

Church of St. Thomas More

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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

July 5, 2009 • Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor's Column

Flying With Pa-Pa's Wings

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My Pastor's Column today is an article written by our Parishioner, May Akabogu-Collins, which appeared in *The Washington Post* on Father's Day, June 21, 2009.

(If any other Parishioners have published material that they would like to share with the Parish, please pass it on to me for my consideration so that it may become a "Pastor's Column.")

His name was Chukwuneke. Formally he was Dr. G.C. Akabogu. Many called him Professor; I called him Pa-Pa.

His father died six months before he was born; his mother, two weeks after.

An uncle took him in but at the first chance gave him up to the missionaries in Nigeria. They baptized him, renamed him George and shipped him off to seminary. When he saw my mother, he abandoned the priesthood.

My father was handsome, although short. He had curly, jet-black hair—bushy eyebrows, big brown eyes and narrow nose in a dark face. A lemon for an Adam's apple.

In a culture that prefers sons, he had seven daughters. Growing up, he said to us: Take it like a man. Back in Nigeria, when I was a high school senior, Pa-Pa summoned me to his study. Sitting behind his wooden desk surrounded by bookshelves filled with dusty Latin classics and Greek literature, Pa-Pa had Time in one

hand and Newsweek in the other. Vivaldi's "Gloria" was playing. Jimmy Carter was coming into office in America.

"See?" he began in his courtly manner. "Half his Cabinet are barristers; the other half? Economists." I stared at his Cambridge diploma on the wall. Since my sisters were either in law or medical school, he continued, "You must major in economics."

"It's a man's world, Chum," Pa-Pa repeated all throughout my senior year. A woman's educational background would shape her future, he said. "A degree in economics—the golden degree—would ensure your independence," he concluded, rising from his chair.

I had wanted to major in journalism.

Four years later, after my bachelor's in economics, Pa-Pa insisted I earn a doctorate and become a university economics professor. We were sitting at the dining table. It was the height of the oil boom; free universal education was the national policy in Nigeria.

"In a few years," Pa-Pa predicted, "a B.A. will be common." I gazed at the framed picture of my dad with John Paul II, taken on

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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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a trip he led to the Vatican. "Moreover, you don't want to end up in a nine-to-five-till-you're-65-job, now, do you, Chum?" he asked in a tone of blatant disapproval. "No, sir," I replied. He smiled, revealing pearly teeth. "Good."

I'd wanted to be a writer.

Pa-Pa was unlike any other African father I knew. Growing up, Saturday was my Armageddon. The Unabridged Oxford English Dictionary stood on a stand, and as early as kindergarten, we had to learn 10 new words a week and write a folktale every Saturday using those words. By junior high, I'd inhaled countless classics. All through high school, my father held me captive conjugating Latin verbs. During senior year, we spent uncountable hours together translating the Iliad. Times like that, I wished for one of those illiterate African fathers. Often during my college years, Pa-Pa provided an outline for my research paper. Moments like that, I was proud of my dad.

All those hours studying Latin taught me a lot about English and fostered in me a facility with French and Spanish. Years later, I would transform those hours into a new life.

Like most African fathers, Pa-Pa used proverbs to instruct. My first semester away in college, I blew my allowance. I asked for more; he declined. Go to the ant, Chum, he responded, discover its ways and be wise. I learned fiscal responsibility. While working on my doctorate at the University of Southern California, I hinted that I'd fallen in love: Until you finish chewing what you have in your mouth, he wrote, you ought not to bite off more. I learned focus.

After grad school, I brought home a male friend. Pa-Pa took one look and declared him "an addled-brain—someone to avoid." But I was a big girl now. I didn't have to listen to Pa-Pa anymore. Five years later, my husband disappeared. Saddled with three kids, I rang Pa-Pa. He sold a piece of land, sent me a check with a note: "If you bungle raising those children, nothing else will have mattered." Eager to regain his approval, I secured a tenure-track position as an economics professor. I enjoyed teaching, but the thought of grinding out obscure scholarly studies—necessary for tenure—numbed me. I'd. Rather. Be. Writing. Interesting. Journalistic. Essays. I finally spoke up. Pa-Pa replied, "It's entirely your choice now, Chum. . . ."

Huh? "Follow your deepest conscience. I left the priesthood when I realized the authentic thing to do was to marry your mother. . . . Carpe diem!"

