

# 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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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

July 19, 2009 • Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Pastor's Column

### Man—A Lost Atom in a Random Universe?

Rev. Michael Ratajczak  
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Here is a bit of the recent Encyclical, "Caritas in Veritate" (Charity in Truth), written by Pope Benedict XVI. I would encourage you to get a copy and read his words. The Encyclical Letter can be purchased in bookstores or you can print a copy off the internet from the Vatican website—[www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va) (then select English, then Latest Updates).

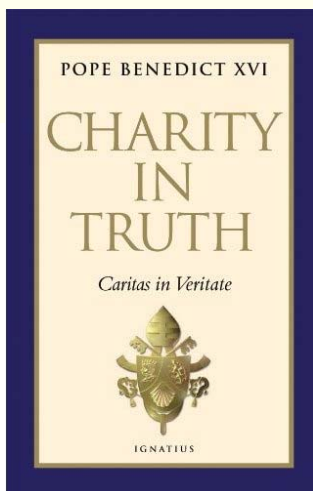
There is another aspect of modern life that is very closely connected to development: the denial of the right to religious freedom. I am not referring simply to the struggles and conflicts that continue to be fought in the world for religious motives, even if at times the religious motive is merely a cover for other reasons, such as the desire for domination and wealth.

Today, in fact, people frequently kill in the holy name of God, as both my predecessor John Paul II and I myself have often publicly acknowledged and lamented. Violence puts the brakes on authentic development and impedes the evolution of peoples towards greater socio-economic and spiritual well-being. This applies especially to terrorism motivated by fundamentalism, which generates grief,

destruction and death, obstructs dialogue between nations and diverts extensive resources from their peaceful and civil uses.

Yet it should be added that, as well as religious fanaticism that in some contexts impedes the exercise of the right to religious freedom, so too the deliberate promotion of religious indifference or practical atheism on the part of many countries obstructs the requirements for the development of peoples, depriving them of spiritual and human resources. **God is the guarantor of man's true development**, inasmuch as, having created him in his image, he also established the transcendent dignity of men and women and feeds their innate yearning to "be more."

**Man is not a lost atom in a random universe:** he is God's creature, whom God chose to endow with an immortal soul and whom he has always loved. If man were merely the fruit of either chance or necessity, or if he had to lower his aspirations to the limited horizon of the world in which he lives, if all reality were merely history and culture, and



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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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man did not possess a nature destined to transcend itself in a supernatural life, then one could speak of growth, or evolution, but not development.

When the State promotes, teaches, or actually imposes forms of practical atheism, it deprives its citizens of the moral and spiritual strength that is indispensable for attaining integral human development and it impedes them from moving forward with renewed dynamism as they strive to offer a more generous human response to divine love.

In the context of cultural, commercial or political relations, it also sometimes happens that economically developed or emerging countries export this reductive vision of the person and his destiny to poor countries. This is the damage that "superdevelopment" causes to authentic development when it is accompanied by "moral underdevelopment."

## Rosary

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



## Publicize Your Parish Event!

Would you like to publicize a Parish event to the general public? Submit a Press Release Form at least three weeks in advance of your event to have it advertised in local news publications. Press Release Forms are available:

- on the Parish website ([www.stmoside.org](http://www.stmoside.org), Contact Us, Parish Forms),
- the Parish office, or
- from Anne Marshall at 760-727-2668 or [annemarshall@sbcglobal.net](mailto:annemarshall@sbcglobal.net).



## 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.*

## Seniors Special Needs and Services

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

## Reporting Sexual Abuse

In accordance with the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, the Diocese of San Diego has published a brochure that includes information regarding sexual misconduct by Church ministers and how to report any complaints. This brochure, entitled *Sexual Misconduct: Preventing, Responding, Reporting*, is available in our pamphlet rack on the lower level of the Parish Center.

