

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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Deacon Thomas A. Goeltz

Office Hours: Monday-Friday
8:30am-12:00 noon and 12:30-4:00pm

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

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

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

August 23, 2009 • Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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What Is the Catholic Position on Health Care Reform?

"For many years, and especially over the last several months, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has advocated for decent, affordable, accessible health care for all. Now the current and much needed national health care dialogue is being buried in an avalanche of ideological combat, misinformation, partisan positioning, and public anger and confusion.

In the middle of this debate the Catholic community has a unique perspective. Our teaching insists health care is a right and shouldn't depend on where your parents work, where you live, or when you got here. Our tradition insists the moral measure of health care reform is how it touches the weak and vulnerable, babies in their mother's womb, and the very sick and old at the end of life, those without access and power. The Catholic community provides health care to millions in our hospitals, clinics, and nursing homes. The Church purchases a lot of health care coverage for our employees in our parishes, schools, charities, and health care institutions. And the Catholic community picks up the pieces of a failing health care system in our emergency rooms, shelters, schools, and parishes. The families and people without health care coverage are not

abstractions for us—we see them every day and see how their lives and dignity are threatened.

This is why our strong, clear, and united Catholic voice is needed in the health care debate more than ever. We need to bring our principles and priorities to help get this debate back to basics. It is not right that more than 45 million of our neighbors have no health care coverage. It is wrong, morally wrong. We can and must do better in using the remarkable health care capacity and resources of our nation to serve all our residents. And we should begin with the principle that the purpose of health care reform is to protect and enhance the life and dignity of all."

—Recent Communiqué (08.14.09) from the USCCB

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB):

- 1. Supports universal health coverage which protects the life and dignity of all, especially those who are poor and vulnerable. Because Catholic teaching insists that basic health care is a right and is essential to protect human life and dignity, genuine health care reform which protects**

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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.*

human life and advances universal coverage should be truly universal, assuring decent health care for all from conception to natural death.

2. Opposes any efforts to expand abortion funding, mandate abortion coverage, or endanger the conscience rights of health care providers and religious institutions. Longstanding and widely supported current policies on these issues must be preserved. We urge members of the House and Senate to take all steps necessary to oppose abortion funding, mandated abortion coverage, or weakening of conscience rights.
3. Supports effective measures to safeguard the health of immigrants, their children, and all of society by expanding eligibility for public programs, such as Medicaid, to all low-income families and vulnerable people and by offering adequate subsidies for cost-sharing of insurance premiums and out of pocket expenses.

F. Mike

STM \$crip News

It's time to think about back-to-school shopping. For those new school year outfits, we carry lots of merchants that sell those new duds—Kohl's, The Gap, Old Navy, J.C. Penney, to name a few. Need school supplies? We have Wal-Mart and Staples scrip. Are your kids off to their first year in the dorm, or moving into their first apartment? You can find all kinds of things they'll need at Bed Bath and Beyond, J.C. Penney, Kohl's, or Wal-Mart. And don't forget, if you buy college textbooks through Amazon.com or Barnes and Noble.com, we carry scrip for both of those too.

Stop by the scrip table and stock up on those back to school needs.

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!

Readings for the Week Ahead

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

Sunday, August 23 (122)
Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Joshua 24:1-2a,15-17,18b

Psalm 34:2-3,16-21

Ephesians 5:21-32

John 6:60-69

Monday, August 24 (629)

Bartholomew, Apostle

Revelation 21:9b-14

Psalm 145:10-13,17-18

John 1:45-51

Tuesday, August 25 (426)

Louis of France;

Joseph Calasan, priest

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Psalm 139:1-3,4-6

Matthew 23:23-26

Wednesday, August 26 (427)

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

Psalm 139:7-12

Matthew 23:27-32

Thursday, August 27 (428)

Monica

1 Thessalonians 3:7-13

Psalm 90:3-4,12-14,17

Matthew 24:42-51

Friday, August 28 (429)

Augustine, bishop, doctor

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

Psalm 97:1-2,5-6,10-12

Matthew 25:1-13

Saturday, August 29 (430)

The Martyrdom of John the Baptist

1 Thessalonians 4:9-11

Psalm 98:1,7-9

Matthew 25:14-30

Sunday, August 30 (125)

Twenty-second Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8

Psalm 15:2-5

James 1:17-18,21b-22,27

Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 22, 5:00pm
William Greeley ☩