Yes, sir!

I last saw my father six months before he died. Eighty-five years old, he'd come to America for medical treatment. I escorted him home to Nigeria.

Heavily sedated, hunched over in his plane seat, he suddenly whispered, "Be attentive to your children. . . . okay, Chum?" Tears knocked; I blinked and stared off across the skies. I saw Pa-Pa holding court under our mango tree, reciting Shakespeare under the moonlight. I can still see him, there, conducting an imaginary orchestra playing Vivaldi's "Spring."

In today's world of absentee fathers, my father took me beneath his wings. In a world where the pathology of dishonesty by priests is an old story, my father chose the path of honesty. In a culture where women are a second choice, Pa-Pa gave his girls choices. I owe him to live honestly.

Readings for the Week Ahead

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

Sunday, July 5 (101)

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 2:2-5

Psalms 123:1-4

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Mark 6:1-6

Monday, July 6 (383)

Maria Goretti, virgin, martyr

Genesis 28:10-22a

Psalms 91:1-4, 14-15

Matthew 9:18-26

Tuesday, July 7 (384)

Genesis 32:23-33

Psalms 17:1-3, 6-8, 15

Matthew 9:32-38

Wednesday, July 8 (385)

Genesis 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a

Psalms 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19

Matthew 10:1-7

Thursday, July 9 (386)

*Augustine Zhao Rong, priest, martyr,
and his companions, martyrs*

Genesis 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5

Psalms 105:16-21

Matthew 10:7-15

Friday, July 10 (387)

Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30

Psalms 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40

Matthew 10:16-23

Saturday, July 11 (388)

Benedict, abbot

Genesis 49:29-32; 50:15-26a

Psalms 105:1-4, 6-7

Matthew 10:24-33

Sunday, July 12 (104)

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 7:12-15

Psalms 85:9-14

Ephesians 1:3-14

Mark 6:7-13

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 4, 5:00pm
Jerry Ludke ☩

Sunday, July 5, 8:30am
Isabelle Browne ☩

Sunday, July 5, 10:30am
Carl Bechtold ☩

Monday, July 6, 7:00pm
For the Youth of the Parish

Tuesday, July 7, 8:15am
John Foley ☩

Wednesday, July 8, 8:15am
Kevin Cline ☩

Thursday, July 9, 8:15am
The Thomas Herane Family

Friday, July 10, 8:15am
Alice Sullivan ☩

Saturday, July 11, 5:00pm
Nancy Bermudez ☩

Sunday, July 12, 8:30am
Peg & Carl Ayers ☩

Sunday, July 12, 10:30am
Edmund Fredette ☩

Prayer List

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

Mary Alexander
Kathryn Allen
Mary Baker
Maria Balli
Patricia Barbour
Cindra Bell
Regina Bentz
Beatrice Brooks & Family
Monica Broussard
Janet Brown
Steve Brown
Herman Calandro
Irene Caligiuri
Shelby Campbell
Ed Carmichael
The Castagna Family
Michelle Churches
Paul Cipowski
James Coleman
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
Ryan Flum
Kathryn Franklin
Carmen Garcia
Bob Godley
Rick Gonzalez
Anita Hage
Susan Hallahan
The Hannon Family
The Harker Family
Rita Hamacker
Barry Henwood
Cynthia Horner
Bill & Debbie Ipsen
Sue Johnston
George Jones
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
Helen McCullough
Bob McWilliams
Carol Michael
Carroll Tom & Nona Miller
Howard Montgomery
Nancy Moore
The Murchison Family
Margie Myers

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

Dale & Jeanne Nelson
R. Northrup
Helen O'Connell
Margie O'Connor
Luci Palmer
Meleia Pato
Lupe Casas Pelletier
Helen Pingtella
Anne Post
Otila Quiroz
Janet Raiman
The Rees Family
Deana Reynolds
Dort Riley
Sr. Loyola Romey
Dorothy Rouse
Rose Rowland
The Russo Family
Norm Shultz
The Simonson Family
Nick Soltau
Ed Sox
Dorothy and Ray Staehr
Betty Stewart
Carl Stewart
Maria Surmenidis
Diana Thompson
Arnie Velasco
Dominic Vienna, Jr.
Vanessa Vitiello-Koble
Kevin Watson-Graff
Ed Wesel
Marilyn Wesel
Terry Westlake
John Whittton
Stevan Zygotus

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
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

Thank you for your prayers for
Sgt. Jason Cohick,
Air Force Reserve
Mst. Sgt. Shellie Cohick,
Air Force
who have arrived home safely.

