

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
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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 26, 2009 • Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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God Is the Sea

Hopefully these days of summer are providing an opportunity to slow down a bit and to relax and to reflect more than usual.

As we spend some time in contemplation, we naturally reflect on "the ups and downs" of life, on our successes and our failures, and on our joys and sorrows.

The following prayer, *A Prayer to the God of Ebb and Flow*, is taken from Fr. Henri Nouwen's book, *A Cry For Mercy*.

May this prayer help to set the stage for your meditation and contemplation!

Dear Lord, today I thought of the words of Vincent Van Gogh: "It is true there is an ebb and a flow, but the sea remains the sea." You are the sea. Although I experience many ups and downs in my emotions and often feel great shifts and changes



in inner life, you remain the same. Your sameness is not the sameness of a rock, but the sameness of a faithful lover. Out of your love I came to life; by your love I am sustained; and to your love I am always called back. There are days of sadness and days of joy; there are moments of failure and moments of success; but all of them are embraced by your unwavering love. My only real temptation is to doubt in your love, to think of myself as beyond the reach of your love, to remove myself from the healing radiance of your love. To do

these things is to move into the darkness of despair. O Lord, sea of love and goodness, let me not fear too much the storms and winds of daily life, and let me know that there is ebb and flow but that the sea remains the sea. Amen.

Fr. Mike

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.*

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.



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,
Contact Us, Parish Forms),
- the Parish office, or
- from Anne Marshall at 760-727-2668 or
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.

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

Monday, July 27 (401)
Exodus 32:15-24,30-34
Psalm 106:19-23

Matthew 13:31-35
Tuesday, July 28 (402)
Exodus 33:7-11,34:5b-9,28
Psalm 103:6-13
Matthew 13:36-43

Wednesday, July 29 (403)

Martha
Exodus 34:29-35
Psalm 99:5-7,9
Matthew 13:44-46

Thursday, July 30 (404)
Peter Chrysologus, bishop, doctor
Exodus 40:16-21,34-38
Psalm 84:3-6,8,11
Matthew 13:47-53

Friday, July 31 (405)
Ignatius of Loyola, priest
Leviticus 23:1,4-11,15-16,27,34b-37
Psalm 81:3-6,10-11
Matthew 13:54-58

Saturday, August 1 (406)
Alphonsus Liguori, bishop, doctor
Leviticus 25:1,8-17
Psalm 67:2-3,5,7-8
Matthew 14:1-12

Sunday, August 2 (113)
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Exodus 16:2-4,12-15
Psalm 78:3-4,23-25,54
Ephesians 4:17,20-24
John 6:24-35

Mass Intentions

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

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

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

Tuesday, July 28, 8:15am
J.C. Gonzalez ☩

Wednesday, July 29, 8:15am
Lorraine Kauffman ☩

Thursday, July 30, 8:15am
Frances Espana ☩

Friday, July 31, 8:15am
Gary La Berge ☩

Saturday, August 1, 5:00pm
Dick & Charlene Belprez

Sunday, August 2, 8:30am
Bridgette Mauro

Sunday, August 2, 10:30am
Departed Souls of the
Valladares Family ☩

Prayer List

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

Mary Alexander
Mary Baker
The Barbara Baker Family
Maria Balli
Patricia Barbour
Cindra Bell
Regina Bentz
Beatrice Brooks & Family
Monica Broussard
Janet Brown
Steve Brown
Herman Calandro
The Caligiuri Family
Shelby Campbell
The Castagna Family
Michelle Churches
Paul Cipowski
B.J. Coberg & Family
Myron Cole
James Coleman
Christy Corliff
Thomas Cornwell & Family
Jean Crowell
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
The Geiss Family
Bob Godley
Rick Gonzalez
Anita Hage
Susan Hallahan
The Hannan Family
The Harker Family
Rita Harnacker
Barry Henwood
Cynthia Horner
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
The Lincoln & Gritt Families
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
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
Juan Vargas
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.*

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Calendar Highlights

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

The Week Ahead

July 26 Liturgy of the Word for
Children at 8:30am and
10:30am Masses
Aug 2 Liturgy of the Word for
Children at 8:30am and
10:30am Masses

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 Reception
Dec 6 Towers of Faith
Reception

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 the Table of the Lord

Logan Pinaroc
on July 26, 2009

celebrated First Communion at the 10:30am Mass.

**Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioners**

Barney & Melissa Crilly
Beatriz LaBolle & Family

Flower Donations

We would like to gratefully acknowledge the contributions of:

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 souls of :

Irene Caligiuri, who died on July 20. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday, July 27, at 10:00am, at St. Thomas More. Please keep Irene's family in your prayers.

Jack Lincoln, who died recently. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, August 4, at 10:30am, at St. Thomas More. Please keep Jack's family, including his daughter Liz Gritt and family, in your prayers.

Barbara Baker, who died recently. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, August 5, at 11:00am, at St. Thomas More. Please keep Barbara's family in your prayers.

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

STM \$crip News

Thank you to all who use the Scrip Program!

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

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

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

Albertson's Card # (11 digits) _____

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

☐ Please send me a Food 4 Less Card

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

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

Social Justice News**La Posada Men's Shelter Raffle--Great Success!**

Thanks to all who made this raffle such a wonderful success! St. Thomas More parishioners contributed \$1,200 to the gross total of \$8,040!

Congratulations to our parishioners, Marvin and Pat Cap who won the first prize of \$500!

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.

Kenya Orphan Sponsorship Opportunity

Fr. Pedro Gonzalez' mission work is in the impoverished rural villages of the Lango Baya district of eastern Kenya.

Fr. Pedro and a representative of the Lango Baya Mission Project visited us the weekend of July 18-19 to tell about the orphans in these villages and ask for our help.

Most of these orphans eat only one meal per day of boiled corn flour. Some days they go without food. They suffer from malnourishment which stunts their development and hinders their ability to progress in school. These orphans need sponsors in order to provide food support, medical care, and a school uniform. Various St. Thomas More Parishioners have committed to sponsoring 56 orphans at \$35 per month per child. Envelopes were attached to the bulletin last week for anyone who would like to make a one-time donation to the project. The envelopes may be returned anytime. For further information, contact the Parish Office. Thank you for your generosity!

**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.

Help Support your Neighbors in Need.

Did you know that Catholic Charities Emergency Services has a Food Resource Center Vista? In addition to providing food, the Center helps clients apply for food stamps and makes shelter, medical, counseling, job training, and financial assistance referrals. In June we averaged 94 families a day providing service for 2,210 individuals!

None of this would be possible without volunteer support. There are immediate openings for volunteer Intake Workers, Food Distribution Assistants, and Drivers. The hours are Monday-Friday, 9:00am-12:00pm and 1:00-4:00pm. Training is provided.

Can't make an on site shift? There are ways to help off site. The Center needs administrative supplies such as copy paper, stamps, bulletin boards, and HP2035n ink cartridges. Also janitorial supplies such as 55-gallon trash bags, paper towels, and carpet cleaning services. Then there are logistic supplies such as grocery bags, zip lock baggies, and the monthly use of a truck with a lift gate. There is a need for graphic or artistic design talent to update and maintain our message/resource boards. Join the Vista Crew and help your neighbors in need. Thank you.

*Lisa DuMolt, Program Coordinator
Vista Food Resource Center, Emergency Services
Catholic Charities, 760-631-4792*

Rosary

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



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.

When a Loved One Dies

*Call the Parish Office first, before you call the funeral home.
Call anytime, night or day!*

Our Parish has a wonderful Bereavement Team that is available when a loved one dies. They are available to assist the family with many arrangements related to the funeral, which might include meeting with the family to pray, helping to plan the funeral, and providing bereavement support afterwards.

In addition, those who like to plan ahead may meet with a Bereavement Team member to pre-plan preferences and place them on record, which can be a great help for children or other family members when the time comes.

For more information, call Sr. Maureen at 760-758-4100 x131.

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.

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

HIGH SCHOOL POOL PARTY

FRIDAY, JULY 31

6:00-9:00pm

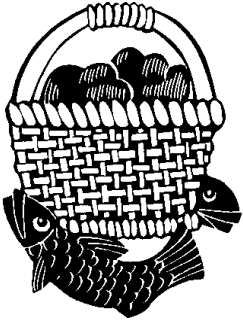
Bring Side Snack/Dish and Appropriate Attire
at Schanzenbach's, 137 Alta Mesa Drive,
Vista (760-806-6722)

Call Gale at 760-726-7236 for more information

Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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



BREAD FOR BEGGARS

Scripture Themes for August 2009

“Christianity is the action of one beggar who has found bread telling other beggars where they may also find bread.” This statement has been attributed to Sri Lankan Methodist minister Daniel Thambyrajah Niles (1908-1970), as well as to Willem Visser t’Hooft, a Dutch theologian and minister of the Reformed Church of Geneva (1900-1985). While we cannot be certain about the quote’s attribution, there is nothing uncertain about the truths that are affirmed in these words.

