

# 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

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**September 20, 2009 • Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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## Pastor's Column

*Rev. Michael Ratajczak*  
*michaelr@stmoside.org*  
*760-758-4100 x100*

### Catechesis and the Proclamation of the Word

Today we celebrate Catechetical Sunday here at St. Thomas More and in the Universal Church. A special ceremony of blessing and dedication takes place at our 8:30am and 10:30am Sunday Masses in which we recognize the many catechists among us who commit themselves in this coming Parish Year to "hand on the faith" to others, especially the young, in our midst.

We, so often, take a Parish for granted. It is "here" and we avail ourselves of its resources dependent upon our needs. A Parish, though, doesn't just happen. A Parish, and, especially a Parish with a lively faith, is created and maintained by conscious and very deliberate choices "to be."

St. Thomas More is an intentional Faith Community. God has called us and we respond to God by gathering together in the name of Jesus. In that intentional gathering, the Lord Jesus is present and, through us, Jesus' mission and ministry continue.

Every day hundreds and hundreds of people within our community reaffirm their "yes" to God and to God's Son and our brother, Jesus, by making conscious and deliberate choices to live the Gospel, to gather together in Jesus' name, and to continue the mission and ministry that Jesus began.

The Catechetical Ministry of a Parish is about sharing our Faith and making sure that we pass it on to others in our midst and to future generations. The core of the Catechism that we pass on is not just words and doctrines that we find on the pages of a book. More importantly, those words and doctrines, if they are to be recognized as authentic, must be enfolded in the actions of our lives that flow from a heart on fire with Jesus.

As pastor, I am grateful to the many Parishioners who have made a conscious choice to order the priorities in their lives in such a way that they can give of their time and talent to be catechists within the St. Thomas More Faith Community. I am grateful for their desire to share Jesus and the Faith Life of this Community with others.

A special "thank you" is extended to Kathleen Bell, our Director of Faith Formation, who oversees the catechetical ministry of this Parish! Her faithfulness and dedication to this ministry is so appreciated.

May the fidelity of our catechists inspire all of us to deepen our commitment to St. Thomas More. Remember, a Parish with a lively Faith doesn't just happen; we must choose to make it happen. Let us, once again, make that choice!

*M. Ratajczak*

## 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.*

## Publicize Your Parish Event!

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

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



## Rosary

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



## 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](http://Amazon.com) or [BarnesandNoble.com](http://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](http://www.usccb.org).

### Sunday, September 20 (134)

*Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Wisdom 2:12,17-20

Psalm 54:3-8

James 3:16-4:3

Mark 9:30-37

### Monday, September 21 (643)

*Matthew, Apostle, evangelist*

Ephesians 4:1-7,11-13

Psalm 19:2-5

Matthew 9:9-13

### Tuesday, September 22 (450)

Ezra 6:7-8,12b,14-20

Psalm 122:1-5

Luke 8:19-21

### Wednesday, September 23 (451)

*Pio of Pietrelcina, priest*

Ezra 9:5-9

Tobit 13:2-4,6-8 (Psalm)

Luke 9:1-6

### Thursday, September 24 (452)

Haggai 1:1-8

Psalm 149:1-6,9

Luke 9:7-9

### Friday, September 25 (453)

Haggai 2:1-9

Psalm 43:1-4

Luke 9:18-22

### Saturday, September 26 (454)

Zecariah 2:5-9,14-15a

Jeremiah 31:10-13 (Psalm)

Luke 9:43b-45

### Sunday, September 27 (137)

*Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Numbers 11:25-29

Psalm 19:8,10,12-14

James 5:1-6

Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

## Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 19, 5:00pm  
Jeffrey & Philip Lavelle ☩