## Readings for the Week Ahead

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

### Sunday, July 19 (107)

*Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalm 23:1-6  
Ephesians 2:13-18

Mark 6:30-34

### Monday, July 20 (395)

*Apollinaris, bishop, martyr*

Exodus 14:5-18

Exodus 15:1-6 (Psalm)

Matthew 12:38-42

### Tuesday, July 21 (396)

*Lawrence of Brindisi, priest, doctor*

Exodus 14:21-15:1

Exodus 15:8-10,12,17 (Psalm)

Matthew 12:46-50

### Wednesday, July 22 (397)

*Mary Magdalene*

Exodus 16:1-5,9-15

Psalm 78:18-19,23-28

Matthew 13:1-9

### Thursday, July 23 (398)

*Bridget of Sweden, religious*

Exodus 19:1-2,9-11,16-20b

Daniel 3:52-56 (Psalm)

Matthew 13:10-17

### Friday, July 24 (399)

*Sharbel of Makhlef, priest*

Exodus 20:1-17

Psalm 19:8-11

Matthew 13:18-23

### Saturday, July 25 (605)

*James, Apostle*

2 Corinthians 4:7-15

Psalm 126:1-6

Matthew 20:20-28

### Sunday, July 26 (110)

*Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

2 Kings 4:42-44

Psalm 145:10-11,15-18

Ephesians 4:1-6

John 6:1-15

## Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 18, 5:00pm  
John Foley ☩

Sunday, July 19, 8:30am  
Ed Darcy ☩

Sunday, July 19, 10:30am  
Lou Franklin ☩

Tuesday, July 21, 8:15am  
Hearne Family

Wednesday, July 22, 8:15am  
Dave & Stella Leué

Thursday, July 23, 8:15am  
Carl Bechtold ☩

Friday, July 24, 8:15am  
Dr. Tony O'Sullivan ☩

Saturday, July 25, 5:00pm  
Robert Fisher ☩

Sunday, July 26, 8:30am  
Kathleen Egan ☩ &  
Ruth McClelland ☩

Sunday, July 26, 10:30am  
Ginny Jaeger ☩

## 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  
Myron Cole  
James Coleman  
Christy Corliff  
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  
Peter Gavin  
Bob Godley  
Rick Gonzalez  
Anita Hage  
Susan Hallahan  
The Hannan Family  
The Harker Family  
Rita Harnacker  
Barry Henwood  
Cynthia Horner  
Bill & Debbie Ipsen  
Sue Johnston  
Colleen Kaup  
Paul Kennedy  
Debbie Kinney  
George Kleekamp  
Dan Kowallek  
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  
Helen McCullough  
Bob McWilliams  
Carol Michael  
Carroll Tom & Nona Miller

Muriel Mitchell  
Howard Montgomery  
Nancy Moore  
Margie Myers  
Paul Myers  
R. Northrup  
Helen O'Connell  
Margie O'Connor  
Luci Palmer  
Meleia Pato  
Lupe Casas Pelletier  
Helen Pingtella  
Anne Post  
Otila Quiroz  
Janet Raiman  
Deana Reynolds  
Dort Riley  
Sr. Loyola Romey  
Dorothy Rouse  
Rose Rowland  
The Russo Family  
Jen Sahr  
Nancy Scali  
The Simonson Family  
Ed Sox  
Dorothy and Ray Staehr  
Betty Stewart  
Carl Stewart  
Maria Surmenidis  
Diana Thompson  
Stephen Toth  
Esther Vasquez  
Arnie Velasco  
Dominic Vienna, Jr.  
Vanessa Vitiello-Koble  
Kevin Watson-Graff  
Ed Wesel  
Marilyn Wesel  
Terry Westlake  
John Whitton  
Stevan Zygutis

## 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

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

## What's Inside

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## Calendar Highlights

Also check the Parish website ([www.stmoside.org](http://www.stmoside.org)) for complete calendar information.

