

For anyone wishing to remember Paula Gurrera, the family graciously accepts donations to a memorial fund for her teen-aged daughters.

Checks payable to *Paula's Girls, c/o Kathleen Santy* can be mailed to California Bank and Trust, 675 Carlsbad Village Dr., Carlsbad, CA 92008.

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.

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, including St. Thomas More, are hosting a meeting with principals from Oceanside's middle and high schools (El Camino High, Oceanside High, Lincoln Middle, Cesar Chavez Middle, Jefferson Middle, and M. L. King, Jr., Middle). 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.

Employee Free Choice Act

The Parish Social Justice Committee works closely with the Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice (ICWJ) to support their initiatives and to inform the parishioners of their activities on behalf of the working poor. Currently, the ICWJ is supporting the adoption of the Employee Free Choice Act by Congress. In the next few weeks, we will include information about the Employee Free Choice Act and ways to support this initiative in the bulletin. Today we offer excerpts from *The Employee Free Choice Act in a Nutshell*, published by Interfaith Worker Justice, Chicago, IL, 2009.

"In a time of economic hardship, it is essential that Congress and the Obama Administration put the needs of workers and families at the forefront of plans to repair and stimulate the economy....The Employee Free Choice Act...will allow workers a free choice to form a union. It will give workers a free and fair choice as to how to decide to form a union: through majority sign-up (signing cards) or an election. It will also help employees secure their first contract in a reasonable period of time, and toughen penalties against employers that violate U.S. labor laws....When workers can freely choose to unionize, we all collectively will have more power to raise living standards, improve health care, and halt outsourcing. We'll build a stronger society as a whole. We'll restore the middle class, and repair the economy."

For more information on this campaign or to read the complete document, please contact Sr. Maureen Brown at (760) 758-4100x131 or maureenb@stmoside.org.

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. Some groups meet in the mornings; others, in the evenings. For more information, please contact Sondra Parks at 760-598-1269.

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.

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) and click on Event Pictures to view a slideshow covering all the meetings and activities of the Women's Guild this past year.

2009 Annual Catholic Appeal Progress!

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

Pledge Total to Date: \$42,487.15

Households Responding: 311

Average Gift per Household: \$136.61

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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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 who may need additional assistance as they age. 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 interested. The number is 760-806-3600.

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.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

...is at
Monday Night Mass
June 1

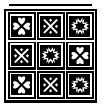
...will be saying farewell
Good-bye Seniors Night
June 9

...are reminded that
STEUBENVILLE \$\$ and PAPERWORK ARE DUE

Call Gale 760-726-7236 for info

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, 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.

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.

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.

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.

Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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



COME, HOLY SPIRIT!

Pentecost is the great feast that marks the birth of the Christian church by the power of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost means “fiftieth day” and is celebrated fifty days after Easter.

In Italy, it was customary to scatter rose petals from the ceiling of the churches to recall the miracle of the fiery tongues; hence in Sicily and elsewhere in Italy, Pentecost is called Pascha rosatum. The Italian name Pascha rossa comes from the red colors of the vestments used on Pentecost.

In France, it was customary to blow trumpets during Divine service, to recall the sound of the mighty wind which accompanied the Descent of the Holy Spirit.

In Poland, Pentecost is called “the Green Holiday”—people decorate their houses with green branches, which according to tradition are said to bring God’s blessing upon the home and the people living in it. Another custom, which is slowly becoming rare, is making processions to the fields, where the crops are blessed.

In Ukraine, Pentecost is called Green Sunday. The inside of the church is covered with fresh branches of green deciduous trees. Green branches are also placed on the outside banisters and doors of the church and people also place a green branch on the door of their homes. Clergy and altar boys also wear green vestments as do many in the congregation. This custom comes from the fact that on Pentecost

3,000 people were baptized into the new faith. Green symbolizes new life and Pentecost is literally the birthday of the church.

In the Eastern Orthodox and Greek-Catholic Churches, an extraordinary service called the Kneeling Prayer, is served on the night of Pentecost. This is a Vespers service to which are added three sets of long poetical prayers, the composition of Saint Basil the Great, during which everyone makes a full prostration, touching their foreheads to the floor. The Eastern Orthodox church considers the whole week following Pentecost to be an ecclesiastical feast.