Sunday, September 20, 8:30am  
Ruth Hannon ☩

Sunday, September 20, 10:30am  
Olive Burke ☩

Tuesday, September 22, 8:15am  
*Communion Service*

Wednesday, September 23, 8:15am  
*Communion Service*

Thursday, September 24, 8:15am  
*Communion Service*

Friday, September 25, 8:15am  
*Communion Service*

Saturday, September 26, 5:00pm  
Lew Crowell ☩

Sunday, September 27, 8:30am  
J. C. Gonzalez ☩

Sunday, September 20, 10:30am  
Nicholas Angelucci, Sr. ☩

## Prayer List

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

Mary Alexander  
Mary Baker  
The Baker Family  
Patricia Barbour  
Cdr. & Mrs. T. J. Beckenbauer  
Cindra Bell  
Regina Bentz  
Beatrice Brooks & Family  
Monica Broussard  
Janet Brown  
The Brown & Santy Families  
Ann Buko  
Rosanne Burg  
Herman Calandro  
Shelby Campbell  
Claudia Caplinger  
Paul Cipowski  
Marilyn Clarke  
James Coleman  
Thomas Cornwell & Family  
Jean Crowell  
Karen Flaharty Daley  
Margie Daniels & Family  
Cecilia DeSimone  
The Divisek Family  
Linda Dossman  
Rhys Dougherty  
Christine Dumell  
Ann Edmondson  
Kathryn Ernst  
The Fiore Family  
Peggy & Jack Fischer  
Ryan Flum  
Kathryn Franklin  
Carmen Garcia  
Joan Gast  
Peter Gavin  
Bob Godley  
Rick Gonzalez  
Doris Guilfoil  
Anita Hage  
Susan Hallahan  
Dorothy Hanratty  
The Harker Family  
Rita Harnacker  
Michelle Harrison  
Barry Henwood  
Cynthia Horner  
Sue Johnston  
Colleen Kaup  
Delores Kelnhofer  
Paul Kennedy  
Debbie Kinney  
George Kleekamp  
Carol Ann Kope  
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  
Shirley McAllister  
Helen McCullough

Tom McGeary  
Bob McWilliams  
Carol Michael  
Carroll Tom & Nona Miller  
The Leo Miller Family  
Howard Montgomery  
Nancy Moore  
Margie Myers  
R. Northrup  
Helen O'Connell  
Luci Palmer  
Lupe Casas Pelletier  
Helen Pingtella  
Anne Post  
Otila Quiroz  
Janet Raiman  
Dort Riley  
Sr. Loyola Romey  
Dorothy Rouse  
Rose Rowland  
The Russo Family  
Nancy Scali  
Maurine Shaughnessy  
Richard Sikora  
Ed Sox  
Gilda Spiegl  
Dorothy and Ray Staehr  
Joan Stringer  
Maria Surmenidis  
Stephen Toth, Jr.  
Arnie Velasco  
Dominic Vienna, Jr.  
Vanessa Vitiello-Koble  
Barbara Voeltel  
Kevin Watson-Graff  
Ed Wesel  
Marilyn Wesel  
Terry Westlake  
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:*

Gunnery Sgt. Fernando Andrade, Jr.  
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  
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](http://www.stmoside.org)) for complete calendar information.

### The Week Ahead

Sep 20 Knights of Columbus Breakfast  
Sep 20 High School RE.A.CH begins  
Sep 21 High School Youth Ministry  
Sep 26 Altar Server Training  
Sep 27 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass  
Sep 27 RE.A.CH Classes including High School  
Sep 28 P.U.S.H. Middle School Youth Ministry

### The Month Ahead

Oct 2 Spirited Seniors Hawaiian Luau  
Oct 4 Blessing of Animals  
Oct 12 Women's Guild Meeting  
Oct 17-18 Women's Guild Bake Sale  
Oct 18 New Member Reception

### The Year Ahead

Nov 8 Choral Concert: *Missa Romantica*  
Nov 9 Women's Guild Meeting  
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*

## Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioners

**Mark & Jolynn Alexander & Family**  
**John & Beverly Dixon & Family**  
**Kevin McClusker & Kristin Buhlke**

## Flower Donations

We would like to gratefully acknowledge the contribution of:

**Tom & Pat Hannon**  
**Don & Maureen Tutino**

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:

**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.

**Luci Palmer**, who died on September 13. Her Funeral Mass will be on Tuesday, September 29, at 10:00am, at St. Thomas More. Please keep Luci'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.*