Sunday, August 23, 8:30am
Paul Ibbetson ☩

(uncle of Parishioner Paul Ibbetson)

Sunday, August 23, 10:30am
Departed souls of the
Parmar Family ☩

Tuesday, August 25, 8:15am
Donald & Kathleen Kepner

Wednesday, August 26, 8:15am
James Renahan ☩

Thursday, August 27, 8:15am
Joseph Riley ☩

Friday, August 28, 8:15am
Donn Wilmott ☩

Saturday, August 29, 5:00pm
Dominic Vienna, Sr. ☩

Sunday, August 30, 8:30am
Glen Martinez ☩

Sunday, August 30, 10:30am
Cheryl Ormond ☩

Prayer List

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

Mary Alexander
Mary Baker
William Baker
The Barbara Baker Family
Patricia Barbour
Cindra Bell
Regina Bentz
Roseanne Berg
George "Whitey" Betus
Beatrice Brooks & Family
Monica Broussard
Janet Brown
The Brown & Santy Families
Herman Calandro
The Caligiuri Family
Shelby Campbell
Claudia Caplinger
Ed Carmichael
Marjorie Chapin
Paul Cipowski
B.J. Coberg & Family
James Coleman
Thomas Cornwell & Family
Jean Crowell
Karen Flaharty Daley
Margie Daniels & Family
Bonnie De Maris
Cecilia DeSimone
Victoria Divisek
Linda Dossman
Christine Dumelle
Ann Edmondson
Kathryn Ernst
David Estey
The Fiore Family
Peggy & Jack Fischer
Ryan Flum
Kathryn Franklin
Carmen Garcia
Joan Gast
The Geiss Family
Don Gilmor
Bob Godley
Rick Gonzalez
Anita Hage
Susan Hallahan
The Harker Family
Rita Harnacker
Barry Henwood
Cynthia Horner
Sue Johnston
Fred Jones
Colleen Kaup
Dolores Kelnhofer
Paul Kennedy
Debbie Kinney
George Kleekamp
Sr. Anne Kremenik
Helen Kuhn
Lillian Lachance
The Lamelin Family
Bernie Lanzrath
Brandon LeBlanc
The Lincoln & Gritt Families
Cassandra Loretto
Lauren Loretto
James MacArthur
Ken Mauro
Helen McCullough

Bob McWilliams
Linda Mendez
Carol Michael
Carroll Tom & Nona Miller
Annie Mintle
Howard Montgomery
Nancy Moore
Margie Myers
R. Northrup
Helen O'Connell
Margie O'Connor
Luci Palmer
Lupe Casas Pelletier
Helen Pingtella
Anne Post
Otila Quiroz
Janet Raiman
The Reynolds Family
Dort Riley
Sr. Loyola Romey
Dorothy Rouse
Rose Rowland
The Russo Family
Nancy Scali
Elizabeth Shirzad
Ed Sox
Gilda Spiegl
Dorothy and Ray Staehr
Joan Stringer
Maria Surmenidis
The Treister & Cascino Families
Juan Vargas
Arnie Velasco
Dominic Vienna, Jr.
Vanessa Vitiello-Koble
Kevin Watson-Graff
Ed Wesel
Marilyn Wesel
John Whitton

Deployed Military

As a faith community let us pray for all who serve our country in these troubled times. We pray especially for those connected to our Parish who have been deployed:

1st Lt. Jeffrey Bauer, USMC
Pfc John Brandone
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
Corporal Jeffery Lee Wilcox, 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

Aug 23 Liturgy of the Word for
Children at 8:30am and
10:30am Masses
Aug 23 First Annual
Pastor's Dinner
Aug 28 Parish Potluck
Aug 30 Knights of Columbus
Corporate Communion

The Month Ahead

Sep 13 RE.A.CH Classes start
Sep 19 Women's Guild
Hawaiian Luau
Sep 26 High School RE.A.CH
begins

The Year Ahead

Oct 2 Spirited Seniors
Hawaiian Luau
Oct 17-18 Women's Guild
Bake Sale
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

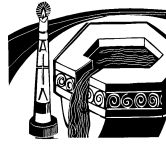
*Questions? Contact Henny at
760-758-4100 x100
hennyj@stmoside.org.*

Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioners

Dennis Downie & Family

Announcing the Baptisms of

**Diego Antonio Seda
Malia Elizabeth Evans
Jenna Kaohinani Andrade**
on August 23, 2009



Our Christian community welcomes you with great joy!

