# 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

June 21, 2009 • The Feast of St. Thomas More (Observed)

#### Rosary

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



#### Cards and Phone Calls Welcome!

Long-time Parishioner Luci Palmer suffered a stroke recently while visiting family in Florida. She will be remaining in Florida

for three to six months during her recuperation and rehabilitation. We thought she might enjoy receiving cards and phone calls from her friends at St. Thomas More:

> Luci Palmer c/o Alliance Community Center 130 W. Armstrong Ave. Deland, FL 32720 386-734-6401



### 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.

### Pastor's Column

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

#### **Oberammergau Passion Play 2010**

In September 2010, I will be leading a pilgrimage to see the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany. The pilgrimage will take us to a number of European cities.

The details of the pilgrimage can be found in today's Bulletin on page 9.

Detailed brochures are available at the front desk in the Parish Office.

There will be an informational meeting next Sunday, June 28, at Noon, here at St. Thomas More on the lower level. Vicki Voll, our tour agent, will be present to give details about the trip and the Passion Play.

There is no cost or obligation for attending this meeting. So if you may be interested in being a part of this "once-in-a-lifetime" event, I would encourage you to attend.

The history of the Oberammergau Passion Play dates back to the middle of the Thirty Years' War. In 1633, after months of suffering from the Bubonic Plague, the people of Oberammergau

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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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took a vow to perform the "Play of Suffering, Dying and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ" every ten years if they were spared.

Miraculously from that point on they all survived and true to their promise, the first performance was in 1634. This simple performance was held in a meadow and acted by the villagers. After 1674 they decided to change the date, so as to fall every ten years beginning in 1680. The only time it was not performed, was during World War II. This time the play will open on May 15, 2010, and ends on October 3, 2010.

The entire cast consists of villagers who have lived in Oberammergau for at least 20 years. They must be amateurs and people of high moral and ethical principles. Villagers also make the outstanding costumes. As no wigs are used, participants must grow their hair and beards for several months prior to the performances, beginning on Ash Wednesday 2009, according to the "Hair Decree."

By glorifying the Lord for saving their village during the plague, they are fulfilling Psalm 145:4-6: "One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your acts. They will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty, and I will meditate on your wonderful works, and I will proclaim your great deeds."

Over 2000 participants bring the story of Jesus of Nazareth to the ears and eyes of the audience in a five-hour production on the imposing open-air stage. Almost half of the inhabitants of Oberammergau enact with great devotion the story of Jesus whose message gives billions of people hope and strength. The play covers the period of Jesus entering Jerusalem and continues up to his death on the Cross and his Resurrection. For ten months the villagers playing the roles of Jesus, Mary, Pontius Pilate and the Apostles, of the children, soldiers, and priest will be rehearsing the newly revised text, while the orchestra and the singers will be studying the exceptional music created for the performance.

The Passion Play begins at 2:30pm and stops at 5:00pm. There is a three hour break for dinner and the Play resumes at 8:00pm and ends at 10:30pm. The Play is performed in German with an English text provided.

Oberammergau is located just south of Munich and close to the many European Cities that we will visit.

For further information go to: www.passionplay-oberammergau.com

Hope to see you at the meeting next Sunday!

Fr. Mike

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

The weekend in June, envelopes were 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.

## Readings for the Week Ahead

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

**Sunday, June 21** (95) St. Thomas More (Observed) Wisdom 3:1-9 Psalm 33:12-13,18-20,22 1 Peter 4:12-19

Luke 9:23-26

Monday, June 22 (371) Paulinus of Nola, bishop; John Fisher, bishop, martyr; Thomas More, martyr Genesis 12:1-9

Psalm 33:12-13,18-20,22 Matthew 7:1-5

**Tuesday, June 23** (372) Genesis 13:2,5-18 Psalm 15:2-5

Matthew 7:6,12-14

**Wednesday, June 24** (587) The Nativity of John the Baptist

Isaiah 49:1-6 Psalm 139:1-3,13-15 Acts 13:22-26

Luke 1:57-66,80

Thursday, June 25 (374)