## 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.*

## Lifeline Screening Comes to St. Thomas More in September

Have you suffered a broken bone in your hip or spine? Do you feel as if you are getting shorter? If you answer "yes" to either of these questions, you may want to consider being screened for the risk of osteoporosis. We are pleased to offer a Life Line Screening preventive health event that can be used to detect just such a risk. Life Line Screening uses a quantitative ultrasound bone densitometer, using the heel as a measurement site, to assess one's risk of osteoporosis. This screening compares your bone density to that of the average 20-year-old adult female, according to World Health Organization guidelines. The osteoporosis screening is not only for women. Of the 10 million Americans who have been diagnosed with osteoporosis, 2 million are men. For more information or to pre-register, call 888-653-6441 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com](http://www.lifelinescreening.com).

## 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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## Brother Benno's Toiletry and Underwear Drive

Virtuous, venturesome, and vivacious vagabonds, visitors, and vacationers, invariably remove a variety of toiletries from the venue of various hotels and motels as a vice, without intent to vex or be vulgar, but to share with those in need. On October 10-11, Deacon Tom's truck will be accepting toiletries and NEW underwear for Brother Benno's in our annual collection. Please be generous.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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](mailto:sondraparks@hotmail.com).

## 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.*

## Prayers Requested

Please keep Fr. Mike and all the priests of the Diocese in your prayers as they spend next week at the annual Diocesan Convocation retreat.

We will have a Communion Service at 8:15am Tuesday-Friday, September 22-25, instead of Mass, since all the priests will be at the retreat.



### Project Linus Coffee

Join us on Thursday, September 24, at 10:00am in the lower level of the Parish Center. The STM Quilters will host this working meeting. You may turn in your blankets for sick/abused children at that time. For more information, contact Mary Coxon at 760-599-8760.

### Women's Guild News

Board Meeting CHANGE OF DATE—the board meeting has been moved up a week and will take place on Monday, September 28, at 10:00am at Valerie Thompson's home.

Our next luncheon meeting will be Monday, October 12 at 11:00am in the lower level. We will be honoring the tenth anniversary of Project Linus and also our quilters and Birth Choice. We will have speakers and a display. More information will be in next week's bulletin.

### 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.



### Knights of Columbus Entertainment Book Fundraiser

The Knights are offering *Entertainment Books* again this year. The books are \$40 each. It will more than pay for itself with great deals on dining out, travel, shopping services, and entertainment. All proceeds go toward supporting St. Thomas More and various charities. See the Knights on the Plaza after most Masses throughout the remainder of 2009 to purchase your book.

### 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.*

## High School Youth Ministry Presents MONDAY NIGHT LIVE YOUTH GROUP

**Monday, September 21 • 7:00-8:30pm  
(and meeting EVERY Monday evening)**

**Lower Level**

**Come as you are  
Let God meet you where you are at**

**In a friendly environment  
Music, interactive games, and a message you  
can relate to**

**Call Gale/Jeff 760-726-7236  
[jeffg@stmoside.org](mailto:jeffg@stmoside.org)**

### Catholic Widows & Widowers of North County

We are a group of Catholic women and men whose spouses have passed on to another life with God. We meet twice a month, usually on the second and fourth Sundays of the month, plus we have an active calendar of events. We are not a bereavement program, but we do understand and support the grieving process. For more information, please see the bulletin board in the Parish Office or contact Carol Kope at 760-726-0533.

### Thank You!

Maurine Rice Shaughnessy is now back home and most grateful for all the prayers, cards, and visits.

### 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.*

### 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.*



**Middle School Youth Group  
Next Meeting  
Monday, September 28  
7:00-8:30pm**

*For more information, contact Ron or Louise at  
760-758-4100 x153 or [ronb@stmoside.org](mailto:ronb@stmoside.org).*

*Visit the website: [www.stmoside.org/ym](http://www.stmoside.org/ym).*

# Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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



## LISTENING FOR THE STILL, SMALL VOICE

I went to church last weekend. And the weekend before that. Not revolutionary happenings in the life of a liturgy and music professional at a Catholic church, but extraordinary in that I sat next to my wife, Gail, both times. Since she worships and sings in a choir at one church and I minister at another, our Sunday mornings are rarely spent together. Two weeks ago, we were on vacation; last week, we were visiting her mother who had returned home to Arizona to continue her fight with a cancerous brain tumor after ten weeks in a hospital in California.