Congratulations to

Paul & Kimberly Schlunt

who celebrated their 19th wedding anniversary this week.

May God continue to bless your marriage, and may you be an inspiration to other married couples.

In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the souls of :

Eleanor Lape, who died recently. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, August 25, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep Eleanor's family in your prayers.

Steve Brown, who died on August 15. His funeral services were private. Please keep Steve's family, especially his sister, Kathy Santy, in your prayers.

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

Flower Donations

We would like to gratefully acknowledge the contribution of:

Matthew & Petenera Perun

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

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. 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 month 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!



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.



Thank You from Birth Choice

Dear Fr. Mike and St. Thomas More Parishioners,

Once again your congregation has blessed Birth Choice with "Pennies from Heaven." Truly God multiplied it, as we counted over \$800, along with a supply of diapers. None of this could happen without the loving and faithful support of God's people.

Several of your members serve here at Birth Choice as counselors and we so appreciate their faithful dedication and love for life. Please be sure to pass on our thanks to those responsible for this effort. Thank you, too, for your ongoing support of our ministry.

We would welcome any opportunity to help support your church body with our ministry.

Serving the King,
Mary Rose Stearns, Executive Director
Birth Choice of San Marcos

Thank You from Caring Residents of Carlsbad

Dear Fr. Mike and St. Thomas More Parishioners

On behalf of the Board of Caring Residents of Carlsbad and the staff and residents of La Posada de Guadalupe de Carlsbad, I wish to thank you and the parishioners of St. Thomas More for the wonderful response we received for our recent raffle. Through the generosity of the Parish, we received \$1,200 for use in our support of the shelter and its programs. Two of your Parishioners, Marvin and Patricia Cap, were first place winners of our drawing. Due to the continued generosity of all of our supporters, we raised over \$8,600 this year.

Sincerely, Laura Scarpelli, President
Caring Residents of Carlsbad

Rosary

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



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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Parish Potluck

Our next potluck is Friday, August 28, at 6:00pm in the lower level of the Parish Center. Please bring one of your favorite main dishes, salads, or desserts. A few bottles of wine are always appreciated. Last, but not least, bring your favorite date. If you don't have a date, come anyway! Please RSVP to Germaine Wilmott at 760-758-9949.

Knights of Columbus News

St. Thomas More Knights of Columbus Council 11439 will be hosting a Corporate Communion on Sunday, August 30, at the 8:30am Mass. All Knights, their ladies, and families are invited to join us. A Continental Breakfast will be held immediately after Mass in the lower level of the Parish Center. Please RSVP to Dick Belprez at 760-295-1431.

Do You Have a Devotion to Mary?

We are looking for volunteers who will make a monthly commitment to provide flowers to be placed before the statue of Mary on the upper level. Garden varieties are acceptable. If this is a ministry you would be committed to, please contact Sondra Parks at 760-598-1269 or sondraparks@hotmail.com.

Women's Guild News

Our annual membership drive continues. All women of the Parish are cordially invited to join, and dues are still only \$5. We will be on the Plaza after all Masses this weekend, August 22-23. We have a very exciting year planned, so don't miss out!



Remember to mark your calendars for Saturday, September 19, our Hawaiian luau. More details in September.

Due to Labor Day being on the first Monday, the next board meeting will be Monday, August 31, at 10:00am at Valerie Thompson's home. RSVP to 760-630-1703 if you cannot attend.

Lifeline Screening Comes to St. Thomas More in September

Do you have high cholesterol or high blood pressure? Have members of your family suffered from these ailments? Do you have a poor diet? If you answer "yes" to any of these questions, you may want to consider being screened for your risk of stroke through the services of Life Line Screening. Life Line Screening uses ultrasound technology to view the plaque build up in your carotid arteries, the main arteries that carry blood to the brain. Blockages in these arteries are a leading cause of stroke. We are pleased to host this Life Line Screening event on September 28. Register for the Stroke, Vascular Disease, and Heart Rhythm Package for \$149. All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. Your health is in your hands, so call 1-888-653-6441, or visit www.lifelinescreening.com, for more information or to pre-register.

Heartnotes

Congratulations to our recent graduates!