### The Week Ahead

July 19 Pennies from Heaven  
Collection for Birth  
Choice of San Marcos  
July 19 Liturgy of the Word for  
Children at 8:30am and  
10:30am Masses  
July 20-24 Crocodile Dock—  
Vacation Bible School  
July 24-26 High School students go  
to Steubenville retreat

### The Month Ahead

Aug 23 First Annual  
Pastor's Dinner

### The Year Ahead

Sep 19 RE.A.CH Classes start  
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

## 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.



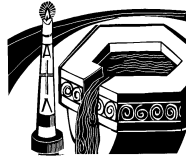
## Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioners

Angela & Kevin Furgal & Family  
 Donald & Anna Robinson  
 Paul & Kimberly Schlunt  
 Carmen Williams

## Announcing the Baptisms of

Giselle Amora Martinez  
 Madison Nicole Cappuccio  
 on July 19, 2009

*Our Christian community  
 welcomes you with great joy!*



## Flower Donations

We would like to gratefully acknowledge the contributions of:

Shirley Darcy  
 Dave & Stella Leué  
 Smitty & Chris Smith

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

## In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

**Barbara Geiss**, who died this past week. Her funeral arrangements are pending. Please keep Barbara's family in your prayers.

*May her soul 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

## A Window on the Bus Report—Part 2 of 2 (Names have been changed)

**Arriving at Chowchilla Prison:** As we depart the bus, a welcoming team of prison officials and Get On the Bus (GOTB) folks greet us and help us check in as we are screened from our heads to the bottoms of our feet.



Finally the time comes to pass through several interlocking gates and into the arms of their mothers! Some greet each other shyly and others fall into each others arms in tears and ever so tight hugs and kisses. Soon the two visiting rooms are filled with happy conversations, a meal shared and games checked out that the families can play together.

There is also a grass area outside where families can rest in the shade and allow the younger children to play—although without any sports equipment. Always nearby are prison guards maintaining their distance yet ever present.

Four and a half hours fly by.

**3:30pm:** The announcement is made for our children to return to their buses. I have dreaded this moment, fearful that some child would totally break down. But the children are resilient, and the mothers have received instruction ahead of time on how to make this as easy as possible for their children. While there are some tears and hugs that just can't get tight enough, the moms release the children to their caregivers and wave good bye with smiles on their faces and exclamations of their love. We all make it though still one more inspection before leaving the prison and reboarding the buses.



Once underway, the teenagers are chatting in the back of the bus and texting their friends, the little ones are already asleep and the middle-age children are comparing notes on their visit. Several came and asked me who I visited! Then it was back to games, tent building, and DVD's!

As we travel, I speak with several of the grandmothers. "Sophia" is heart-broken to be leaving her daughter, recently incarcerated, after this first visit to the prison with her grandchildren.

"Josephine" is relieved and elated to have seen her daughter for the first time in three years, only because of Get on the Bus. She has her 5-year-old granddaughter with her because she feels it is time for them to get to know each other in preparation for her daughter's release in a few more years.

The return trip includes stopping to pick up hamburgers, fries, and drinks at McDonalds, enjoying the home made cookies from our parishioners for dessert, viewing more videos, and finally arriving back in Oceanside at 10:30pm.

I returned home full of gratitude for these children, who taught me about simple trust in life itself, for all the many volunteers and officials who made this visit possible, and for the love witnessed by the moms for their children. Their families and our society will be the better for it!

—Respectfully submitted: Sr. Maureen

## 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 ten of the monthly dinners for this year!

**These dates are still available for dinner adoption:**

**November 29 • December 27**

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

## Employee Free Choice Act Update Postcard Campaign

Thanks to all who stopped by the table on the Plaza last weekend to sign postcards. If you didn't get a chance, postcards are still available on the Plaza or in the Parish Office, so that you can urge our Legislators to cast their vote in favor of the Employee Free Choice Act.

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."

*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

Envelopes were attached to the bulletin the weekend of July 4-5 for the annual Missionary Cooperation Appeal, and Fr. Kelly from the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart shared his experience as a missionary in Venezuela.

