

Church of St. Thomas More

A Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of San Diego

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Spirituality + Tradition + Community

Rev. Michael Ratajczak, Pastor
Deacon Thomas A. Goeltz

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

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

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

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

September 6, 2009 • Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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Thoughts on Labor Day Weekend

"On this Labor Day weekend, let me offer for your reflection ten 'habits of the heart' suggested by Robert Bellah in his book of the same name, relating to work in the world, which is of course, where most of us spend most of our time. He suggests we be:

- ♦ Gentle in treating the environment
- ♦ Just in our treatment of our fellow workers
- ♦ Wise in our use of creation's resources
- ♦ Sensitive to others as they pursue their vocations and tasks
- ♦ Careful in the use of technology
- ♦ Frugal in energy consumption
- ♦ Vigilant in preventing waste
- ♦ Fair in determining prices
- ♦ Honest in the ways we promote the sale of our products
- ♦ Equitable in earning a profit

These principles would go far toward establishing a wise and orderly universe, but they are only a start.

Maddeningly, as Catholics and followers of Christ, we are held to a crazy and worldly unwise standard, a both/and principle that admits that good sometimes comes from bad, that bad things do happen to good people, that pain and suffering are not always either avoidable or meaningful, that our enemies must be loved, that healthy lifestyles do not guarantee longevity, that some poor people are lazy but still deserving of our help etc. etc. What a counter-intuitive reality!

As my fourteen year old son would say, 'get used to it!' Ours is a relational God, who formed a community, knowing we would need both laws and exceptions to them and most importantly, knowing we would need a faith community to deal with life among a whole bunch of free-will endowed creatures.

The principle certainty that is ours is that our God 'is near... whenever we call' and the main assurance we have is that God, through Jesus, knows and loves us completely.

That will just have to do!"

—Michele Chollet, *Celebration*, 09/03/2000

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.*

Need Louder Sound at Mass?

Ask a hospitality minister for an assisted listening device. These units amplify the sound for those with a hearing disability. They do work better in some areas of the worship space than others, so you may need to move around to find the best reception. If you have any questions or have encountered problems with these units, please contact:

Lorraine Doering at 758-4100 x102. or lorrained@stmoside.org

Community Service Numbers:

2-1-1 for human services information;

5-1-1 for traffic information

\$CRIP UPDATE

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 for the dorm or their first apartment; you'll find many things they'll need at Bed Bath and Beyond, J.C. Penney, Kohl's, or Wal-Mart. And don't forget, for college textbooks try *Amazon.com* or *BarnesandNoble.com*—we carry scrip for both of those, too!

Let's take the merchants up on their offer to help build our Sanctuary!

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.

Attention Ralphs shoppers. Ralphs has asked that we update our Community Program List again. Just like we did at the beginning of the year, we need to re-link our Ralphs Club Cards with the STM Community Program. You can either do it online, or in the store. See the flyer for details. Thank you so much for cooperation! We get 4% back from your purchases when you take the time to link your cards!

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, September 6 (128)

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isiah 35:4-7a
Psalm 146:7-10

James 2:1-5
Mark 7:31-37

Monday, September 7 (437)

Labor Day

Colossians 1:24-2:3
Psalm 62:6-7,9

Luke 6:6-11

Tuesday, September 8 (636)

The Nativity of the Blessed

Virgin Mary

Micah 5:1-4a or Romans 8:28-30
Psalm 13:6

Matthew 1:1-16,18-23

Wednesday, September 9 (439)

Peter Claver, priest

Colossians 3:1-11
Psalm 145:2-3,10-13

Luke 6:20-26

Thursday, September 10 (440)

Colossians 3:12-17

Psalm 150:1-6
Luke 6:27-38

Friday, September 11 (441)

1 Timothy 1:1-2,12-14

Psalm 16:1-2,5,7-8,11
Luke 6:39-42

Saturday, September 12 (442)

1 Timothy 1:15-17

Psalm 113:1-7
Luke 6:43-49

Sunday, September 13 (131)

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 50:5-9a

Psalm 116:1-6,8-9
James 2:14-18

Mark 8:27-35

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 5, 5:00pm
Frank Ludke ☩
Marianne Benjamin ☩