Affirmed is our status as beggars who owe our lives to God, from the cradle to the grave and thereafter. All we are is a gift; all we have is a gift; all we are graced to be and to become is a gift. Beggars we may be, but we need not grovel or be ashamed because we are beggars upon whom God has bestowed the dignity of being God’s beloved. Beloved beggars of God, we are cared for by God, who, as would any good parent, has met our every need with bread. As the sacred texts for this month unfold before us, we will remember and be renewed in the nourishing power and character of this bread, this bread of life, this bread from heaven.

Through the experience of the Israelites in the wilderness (Aug. 2) and of Elijah, who fled to the desert to escape the wrath of Jezebel (Aug. 9), we blessed beggars will be led to recall that the bread God gives is good and sufficient food for our journey through life. This bread comes to us daily and challenges the human penchant to hoard. Even when it is shared—especially when it is shared—the bread that God provides each day is not diminished. However, we need faith in order to move from day to day and meal to meal with trust, serenity, and a willingness to continue sharing.

God’s good bread, as Wisdom will insist (Aug. 16), will impart understanding, freely given, freely received. God’s gift of bread will nourish and fill the simple and humble of heart, while the self-sufficient who look to satisfy themselves elsewhere will go away empty-handed and their hungers will not be satisfied.

As one who came to live and move among us, Jesus understood himself to be God’s ultimate gift of bread for beggars. This gift of Jesus, as described in the Johannine Gospels for this month, satisfies more than physical hunger. Just as Jesus fed the hungry multitudes with bread and fish (July 26), so does Jesus offer himself as living bread to feed the minds and spirits of God’s beloved beggars. Through the

bread of his teaching (Aug. 2, 9), Jesus nourishes the human hunger for knowledge of God and for understanding the mystery of God’s ongoing involvement in human history.

In the bread of his word, human beings discover the truth about themselves, which is often difficult to bear. As beggars who are responsible for the majority of this world’s problems and who are overwhelmed at the messiness of our own sinfulness, we need to eat daily of the bread of Jesus’ good words. We need to digest and assimilate this living bread, to welcome its truth and to allow its challenges to speak within us and thereby transform our lives.

To feed the spirit as well as the body, Jesus also offered his very self as bread. In his flesh and in his blood, through his dying and his rising, he became and he continues to be the bread of life who draws the believing beggar into communion with him (Aug. 16). This communion is a source of life and a true taste, here and now, of eternal life.

When Jesus first offered his word, his works, and his very self as bread, some were angry. Some misunderstood. Some were offended. As a result, many chose not to be fed and left him to find their bread elsewhere (Aug. 23). But others chose to accept the sign of the bread and to see beyond the sign so as to believe in Jesus. Peter and the other disciples allowed Jesus to feed them, and on the strength of their faith and their witness, we too have come to believe and to beg our daily bread at Jesus’ table.

Now, like Peter and the others, we beggars, blessed and beloved of God, are to be about the business of telling other beggars about this bread of life. Through our words, our works, and the witness of our lives, we are to preach the good news that there is bread for all at God’s good hands.

This preaching about Jesus’ bread must also be supported by sincere and sustained efforts at our *being* bread for others. Like the manna that could not be stored or hoarded, the bread on which we have been fed compels us to share, not only of our surplus but also of our sustenance and of our very selves until every one of this world’s beggars has been fed physically and spiritually with the good and living bread that we beggars have discovered in Jesus Christ.

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

Music Ministry Next Week

AUGUST 1/2

5:00pm Mass

Cantor

8:30am Mass

Cantor

10:30am Mass

Adult Praise Team

Something new is happening!

Check out the musicians for next week!

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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

Crocodile Dock

says
THANK YOU!

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Crew Members,
Crew Leaders, and
Station Leaders
had a great week at VBS
where



fearless kids let God's light shine!