Music Ministry Next Week

JUNE 6/7

The Most Holy Trinity

5:00pm Mass

Cantor

8:30am Mass

Cantor

10:30am Mass

Cantor

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FEAST OF ST. BONIFACE

FRIDAY, JUNE 5 ♦ 8:45am - 7:30pm

INTENTION FOR THE DAY

**That all who graduate this month will
use their accumulated knowledge in
helping to empower God’s Reign.**

PARISH NOVENA TO ST. THOMAS MORE

In preparation for our annual Parish celebration of the Feast of St. Thomas More on Sunday, June 21, we will pray a novena beginning this coming Friday, June 5.

The novena will begin at the end of the daily morning Mass on June 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18, and 19.

Join us for the novena as we pray: “St. Thomas More, bold defender of truth...pray for us!”



Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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

Our Newly Confirmed

Our Parish community welcomes those who have completed their Initiation into the Catholic Church through the Sacrament of Confirmation:

Kayla **Natalia** Abeyta
Emily **Elizabeth** Allison
Maria **Magdalena** Alvarez
Lauren **Elizabeth** Brickley
Peter **Diaz**
David **Jude** Dorward
Andrew **Farquar**
Molly **Garcia**
Conor **Darius** Hamill
Erika **Marie** Jasso
Amanda **Catherine** Johnson
Jessica **Teresa** Johnson
Kristina **Mary Magdelan** Kellogg
Katie **Lucy** Kellogg
Logan **Andrew** Kerzie
Thomas **Nicholas** Macon
Lauren **Ruth** Meyer
Jacob **Maximilian Kolbe** O'Doherty
Kelsey **Mary** Peters
Gregory **Anthony** Ratajczak
Zachary **Paul** Schanzenbach
Rebecca **Polyxena** Sterling
Kyle **Swafford**
Jacki **Velasquez**
Kari **Vettese**
Monica **Michelle** Wilczynski
John **Gabriel** Wilson
Anthony **John** Wolters

The Holy Spirit,
God's energizing presence among us,
the life force that drives us beyond ourselves,
that whispers us into the great quest within,
that makes life alive with a purpose not seen
but deeply, consciously, stubbornly felt
even in the midst of chaos,
even at the edge of despair,
sounds the truth in us
that we are more than we seem to be.

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for Sign-Up's 2009-2010

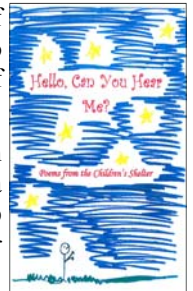
Thank you for returning your registration packet as soon as possible.
Invite a friend or neighbor to get their children involved in Faith Formation

*Consider joining a great group of catechists and sharing your faith with our children. It is a wonderful ministry! Go ahead and circle the word "catechist" on the enrollment card!
There is great team support waiting for you.*

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."

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: 360 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 *What on Earth Am I Here For?*

You are not here by accident. Even before the universe was created, God had you in mind, and planned on you for His purposes. These purposes extend far beyond the few years you will spend on earth. You were made to last forever!

God wants you to discover the life He created you to live—here on earth, and forever in eternity.

—Rick Warren

“It is in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for. Long before we first heard of Christ, . . . He had His eye on us, had designs on us for glorious living, part of the overall purpose He is working out in everything and everyone.”

—Ephesians 1:11



Today we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit, the birth of the Church and the beginning of its mission in the world.

On Pentecost Sunday we are reminded that our lives are filled with the Holy Spirit. In and through us, with this gift of the Holy Spirit, Christ continues His work to accomplish creative things on earth.

As Christian stewards we are grateful for all of the gifts God has entrusted to us. We are keenly aware that these gifts were not bestowed upon us lightly, for us to keep. Rather, by Christ's example, we are to use our gifts for the common good.

- ✦ If we love Christ and His Church enough, we will not stay away from Church for light reasons.
- ✦ If we love enough, we will not refuse to help in the Church.
- ✦ If we love enough, we will not cling too tightly to our resources.
- ✦ If we love enough, we will share our gifts joyfully, no matter how big or small. God loves cheerful givers.
- ✦ Love wants to be poured out. It is not exclusive.
- ✦ Love never counts the costs.
- ✦ Love never fails.

Do you have some time to offer in the service of our Church? I am happy to discuss opportunities with you. Happy Pentecost!

