

Church of St. Thomas More

A Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of San Diego

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Spirituality + Tradition + Community

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8:30am-12:00 noon and 12:30-4:00pm

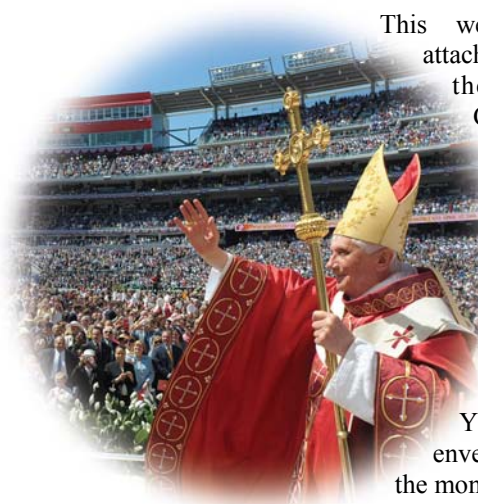
Mass Schedule
Saturday at 5:00pm
Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am
Tuesday-Friday at 8:15am
First Monday of the Month at 7:00pm

Eucharistic Adoration
Monday-Friday, 6:30am-7:30pm

Reconciliation (Confession)
Saturday, 4:00-4:30pm

June 7, 2009 • The Most Holy Trinity

Peter's Pence Collection: Cast the Light of Christ Upon the World



This week, envelopes are attached to the bulletin for the Peter's Pence Collection. This collection allows the Holy Father to cast the light of Christ upon the world by providing emergency assistance to those who need it most around the globe. You may return the envelope any time during the month of June.

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
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1,440 Minutes in a Day. Can We Give God 15 of Those Minutes?



In and through the mission and ministry of Jesus, we have come to know that our God, the Creator of all that is, desires to be in relationship with us. The Holy One wants to be our friend!

In our human relationships and friendships, we are aware that we must take time on a regular basis to maintain and nurture a friendship, a relationship. They must be sustained with time, energy, choice of priorities, and commitment. They don't just happen!

There must be a daily regimen, a daily commitment to be in contact with the One who desires to be our friend and lover.

I challenge you to take a minimum of just 15 minutes out of the 1,440 minutes in each day and commit that time to your

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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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friendship with God.

I offer the following model as a way to spend time with God. Let this be a beginning and hopefully, over time, more and more minutes will be given to the One who has given us everything!

Begin with *Quiet*. Go to a place where you can be alone and undisturbed. Do what works for you. Ask the Spirit to be with you in your praying.

Then, *Remember*. Remember what happened during the day. Remember the people, the events, the important things you or others said or did.

Then, *Ponder*. Ponder the events of your day. Were they connected to yesterday's events, or are they new ones? Ponder the people of your day. Name them. What was the context in which these events happened? With whom? Ponder the insights that came to you during the day. What were they?

Then, *Search Out Meaning*. Is there a pattern to these significant events, people, emotions and insights? Is the pattern connected to past patterns? Is God calling you to some word or deed—an apology...a phone call...a job change...is God calling you to further reflection? Ask God to help you clarify the patterns, make clear connections, and search out the meaning.

Finally, end your prayer time by saying, "*I'm sorry*"—sorry for the wrong you may have done during the day.

Then say "*Thanks*." *Thanks* for all God's gifts during the day.

The purpose of prayer is to pay attention to God and grow in friendship with the Holy One who has chosen us and has called us friend!

F. Mike

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.



Readings for the Week Ahead

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

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

Monday, June 8 (359)

2 Corinthians 1:1-7

Psalms 34:2-9

Matthew 5:1-12

Tuesday, June 9 (360)

Ephrem, deacon, doctor

2 Corinthians 1:18-22

Psalms 119:129-133,135

Matthew 5:13-16

Wednesday, June 10 (361)

2 Corinthians 3:4-11

Psalms 99:5-9

Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday, June 11 (580)

Barnabas, apostle

Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3

Psalms 98:1-6

Matthew 10:7-13

Friday, June 12 (363)

2 Corinthians 4:7-15

Psalms 116:10-11,15-18

Matthew 5:27-32

Saturday, June 13 (364)

Anthony of Padua, priest, doctor

2 Corinthians 5:14-21

Psalms 103:1-4,8-12

Matthew 5:33-37

Sunday, June 14 (168)