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calendar information.

The Week Ahead

July 5 Liturgy of the Word for
Children at 8:30am and
10:30am Masses
July 6 Monday Night Mass
July 12 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 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

Donald & Claire Bistline & Family

Flower Donations

We would like to gratefully acknowledge the contributions of:

Tom & Pat Hannon

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 :

Catherine Castagna, who died last week. Her Rosary will be celebrated on Tuesday, July 7, at 7:00pm at St. Thomas More, and her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, July 8, at 1:00pm at the Old Mission Church at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside, followed by burial at San Luis Rey Cemetery and a reception at Mission San Luis Rey. Please keep Catherine's husband, John, and 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.

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.

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

Get On the Bus—

Uniting Children with Their Mothers in Prison

June 26, 2009

This is an excerpt from a message from Missy Peterson, the Coordinator of the Get On the Bus Trip (GOTB) from North County.

"Thanks to all of you, the children had a wonderful visit with their moms, and we made it up there and back safe and sound—sufficiently entertained and well fed I might add! On bus N2, seven of the nine families riding the bus only see mom on the day that Get On the Bus takes them.

It is a physical and financial impossibility for almost all of our families, and likewise GOTB could not do it without each and every one of you, and our generous financial donors as well.



As a reminder of why we do this, I thought I'd share something from one of the girls on my bus. She wrote a note that in part reads 'Without this program I probably would have never been able to establish a relationship with my mother. I am very grateful for this program.' This was her sixth GOTB trip to see her mom,

and watching them together was truly a joy. And it was a very different visit that I remember seeing six years ago on her first trip. Mom now writes to her and her siblings once or twice a month, and you could see that they really do have a caring relationship with each other that is truly blooming."

Watch for next week's bulletin for "A Window On The Bus" report.

Employee Free Choice Act Update

St. Thomas More's Campaign in support of the Employee Free Choice Act, which will be voted on by Congress in August, is in full swing. Bishop Gabino Zavala of the Archdiocese of L.A. and Co-President of the Interfaith for Worker Justice Board of Directors, reminds us that "The Employee Free Choice Act intends to address and counter some of the more egregious violations of workers' dignity that are today pervasive for so many workers. This legislation would allow workers to form and join unions as certainly and freely as they might join a church community or civic organization. Workers would be able to cast their vote for a union from the safety and security of their own home simply by signing and submitting union authorization cards. Additionally, the legislation would impose just penalties on employers who attempt to illegally interfere with this democratic right of their employees." We hope that all members of our STM Faith Community will stop after all the Masses next weekend and sign postcards to our Legislators, urging them to cast their vote in favor of the Employee Free Choice Act.

"The freedom to join trade unions and 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."

—Pope John Paul II, Centisimus Annus 1992

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.

The Society For The Propagation of the Faith Mission Appeal



Fr. Kelly from the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart will be making a Missionary Cooperation Appeal and will be preaching at all the Masses this weekend to share his experience and ask for the financial assistance needed to aid missionaries and the people of God they serve.

Please be prepared to make a generous contribution to help the missionaries continue to serve those who need help the most. Envelopes are attached to the bulletin this weekend and may be returned any time during the month of July.

Pennies from Heaven

Start saving those pennies! The annual Pennies from Heaven collection to benefit Birth Choice of San Marcos, our local Pregnancy Resource Center, is coming up the weekend of July 18-19. They are committed to promoting a Culture of Life in our community and always grateful for our help. Please be generous as you have in the past.



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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Lifeline Screening Comes to St. Thomas More in September

Church of Saint Thomas More will be hosting a preventive health event for local residents. The event is being offered by Life Line Screening and will take place at the Church of St. Thomas More on September 28, 2009. Life Line Screening is the nation's leading provider of community-based preventive screenings and scans for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries, which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms, which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs, which is a strong predictor of heart disease; and atrial fibrillation (irregular heart beat), which is closely tied to stroke risk.

