

Church of St. Thomas More

A Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of San Diego

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Spirituality † Tradition † Community

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

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

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

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

September 27, 2009 • Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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Perseverance

If you are interested in the works of Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, a Jesuit priest and a paleontologist who died in the 1950s, I would encourage you to read his book, *Letters from a Traveller*. It is a compilation of his correspondence to a variety of people. The book is out of print, but copies can be found in used bookstores.

Fr. Pierre was raised in France and spent much of his life in China. He was a scientist and a mystic who attempted to create a theology that united science and Christianity within the framework of the Catholic Faith.

During his lifetime he wrote a number of books. All his writing was prohibited from being published by the Catholic Church because his theology was considered "unorthodox." Pierre Teilhard de Chardin struggled with this prohibition all his life, but he remained a faithful priest and member of the Church and abided by this order.

Only after his death, were his books published! He knew that someday there would be a time and a place for his ideas. In the last 40 years his writings continue to gain much popularity and provide much in helping people to once again look at God and the



universe with a sense of awe and mystery rather than a sense of dread and fear.

His works include: *The Phenomenon of Man*, *The Future of Man*, *The Divine Milieu*, and *Hymn of the Universe*.

Knowing this about his life, these words of his on perseverance written to a friend in France, take on even more meaning: *"Never give up: try to attack it from another angle, the correct angle—where success is in proportion not to the extension of the individual but to the constancy in the effort to make the world around God less harsh and more human. If the pressure of events can induce you to make the mental sacrifice of every personal ambition in favor of a higher duty, I am convinced that you can reach a degree of emancipation and clearness of vision in relation to the external world, far greater than you imagine. One must contrive to preserve a real appetite for life and action whilst at the same time renouncing any desire for personal happiness. Therein lies the secret—and not illusion—of living in the 'Divine Milieu.'"*

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Our Mission is to: worship God,

Mass Schedule:

Saturday at 5:00pm; Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am;
Tuesday-Friday at 8:15am;
first Monday of the month at 7:00pm;
watch bulletin for holydays

Rite of Reconciliation (Confession):

Saturday from 4:00-4:30pm (or by appointment)

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

Liturgical Ministry: Contact Douglas Lynn at 758-4100 x140

Music Ministry: Contact Douglas Lynn at 758-4100 x140

Communion for the Homebound/Hospitalized:

Contact Parish Office at 758-4100 x100

Anointing of the Sick: Contact Parish Office

Matrimony:

Contact Parish Office a minimum of nine months in advance

*For further information, call Rev. Michael Ratajczak
at 758-4100 x100 or michaelr@stmoside.org.*

teach and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ,

Inquiry into the Catholic Faith:

First and third Thursday evenings

Religious Education for Youth & Children:

Two times a month, September-May, on Sundays

Religious Education for Adults: Various times, September-May

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

Little Rock Scripture Study:

Weekly sessions, morning or evening

High School Youth Ministry: Monday evenings

Middle School Youth Ministry:

Two Monday evenings per month

Preparation for the Sacraments:

Baptism (for infants):

Begins with an appointment with the Pastor

Baptism (7-14 yrs.)/RCIA:

One to two year process with children and parents

Baptism (adults)/RCIA:

One to two year process; weekly sessions

First Reconciliation: In home process begins in Level 1

First Communion:

In home process begins after First Reconciliation

Confirmation: Minimum two year process of preparation;
begins in high school

*For further information, call Kathleen Bell
at 758-4100 x110 or kathleenb@stmoside.org.*

and serve God's people in word and deed.

There are many groups who serve our Parishioners
and provide outreach to the local community.

*For further information, see page 10, or call Chris Smith
at 758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org.*

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His message, which is so counter cultural in today's world, is life giving. It is a message of promoting the Common Good over personal ambition and fulfillment. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin knows of what he speaks!

May we continue to work for and choose the common good over personal ambition and fulfillment.