Rebecca Eyer, Bob Taylor, Maddie Taylor, Thomas Hannon, Patricia Hannon, Harvey Raiman, Patricia Goeltz

Recertification

Linda Taylor, Jane Kelleher, Betty Nelson

Upcoming classes in Adult CPR/AED

Saturday, September 12, 8:30am-1:00pm

Saturday, October 10, 8:30am-1:00pm

If you would like to register for a class or if you have any questions about the St. Thomas More CPR program, contact medical director Dr. Phil Goscienski at drphilg@cox.net or call 760-732-1414. The cost is \$27 per person.

Little Rock Scripture Study

Parables of the Kingdom, Part Two, begins on Wednesday morning, September 9, or Thursday evening, September 10, for six weeks. In *Part One*, we delved into the ways that Jesus invites listeners to experience the Kingdom of God in parables recorded by Mark and adapted by Matthew. We came to know Jesus more fully and glimpsed into the Kingdom of God. This study focuses on the parables unique to Matthew and those developed by Luke. The authors of Matthew and Luke invite us to think in new and fresh ways about the Kingdom of God. Join us. For more information, contact Masako Streling at 760-295-2594 or mstr0619@cox.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.

St. Thomas More Vehicle Donation Program



Do you have a vehicle you want to donate?

**Call the Parish Office at
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.

Eucharistic Adoration



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

Exposition of the Eucharist on First Fridays.
Next date: Friday, September 4.

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

Liturgy & Music

Worship God

Douglas Lynn

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



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Scripture Themes for September 2009

From the time when a toddler's self-asserting "No!" turns into a repetitive "Why?" our lives are punctuated by a seemingly endless series of questions. Some questions have little lasting impact, as in "Have you seen that movie?" or "Where did you go to school?" or "Vanilla or chocolate?" Some even border on the nonsensical. A captain of a cruise ship shared a few queries that passengers had put to him: "Does the crew sleep onboard?" "What time is the midnight buffet?" "What do you do with the ice sculptures after they melt?" "Which elevator takes me to the front of the ship?"

Other questions are more serious. "Do you support the death penalty?" "What do you think about gun control?" "What is your opinion regarding the treatment of immigrants?" "Who did you vote for?" "What is your stance on abortion?"

Still other questions and their answers are life-changing. "Will you marry me?" "Am I pregnant?" "Do I have cancer?" "How long do I have?" This month (Sept. 13), the Marcan Jesus is featured posing one of those life-altering questions to Peter and his disciples: "Who do you say that I am?"

Peter's inspired response identified Jesus for who he truly is. Peter's answer also helped to define who he was in relation to Jesus. "You are the Christ!" said Peter. That response declared that Peter was a believer and a willing disciple. His faith and his desire to follow Jesus would be sorely tested, but these experiences would also serve Peter well in his efforts to authenticate his response to Jesus every day.

Today, and each day of our lives, Jesus poses the question to each of us: "Who do you say that I am?" Our responses will vary, but each answer will constitute another step in our own journey toward authentic discipleship. What answer might you offer to Jesus' question today?

From those for whom religion is rooted in a set of rules rather than in a relationship, responses to Jesus' question might be tinged with fear or a sense

of obligation or even resentment, as in: "You are the one to whom I pray but never seem to get an answer." "You are the hour I set aside on Sunday to fulfill my duty as a Christian." "You are a holy hero from long ago whose teachings I admire, but I don't find any practical place for them, as I live my life in this real and very difficult world." "You are the 'just one' described in the book of Wisdom (Sept. 20) whose goodness confronts me with my lack of it." "You are the conscience whose voice can be challenging and even irritating."

When spirituality deepens and we begin to welcome rules as the parameters that safeguard our relationship with God, with Jesus and with one another, our answers to Jesus' question evolve accordingly. Who do I say Jesus is? "You are the one who fulfills the Isaian promise of healing for our physical ailments and our spiritual and psychological wounds (Sept. 6). Help me to heal and not harm, to mend and not meddle."

"You are the one who taught us that leadership is best expressed in service and that a childlike spirit will let us cultivate an attitude of simplicity and trust (Sept. 20). Empower me with the strength and courage to be small, to be last, to be selfless, so the needs of others will be better served."

"You are the one who has taught us that no one has a monopoly on grace. When the disciples complained that strangers were stealing their thunder, Jesus urged them to welcome all who would do good in his name (Sept. 27). Let me look at others without prejudice; help me to accept that your plans are all-inclusive despite our best efforts to alienate, segregate, and reject those who are different, unwelcome, troublesome, and needy."