Sunday, September 6, 8:30am
William Ipsen, Sr. ☩

Sunday, September 6, 10:30am
Carl Bechtold ☩

Monday, September 7, 8:15am
Mari-Jo Porter ☩

Tuesday, September 8, 8:15am
Dorothy (Dort) Riley ☩

Wednesday, September 9, 8:15am
Gormley Family

Wednesday, September 9, 9:30am
Segunda Andagan Ediza ☩
Pacific Place

Thursday, September 10, 8:15am
Anthony Capone ☩

Friday, September 11, 8:15am
Joe Sullivan ☩

Saturday, September 12, 5:00pm
Isabelle Browne ☩

Sunday, September 13, 8:30am
Phyllis Hemmer ☩

Sunday, September 13, 10:30am
Mrs. Frances Esmonde

Prayer List

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

Mary Alexander
Mary Baker
The Baker Family
Patricia Barbour
Cindra Bell
Regina Bentz
Beatrice Brooks & Family
Monica Broussard
Janet Brown
The Brown & Santy Families
Rosanne Burg
Herman Calandro
Shelby Campbell
Claudia Caplinger
Ed Carmichael
Paul Cipowski
James Coleman
Thomas Cornwell & Family
Jean Crowell
Karen Flaharty Daley
Margie Daniels & Family
Cecilia DeSimone
The Divisek Family
Linda Dossman
Christine Dumell
Ann Edmondson
Kathryn Ernst
The Fiore Family
Peggy & Jack Fischer
Ryan Flum
Kathryn Franklin
Carmen Garcia
Joan Gast
Peter Gavin
Don Gilmor
Bob Godley
Rick Gonzalez
Doris Guilfoil
Anita Hage
Susan Hallahan
Dorothy Hanratty
The Harker Family
Rita Harnacker
Barry Henwood
Cynthia Horner
Sue Johnston
Colleen Kaup
Delores Kelnhofer
Paul Kennedy
Debbie Kinney
George Kleekamp
Sr. Anne Kremenik
Helen Kuhn
Lillian Lachance
The Lamelin Family
Bernie Lanzrath
The Lape Family
Brandon LeBlanc
Cassandra Loretto
Lauren Loretto
James MacArthur
Ken Mauro
Helen McCullough
Bob McWilliams
Carol Michael

Carroll Tom & Nona Miller
The Leo Miller Family
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
Maurine Shaughnessy
Elizabeth Shirzad
Ed Sox
Gilda Spiegel
Dorothy and Ray Staehr
Joan Stringer
Maria Surmenidis
The Treister & Cascino Families
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
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

Sep 6 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses

Sep 9/10 Little Rock Bible Study Begins

Sep 13 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass

Sep 13 RE.A.CH Classes start

The Month Ahead

Sep 19 Women's Guild Hawaiian Luncheon

Sep 20 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

Aug 22 Second Annual Pastor's Dinner

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

Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioners

Joe & Liza Ortiz & Family

Congratulations to:

John & Lorraine Kirk

who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on September 5.

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

Flower Donations

We would like to gratefully acknowledge the contribution of:

Mary & Jim Baker

Lorraine & John Kirk

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:

Leo Miller, who died recently. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, September 18, at 1:00pm at St. Thomas More. Please keep Leo's wife Beverly and the family in your prayers.

Vickie Divisek, who died on August 24. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, September 25, at 4:30pm, at St. Thomas More. Please keep Vickie'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.

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.

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.



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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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*

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.

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. For further information, contact the Parish Office. Thank you for your generosity!



Women's Guild News



Be sure to sign up for our Hawaiian luncheon featuring the Village Hawaiian dancers on Saturday, September 19, at 11:00am. Their many colorful costumes and wide array of dances will be highly entertaining.

We will also feature a guest singer and guitarist. The food is partly catered by Three Sisters and partly by our own board members. It will be a true feast!! Cost is

still only \$7. We must have reservations for this event. Please sign up on the Plaza after Mass or call Valerie Thompson at 760-630-1703 or Elizabeth Remsburg at 760-727-0751.

The next board meeting will be Monday, October 5, at 10:00am at Valerie Thompson's home.

October meeting will be featuring Project Linus and our own quilters.

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.

Spirited Seniors Roast Whole Pig on Plaza for Hawaiian Luau Dinner

Come one, come all! Friday, October 2, at 5:45pm for cocktails, with dinner served at 6:30pm. Mark your calendar now! All St. Thomas More Parishioners and friends are invited. Great Hawaiian music. Catered by Gourmet Rotisserie. Hawaiian dancers by Malia's Makuahines to entertain you for the evening. Refer to the flyer from last week's bulletin for more information or contact Jerry Buoniconti at 760-758-5113.