F. Mike

Rosary

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



STM Scrip 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 27 (137)

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Numbers 11:25-29

Psalms 19:8,10,12-14

James 5:1-6

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

Monday, September 28 (455)

Wenceslaus, martyr;

Lawrence Ruiz, martyr,

and his companions, martyrs

Zachariah 8:1-8

Psalms 102:2,16-23

Luke 9:46-50

Tuesday, September 29 (647)

Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael,

Archangels

Daniel 7:9-10,13-14 or

Revelation 12:7-12ab

Psalms 138:1-5

John 1:47-51

Wednesday, September 30 (457)

Jerome, priest, doctor

Nehemiah 2:1-8

Psalms 137:1-6

Luke 9:57-62

Thursday, October 1 (458)

Thérèse of the Child Jesus,

virgin, doctor

Nehemiah 8:1-4a,5-6,7b-12

Psalms 19:8-11

Luke 10:1-12

Friday, October 2 (459)

The Guardian Angels

Baruch 1:15-22

Psalms 79:1-5,8-9

Luke 10:13-16

Saturday, October 3 (460)

Baruch 4:5-12,27-29

Psalms 69:33-37

Luke 10:17-24

Sunday, October 4 (140)

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 2:18-24

Psalms 128:1-6

Hebrews 2:9-11

Mark 10:2-16

Mass Intentions

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

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

Sunday, September 27, 10:30am
Nicholas Angelucci, Sr. ☩

Tuesday, September 29, 8:15am
Bill Schmitt

Wednesday, September 30, 8:15am
Bud Lundell ☩

Thursday, October 1, 8:15am
Martha Rossi ☩

Friday, October 2, 8:15am
Communion Service

Saturday, October 3, 5:00pm
Nancy Bermudez ☩

Sunday, October 4, 8:30am
John Rodriguez ☩

Sunday, October 4, 10:30am
The Thessy Onyenedum Family

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
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
Kathryn Ernst
The Fiore Family
Peggy & Jack Fischer
Ryan Flum
Kathryn Franklin
Carmen Garcia
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
Darleen Kelch
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
The Palmer Family
Lupe Casas Pelletier
Helen Pingtella
Brandon Portman
Anne Post
Lena Marie Pressman
Otila Quiroz
Janet Raiman
Dort Riley
Sr. Loyola Romey
Dorothy Rouse
Rose Rowland
The Russo Family
Nancy Scali
Maurine Shaughnessy
Richard Sikora
Nick Soltau
Ed Sox
Gilda Spiegel
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) for complete calendar information.

The Week Ahead

Sep 27 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
Sep 27 RE.A.CH Classes including High School

The Month Ahead

Oct 2 Eucharistic Exposition
Oct 2 Spirited Seniors Hawaiian Luau
Oct 4 Blessing of Animals
Oct 4 RE.A.CH High School Classes only
Oct 11 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
Oct 11 RE.A.CH Classes (including High School)
Oct 12 Women's Guild Meeting
Oct 17-18 Women's Guild Bake Sale
Oct 18 New Member Reception
Oct 18 RE.A.CH High School Classes only
Oct 21 Fr. Mike's Bookies
Oct 24 Women's Prayer Breakfast
Oct 25 RE.A.CH Classes
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

Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioners

Catherine & David Blecki
Edward & Alice Clifford & Family
Mary & Jay Hoffman & Family
Rolando & Vivian Viado & Family

Announcing the Baptisms of

Jenna Rose Furgal
Oliver Phillip Williams
on September 20, 2009



Our Christian community welcomes you with great joy!

In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

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

Thank You!

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

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 on Monday, September 28

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.

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.

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.*

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.

Women's Guild News

WOW! We had 66 members and guests attending our Saturday Hawaiian luncheon. The decor was beautifully island-themed. The delicious Hawaiian chicken was from Three Sisters' Catering, but the succulent rice, cole slaw, jellios, and fabulous desserts were from our own talented members. Everyone enjoyed the Village Hawaiian dancers, who presented twelve numbers, changing into ever more beautiful costumes, and accompanying some of the dances with gourds, sticks, and rocks. Thanks to all who prepared the food, worked in the kitchen, and cleaned up, and thanks to Gene Thompson for working the music and also performing. Special thanks to Kathy Quinn for putting together the directory, Leah Stevens for the picture page, and Lorraine Doering for printing and getting the books ready for the meeting.