Your contribution will help the missionaries continue to serve those who need help the most. The envelopes may be returned any time during the month of July.

## St. Francis and St. Thomas More Offertory Envelopes

Any St. Francis Offertory Envelopes given to the offertory collection at St. Thomas More will be returned to St. Francis.

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## Spirited Seniors 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.

## 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.

## 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](http://www.lifelinescreening.com).

## 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 Youth Group

**FAMILY MATTERS**

with Collin and Billy

continues Wednesday, July 22, 7:00-8:30pm

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!

Call Gale at 760-726-7236 for more information

# 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 III

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.*

This is part three of an exploration of some of the documents that led up to *Sing to the Lord* and that have set the stage for our approach to music-making in Church today.

### 1963, *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, the Liturgical Constitution of the Second Vatican Council

In the years before the Second Vatican Council, the Liturgical Movement had done much to promote active participation. These efforts led to a growing desire for simplification of the liturgy and use of vernacular in the liturgy. Calls for reform were growing louder, and these culminated in the decisions of the Second Vatican Council. The liturgical constitution, *Sacrosanctum Concilium* (SC), met and even exceeded the expectations of those hoping for reform. The constitution emphasized the communal nature of the liturgy and active participation, admitted the liturgical use of vernacular, called for greater use of Scripture, and ordered a reform and simplification of all the rites.

As revolutionary as the liturgical constitution was, it is marked throughout by a certain balance between tradition and innovation. Some consider this uneasy balance to be a political compromise between the many competing positions of the bishops, or even an incoherent bringing together of contradictory positions. Perhaps this feature of the constitution explains the existence of such divergent positions in the years since Vatican II, all shored up by carefully selected statements from the constitution. Creative tension between tradition and innovation is also found in the constitution's sixth chapter on sacred music, but one cannot help noting there that the tenor is different from the rest of the liturgy constitution. In its statements on music, SC tips the balance more strongly in favor of tradition. Although the great themes of renewal, such as active

participation, are promoted, there is repeated advocacy of the traditional sacred music of Western Europe. For example, article 116 states, "The Church acknowledges Gregorian chant as specially suited to the Roman liturgy; therefore, other things being equal, it should be given pride of place in liturgical services." In seeking to implement Vatican II, one may frankly wonder how pastorally feasible it is to give primacy to traditional repertoires (chant, polyphony), which are in the Latin language, at such a high cultural level, and for the most part rather difficult to render. Perhaps Vatican II's idealism regarding sacred music explains why it did not find rigorous and faithful implementation in the decades following the Council.

—Anthony Ruff, OSB

*In two weeks...1967, Musicam Sacram and the immediate aftermath of Vatican II*

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### Music Ministry Next Week

JULY 25/26

5:00pm Mass

Cantor

8:30am Mass

Cantor

10:30am Mass

Cantor



A panoramic view shows bishops gathered in St. Peter's Basilica for the opening session of the Second Vatican Council in the fall of 1962. (Catholic News Service file photo)

# Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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

# RE.A.CH

## 2009-2010

If you have children from age 3 through 17 and would like to partner with your parish in their faith formation beginning in September, please contact the Faith Formation Office NOW!

If you are not a registered parishioner of St. Thomas More, stop by the Information Table or call the parish office to take this first important step to participating in RE.A.CH!

Feel free to call or email to discuss the program or ask for the packet through the mail.

*A special welcome to high school students!*

## Catechists Needed

If you would like to consider sharing your faith with the children of our parish through the ministry of catechist, please contact the Faith Formation Office. We are in need of "a few faithful people" for the 5:00-6:30pm session on Sunday evenings, two times a month.

## Summer Bible Study for the Whole Family

- ◆ Get out the Bible and read today's Gospel once again:  
**Mark 6:30-34**
- ◆ Ask each family member to share what they heard in the reading.
- ◆ Last week we heard how Jesus sent the disciples out. This week they returned to Him, and Jesus invited them to come aside and rest a little. But the people followed and needed His attention.
- ◆ What did Jesus do when the people followed him?
- ◆ Does this tell you something about Jesus?
- ◆ Who needs you this summer?