All five affordable, non-invasive, painless vascular screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. Register for a Stroke, Vascular Disease, Osteoporosis and Heart Rhythm Package for \$149. **You must pre-register for the screening.** Appointments are limited, so sign up now by calling 1-888-563-6441, or visit Life Line Screening's website at www.lifelinescreening.com.

Spirited Seniors Welcome New Members

The Spirited Seniors recently sent a letter to all parishioners 50 years of age or older inviting them to join their organization. It has come to our attention that there are many others in our community who would be interested in attending Spirited Senior events, like our bus trips, luncheons and luaus, but did not receive this letter. Should you know anyone—a friend or neighbor—who might be interested in joining the Spirited Seniors, please encourage them to contact Jerry or Judy Buoniconti at 760-758-5113.

Rosary

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



Feeling Lucky? Raffle Ticket Opportunity Benefits Men's Shelter

Fourth of July Raffle tickets will be sold this 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.

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.

Eucharistic Adoration



Monday-Friday • 6:30am-7:30pm
Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Exposition of the Eucharist on First Fridays.
Next date: Friday, August 7.

*For more information, contact
the Parish Office at 760-758-4100 x100.*

High School News

MONDAY NIGHT MASS
July 6
7:00pm

Second Wednesday Adoration/
Steubenville Participant's Meeting
Wednesday, July 8
7:00-8:15pm

Note: *Family Matters* with Collin and Billy will resume on
Wednesday, July 15

Call Gale at 760-726-7236 for info

Liturgy & Music

Worship God

Douglas Lynn
Director of Music/Coordinator of Liturgical Ministries
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EXAMINING A TRAJECTORY OF CHANGE IN LITURGICAL MUSIC

Part I

In November 2007, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) issued a guideline on liturgical music entitled *Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship*.

In the document's foreword, the bishops write:

We pray that this document will draw all who worship the Lord into the fullness of liturgical, musical prayer.

Sing to the Lord is the latest in a long line of communications that speak to music and music-making in the Church. It is the "current thinking" and the guide by which we as music makers—and that most certainly includes you, as a member of the congregation—are to flourish.

Over the next few weeks, we will explore some of the documents that led up to *Sing to the Lord* (STL) and that have set the stage for our approach to music-making in Church today.

The article from which these essays are drawn was written by Anthony Rupp, OSB. Fr. Ruff is a monk at St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, Minnesota, where he is associate professor of theology and liturgical music at St. John's University. He was a member of the Music Subcommittee of the Bishop's Committee on the liturgy, which drafted STL for the USCCB.

Introduction

This article seeks to give the historical context for *Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship*, the guideline on liturgical music approved by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in 2007. The history of liturgical renewal and promotion of active participation goes back at least to Pope St. Pius X, and so this article will attempt to situate *Sing to the Lord* within the trajectory of liturgical renewal as seen in official documents issued since 1903. We will look at three papal and Roman documents from 1903, 1947, and 1955, the liturgy constitution of the Second Vatican Council (1963), and three documents from Rome and the U.S. bishops since Vatican II.

1903, *Tra le Sollecitudini*, Pope St. Pius X

Pius X was a reformer, and liturgical music was close to his heart. He sought to purify Catholic worship of "secular" influences that sounded too operatic—e.g., setting of the Mass Ordinary for choir, soloists, and orchestra by Mozart or Beethoven. His remedy in the 1903 *Tra le Sollecitudini*, issued *motu proprio*, was to return to Latin Gregorian chant, which he wanted sung in all Catholic churches around the world. Choir music was acceptable, especially if it was in the sixteenth-century style of Palestrina. The pope favored choirs of men and boys, and attempted (unsuccessfully) to eliminate women from choirs. He included one brief line that was to have massive impact on liturgical renewal: *he called for the active participation of the people in the liturgy*. In 1903, this meant attempting to get congregations to sing Latin chant together, which was to have rather mixed success.

But the idea of active participation was let loose in the church, and the twentieth century Liturgical Movement was born. From 1903 until Vatican II, much work was done to help people understand and participate in the Latin liturgy, such as giving them missals with translations, teaching them about the liturgy, and rehearsing Latin chant with them.

—Anthony Ruff, OSB

Next week... 1947 and 1955, the encyclical letters, *Mediator Dei*, and *Musicae Sacrae* and congregational singing

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Monday Night Mass

Join us

July 6 at 7:00pm for
Monday Night Mass

(Upper Level of the Parish Center)

Bring a case of water or a box of juice bags for

Stand Up for Kids!