So, there we were sitting together, two weekends, two small towns, two churches, two vastly different experiences.

I continue to be amazed at the variety of worship experiences one can encounter at different churches, even within the same denomination.

At one church, the preaching was deliberate, scholarly, and ended with a story pertaining to the message that made all of us tear up. (We seem to visit this church each year on “stories that make the congregation cry” week.) At the other, the preaching was passionate, fast-paced, and replete with PowerPoint slides for reference and emphasis.

At one church, the lay person helping with the reading of scripture was completely familiar with the text but difficult to understand. At the other, the lay person reading spoke with a beautiful, well-modulated voice, but stumbled through the words.

At one church, prayers offered by the people mostly celebrated loved ones who were visiting, while at the other, it was anniversary week, with seven anniversaries (from eleven to 62 years) offered up.

At both churches, the organ played. At both churches, the piano played. At one church the youth group played handchimes to accompany that week’s special musical offering. At the other, a vocalist sang accompanied by the piano.

I share this with you after a Parishioner came up to me during the week and, commenting on his attendance at another parish, remarked how well we do things here at St. Thomas More.

After we go to church, Gail and I often find ourselves commenting on the services, partly because I find it hard not to critique any liturgical experience—it is part of my job, after all—and partly because it helps us to differentiate between the message that God wants to give us and the trappings in which that message can become lost.

Liturgy, in this case, the action of our corporate worship, varies dramatically in type and in quality from faith community to faith community. But what does not change across the entire Christian spectrum of worship is the intent of our actions—our praise, adoration, thanksgiving, and petition directed toward God—as a response to God’s gift of his son, Jesus Christ.

*two weekends,  
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I have to be careful not to miss God speaking to me because his messenger speaks unintelligibly. Or because I was focused on techniques that would help a singer’s pitch problem to the exclusion of the words that she was singing. I have to focus on the music being offered and not wonder when they are going to have the piano tuned. I have to sit still in expectation and prayer and not be concerned if the altar server will notice that one of the candles has been extinguished accidentally.

Whether visiting one church or the other, at Gail’s church or at St. Thomas More, God calls us to focus and figure it out:

“Be still, and know that I am God!” (Psalm 46:10)

Yes, we may “do things well” at St. Thomas More—I give thanks for the various liturgical and other ministers that make it so—but it is critically important for us to get out of the way, for us to remember to whom our worship is directed, and for us to listen, carefully, for God’s still, small voice, even when that voice may be slightly garbled.

— Douglas

### Music Ministry Next Week

SEPTEMBER 26/27

5:00pm Mass

Handbell Choir

8:30am Mass

Adult Choir

10:30am Mass

MNM Music Team



Blessing  
of Animals

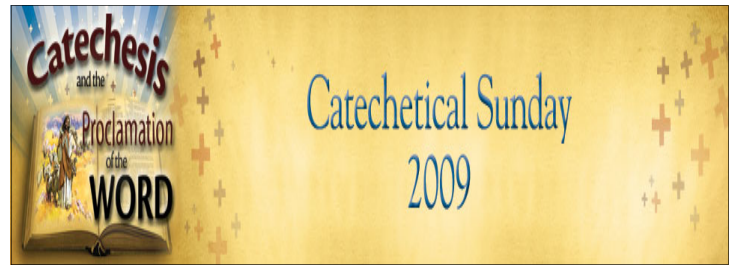
Sunday  
October 4  
4:00pm  
on the Plaza

# Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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

Today is a **RE.A.CH** day  
Religious Education for Adolescents & Children  
at Home



## A Great Beginning

3 of our 16 classes started the year with perfect attendance:

★ JONAH ★  
★ DANIEL ★  
★ KINGS ★



As you can see, we regard our religious education classes as small faith-sharing communities, identified in name by a Book from the Old Testament.