## PBJ Update

(Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center)

2009 GOAL: 365 jars  
Collected to date: 436 jars



## SUMMER BIBLE CAMP AT ST. THOMAS MORE CROCODILE DOCK

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



**You're welcome to drop in...**

... where fearless children shine God's light! You're welcome any day at any time, but you'll really enjoy **Firefly Finale** at 11:30am each day. There will be 240 of us who would very much appreciate your prayers during the week.

We welcome children from St. Thomas More, St. Francis, St. Elizabeth Seton, Our Lady of Grace, St. Ann—Hawaii, St. Irenaeus, St. Martha, St. Patrick, St. Maximilian Kolbe, St. Didacus, North Coast, St. Joseph—Fountain CO, St. Mark, St. Margaret, Mission San Luis Rey, Emmanuel Faith, St. John—Encinitas, St. Mary—Escondido, and neighborhood friends! It is a wonderfully evangelizing week!

Your generosity in helping this to happen is deeply appreciated.

Gratefully, on behalf of our children,

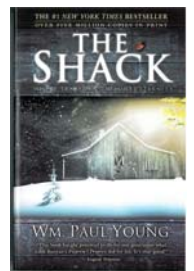
*Kathleen*

## 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.



# Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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## CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP Collaborators in Creation

"Simplicity, moderation, and discipline, as well as a spirit of sacrifice, must become a part of everyday life, lest all suffer the negative consequences of the careless habits of a few."

—Pope John Paul II —World Peace Day, 1990

A pastor recently shared that a family in his parish has made an honest and concerted effort to live in 'joyful frugality.' They made the decision to live in a smaller house with a smaller yard—a living room but no family room, a backyard but a small front yard.

Because they have made the decision to live with just one car, they live near a bus line so that it is easy to commute to work, and leave the car for all the little errands.

And in a hundred other ways they live simple, moderate and disciplined lives.

They truly seem to be very happy, with very uncluttered, unhurried lives. They take great joy in what they do. Not having a boat or eating out often, or buying a lot of toys (for parents and children) has helped them savor the things they do have.

While the results in their lifestyle change have been greater happiness for them and more satisfied children, their motivation for doing this was to do as little damage to God's earth as possible and to sacrifice to give more back to God through the Church and community.

—ICSC Parish Stewardship, July 2009

Archbishop Thomas Murphy shared his thoughts on living as Christian Stewards, collaborators in creation:



"From so many points of view, the human race is becoming far more aware of its obligation to be stewards of creation. The heart of stewardship is offered in this first command given to the human race. The dominion and rule of all living things involves a care for and a respect of creation . . . Human beings were asked to be 'caretakers' of creation (through the First Commandment).

As they were asked, so are we."

What does this mean to each of us, in our corner of the world?

There are many ways we can help to care for the earth, in the hopes that our children, grandchildren, and future generations are able to enjoy the same joy and beauty of this earth and nature as we have been able to do in our lifetimes.

Simple measures help in maintaining God's gift of our planet:

- ◆ Recycle cans, paper, plastic, etc.
- ◆ Bring cloth shopping bags for grocery/other shopping.
- ◆ Use a broom or a blower instead of water to clean sidewalks and driveways.
- ◆ DON'T LITTER! (Keep a trash container in your vehicle)

**Thank you for making a difference!**

## 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.



## 2009 Peter's Pence Collection \$3,261.00

### Collection for Week of: July 11/12, 2009

Number of Registered Households:		1,003
Offertory*	\$	7,494.24
Offertory (Loose Collection)		1,311.00
Children's envelopes		0.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>8,805.74</b>

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

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

### There are many ways to help support your Parish.

We offer a variety of options for easier giving.  
In addition to the extra "mail-back" envelopes  
included in your packet, we offer automatic:

- ◆ Credit Card Withdrawal (Visa, MC, or Discover)
- ◆ Automatic Checking Account Deduction
- ◆ Automatic Savings Account Deduction

To participate in these time-saving alternatives,  
please contact the Parish Office at:  
758-4100 x100 or parishoffice@stmoside.org.