Genesis 16:1-12,15-16 Psalm 106:1-5

Matthew 7:21-29 **Friday, June 26** (375) Genesis 17:1,9-10,15-22

Psalm 128:1-5 Matthew 8:1-4

Saturday, June 27 (376)

Cyril of Alexander, bishop, doctor Genesis 18:1-15

Luke 1:46-50,53-55 (Psalm) Matthew 8:5-17

Matthew 8:5-17 Sunday, June 28 (98)

Wisdom 1:13-15;2:23-24 Psalm 30:2,4-6,11-13

2 Corinthians 8:7,9,13-15 Mark 5:21-43

#### **Mass Intentions**

Saturday, June 20, 5:00pm Joseph Linden ♥

Sunday, June 21, 8:30am Hop Nguyen ♥

Sunday, June 21, 10:30am Phil & Pat Goscienski

Tuesday, June 23, 8:15am Father's Day Triduum

Wednesday, June 24, 8:15am Father's Day Triduum

Wednesday, June 24, 9:30am Gil Bailie Pacific Place

Thursday, June 25, 8:15am Father's Day Triduum

Friday, June 26, 8:15am Fr. Ken Kieffer 🕆

Saturday, June 27, 5:00pm Eunice Masseth ♥

Sunday, June 28, 8:30am Mike Ludki

Sunday, June 28, 10:30am Gonzallo Carrillo ♥

#### **Prayer List**

Call 758-4100 x102 to add a name for four weeks.

Mary Alexander Kathryn Allen Mary Baker Patricia Barbour Cindra Bell Regina Bentz Beatrice Brooks & Family Monica Broussard Janet Brown Steve Brown Herman Calandro Irene Caligiuri Shelby Campbell Ed Carmichael Catherine Castagna Paul Cipowski James Čoleman Thomas Cornwell & Family Jean Crowell The Crunk & Middlebrooks **Families** Karen Flaharty Daley Margie Daniels & Family Cecilia DeSimone Linda Dossman Kathryn Ernst The Fiore Family Peggy & Jack Fischer The Fisk Family Rvan Flum Kathryn Franklin Carmen Garcia Bob Godley Rick Gonzalez The Gurrera & Santy Families The Haeffelin Family Anita Hage

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The Gurrera & Santy Familie
The Haeffelin Family
Anita Hage
Susan Hallahan
The Harker Family
Rita Harnacker
Barry Henwood
Cynthia Horner
The Davina & Brock Husted

Family
Sue Johnston
George Jones
Colleen Kaup
Paul Kennedy
Debbie Kinney
George Kleekamp
Sr. Anne Kremenik
Helen Kuhn
Lillian Lachance
The Lamelin Family

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Bernie Lanzrath
Brandon LeBlanc
Cassandra Loretto
Lauren Loretto
Jackie Lynn
James MacArthur
Ken Mauro

Ken Mauro Shirley McAllister Helen McCullough Bob McWilliams Carol Michael Carroll Tom & Nona Miller Howard Montgomery Nancy Moore The Murchison Family Margie Myers

Dale & Jeanne Nelson R. Northrup Helen O'Connell Margie O'Connor

Esther Ortega Luci Palmer Lupe Casas Pelletier Helen Pingtella

Anne Post Otila Quiroz Janet Raiman Stacy Ramseyer

The Porter Family

The Rees Family
Deana Reynolds
Dort Riley

Sr. Loyola Romey Dorothy Rouse

Rose Rowland The Russo Family Julie Shea

Norm Shultz 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

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

June 21 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and

10:30am Masses Happy Father's Day!

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#### 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 Eleventh Annual Golf Classic

Questions? Contact Henny 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.

#### **Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioners**

Aida Lucatero

### Announcing the Baptism of Madison Louise Proctor

on June 21, 2009

Our Christian community welcomes you with great joy!



#### In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

**Shirley Crunk,** who died on June 14. Shirley is the mother of Parishioner Judith Middlebrooks. Please keep the family in your prayers.