Thanks to families for keeping attendance at Church Sessions as a priority for your family . . . please do the same with your Home Session, until we meet again!

A reminder of the Attendance Policy you signed: if your child is not able to attend a Church Session, please notify the Faith Formation Office by email or phone message in advance.

Your partner in ministry,

*Kathleen*

## Faith: The Main Ingredient!

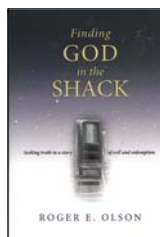
### Upcoming Events

#### Women's Prayer Breakfast ~

- Saturday, October 24, 8:00-10:30am
- Mark your calendar, invite your friends and teen daughters
- Great food and an excellent opportunity for spiritual growth
- Dotti Hulburt is a speaker you don't want to miss!
- Sign up now!

#### Fr. Mike's Bookies~

- Wednesday, October 21, 9:00am or 7:00pm
- Fr. Mike is the facilitator
- "Finding God in 'The Shack'" is the book
- Available outside the Faith Formation office



This year, Catechetical Sunday, September 20, focuses on the theme, "Catechesis and the Proclamation of the Word."

Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect upon the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all of us to rededicate ourselves to this mission as a community of faith.

Those who have been designated by the community to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. At St. Thomas More we are grateful for those who share in this ministry:

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...and our many assistants!

## PBJ Update

(Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center)

2009 GOAL:

365 jars

Collected to date:

547 jars !



# Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

Chris Smith  
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## CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP *Modern Idols*

The current recession reminds us that we have lived in a culture that worships at the shrine of the four related idols: pleasure, wealth, professional status, and physical appearance.

It is a culture of convenience rather than duty and of avoidance of pain rather than seeking to relieve the burdens of others.

Hopefully, the financial metamorphosis that is taking place is turning many people from consumers into Christian stewards.

—Stewardship September 2009

Today's Gospel has Jesus continuing to turn society's idea of greatness upside down. Jesus teaches that true greatness lies in being a servant to others; a good steward of our relationships.

We want success, but Jesus defines it differently than most of us.

According to legend, a young man roaming the desert came across a spring of delicious crystal-clear water. The water was so sweet he filled his leather canteen so he could bring some back to a tribal elder who had been his teacher.

After a four-day journey he presented the water to the old man who took a deep drink, smiled warmly, and thanked his student lavishly for the sweet water. The young man returned to his village with a happy heart.

Later, the teacher let another student taste the water. He spat it out, saying it was awful. It apparently had become stale because of the old leather container. The student challenged his teacher: "Master, the water was foul. Why did you pretend to like it?"

The teacher replied, "You only tasted the water. I tasted the gift. The water was simply the container for an act of living-kindness and nothing could be sweeter."



Our energy is 'sapped' when our entire focus on life is about what is wrong, rather than what is right with our lives.

One of our greatest challenges is to live and love in spite of disappointment and pain. We should find gratitude in the midst of it all.

Food for thought ~ the following reflection by Melody Beattie:

Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life.

It turns what we have into enough, and more.

It turns denial into acceptance,  
chaos to order, confusion to clarity.

It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home,  
a stranger into a friend.

Gratitude makes sense of our past,  
brings peace for today,  
and creates a vision for tomorrow.

God has gifted each of us in special ways. Let us never forget to give thanks to God and return these gifts with gratitude.

**The hardest arithmetic to master is that which enables us to count our blessings.**

—E. Hoffer

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## Collection for Week of: Sept. 12/13, 2009

Number of Registered Households:		1,001
Offertory*	\$	7,025.42
Offertory (Loose Collection)		919.00
Children's envelopes		3.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,947.92</b>

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

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

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

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

- ♦ Credit Card Withdrawal (Visa, MC, or Discover)
- ♦ Automatic Checking/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

**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). For more information, contact Carrie Giebel at [cgiebel@diocese-sdiego.org](mailto: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 Parish in San Marcos. What have you got to lose?