## News from the Larger Church

**Free Summer Lunch Programs for Children 18 and Younger**—The school districts of Oceanside, Vista, San Marcos, and Escondido are providing free lunches over the summer to children; no application or registration required. For more information about locations and schedules, contact 760-966-4095 (Oceanside), 760-432-2332 (Escondido), or 760-727-7284 (Vista).

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

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

**Healing Mass and Healing Prayer in Solana Beach**—with Fr. Gerard Lecomte, CJM, at St. James Church. Tuesday, July 28, 6:30pm music and witness testimony; 7:00pm Mass. Healing prayer every Sunday after the 9:00am Mass and every Tuesday in July and August, 7:30-9:00pm, and every third Saturday after the 5:00pm Mass. For information, call Lily Loh at 858-481-6911.

**Aegis at Shadowridge Presents Fourth Annual Summer Concert Series**—Thursday, August 6, 6:00-8:00pm, at Aegis (next door to STM), 1440 S. Melrose Drive, Oceanside. Features the *Smokestaxx*, a high-energy dance and show band featuring classic soul, R&B, and rock 'n' roll. RSVP by Monday, August 2, to 760-806-3600.

**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](mailto:paul@hlpstars.com) or visit [www.thegorettigroup.org](http://www.thegorettigroup.org).

**Spirit and Truth Young Adult Event in Carlsbad**—Thursday, August 20, 7:00-9:00pm at St. Patrick Church in Carlsbad (3821 Adams St., Carlsbad). All young adults, single or married, ages 18-39, are invited. There will be live praise and worship music, a talk on *Aren't We Saved by Faith Alone—The Truth of the Matter* with Fr. Ricardo Chinchilla, adoration, and a social to follow. For more information, contact [cgiebel@diocese-sdiego.org](mailto:cgiebel@diocese-sdiego.org) or call 858-490-8260.

**Magnificat Women's Group Meeting in San Diego**—Saturday, August 22, 9:30am, at the Mission Valley Sheraton. Leslie Fisher shares her powerful journey of dealing with fibromyalgia and other challenges, learning to embrace Christ in the circumstances in which you are placed. RSVP to 858-578-1256.

**Faith on Fire Young Adult Retreat in Julian**—September 11-13 at Whispering Winds Retreat Catholic Camp and Conference Center in Julian. To register, print out the retreat flyer at [www.yamsd.org](http://www.yamsd.org) and send in with a check or call Whispering Winds at 619-464-1479 x10 to use your credit card. For more information, contact [cgiebel@diocese-sdiego.org](mailto:cgiebel@diocese-sdiego.org) or call 858-490-8260.

**Natural Family Planning Teacher Training in San Diego**—Classes to train Natural Family Planning teachers will be offered in October for both the Sympto-thermal method and the Ovulation

method (October 29-November 1). For more information, contact Peggy at 858-490-8295.

**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](mailto:sullivan211@cox.net).

**Catholic Preschool Openings in Oceanside**—St. Mary, Star of the Sea Preschool would like to invite your children, ages three through pre-kindergarten, to join us for a wonderful first school experience. St. Mary's offers an excellent child-centered curriculum, which provides opportunities to grow spiritually, academically, and socially through developmentally appropriate play. We still have a few openings in our part-time enrichment program for the Fall 2009. Please call Debbie at 760-722-7475 for more information.

### BOOKS FOR REAL CHANGE

Donate your used Books, DVD's, CD's

Please drop off donations at:

Solutions Family Center

North County Solutions for Change

(a local homeless shelter for families)

722 W. California Ave, Vista, CA 92083

760-941-6545

### 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:

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