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

## The Tomorrow Project Visit to St. Thomas More on June 28 Has Been Cancelled

## 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 Scri	p table for flyer.		
l □ Please send me a Food 4 Les	s Card		
Name			
Address			
PhoneEn	nail		
1 , 1	n the collection basket or return weekend Masses or the Parish you!		

### **Social Justice News**

#### In Support of the Employee Free Choice Act

Some of the most frequently asked questions and responses from Interfaith Worker Justice, Chicago, IL. Website: www.iwj.org

#### What does the Employee Free Choice Act do?

The Employee Free Choice Act is a common-sense bill that would make it easier for workers to form unions and achieve fair contracts. It would:

- allow workers who have gathered signatures from the majority of workers (on union authorization cards) to have their union recognized, and proceed directly to contract negotiations (called "majority sign-up"), if they choose;
- increase penalties against employers who violate labor laws;
- resolve first-contract impasses through neutral arbitrators.

## Would the Employee Free Choice Act eliminate secret ballot elections?

No. Under the bill, workers would choose the union formation process—elections or majority sign-up. Under current law, the employer chooses the process.

#### Won't union organizers coerce workers into signing cards?

The Employee Free Choice Act does not change the fact that workers must sign cards stating that they want a union. What it does is place the approval process for union sign-up into the hands of workers, who themselves will choose card check or an NLRB election. And signing a union card can place a worker at tremendous risk of retaliation from an employer—but workers sign cards anyway when they want to form a union

Although it is possible that employees may feel some pressure from union organizers or fellow workers, neither the union organizers nor the fellow worker holds power over a worker. On the other hand, an employer holds real power over an employee—the power to hire or fire, set pay levels, determine work schedules, approve vacation schedules and dozens more issues that are serious matters for workers and their families.

In fact according to a recent poll from American Rights at Work, fewer than one in twenty (4.6 percent) workers who signed a card with a union organizer reported that the presence of the organizer made them feel pressured to sign the card, while 46 percent of workers felt that management coerced them to oppose the union in an NLRB election.

This initiative is supported by Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice, of which St. Thomas More is a member. The Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice is supported by the Diocese of San Diego.

## Feeling Lucky? Raffle Ticket Opportunity Benefits Men's Shelter

Fourth of July Raffle tickets will be sold next weekend after all Masses to benefit La Posada de Guadalupe Men's Shelter. La Posada resides in our parish boundaries. This is a wonderful opportunity to support their effort to help homeless men reclaim their lives. And besides, you might win! Two years ago, two of the three prizes were won by STM Parishioners!

For more information, contact Sr. Maureen: 760-758-4100 x131.

## Faith Works Partner with School Officials to Reduce Campus Bullying in Oceanside

The June 1 meeting hosted by Faith Works, a nonprofit organization that represents eleven North County congregations and conducts grass-roots leadership development, was a big step in the ongoing *Lift Every Voice for Youth Campaign* - an initiative for social change that addresses teen bullying. This campaign was launched after volunteer leaders met with families and teens for over a year to discover the pressures that young people are facing in Oceanside. At the end of this research phase, school campus violence and bullying emerged at the top of the list of common concerns. As one youth said, "The new trend is to make sure everyone admires you or fears you."

About 100 people attended this meeting, including principals from Oceanside and El Camino high schools, and from Jefferson, Lincoln, Cesar Chavez and Martin Luther King, Jr. middle schools, and the district associate superintendent. They met with students, victims, and parents at Mission San Luis Rey Parish to listen to their experiences with bullying, and to plan ways to most effectively reduce the number of episodes.

Themes raised included tales of many forms of bullying, including: social exclusion, theft, humiliation, sexual harassment, racial slurs, other verbal slurs, acts of intimidation, cyber bullying, and physical assault. A young female struggled to hold back tears while she shared what it felt like to be ridiculed about her weight over the years. Others spoke about being too afraid to go to school at times. Most sobering was the reading from an anonymous parent who shockingly discovered that her child almost got to the point of suicide after years of victimization that she was not even made aware of.

Two specific proposals were put forth. First, a comprehensive, school-wide program, which is consistent throughout the District. Second, a proposal put forth by student Salvador Meza, asked if the district would be willing to create a system for students to anonymously report violence and bullying on school campuses.