This homeless teen day shelter in Oceanside
is in need of both.

For more information
please contact Ron Briseno at

760-758-4100 x153 or ronb@stmoside.org

Music Ministry Next Week

JULY 11/12

5:00pm Mass

Cantor

8:30am Mass

Cantor

10:30am Mass

Adult Choir

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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



Religious Education for 2009-2010

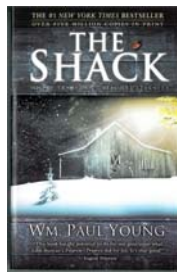
- ✿ **Continuing families:**
Thank you for returning your registration packet as soon as possible.
- ✿ **New families:**
Enrollment packets are available for registered parishioners with children ages 3 through 17.
- ✿ **On the path to Confirmation 2010?**
Be sure you have enrolled for RE.A.CH so you will receive updates of important summer news! Did you get your invitation to the July 9 meeting? See you here!
- ✿ **Attending Catholic School...**
... but would like to celebrate your First Communion or Confirmation with your parish family? Contact Kathleen Bell for details soon!

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.

PBJ Update

(Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center)

2009 GOAL: 365 jars
Collected to date: 404 jars



SUMMER BIBLE CAMP AT ST. THOMAS MORE

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

Crocodile Dock



If you want to be swamped with fun, 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.

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



Summer Bible Study for the Whole Family

- ◆ Get out the Bible and read today's Gospel once again:
Mark 6: 1-6
- ◆ Ask each family member to share what they heard in the reading.
- ◆ Even when Jesus cared and loved people, some people just did not accept Him, similar to what happened to the Old Testament prophets. In this passage from Mark, they question who He is and what He was doing because He was only a carpenter, only Mary's Son.
- ◆ Why did some people not accept Jesus?
- ◆ Have you ever felt not accepted?



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CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP *The Obstacles in Our Path*

In ancient times, a King had a boulder placed on a roadway. Then he hid himself and watched to see if anyone would remove the huge rock.

Some of the king's wealthiest merchants and courtiers came by and simply walked around it. Many loudly blamed the King for not keeping the roads clear, but none did anything about getting the stone out of the way.

Then a peasant came along carrying a load of vegetables. Upon approaching the boulder, the peasant laid down his burden and tried to move the stone to the side of the road. After much pushing and straining, he finally succeeded. After the peasant picked up his load of vegetables, he noticed a purse lying in the road where the boulder had been. The purse contained many gold coins and a note from the King indicating that the gold was for the person who removed the boulder from the roadway.

The peasant learned what many of us never understand.

—Anonymous

Many of us have heard that whatever doesn't kill us, really does make us stronger. We are free to choose how to handle life's trials and the obstacles in our path. We can grow bitter or grow better.

- We can take the high road and do our best to rectify the situation(s) with the realization and gratitude that we will be stronger for the effort.
- Or we can complain loud and long to whoever gives us an ear (often chiming in with their own gripes) while never really "doing" anything but giving lip service.

Imagine how Jesus must have felt being rejected by the people of his hometown of Nazareth. He was amazed by their lack of faith and attitude, but he persevered and continued His ministry.

As we celebrate the independence of our country this weekend, also try and imagine how our forebears felt in the face of huge challenges and 'rocks in the road' . . . and yet they stayed the course and ultimately won their (and our) freedom! With such freedom comes tremendous responsibility.



Even when we disagree with one another, we must remember that each of us deserves respect in the face of differing opinions and ways of viewing the world. Many have given their lives to give us so much for which to be thankful.

This weekend let us echo the psalmist call that "Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for His mercy." Humility is a good start. May we always use our gifts and our freedom wisely, and never forget to give back (with increase) what the Lord has given us. Often we forget just how fortunate we are to live in this country and wake up each day with the right to actually voice different opinions. In thanksgiving, resolve to make a difference!

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Collection for Week of: June 27/28, 2009

Number of Registered Households:		1,004
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Children's envelopes		0.50
Total	\$	6,788.15

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News from the Larger Church

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

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.

Christmas in July Artisan Fair at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside—July 11-12. Crafts from over 175 artisans, a variety of foods, games, rummage sale, and more. All proceeds benefit the parish school, Old Mission Montessori School. For more information, call 760-757-3232.

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.sanluisrey.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 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

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