"Who do I say you are? You are the one who has incarnated God's love among us. That love, as the author of James has pointed out so practically, sees beyond appearances (Sept. 6) and does not judge. That love welcomes the beggar and the bishop with the same warmth. That love expresses itself honestly with words that are translated into deeds (Sept. 13). That love cries out for justice for the poor and the displaced. That love would rather suffer pain or loss than lead another to sin (Sept. 27)."

"Who do I say you are? You are the Christ, the Lord, the Savior of sinners and brother to us all. You are the only norm and the only ideal to which we aspire. You are God and you are man. You are the goal and the grace that sees us through. You are the answer to every question. You have chosen to be mine and I am yours."

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

*Today, and each day
of our lives, Jesus
poses the question to
each of us: "Who do
you say that I am?"
Our answer will
constitute another step
in our journey toward
authentic discipleship.*

Music Ministry Next Week

AUGUST 29/30

5:00pm Mass

Cantor

8:30am Mass

Cantor

10:30am Mass

Adult Praise Team

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

RE.A.CH
Religious Education for Adolescents and Children

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

Sign Up for Religious Education Class NOW!

* Genesis Program and Kindergarten

- Ages 3,4,5
- During the whole of 10:30am Mass,
2 Sundays a month beginning
September 13
- Orientation for parents :
September 13, 10:00am



* Faith First Kids

- Grades 1-8
- 2 Sundays a month, beginning Sept. 13
- Optional times: 12:30-2:00pm session
5:00-6:30pm session
- Parent/Child Orientation:
September 13 from 9:45-10:20am



* Teen Faith Formation

- All 4 years of high school
- Flexible scheduling:
Core-Courses and Mini-Courses
- 6:30-8:30pm on Sundays
- Orientation for parents **AND** teens
beginning the program (REQUIRED!)
Thursday, September 10 at 7:00pm
- May include Confirmation preparation
- If you have already been Confirmed, you can choose courses
as they interest you . . . please don't give up opportunities
to continue to deepen your relationship with your Lord!



What do I need to sign up?

- * Be a registered STM parishioner
- * Have a copy of Baptismal certificate
- * Arrange to pay tuition:
\$80 for one child
\$40 each additional child

Why are classes just two Sundays a month?

- * At Baptism, parents accept the responsibility to bring their children up in the Catholic faith.
- * Our parish is here to support parents, so we create a partnership: the home church does two lessons a month, and the parish church does two lessons a month.

How will I know what to do for the Home Sessions?

- * An Annual Plan gives detail to each week for home and church.
- * Great web support is available
- * Trust your own faith!

How can I get more deeply involved?

- * RE.A.CH happens because YOU make it happen!
- * Adults who are enthusiastic about their faith and want to share it with children are **needed as Catechists**.
- * Support people are needed as classroom assistants, substitutes, and hospitality helpers.
- * In these economic times some families struggle to pay the tuition fee. You can make a donation as a tuition scholarship for a child in need, or to purchase extra materials for our program.

Call or email me right away. . .we are in need of your help in our ministry!

Kathleen

Kathleen Bell
Director of Faith Formation

PBJ Update (Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center)

2009 GOAL: 365 jars
Collected to date: 507 jars

Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Just Along For The Ride?

In today's Gospel, we hear that a number of Jesus' followers left him because his message was too difficult for them to accept.

Peter's response was a profound profession of faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior. The Twelve made, and stood by, their choice to remain loyal to Jesus.

Are we like the apostles, remaining loyal to Jesus, in spite of 'life' popping up to challenge us and our use of time, talent, and resources?

Are we "just along for the ride" or do we put Jesus first at the start and end of each day? What is the quality of our stewardship?

I share the following prayer with you, and encourage you to read it today ~ and often ~ as a reminder of what is important in life.