Our October meeting will honor our ten years with Project Linus, and also Birth Choice and our Quilters group. Displays, blankets, and scrapbooks will be featured. A delicious meal is being planned, so be sure to come to this event. You may call Valerie Thompson at 760-630-1703 or Elizabeth Remsburg at 760-727-0751



NOTE DATE CHANGE. The next Board meeting will be Monday, September 28, at 10:00am at Valerie Thompson's.

Women's Guild Bake Sale

The ladies of St. Thomas More Women's Guild will be calling parishioners whose last names begin with the letters I through Z requesting donations of home-made baked goods for the bake sale on October 17-18. Please bring your baked goods when you come to Mass and drop them off at the designated tables. Please note if the item contains nuts. Please, no items that need refrigeration. Your support is greatly appreciated. For further information, call Pat Wong at 760-806-1310 or Nancy Wozniak at 760-729-0782.

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.



Life Walk '09—Reaching Hearts and Minds through Education and Outreach



Life Perspectives' Life Walk 2009 is on Saturday, October 24, 10:30am, at Kit Carson Park in Escondido. The Life Walk is a family-friendly fundraisers that support pro-life education for faith-based and public schools. Join us for a 20mile walk, prizes, and Chick-fil-A picnic lunch. Register on the Plaza after

Masses or at www.LPLifeWalk.com or call 619-516-1236.

Spirited Seniors Roast Whole Pig on Plaza for Hawaiian Luau Dinner

Friday, October 2, at 5:45pm for cocktails, with dinner served at 6:30pm. If you made a reservation, be sure to come! Great Hawaiian music. Catered by Gourmet Rotisserie. Hawaiian dancers by Malia's Makuahines to entertain you for the evening. 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.

Knights of Columbus Membership Drive

The Knights of Columbus Council 11439 is having a Membership Drive on October 3-4 after each of the Masses. See a Council Member at the table on the Plaza. For more information contact Jim Baker at 760-630-2471.

Thank You to Knights of Columbus!

On behalf of our Parishioners, it is my pleasure to sincerely thank our Knights of Columbus Council 11439 for their recent check for \$4,000 to "*Our Journey Into The Future . . . Together.*" This generous gift completes the \$10,000 pledge the Knights of Columbus made to this phase of our Capital Campaign. Their generosity, along with their numerous charitable projects, are shining examples of Christian Stewardship and are very much appreciated!

—Fr. Mike Ratajczak, Pastor

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.

Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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



TOUCHED AND TREMBLING

Scripture Themes for October 2009

Relationships can be the blessing or the bugaboo of human existence. On the one hand, a relationship with another person can open a new way of being, where two people become one and each complements the other in a marital union that completes both. On the other hand, relationships and the mutual responsibilities that are inherent in sharing life together can prove to be a burden that becomes untenable (Oct. 4). Similarly, relationships can bring blessings into the lives of those who love and care for one another as brothers and sisters on life's journey.

However, if fellow travelers begin to look upon one another as "the competition" rather than as companions, difficulties arise. Even Jesus' first disciples were susceptible to a certain degree of ambitiousness. Each wanted to enjoy seniority over the others and to enjoy the "perks" that their authority would bring (Oct. 11). Some among Jesus' early followers, although sincere and earnest in their desire to belong to him, found it very difficult to value that relationship and its demands above their fondness for wealth and security (Oct. 11).

Even today, the responsibility involved in a relationship with Jesus challenges his disciples; on any given day, the same relationship can be a blessing as well as a bugaboo.

Nevertheless, relationships form the heart and soul of who we are. They are as essential to our health and holiness as breathing. Even before we draw a breath, each of us has been conceived within the mind and heart of a compassionate God who chose to relate to us as loving Parent, as sacrificing Sibling, and as the very Breath of life.

From our origins within the triune relationship who is God, we are called forth into life; we are conceived and born into a family, and these family bonds will form the matrix from which will grow all our other relationships in life. Author Frederick Buechner is fond of comparing these relationships to a spider web: "If you touch it anywhere, you set the whole thing trembling. ...As we move around this world... the life that I touch for good or for ill will touch another life, and that in turn another, until who knows where the trembling stops or in what far place and time my touch will be felt. Our lives are linked forever" (*The Hungering Dark*, Seabury Press, 1969).