Donations were gratefully received from:

- ✳ STM Parishioners, especially the daily Mass group
- ✳ STM Sponsors
- ✳ Knights of Columbus
- ✳ Bayou Center Leaders



One thing we learned for certain~

***Fear
Not!***



Summer Bible Study for the Whole Family

- ◆ Get out the Bible and read today's Gospel once again:

John 6:1-15

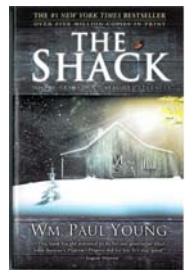
- ◆ Ask each family member to share what they heard in the reading.
- ◆ After a crowd has followed Jesus all day, the people were hungry. One young boy offered five barley loaves and two fish. When Jesus blessed it, everyone was fed.
- ◆ Do you ever feel that you have little to give?
- ◆ What happens when you ask God to bless your work or gifts?
- ◆ Which of the people in this story are you most like?

The Bookies !

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

From the cover:

"This books has the potential to do for our generation what John Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress did for his. It's that good!"



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. You can also find it at Costco.

PBJ Update



(Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center)

2009 GOAL:	365 jars
Collected to date:	453 jars

Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Thoughts on Giving

Christian Stewardship is based on the biblical principle that God is the only true owner and giver of all things.

All we possess, our time, our abilities . . . our very lives . . . and our money, we hold as a trust from God.

It is to God that we will be required to render an account of our administration of that trust.

The first Christians discovered that Christ reconciled the world unto himself. They were bursting with joy to share the Good News. They gave their money, but first they gave themselves.

God so loved that He gave. Christians so love that they give.

Loving and giving are what Christian Stewardship is all about.

Following are some suggested guidelines for giving:

- † The Church should be supported by the people who believe the Gospel.
- † Support of the Church is a matter of Christian worship. True worship always requires an offering, something of worth to the worshipper, which he or she gives in joy and reverence for the work of Christ's Kingdom.
- † The best studies show that most people give about two percent of their income. Many people could double their offerings to the Church without reducing their standard of living.
- † Holmes Roiston's *Stewardship in the New Testament Church* is an excellent reminder of the best basis for Christian giving: joy in the wondrous Gospel of God's love.

—Stewardship, 2009

Today's readings tell of God's love for us and great generosity in providing necessities when it *appeared* there would not be enough food to feed the multitudes. Trust in God is key.

When we give to God's people, God gives himself to us. The more the early Church gave to those in need, the greater the blessings they received. When they gave to others, God gave to them.



The story is told that many years ago, a limousine pulled up to where a beggar sat. A well-dressed and obviously rich man in the limousine asked the beggar to share his rice with him.

The beggar was taken aback by the request and very grudgingly gave the man three pieces of rice.

That night, the beggar discovered three pieces of gold in his bowl. Shaking his head he cried, "If I had only given more."

Remember that the person who plants a few seeds will have a small crop; the one who plants many seeds will have a large crop.

—2 Corinthians 9:6

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This program is one way of helping the Parish raise the resources necessary to continue our campus build out and also help plan for our future needs (i.e., Tower of Faith participants). Gifts of this nature are beneficial and much appreciated by St. Thomas More.

For more information please contact:

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

"Our Journey Into The Future . . . Together"
includes our Faith journey as well as the
build out of our Parish Campus.

Collection for Week of: July 18/19, 2009

Number of Registered Households:		1,004
Offertory*	\$	9,119.06
Offertory (Loose Collection)		1,057.00
Children's envelopes		1.50
Total	\$	10,177.56

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

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

There are many ways to help support your Parish.

We offer a variety of options for easier giving.

In addition to the extra "mail-back" envelopes included in your packet, we offer automatic:

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

To participate in these time-saving alternatives,

please contact the Parish Office at:

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

Theology on Tap for Young Adults in Mission Valley—Thursdays in July. Topics include *Marriage Vocation* (July 30). For more information, visit www.yamsd.org or contact Carrie Giebel at 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.

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 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.

Mass in Honor of St. Pio in San Diego—Sunday, August 23, 5:30pm, at the Immaculata Parish. Other activities in honor of St. Pio of Pietrelcina include documentary video at 2:45pm, Holy Hour with Fr. Solcia at 4:00pm, inspiration talk by Fr. Gismondi at 5:00pm, and procession and blessing following the Mass. For more information, contact 619-697-5958 or www.saintpio.org.

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 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 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.

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.

Job Search & Networking Clinic

When: Saturday, August 8, 2009, 9:00am-12:00noon

***Where: St. James Catholic Community
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