***Help us, Lord, to develop and share our gifts
as good stewards so that we may use them in
love and service in your Kingdom.
Amen.***

A WAY TO GIVE AND A WAY TO RECEIVE



Our Planned Giving program at St. Thomas More is one way of helping the Parish raise the resources necessary to continue our campus build out. Planned Giving is a generic term that covers the many ways an individual can give to a charity while, in most cases, avoiding taxes. Some examples of Planned Giving are:

**WILLS, LIVING TRUSTS,
DESIGNATED BANKING ACCOUNTS, STOCKS,
REAL ESTATE, ENDOWMENTS, GRANTS**

“*Our Journey Into The Future . . . Together*” includes our Faith journey and the build out of our Parish Campus.

For more information please contact:

Chris Smith 760-758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org.

**Do two people in your family know the location
of your will and/or living trust?**

Collection for Week of: May 23/24, 2009

Number of Registered Households:		1,003
Offertory*	\$	8,783.97
Offertory (Loose Collection)		1,221.50
Children's envelopes		0.50
Total	\$	10,005.97

* Offertory Envelopes, Credit Card Withdrawals,
Automatic Checking or Savings Account Deductions
(Credit Card and Automatic Bank Account Withdrawals)

***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

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.

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.

Celebration of Fatherhood Living and Deceased at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside—Wednesday, June 17, 6:00pm. A special evening Mass and family dinner to honor not only your father, but all men who have acted as a father figure in your life. For more information, call 760-757-3659.

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 or calling 858-490-8260. Visit 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 or 760-630-7960.

Musical Instruments Needed for School in the Holy Land—The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, an organization whose mission is to preserve the Christian presence in the Holy Land, is helping a Catholic school in Jordan by seeking new or used musical instruments for students in music development programs at the school. If you have musical instruments (please no tubas!) you would like to donate, please contact Chuck or Ede Radloff at 858-451-1079, and we will arrange to pick up the instruments and ship them to the Catholic school in Jordan.

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.

Church of the Resurrection Catholic Gift Shop in Escondido—Open Tuesday-Friday, 9:00am-5:00pm and before and after Masses on the weekends. 1445 Conway Drive, Escondido. For more information, contact 760-747-2322.

Catholic Network of Volunteer Service (CNVS) Looking for Volunteers—Thousands of faith-based volunteer opportunities available from nearly 200 programs all over the world for all ages and walks of life. For more information, contact 800-543-5046 or visit www.cnvs.org.

Spring Cleaning? Call Fr. Joe's Villages—Did you know that every week, St. Vincent de Paul Village is in your Parish area to pick up usable discards from you and your neighbors? Those items are needed by Father Joe to assist him in helping over 3,400 neighbors in need each day. You can call 1-888-FatherJoe (1-888-328-4375) to arrange a free pickup and receive a tax deductible receipt (please call at least one week in advance) or donate online at www.neighbor.org.

Pilgrimages in 2010

United Arab Emirates & Egypt

Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Cairo, Giza, Memphis, Aswan, and Luxor;
(includes a three-day cruise on the Nile)

January 4-15, 2010 • \$3,975 per person, double occupancy

Hosted by **Rev. Michael Ratajczak**

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(the Passion Play is only performed every 10 years)

September 2-14, 2010 • \$2,966* per person, double occupancy

*Land tour cost; airfare to be determined in October 2009,
estimated to be about \$1,300.

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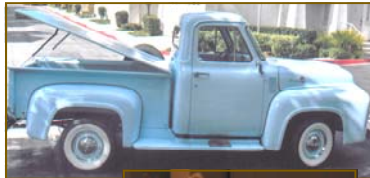


Evening Festivities



"GOING ONCE . . . going twice . . . SOLD!"

The 1955 Ford truck sold for \$11,500 at our Live Auction the evening of our STM Golf Classic ~ a climatic end to a very successful day and night. There were 34 people playing Miniature Golf, 104 people playing golf at Fallbrook Golf Club, and 340 people at the dinner that night. Together with our sponsors, parishioners, and friends of Saint Thomas More, we were able to raise \$54,000 for our Parish!



We could not have done this without your generous support! The efforts of the volunteers, both day and night, and the dedication of the Golf Committee helped make all run like a Swiss clock. Our tenth anniversary of this event marks how it has grown into a beautiful celebration of our community, Parish, and faith. Thanks are in order for all who helped support us in this journey. Plans have begun for our Eleventh STM Golf Classic. Mark your calendars for April 30, 2010, as I'm sure this will be an event you won't want to miss.

God Bless You,

John Murphy
 2009 Co-Chairman



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