Duane Coleman, associate superintendent of education services for the Oceanside Unified School District, said the goal is to develop an action plan in partnership with parents and students. He and each of the six principals committed to partnering with Faith Works members to set such a plan in place, and to supporting both proposals offered by Faith Works.

#### Women's Guild News

**Thank You!**—I want to thank all the members of the Parish who supported the Women's Guild this past year! That is the how we were able to present Fr. Mike with a check for \$15,000 at our Installation Luncheon on June 6. I also hope that you will continue to support the Women's Guild in 2009-2010.

—Germaine Wilmott, Past President

Quilt Raffle Results—The 2009 Women's Guild Quilt Raffle was held Saturday, June 6, at the Shadowridge Country Club. Fr. Mike kindly consented to draw the twelve lucky winning tickets, which were held by Edith Noel, Cecile Roberts, Henny Jocelyn, Rita McCarthy, Carol Kope Helen Kuhn, Wilertha Begnaud, Joyce Dockery, Virginia Galvez, Charlene Belprez, Donna Smith, and Judy Mitchell. Our congratulations to the winners and our sincere thanks to all others who contributed to making this event so successful! For further information, please contact Nell McGlone at 760-726-5211.

#### **Spirited Seniors News**

We are pleased to announce that Vera Bayliss has volunteered to join our current chairpersons, Judy and Jerry Buoniconti as our new co-chair. This nine-member Board is currently busy making plans for some great future events to enhance the spiritual, educational, and social lives of our 50+ club, and Vera is a most welcome addition to the Board!

We will be on the Plaza this weekend after all the Masses, to accept your \$10 per person membership fee. Members are always given first priority to sign up for events such as theater or bus trips. If there are additional spaces available, non-members are most welcome, but there will be a non-member surcharge for all events. It pays to join! Hope to see you on the Plaza.

#### 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.

#### 2009 Confirmation Class Project

The St. Thomas More Confirmation class of 2009 participated in a social justice project. Thank you to all those who supported our Movie Night Fundraiser. Thanks to your financial support and the hard work of the confirmation students, we were able to make a \$350 donation to KIVA. An entrepreneurial group in Bolivia, a business man in Mexico, and a working mother in the Philippines were the beneficiaries of our donations. These people will use our funds, in combination with other donations, to advance their businesses, support their families, and grow in their communities. Their loans will be repaid to us, and we can reloan the money. The candidates for Confirmation enjoyed this social justice opportunity: the chance to work together, to learn about their impact in the world, and to advance the cause of economic growth in impoverished areas. Their name: STM Youth Justice Foundation. We look forward to expanding this group for our young people. Thank you again for your support.

### high school youth ministry welcomes all incoming ninth graders as we kick off summer with

#### **Family Matters**

with Collin Stephens and Billy Marriott Hard to be a Christian at home? join us Wednesdays 7:00-8:30pm June 24, July 1, 15, & 22 at the Parish Center

#### **Summer Pool Party**

at Schanzenbach's Monday, June 29 6:00-9:00pm

Call Gale at 760-726-7236 for questions\

## **Liturgy & Music**



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



### THE FEAST OF ST. THOMAS MORE

#### Our Patron Saint

Our patron's feast day would usually be celebrated this coming Monday, June 22, but we are celebrating it this weekend at our liturgies in place of the liturgy for the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Did you know that he is responsible for many words being introduced into the written English language?

One of today's bulletin inserts provides biographical information, a chronology, and some other fascinating facts about this brilliant scholar and passionate man of faith.

There are also a number of good resources in the Parish Library to peruse.

Education is not the piling on of learning, information, data, facts, skills, or abilities—that's training or instruction—but is rather making visible what is hidden as a seed.

—Thomas More

### MINISTERS OF FAITH AND COMMUNITY

Last weekend, we commissioned St. Thomas More's liturgical ministers for the upcoming year. These faithful servants of Christ, who support and nurture this faith community with their time and talent and their commitment to the liturgies within our building and abroad in our neighborhoods and beyond.