Lifeline Screening Comes to St. Thomas More in September

Do your legs ache after walking a short distance? If so, you may want to consider being screened for peripheral arterial disease (PAD), a condition in which the arteries that carry blood to the arms or legs become narrowed or clogged by plaque, slowing or stopping the flow of blood. Life Line Screening will bring this preventive health event that can assess one's risk of PAD through an ankle brachial index (ABI). PAD is closely linked to coronary artery disease, and identifying PAD can also help prevent heart attack and stroke. We are pleased to host a screening on September 28. Register for the stroke, vascular disease, and heart rhythm package for \$149. All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. For more information or to pre-register, call 888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com.

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.

They're Back!

Once again, Deacon Tom & Patt will be presenting **REDISCOVERING CATHOLICISM** ~ a class for those adults seeking Confirmation, returning Catholics who want to brush up on their church, catechists seeking continuing education, and anyone who wants to discuss and talk about the basics of their faith.

The class runs for 12 sessions beginning September 15 and ending February 16 with a cost of \$15 for materials. To register, please contact Kathleen Bell or Deacon Tom or Patt Goeltz. This is an interactive class (i.e. discussion) broken into four pods of Faith, Sacraments, Church, and Prayer. Please join us. We look forward to sharing with you.



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.

Visits, Calls, and Cards Welcome!

Maurine Rice Shaughnessy is currently recovering from injuries resulting from a fall during her recent travels. She is at Vista Knoll, 2000 Westwood Road, Vista, 760-630-2273.

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, October 2.

*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



*The woods
would be very silent
if only the birds
that sang
were those
that sang best...*

Henry David Thoreau

Music Ministry Next Week

SEPTEMBER 5/6

5:00pm Mass

Cantor

8:30am Mass

Cantor

10:30am Mass

Cantor

Monday Night Mass

Join us
September 14 at 7:00pm

(Upper Level of the Parish Center)

Bring a case of water or a box of juice bags for
Stand Up for Kids!

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

For more information
please contact Ron Briseno at
760-758-4100 x153 or ronb@stmoside.org

Music Ministry at St. Thomas More Making a Joyful Noise!

Monday Night Mass Team

FALL START UP: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Who: Instrumentalists, grade 6+
Singers, grade 8+

When: Tuesdays, 7:00-8:30pm
Upper Level

Contact Joleen at 760-806-6722

Adult Praise Team

Contact Joleen at 760-806-6722

Handbell Choir

FALL START UP: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Who: Grade 9 to adult
When: Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30pm
Upper Level Stage

Contact Douglas at 760-758-4100 x140

Adult Choir

FALL START UP: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Who: Grade 9 to adult
When: Thursdays, 7:00-9:00pm
Upper Level

Contact Douglas at 760-758-4100 x140

Christmas Children's Choir

BEGINS WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

Who: Grades 2 to 8
When: Wednesdays, 5:00-6:15pm
Upper Level

For more information contact Douglas Lynn:
758-4100 x140 or douglasl@stmoside.org.

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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

Teen Faith Formation

Is the High School Program really different?

Yes! No classes lasting all year, no textbooks, no sitting behind a table. . .and yes, there are even snacks!

Come to the Orientation Meeting this Thursday, September 10, at 7:00pm, lower level, and find out the details.

This is for parents and teens for all four years of high school who are not currently in the program.



Adult Confirmation

Are you over the age of 18 and missed out on celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation?

Your parish invites you to a simple program of preparation so that you can participate in Confirmation when the Bishop comes in May, 2010. (See above)

If you would like to be included, please bring or send the following to Kathleen Bell before September 10:

- ♦ Contact information
- ♦ Copy of Baptism and First Communion Certificates
- ♦ \$15 materials fee

If you have any questions or concerns, please be in touch.

RE-ACH

Religious Education for Adolescents and Children

Classes begin
next Sunday,
September 13!

9:45-10:20am

Open House for Parents and PK-8 students
Lower Level

10:30-11:45 Class for 3, 4, 5 year olds

12:30- 2:00 Class for Levels 1-8

5:00- 6:30 Class for Levels 1-8

Celebrate Labor Day

The 1890's predicted a future of more leisure and even the civil right to sometimes do what you want instead of always having to be working. A French physician of the day, Paul Lafargue, who was married to Karl Marx's daughter, wrote a pamphlet called *The Right to Be Lazy*. His work promoted a shorter work week, more leisure and better pay for workers.

The future has arrived, yet few today experience the joy of being lazy or engaging in leisurely activities. Americans are working longer and more days than in the middle of the 20th century and have less, if any, leisure time.

It is paradoxical that homes for the aged who are physically unable to work are sometimes called "rest" homes. On this Labor Day weekend, spend some time thinking about how you can make your home into a rest home. Be like a prisoner making plans for how to escape from the prison workhouse of daily life, where the vast majority of your fellow and sister Americans are incarcerated.