The Most Holy

Body and Blood of Christ

Exodus 24:3-8

Psalms 116:12-13,15-18

Hebrews 9:11-15

Mark 14:12-16,22-26

Mass Intentions

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

Sunday, June 7, 8:30am
Bette Ryan ☩

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

Tuesday, June 9, 8:15am
Josephine Mase

Wednesday, June 10, 8:15am
Rev. Louis Fischer ☩

Thursday, June 11, 8:15am
Joe Sullivan ☩

Friday, June 12, 8:15am
Bernie Weiler ☩

Saturday, June 13, 5:00pm
Dominic Vienna, Sr. ☩

Sunday, June 14, 8:30am
Rita Cruser ☩

Sunday, June 14, 10:30am
Frank Varvaglione ☩

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 Haeffelin 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 Kinney
George Kleekamp
Sr. Anne Kremenik
Helen Kuhn
Lillian Lachance
The Lamelin Family
Bernie Lanzrath
Brandon LeBlanc
Cassandra Loretto
Lauren Loretto
Jackie Lynn
James MacArthur
Ken Mauro
Shirley McAllister
Mary Jane McCoy
Bob McWilliams
Carol Michael
Carroll Tom & Nona Miller
Howard Montgomery
Nancy Moore
The Murchison Family

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

Margie Myers
Dale & Jeanne Nelson
R. Northrup
Helen O'Connell
Esther Ortega
Luci Palmer
Lupe Casas Pelletier
Helen Pingtella
The Porter Family
Anne Post
Otila Quiroz
Janet Raiman
Stacy Ramseyer
The Rees Family
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
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
Mitchell Gentry, USMC
Pvt. 2 Jess Phillips, US Army
Julian Torres, USMC

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Calendar Highlights

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

The Week Ahead

June 7 Liturgy of the Word for
Children at 8:30am and
10:30am Masses
June 7 Spirited Seniors
Presentation by Áegis
of Shadowridge
June 12-14 Parish Campout
June 14 Liturgy of the Word for
Children at 8:30am and
10:30am Masses

The Month Ahead

July 20-24 Crocodile Dock—
Vacation Bible School

The Year Ahead

Aug 23 First Annual
Pastor's Dinner
Oct 18 New Member Reception
Nov 8 Choral Concert:
Missa Romantica
Nov 22 Stewardship
Appreciation Event

Next Year—2010

April 30 Golf Classic

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.

Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioners

Colin & Christine Evans & Family

Flower Donations

We would like to gratefully acknowledge the contributions of:

Robert & Anne Fallone

Mike & Natalie Provinse

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

In Memoriam

Please pray for the repose of the souls of :



Dolores Murchison, who died on May 27. Her Funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday, June 5, at St. Thomas More. Please keep her husband, Andy Sr., her son, Andy Jr., and the family in your prayers.

Robert David Rees, who died on June 1. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, June 9, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep his daughter, Deirdre Green, and the family in your prayers.

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.

Dutch Welsh, who died on June 1. His funeral arrangements are pending. Please keep his daughter, Debbie Ipsen, and the family in your prayers.

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

STM \$crip News

Thank you to all who use the Scrip Program!

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

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

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

Albertson's Card #(11 digits) _____

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

☐ Please send me a Food 4 Less Card

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

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

Social Justice News

Employee Free Choice Act

Questions & Answers

What is the Employee Free Choice Act?

The Employee Free Choice Act is a common sense approach to restore the rights of working people to form and join unions. It requires an employer to recognize the union once a majority of workers sign cards authorizing union representation.

Why is the Employee Free Choice Act important?

- Every year 25 percent of employers illegally fire workers for exercising their freedom to support a union.
- Fearing job loss, millions suffer hazardous working conditions and poverty level wages.
- Forty million nonunion workers would form a union if they could, according to a recent poll.
- The Employee Free Choice Act would protect workers and their right to organize a union.

How can I help get the Employee Free Choice Act passed?

- Contact your U. S. legislators to let them know of your support.

The freedom to join trade unions and the effective action of unions...are meant to deliver work from the mere condition of a 'commodity' and to guarantee its dignity... The right of association is a natural right of the human being... Indeed, the formation of unions cannot... be prohibited by the state because the state is bound to protect natural rights...

(Pope John Paul II, *Centesimus Annus*, 199)

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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 760-639-1929.

Women's Guild News

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.

Congratulations, Ryan!