These are the people who proclaim God's word.

These are the people who sing God's song.

These are the people who share God's precious spiritual gift of body and blood.

These are the people who visit the sick.

These are the people who welcome the stranger...as well as the friend.

These are the people who play God's instruments.

These are the people who prepare God's house and God's table for worship.

These are God's people, among us, those who have said "yes" to God's call to service and ministry.

We thank God for their presence among us.

We offer our thanks to them as well, for their new service, for their ongoing service, for their commitment to serving the people of this Parish community, this people of God, in this time and in this place. We wish them Godspeed in the year ahead, as they love and serve the Lord.

Yours is a share in the work of the Spirit of all that is holy, for in who you are and in shat you do is found the most powerful experience of the sacred.

— Austin Fleming

Music Ministry Next Week

JUNE 27/28

5:00pm Mass

Cantor

8:30am Mass
Handbell Choir

10:30am Mass

Adult Choir

## **Faith Formation**



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

# Summer Bible Study for the Whole Family



By Sister Janet Schaeffler, O.P.

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■ Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ MARK 14:12-16,22-26

Today's Gospel tells us the story of the Last Supper, the first time Jesus gave us the gift of himself, His Body and Blood in the Eucharist. At every Mass we remember and celebrate again what Jesus did for us, what Jesus gave us, what Jesus calls us to be.

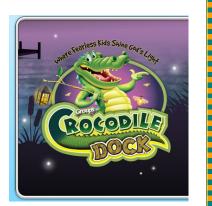
- Eucharist means "to give thanks." Why is that a good name for our Eucharistic celebration?
- What are some things for which you are thankful?

Our Sunday Visitor

## SUMMER BIBLE CAMP AT ST. THOMAS MORE

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

**Kathleen Bell** 760-758-4100 X110



### **PBJ** Update

(Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center at Catholic Charities in Vista)

2009 GOAL: Collected to date: 365 jars **392 jars** 



### **Fathers' Day Blessings!**

- \* Let us praise those fathers who have striven to balance the demands of work, marriage, and children with an honest awareness of both joy and sacrifice. Let us praise those fathers who, lacking a good model for a father, have worked to become a good father.
- \* Let us praise those fathers who by their own account were not always there for their children, but who continue to offer those children, now grown, their love and support. Let us pray for those fathers who have been wounded by the neglect and hostility of their children.
- \* Let us praise those fathers who, despite divorce, have remained in their children's lives. Let us praise those fathers whose children are adopted, and whose love and support has offered healing.
- \* Let us praise those fathers who, as stepfathers, freely choose the obligation of fatherhood and earned their step children's love and respect. Let us praise those fathers who have lost a child to death, and continue to hold the child in their heart.
- \* Let us praise those men who have no children, but cherish the next generation as if they were their own
- \* Let us praise those men who have "fathered" us in their role as mentors and guides.
- \* Let us praise those men who are about to become fathers; may they openly delight in their children.
- \* And let us praise those fathers who have died, but live on in our memory and whose love continues to nurture us.



## Stewardship & Development



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

# CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP Begins with Hospitality...

The shortest distance between two people is a smile. Those of you who have known me for awhile have heard that before, and have found it to be true.

At St. Thomas More one of our first goals is to be sure that every person who worships here feels welcome on our parish campus. It is our pleasure to welcome all who worship with us, both friends and strangers alike.

Many of us remember the sitcom "Cheers" about a friendly pub in Boston. I've heard the comment that our faith community has the same comfortable feel of that show, with the important added dimension of our Catholic faith. This means that we don't see ourselves as an exclusive faith community, but rather a warm, welcoming and inclusive church.

Not everyone is in the mood to "chat" all the time, and at times people come to church to retreat into a quiet, peaceful place. This is understandable (we've all been there), and we respect that. However, this doesn't negate the smile factor and greeting all who enter our Parish. A smile signals a silent welcome.

Those who come to our parish for worship or contact the parish office should be able to see the love of Christ in those who



represent the parish; through their words, actions and their very presence. The joy of hospitality extends to all who are present and not only from Hospitality Ministers, Pastor and Pastoral Staff. Just as Christ receives each of us, we receive one another.