As one who chose to go forth from the serenity of the divine "web" in order to immerse himself in the vast network of relationships that connect all of humankind, Jesus has much to teach us about

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT FEAST OF THE GUARDIAN ANGELS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2 ♦ 8:45am - 7:30pm

INTENTION FOR THE DAY

That we may always be mindful
of God's loving care for us.

touching and trembling. Jesus modeled for his disciples a wisdom derived from the profound and penetrating word of God (Oct. 11), touching others carefully, kindly and with a healing in his hands that made them whole. In his presence, the sick, the poor, the weak, and the marginalized were set to trembling with a sense of dignity and self-worth that gave them hope and peace (Oct. 25). He was and is willing to touch sinners in their sinfulness and to experience all the weaknesses of the weak. And so, Jesus has set the sad and the sorry to trembling with the sheer joy that comes with forgiveness and with the excited anticipation of being blessed with a new beginning (Oct. 18). Although Jesus' saving touch has made an immeasurable impact on every living length of humanity's great web, no freedoms have been compromised. On the contrary, Jesus' touch imparts the freedom to be all that God has intended for every beloved creature.

As Jesus' followers, believers have the privilege and the responsibility to extend that touch to others. Like Jesus, we must set that great web trembling—trembling with joy, with a sense of purpose, with a desire to make things whole, with a sense of justice that will not be denied until every victim of discrimination, prejudice, hatred, and violence has been touched with reverence and right. Poet Rainer Maria Rilke has suggested that the spaces between us are as important and deserving of reverence as are the ties that bind us to one another in humanity's web: "Once the realization is accepted that even between the closest human beings, infinite distances continue to exist, a wonderful living side by side can grow up, if they succeed in loving the distance between them which makes it possible for each to see the other whole against the sky."

This month, the sacred texts gather us in to celebrate this great relational webwork within which we discover God, ourselves and one another. Touched and set to trembling by God's love and by one another, we are thereby empowered to reach out to a world so much in need of the loving touch of God.

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

Music Ministry Next Week

OCTOBER 3/4

5:00pm Mass

Adult Praise Team

8:30am Mass

Handbell Choir

10:30am Mass

Adult Choir

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 Church

Did We Miss the Boat?

Today is our second Sunday at Church for Faith Formation, or Session #3 out of 36 sessions: half at church and half at home.

If you have children in public elementary or middle school and they are not involved in our parish program for forming faith, please have a serious conversation with yourself.

When your child was baptized you accepted the responsibility to bring the child up in the Catholic Faith. This is accomplished in many ways, but formal faith development is a critical part of it.

Our parish program exists to partner with you and support you in providing a systematic approach for your child to grow in knowledge and understanding. We do this by fostering a loving relationship with our God and an age-appropriate understanding of the teachings of the Church.

We hear about the challenges our young people face from their peers about faith issues, especially when they get to high school. Unless we are systematically building their confidence through an understanding of what they believe, we leave them very vulnerable to their more informed friends from other churches.



If you are a registered parishioner, there is no obstacle we can't overcome to get your family involved. Please feel free to contact me if I can help you make this happen.

Your partner in ministry,

Kathleen

PBJ Update

(Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center)

2009 GOAL: 365 jars
Collected to date: **541 jars !**



Faith: The Main Ingredient!

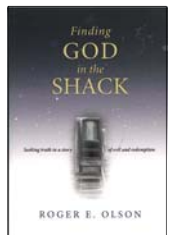
Upcoming Events

Women's Prayer Breakfast ~

- Saturday, October 24, 8:00-10:30am
- Mark you 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



High School Youth Ministry Presents

MONDAY NIGHT LIVE YOUTH GROUP

Monday, September 28 • 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



Middle School Youth Group

All Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Graders are Welcome!

For more information, contact Ron or Louise at
760-758-4100 x153 or ronb@stmoside.org.
Visit the website: www.stmoside.org/ym.

Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

Chris Smith
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CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP *Caring, Sharing, & Bearing*

The affairs of God can be described in three words that rhyme: caring, sharing, and bearing.