**Free Seminar on Caregiving for Aging Parents in Carlsbad**—Wednesday, September 23, 6:30-8:30pm, Carlsbad Senior Center, 799 Pine Ave., Carlsbad. The topic, *Important Questions That Go Unasked*, covers how to open a dialogue with aging family members about important but difficult questions, plus communication techniques and tips that will help get conversations started. For more information, call 760-602-4650.

**Reflections on the Theology of the Body Seminar in Carlsbad**—Friday, September 25, 7:00-9:00pm, and Saturday, September 26, 9:00-11:30am, St. Elizabeth Seton Church. Presented by Fr. Thomas Loya and Anastasia Northrop. For more information, contact 760-438-2860.

**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.

**Catechetical Conference in San Diego**—Saturday, September 26, 9:00am-12:30pm, Cathedral Catholic High School. This year's theme is *The Spirituality of the Catechist*, presented by Dr. Jo Ann Paradise. For more information, contact 858-490-8230 or [www.diocese-sdiego.org/evangelization](http://www.diocese-sdiego.org/evangelization).

**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.

**Option for the Poor Presentation in San Diego**—Thursday, October 1, 7:00-9:00pm, Hahn University Center, Forum A/B, University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park, San Diego. Part of the *Signs of the Times Dialogue* series, the keynote speaker will be William R. Headley, C.S.Sp., Dean, USD Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies, who will explore the complexity of our central value to care for the poor and ways to remain faithful to this value in the face of today's financial challenges. For more information, call 619-260-4784.

**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.

**St. Francis Day Celebrations at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside**—Saturday, October 3, 10:00am-3:00pm, 4070 Mission Avenue, Oceanside. Includes blessing of animals, food, entertainment, pet information, and the annual *Where Will the Horse Drop Its Lunch* raffle. Also join us for the *Transitus Celebration* in the old Mission Church at 6:00pm, remembering the passing of St. Francis from this life into God. For more information, contact 760-757-3250 or [www.sanluisreyparish.org](http://www.sanluisreyparish.org).

**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.

**Brother Benno's Annual Fashion Show and Luncheon in Oceanside**—Saturday, October 3, 11:00am-2:00pm at the NCO Club, Camp Pendleton. Delicious lunch, door prizes, opportunity baskets, and great fashion show. Proceeds will benefit the two women's shelters for homeless women and children and women in recovery. Tickets are \$45 each or \$360 for a table of eight. For more information and reservations, call Vickie Squires at 760-724-7371.

**Annual Senior Citizen's Day Expo in Oceanside**—Saturday, October 3, 10:00am-2:00pm, El Corazon Senior Center, 3302 Senior Center Dr., Oceanside. Features information booths, great food, and wonderful entertainment.

**Theology on Tap Series for Young Adults in San Diego**—Wednesdays, October 7-28, 7:00-9:00pm at Lotsa Pasta. For more information contact 858-490-8260 or [www.yamsd.org](http://www.yamsd.org).

**Wide Awake Day Conference for Young Adults in San Diego**—Saturday, October 10, 8:30am-6:30pm, San Diego State University. Are we asleep? What lulls us into just existing? What awakens us to life in the fullest? How do we stay awake and live? Concluding Mass celebrated by Bishop Brom. For more information, contact [www.evangelicalcatholic.org](http://www.evangelicalcatholic.org).

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Please join us for our upcoming events, including Brunches, a Halloween Party, and Family Bonfire at the beach.

For more information, please contact [actts@stmoside.org](mailto:actts@stmoside.org) or stop by the Parish information table after Mass.

Looking forward to seeing you soon!



## Come join us!

October 4, 10:00am	Brunch at <a href="#">O'Sullivan's Irish Pub</a> (Carlsbad)
October 17, 4:30pm	Beach Bonfire at Oceanside Harbor (BYO BBQ & chairs)
October 30, 8:00pm	Halloween Party at <a href="#">O'Sullivan's Irish Pub</a> (Carlsbad) - Costumes encouraged!
November 8, 12:00pm	Brunch after 10:30am Mass with bagels, coffee & juice

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