*Inspire us to rest in peace and leisure today,
so someday we can share eternal rest
with you in heaven.*

—Ed Hays

PBJ Update

(Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center)

2009 GOAL: 365 jars

Collected to date: 540 jars



Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP *Glory and Thankfulness Are Hallmarks of Stewardship*

"Glory to God in the highest and peace to His people on earth" is the phrase that stayed with me from Mass a few weeks ago. Afterwards, a friend standing next to me in the coffee line at the parish center remarked that we rarely read of thankfulness in the newspaper.

The words, "glory" and "thankfulness" set the tone for my week.

We mortals witness divine glory in nature, in the order of things, in the beauty surrounding us, in the creation of our bodies, soul and intellect.

God gives us the sky and the landscapes, the body and the spirit as gift, just as He gave us Jesus, His son. The glory of God is present in all.



Human glory, being held in high esteem among others for our character, good works, position, etc., is a positive motivator for us. With the humble recognition that God is the source of our achievements, His glory shines through in our gratitude, our thankfulness.

Why did God put these words and thoughts in my heart? What purpose will come from reflecting on them? Glory—the divinity of God. Thankfulness—my bended knee.

Perhaps it is simply so I can give hope to others as a good steward of all that God has given me. My friend is right in saying there is little in the news about being thankful.

We hear of and are affected by job losses, war, terrorist threats, and the injuries human beings impose on each other. Our fears rise and our hopes diminish.

But when we place ourselves humbly in the glory of God, our fears diminish.

When we kneel in thankfulness for the gifts we have received, our hopes tend to rise.

With God as our source, our manna, our truth, we are equipped with everything we need to be His face and hands and feet to serve others; to be part of His glory in a spirit of thankfulness.

—Adapted from an article by E.J. Rutter, Director of Stewardship,
Diocese of Jefferson City, Missouri

*Lord, we seek Your wisdom and love to make
us worthy stewards of Your gifts.*

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.



"Did You Know?" Collection for August 2009
\$4,903.00

Collection for Week of: Aug. 29/30, 2009

Number of Registered Households:		1,006
Offertory*	\$	5,888.26
Offertory (Loose Collection)		1,052.00
Children's envelopes		0.50
Total	\$	6,940.76

* 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/Savings Account Deduction

To participate in these time-saving alternatives,
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News from the Larger Church

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.

St. Vincent de Paul Ladies Guild Coffee in San Diego—Monday, September 14, 10:00am at St. Bridget. Learn about their annual events and work with the children of St. Vincent de Paul Village. For more information, contact Virginia Lamendola at 619-435-2108.

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.SDdivinemeracy.org.

North County Regional Young Adult Group Monthly Mass and Dinner in Vista—Sunday, September 20, at 5:00pm at St. Francis Church (525 W. Vista Way, Vista). You are invited to celebrate Mass, followed by dinner at Bara Bean (771 E. Vista Way, Vista). Look for the welcome signs at the entrance of the Church and plan to sit together for Mass! Come connect with other like-minded young adults from North County! We hope to see you there! For more information, contact Carrie Giebel at cgiebel@diocese-sdiego.org.

Catholic Weight Management Program in San Marcos—Tired of struggling with your weight? Want peace with food? Join the *Light Weigh*, a 12-week video Catholic bible study series where you will learn a new approach to eating and prayer, imitating the example of Jesus and the spirituality of His most devoted followers. Orientation on Monday, September 21, at 7:00pm at St. Mark's Parish in San Marcos. What have you got to lose?

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.

San Diego Catholic Worker Annual Dinner and Silent Auction in San Diego—Saturday, September 26, 6:00-10:00pm,

St. Mary Magdalene Church Hall, 1945 Illion St., San Diego. Donation: \$20. For more information, contact Tina Di Stefano at 858-552-0817.

Octoberfest at Braille Institute in San Diego—Celebrating their new community awareness program on Friday, October 2, 11:30am-1:30pm, 4555 Executive Drive, San Diego. Food, entertainment, and fun! For more information, contact Ann Eriksson at 760-599-7151.

Day of Recollection Sponsored by Friends and Co-Workers of Blessed Mother Teresa in Encinitas—Saturday, October 3, 9:00am-3:00pm, at St. John Catholic Church, 1001 Encinitas Blvd., Encinitas. Talks, meditation, confessions, and Mass. For more information, contact Moira at 760-944-9516.

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. For more information on the package, go to www.catholicauctionsonline.com or call Eileen Clifton Benjamin at 858-523-4000 x1114.

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