On Monday, June 8, at 7:00pm at Mission San Diego de Alcalá, religious emblems will be presented to the following Scout of St. Thomas More Parish:

Ryan Gervasi will receive the "*Parvuli Dei*" emblem. The purpose of the "*Parvuli Dei*" (Children of God) emblem is to help young boys explore a wide range of activities in order to discover the presence of God in their daily lives as members of their families and parishes, and also to develop a good, positive self-image through the contributions they can make to the group or community.

We are proud of Ryan and offer our congratulations and admiration!

Heartnotes

Congratulations to our recent CPR STM staff graduates!

Fr. Mike Ratajczak, Sr. Maureen Brown, Kathleen Bell, Lorraine Doering, Douglas Lynn, and Natalie Provinse.

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

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

Monthly Tune-Ups will resume in October.

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.

2009 Annual Catholic Appeal Progress!

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

Pledge Total to Date: \$42,747.15

Households Responding: 313

Average Gift per Household: \$136.57

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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HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Senior Good-bye Night
June 8 • 7:00-8:30pm

Second Wednesday of the Month Adoration
June 10

7:00pm Blessed Sacrament

8:30pm Conclusion at Starbucks near RBV

SUMMER SCHEDULE TO BE REALEASED SOON!

Call Gale at 760-726-7236 for more information.

CONGRATULATIONS SENIORS!

The St. Thomas More High School Youth Group congratulates the following high school seniors for their entrance at the following four-year universities this Fall:

Garrett Braatz	University of California Riverside
Scott Case	California State Polytechnic University Pomona
Amanda Johnson	California State University San Marcos
Randi Rudolph	Stanford University
Sarah Telles	Franciscan University Steubenville
Huntington Wozniak	Nevada State University
Katie Yzaguirre	San Diego State University

Attention All Graduates!

The Parish Family of St. Thomas More would like to recognize the achievements of those among us who are graduating this year from grade school, high school, college, or beyond. If you are a graduate, please call the parish office with your name and the school from which you have graduated. You will be remembered in prayer, especially in the liturgies on the weekend of June 27-28. We are proud of your accomplishments and will continue to support you in all of your future endeavors.

Visit the Parish Website—www.stmoside.org

Click on *Event Pictures* to see photos of recent events. You can browse, download, order prints...

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
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FIX IT IN YOUR HEART: THE LORD IS GOD

Scripture Themes for June 2009

Taking a visual stroll through the sacred texts each month and looking for a way into their mysteries is always a challenge as well as a grace. This month, our entry into the texts is eased and encouraged by the words of the Deuteronomist, who advises, "Fix in your heart that the Lord is God" (June 7). With that "fix" firmly in place, we turn to the texts that are ever alive and ever new.

June's first two Sundays invite us to remember that ours is a God who chooses to be made known in a personal way. Moreover, our God invites us to share in the divine dynamic of relationships that we have come to appreciate and experience as God. In celebrating the Most Holy Trinity (June 7), we cannot help but be in awe of the fact that the almighty, transcendent, wholly other Holy One reaches out to love and care for us as Parent.

The God who made the wind and sea (June 21), the God who created the tides and the trade winds, the God who knows the depth of the ocean and the endless heights of the sky, this God, this very God, says: Call me Abba—Dad—and do not doubt or be afraid (June 7). This is the Parent and Creator God who has taken on the stuff of human existence and who has chosen to speak to us in the language of our own flesh and blood in Jesus.

This God, in Jesus, has reached out to touch every ill and every evil that besets us. Jesus came with healing in his hands and a heart for all without exception. Even when no other person or power could heal, and even when the best human attempts fall short, as in the case of the two sick women featured on June 28, Jesus can make the sick whole and the sinful holy. In Jesus, this God stands beside us as a brother who chooses to die rather than allow us to be lost. This same Jesus has so thoroughly attended to human need that he has left his own Spirit with and within us until his return. Through the indwelling Spirit, God draws nearer to us than our own breath and remains with us through all the good and the bad and through all the highs and lows of our lives.

From the God who relates and interacts personally, we turn on June 14 to the God who feeds. In celebrating the gift of Eucharist, we are welcomed into that sacred space and holy time where Testaments meet and promise becomes fulfillment. Once, the blood of animals sealed the

ST. THOMAS MORE NOVENA

Leading up to the Feast of St. Thomas More on Sunday, June 21, we continue praying the novena which began Friday, June 5, at the conclusion of daily morning Mass on June 9, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18, and 19.