Bearing the burden of the cost to support the work of God in this world, whether through charitable donations, raising money for a particular need, or even paying our taxes, is one way in which we carry out the affairs that God has entrusted to us.

In the second reading today, St. James once again warns against accepting the standards of the world and assuming that what is normative in society needs no countercultural challenge.

The temptation to hoard riches and make sharp bargains at the expense of the powerless is pervasive because these things are generally done and look respectable enough. St. James points to God's judgment on these attitudes and actions of amassing wealth and comfort at the expense of others.



How might we be better Christian stewards of the material blessings we have been given by God? Giving my time and money to various charities makes me feel a real part of our community.

Imagine how powerfully we could transform our neighborhood, our cities, our nation, and our world if all of us shared an hour of our time or an hour's worth of our money, weekly or monthly. We could do serious damage to hunger, disease, sadness, loneliness, and oppression.

Already, the generosity of a small percentage does a significant number of things to alleviate many of these ills. Catholic Relief Services, St. Vincent de Paul, Catholic Community Services, and many other agencies are leading this effort. This is what inspires me about Christian Stewardship!

We have the power to change the world by working together. In doing so, we can make our neighborhoods, cities, nations, and the world a community imitating the love of Jesus.

—excerpts from ICSC Education and Services, Sept. 2009

O Lord, giver of life and source of freedom,
I know that all I have received is from your hand.

Gracious and loving God, you call us to be stewards of your abundance, the caretakers of all you have entrusted to us.

Help us always to use your gifts wisely and
teach us to share them generously.

Send the Holy Spirit to work through us,
bringing your message to those we serve.

May our faithful Christian stewardship bear witness to the
love of Jesus Christ in our lives

We pray with grateful hearts, in Jesus' name.

Amen.

When it comes to life the critical thing is
whether you take things for granted
or take them with gratitude.

—G. K. Chesterton

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Collection for Week of: Sept. 19/20, 2009

Number of Registered Households:		1,002
Offertory*	\$	8,692.76
Offertory (Loose Collection)		934.00
Children's envelopes		2.00
Total	\$	9,628.76

* 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
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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:

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News from the Larger Church

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Autumn Mission: Afire with God in San Marcos—October 4-7, 7:00pm, Sunday through Wednesday and 10:00am, Monday through Wednesday at St. Mark Church. Presented by Fr. Jude Winkler, OFM (who will be presenting a mission for STM in the spring). For more information, visit StMarksCatholicChurch.org.

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.

Men's Retreat: I Will Be with You Always in Vista—October 9-11 at Green Oaks Ranch, Vista. The featured speaker is Fr. Olivier Bagnoud. Cost of \$100 includes meals and lodging. For more information, contact John Fredette at 760-758-1973.

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.

Open House at Girls' Catholic High School in San Diego—Saturday, October 10, 9:00-11:30am at the Academy of Our Lady of Peace, 4860 Oregon St., San Diego. For more information, visit www.aolp.org or call 619-725-9118.

Annual Christmas Boutique in Escondido—November 21, 4:00-7:00pm and November 22, 8:00am-1:00pm, Church of St. Timothy, 2960 Canyon Rd., Escondido. Will include Catholic Charities "Tomorrow Project" soups and dips, "Prayers & Squares" Quilt Ministry and Raffle, Knights of Columbus. Vendors welcome—6x6 table space \$25 (reserve by November 6). For more information, contact Linda at 760-743-1500 or lsteiner453@yahoo.com.

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 30-31). 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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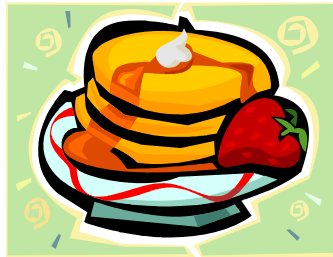
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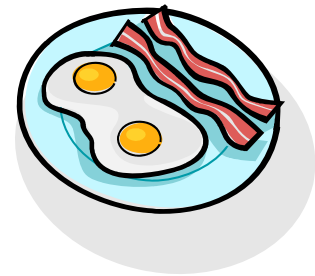
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