Gracious God, give us generous hearts to serve Your people:

- ✚ To share whatever gift it is that You have given us
- ✚ To acknowledge You as the giver of all good gifts
- ✚ To give without counting the cost
- ✚ To share without expecting something in return
- ✚ To be wise in the way of caring for ourselves and others
- ✚ To hold all of our treasures and values with open hands
- ✚ To have gospel priorities and to align our life, time, and love in their light
- ✚ To be gracious and not begrudging in our giving
- ✚ To recognize the abundance of blessings in each passing day
- ✚ To know the freedom that comes with true generosity
- ✚ To experience the heart of the widow giving her mite
- ✚ To accept our talents, whether many or few, and to use them in service of the Kingdom
- ✚ To be happy with having what we need and to be wise enough to know what it is that we want and do not need
- ✚ To fall more deeply in love with the God of all generosity so that our hearts are strong enough to give away freely whatever is asked

All this we do through Jesus, the Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



***We also will serve the Lord,
for He is our God.***

TOWERS OF FAITH

Future Support & Estate Planning Options

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

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

Towers of Faith is a valuable portion of our future support.



Examples of the various future planning vehicles are:

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

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

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

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

Collection for Week of: Aug. 15/16, 2009

Number of Registered Households:		1,002
Offertory*	\$	5,063.90
Offertory (Loose Collection)		1,119.50
Children's envelopes		7.05
Total	\$	6,190.45

* 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/Savings Account Deduction

*To participate in these time-saving alternatives,
please contact the Parish Office at:*

760-758-4100 x100 or parishoffice@stmoside.org.

News from the Larger Church

Healing Prayer in Solana Beach—every Sunday after the 9:00am Mass and every Tuesday in August, 7:30-9:00pm, and every third Saturday after the 5:00pm Mass. For information, call Lily Loh at 858-481-6911.

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.

Friends of Mother Antonia Fiesta Grande & Silent Auction Benefit in Carlsbad—Friday, September 11, 7:00pm, at the Sheraton Carlsbad Resort & Spa. Proceeds will benefit the ministries of Madre Antonia and the Servants of the 11th Hour of St. John Eudes in the Tijuana area. Tickets are \$55 per person. For more information, contact 619-228-4055.

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.

Scout Training for Adult Counselors/Coordinators in San Diego—September 12, 8:00am, at 3350 E St., San Diego. Adult training for counselors/coordinators of Catholic Cub, Boy, and Venturing Scout Religious Emblems. For more information, contact Jim Freed at 619-446-2116 or Catalina Szilvagy at 619-462-0543.

Divine Mercy Movement in San Diego—Saturday, September 19, 10:00am, Mass in St. Mary Magdalene Church, followed by free live presentation of “St. Faustina and Fr. Sopocko,” refreshments, bookstore, and reports on the Divine Mercy Congress in Washington, DC, and “Divine Mercy on the Niagara.” For more information, contact Joe & Carol at 619-276-6637 or www.SDdivinemercury.org.

Carmelite Silent Retreat for Women in Alhambra—Friday, September 25-Sunday, September 27. Please consider taking this brief but blessed time out of your routine to refresh your heart and soul in a beautiful rose garden setting at the Sacred Heart Retreat House in Alhambra, sponsored by the Carmelite Sisters of the Sacred Heart. For more information, call Jan Felner of St. Elizabeth Seton Women’s Auxiliary at 760-603-9103.

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.

St. Francis Auctions Online Opportunity—Cathedral Catholic High School in San Diego is offering *An Exclusive Day with the Golf Pros* online! This auction opportunity ends September 13. The package includes private lessons/range time, nine holes of golf, autographed items, and lunch at the very exclusive Santaluz Club. For more information on the package, go to www.catholicauctionsonline.com or call Eileen Clifton Benjamin at 858-523-4000 x1114.

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

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. Please call Debbie at 760-722-7475 for more information.

St. Francis School Accepting Applications—St. Francis of Assisi Parish School is accepting applications for the 2009-2010 school year. We have a fully licensed preschool and are an accredited kindergarten through eighth grade school. Located in Vista just off the Highway 78. For more information, contact www.sfs-vista.org or 760-630-7960.

Old Mission Montessori School Accepting Applications—Mission San Luis Rey Parish’s school is accepting applications for the 2009-2010 school year for students from preschool through eighth grade. For more information, contact www.omms.org or 760-757-3232.

Marriage Encounter Weekends—For more information, contact broy2@san.rr.com.

Natural Family Planning Classes—For more information, contact daveandcheryl@cox.net or 619-303-5053.

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United Arab Emirates & Egypt

Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Cairo, Giza, Memphis, Aswan, and Luxor;
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January 4-15, 2010 • \$3,975 per person, double occupancy

Hosted by **Rev. Michael Ratajczak**

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