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of St. Thomas More, our patron saint. One of the hallmarks of St. Thomas More was his genuine hospitality. His acts of kindness and welcoming nature are legendary and very inspirational. While many of his stature, in his time, would have nothing to do with those they considered 'beneath' them, he treated everyone equally and with great kindness...just as Jesus did. The following piece rings with the values of St. Thomas More.

All temporal and spiritual goods are created by and come from God. That is true of everything human beings have:

- ♦ Spiritual gifts like faith, hope and love;
- ♦ Talents of body and mind;
- ♦ Cherished relationships with family and friends;
- ♦ Material goods;
- ♦ The achievements of human genius and skill;
- ♦ The world itself.

One day God will require an accounting of the use each person has made of the particular portion of these goods and entrusted to him or her.

—Stewardship: A Disciple's Response

What does it mean to know that there is a God, which you not only believe by Faith, but also know by reason: what does it avail that you know Him if you think little of Him?

-St. Thomas More

### 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 ×100



#### Collection for Week of: June 13/14, 2009

Number of Registered Households:	1,002
Offertory*	\$ 7,335.52
Offertory (Loose Collection)	1,302.00
Children's envelopes	0.50
Total	\$ 8,638.02

\* 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**

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

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.

Aegis at Shadowridge Presents Fourth Annual Summer Concert Series—Thursday, July 9, 6:00-8:00pm, at Aegis (next door to STM), 1440 S. Melrose Drive, Oceanside. Features the Working Cowboys. RSVP by Monday, June 8, to 760-806-3600.

Theology on Tap for Young Adults in Mission Valley—Thursdays in July. Topics include *Missions* (July 9), *Apologetics* (July 16), *Spiritual Growth* (July 23), *Marriage Vocation* (July 30). For more information, visit www.yamsd.org or contact Carrie Giebel at cgiebel@diocese-sdiego.org or 858-490-8260.

Family Vacation Retreat at Mission San Luis Rey Retreat Center in Oceanside—Our popular family-friendly retreat, Footsteps in the Sand: Meeting God on Vacation, is back!! Join Tom Herbst OFM, Mark Schroeder OFM, Joan & Dan Wiebe, at the Family Vacation Retreat July 13-17. There will be spiritual input, music, theological presentations and quiet reflection time for parents. Afternoons are free for exploring, relaxing, swimming, surfing the waves at the beach, fishing at the Oceanside pier, or visiting local attractions. Retreat begins Monday evening and ends with Friday lunch. Scholarships available. For more information or to register, please call 760-757-3659 or visit www.sanluisrev.org.

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 Chasters, 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.

Marian Journey to France, Spain, and Portugal—October 6-16, 2010. Visit Lourdes, Santiago de Compostela, Fatima, Lisbon, and more under the spiritual direction of Rev. George Dunkley. Cost is \$3,400. For more information, contact Deacon Dennis Sullivan at 760-613-7554 or *sullivan211@cox.net*.

#### Free Job Search & Networking Seminar

Back by Popular Demand! Helping the Un- & Under-Employed! Saturday, June 27, 9:00-11:00am St. Elizabeth Seton Parish Hall 6628 Santa Isabel St., Carlsbad

#### **Oberammergau Pilgrimage Informational Meeting**

There will be an informational meeting regarding the Imperial Splendors and Oberammergau Pilgrimage being led by Fr. Mike and Fr. Pedro. This meeting is for anyone who would like more details about this trip. The meeting will be on Sunday, June 28, at Noon, at St. Thomas More Parish Center on the lower level.

Vicky Voll, our travel agent, will be present to answer questions and provide more informational brochures.

Come to learn more about the Passion Play that is presented only once every ten years! There is no cost or obligation for attending!

—Rev. Michael Ratajczak & Rev. Pedro Rivera

### 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

#### Imperial Splendors & Oberammergau

Munich, Germany; Prague, Czech Republic; Bratislava, Slovakia; Budapest, Hungary; Vienna, Melk, and Salzburg, Austria; 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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