Join us as we pray: "St. Thomas More, bold defender of truth...pray for us!"

covenant with God, but now the blood is Jesus' own, shed in loving sacrifice for sinners.

Whereas once the covenant was conditional and easily fractured by human frailty, the bond between God and all of humankind has become unbreakable and eternal in Jesus Christ. Like the hungry and the thirsty who return again and again to a food and water source to satisfy their need, so we sinners return again and again to the Eucharist, where we find forgiveness, healing, nourishment and inspiration.

With this holy experience to punctuate our weeks and months through all our years, we learn to make it the norm by which all else is measured and in which all else finds meaning. Participants at the Second Vatican Council eloquently testified to the inherent necessity and centrality of the eucharistic experience by describing it as "the summit toward which the activity of the church is directed and the fount from which all its power flows" ("The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy," #10, December 1963).

The council participants affirmed: "What the faithful have received by faith and sacrament in the celebration of the Eucharist should have its effect on their way of life. They should live joyfully and gratefully by the strength of this food, sharing in the death and resurrection of the Lord...Everyone should be eager to do good works, to please God, and to live honestly...putting into practice what each has learned...each will seek to fill the world with the Spirit of Christ and in all things in the very midst of human affairs to become a witness of Christ" ("Instruction on the Worship of the Eucharistic Mystery," #13, May 1967).

In order to make the same point to his congregation, a local pastor once described each month's Sunday celebrations as "mountaintop experiences after which everything else is all downhill until next week." Then we climb the mountain again together to be loved, to be fed, to be challenged, to be together in the Lord.

—Patricia Datchuck Sánchez and Rafael Sánchez Alonso
from Celebration magazine, June 2009

Music Ministry Next Week

JUNE 13/14
The Most Holy
Body and Blood
of Christ

5:00pm Mass

Adult Choir

8:30am Mass

MNM Music Team

10:30am Mass

Handbell Choir

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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

Religious Education (RE.A.CH) for 2009-2010



Continuing families:

Thank you for returning your registration packet as soon as possible.

Payment Plan Forms are available for the asking, if tuition is a concern.



New families:

Enrollment packets are available for any family with children ages 3 through 17 who is registered with the parish.



On the path to Confirmation 2010?

Be sure you have enrolled for RE.A.CH so you will receive updates of important summer news!

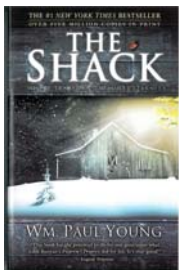
Confirmation and First Communion Pictures

Please visit the Parish website: www.stmoside.org and look under *Event Pictures*. You will find pictures from our recent Confirmation and First Communion Masses that you can just enjoy, download, or have printed.

The Bookies !

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

From the back cover:



"This story reads like a prayer—like the best kind of prayer, filled with sweat and wonder and transparency and surprise. If you read one work of fiction this year, let this be it."

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.

SUMMER BIBLE CAMP AT ST. THOMAS MORE



Dates:

July 20 to July 24, 2009
8:45am until 12:00noon

Great Fun for Ages:

ages 3 through 11
(Enrollment limited to first 160 who apply)
Friends welcome to sign up!

Cost:

\$50 per child
\$30 for Junior Crew Leader (Grades 6-8 Completed)
\$10 Music CD (Optional)
\$10 T-shirt (Optional)

Information:

Kathleen Bell
760-758-4100 x110



Enrollment forms online at

www.stmoside.org...contact us...parish forms

Peanut Butter and Jelly Update

2009 GOAL: 365 jars

2009 TOTAL to date: 365 jars !!!!!



Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Sharing Our Most Treasured Gifts

There is a delightful story about a little church that was having a reunion celebration, to which former members who had moved away were invited.

One former member who had attended was a man who became a self-made millionaire. He, along with others, gave a testimonial on their grown in faith.

This wealthy man talked about when he was a little boy in that church. When he had earned his first dollar, he decided to keep it forever. But, then, a visiting missionary came to the church and preached about the urgent need for money in the mission fields.

Deeply moved, a great struggle came over the little boy when the offering plate was passed. He continued the story, "However, the Lord won, and I put my treasured dollar in the offering basket. And I am convinced that the reason God blessed me so richly is that when I was a boy, I gave God everything I possessed."

The congregation was all caught up in his testimonial when a little old lady in the front piped up and said, "Mister, I dare you to do it again!"

—E. Peterson

My humble thought on this story is that this man continued to give very generously on his climb to the top, and will do so until he dies...and has probably included a portion for God's kingdom in his estate planning. The more we give, the more that comes our way ~ and not because we plan it that way. This is God's doing.



Another story of generosity from a small child deserves attention today. Some may have heard this one, but it bears repeating:

Many years ago, when I worked as a volunteer at a hospital, I got to know a little girl named Liz who was suffering from a rare and serious disease. Her only chance of recovery appeared to be a blood transfusion from her 5-year old

brother, who miraculously had survived the same disease and had developed the antibodies needed to combat the illness.

The doctor explained the situation to her little brother, and asked the little boy if he would be willing to give his blood to his sister.

I saw him hesitate for only a moment before taking a deep breath and saying, "Yes, I'll do it if it will save Liz."

As the transfusion progressed, he lay in the bed next to his sister and smiled, as we all did, seeing the color returning to her cheeks. Then his face grew pale and his smile faded.

He looked up at the doctor and asked with a trembling voice, "Will I start to die right away?"

Being so young, the boy had misunderstood the doctor. He thought he was going to have to give his sister all of his blood in order to save her. But he had chosen to save her anyway.

From the hearts of babes...nothing touches me quite as much as witnessing a child learning to share in a loving way.

When in doubt, just take the next small step.

TOWERS OF FAITH

Future Support & Estate Planning Options

Towers of Faith is a movement that has arisen due to the visionary leadership and generosity of several of our parishioners. Again, we stress that this is not about the gift amount, but the love behind the gift.

These individuals (several anonymous) have included STM in their estate planning. This helps to ensure their ongoing support and a legacy for our Parish. *Towers of Faith* is our future support.



Examples of the various future planning vehicles are:

**Designated Beneficiary Accounts,
Last Will and Testament, Living Trust, Life Insurance,
Stocks and Bonds, Real Estate and Endowments.**

Any parishioners who have already included STM in their estate plans are *Towers of Faith* participants. If you are interested, please contact us. Your participation is most welcome and appreciated!

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

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

"Did You Know?" Collection for May 2009

\$3,062.90

Collection for Week of: May 30/31, 2009

Number of Registered Households:	1,004
Offertory*	\$ 7,414.80
Offertory (Loose Collection)	1,220.50
Children's envelopes	2.50
Total	\$ 8,637.80

* 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.)

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

Aegis at Shadowridge Presents Fourth Annual Summer Concert Series—Thursday, June 11, 6:00-8:00pm, at Aegis (next door to STM), 1440 S. Melrose Drive, Oceanside. Features the *Evans Brothers—Seven Decades of Music and Entertainment*. RSVP by Monday, June 8, to 760-806-3600.

Diocesan Workshops in June—Various topics related to religious education. For details, contact www.diocese-sdiego.org/evangelization.htm or 858-490-8230.

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.

North County Regional Young Adult Group Monthly Rotating Mass and Dinner—Sunday, June 21, 5:00pm at St. Francis Church, 525 W. Vista Way, Vista. Dinner follows at Colima's Restaurant, 1850 Hacienda Dr., Vista. For more information, contact Carrie Giebel at cgiebel@diocese-sdiego.org.

Mass with Prayers for Healing in Escondido—Tuesday, June 23, 6:45pm. You are invited to come and join us for a special evening of praise, worship, and healing prayer with Fr. Mike Barry at the Church of St. Timothy, 2960 Canyon Road, Escondido. For more information, contact Bob and Rosemary at 760-741-0866.

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.

Mission San Diego de Alcalá Dinner Dance in San Diego—Friday, July 17, 6:30-11:30pm. Celebrate the 240th anniversary of the Mission Basilica with an elegant evening under the stars in the mission courtyard. For more information and to request an invitation, contact Barbara and Harry Melkerson at 858-292-4848 or hmelkerson@san.rr.com.

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.

Race for the Chaste 5K or Half-Marathon—August 14-16. Participation includes training program, support from fellow Race for the Chaste, free t-shirt, weekend seminar with a chastity leadership focus, and race entry fee. For more information, contact Paul Greer at 858-573-1500 or paul@hlpstars.com or visit www.thegorettigroup.org.

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.

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**

For detailed brochure and all information, contact:
michaelratajczak@hotmail.com or 619-368-9939

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Oberammergau, Germany

(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.

Hosted by **Rev. Michael Ratajczak & Rev. Pedro Rivera**

For detailed brochure and all information, contact:
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