

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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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

October 4, 2009 • Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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What Does It Mean to Be "Pro-Life"?

As we begin this month of October, we are mindful that it is "Respect Life" month. As Catholics, we are a people who believe in life, and the promotion and protection of life from womb to tomb. We call this stance, this perspective, being "pro-life."

In recent weeks, during our nation's on-going health care reform debate, I have been amazed by the number of people who see this issue only in political terms, and not as a "pro-life" issue.

Indeed, they even felt that inclusion about the Catholic Church's stance on health care reform (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' statements) in our bulletin or in information presented during the announcements at Mass as being an insertion of politics into our celebration of the Eucharist.

In deeper discussion with these people, they said to me that they understood that to be "pro-life" was to be "anti-abortion," and they did not realize

that the Catholic Church saw being "pro-life" in a much broader perspective.

Reflecting upon their comments, it seems that because the Church has so focused on the abortion issue, and rightly so, we have lost our focus on the other life issues.

The challenge is to still be as strongly focused on being "anti-abortion" while promoting and keeping focused on all the other life issues as well.

Neither major political party, Democrat or Republican, is "pro-life" as the Catholic Church is "pro-life." Yet, as Catholics, we must exercise our responsibilities and duties as citizens of this country. We must take the values of the Catholic Church, and through our informed consciences, support the candidates and positions that best reflect a consistent "pro-life" ethic. This becomes an issue of conscience and not political party affiliation.



RESPECT LIFE

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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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Written in 2004, yet still very timely, I share with you these "10 Questions for the Campaign" that comes to us from the Administrative Committee of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in their statement, "The Challenge of Faithful Citizenship—A Catholic Call to Political Responsibility."

1. After September 11, how can we build not only a safer world, but a better world—more just, more secure, more peaceful, more respectful of human life and dignity?
2. How will we protect the weakest in our midst—innocent unborn children? How can our nation not turn to violence to solve some of its most difficult problems—abortion to deal with difficult pregnancies; the death penalty to combat crime; euthanasia and assisted suicide to deal with the burdens of age, illness, and disability; and war to address international disputes?
3. How will we address the tragic fact that more than 30,000 children die every day as a result of hunger, international debt, and lack of development around the world?
4. How can our nation help parents raise their children with respect for life, sound moral values, a sense of hope, and an ethic of stewardship and responsibility? How can our society defend the central institution of marriage and better support families in their moral responsibilities?
5. How will we address the growing number of people without affordable and accessible health care? How can health care better protect human life and respect human dignity?
6. How will our society combat continuing prejudice, overcome hostility toward immigrants and refugees, and heal the wounds of racism, religious bigotry, and discrimination?
7. How will our nation pursue the values of justice and peace in a world where injustice is common, desperate poverty widespread, and peace is too often overwhelmed by violence?
8. What are the responsibilities and limitations of families, community organizations, markets, and government? How can these elements of society work together to overcome poverty, pursue the common good and care for creation?
9. When should our nation use, or avoid the use of military force—for what purpose, under what authority, and at what human cost?
10. How can we join with other nations to lead the world to greater respect for human life and dignity, religious freedom and democracy, economic justice and care for God's creation?

I encourage you to take time with these questions, to read them, reflect upon them, pray over them. May these help all of us to expand our vision on what it means to be "pro-life" in the Catholic spirit.

F. Mike

Readings for the Week Ahead

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

Sunday, October 4 (140)

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 2:18-24

Psalm 128:1-6

Hebrews 2:9-11

Mark 10:2-16

Monday, October 5 (461)

Jonah 1:1-2:2,11

Jonah 2:3-5,8 (Psalm)

Luke 10:25-37

Tuesday, October 6 (462)

Bruno, priest;

Marie-Rose Durocher, virgin

Jonah 3:1-10

Psalm 130:1-4,7-8

Luke 10:38-42

Wednesday, October 7 (463)

Our Lady of the Rosary

Jonah 4:1-11

Psalm 86:3-6,9-10

Luke 11:1-4

Thursday, October 8 (464)

Malachi 3:13-20b

Psalm 1:1-4,6

Luke 11:5-13

Friday, October 9 (465)

Denis, bishop, martyr, and

his companions, martyrs;

John Leonardi, priest

Joel 1:13-15:2:1-2

Psalm 9:2-3,6,8-9,16

Luke 11:15-26

Saturday, October 10 (466)

Joel 4:12-21

Psalm 97:1-2,5-6,11-12

Luke 11:27-28

Sunday, October 11 (143)

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 7:7-11

Psalm 90:12-17

Hebrews 4:12-13

Mark 10:17-30

Mass Intentions

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

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

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

Tuesday, October 6, 8:15am
Communion Service

Wednesday, October 7, 8:15am
Communion Service

Thursday, October 8, 8:15am
Communion Service

Friday, October 9, 8:15am
Communion Service

Saturday, October 10, 5:00pm
Bonnie Maria Swift

Sunday, October 11, 8:30am
Lorraine Mitchell ☩

Sunday, October 11, 10:30am
Larry & Betty Dorsa

Prayer List

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

Mary Alexander
Mary Baker
Patricia Barbour
Cdr. & Mrs. T. J. Beckenbauer
Cindra Bell
Regina Bentz
Beatrice Brooks & Family
Monica Broussard
Janet Brown
Ann Buko
Roseanne Burg
Herman Calandro
Shelby Campbell
Paul Cipowski
Marilyn Clarke
James Coleman
Thomas Cornwell & Family
Jean Crowell
Karen Flaharty Daley
Margie Daniels & Family
Cecilia DeSimone
Linda Dossman
Rhys Dougherty
Kathryn Ernst
The Fiore Family
Peggy & Jack Fischer
Ryan Flum
Kathryn Franklin
Joe Freire
Carmen Garcia
Peter Gavin
Bob Godley
Rick Gonzalez
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
Rick Laver
Brandon LeBlanc
Cassandra Loretto
Lauren Loretto
James MacArthur
Ken Mauro
Shirley McAllister
Helen McCullough
Tom McGeary
Bob McWilliams
Carol Michael
Carroll Tom & Nona Miller
Howard Montgomery
Nancy Moore
Margie Myers
Liliana & Luis Nagera

All-powerful God, be their constant companion and strength in every adversity. May they experience your faithful presence, gentle love, and compassionate healing.

C'gourney Nakamoto
Norberto Navvarrow
R. Northrup
Helen O'Connell
Leticia Orantes & Nolberto Navarro
Leticia Ornelas & Patrick Nakla
The Palmer Family
Lupe Casas Pelletier
Helen Pingtella
Brandon Portman
Anne Post
Lana Marie Pressman
Otila Quiroz
Janet Raiman
Betty Rameriez
Cecy Rameriez
Isabel Ramirez
Dort Riley
Sr. Loyola Romey
Dorothy Rouse
Rose Rowland
The Russo Family
Nancy Scali
Richard Sikora
Nick Soltau
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

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Calendar Highlights

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

The Week Ahead

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)

The Month Ahead

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
Dec 14 Women's Guild Meeting

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

David & Elizabeth Hanson & Family
 Michael & Jeannette Hill & Family
 Frances Samhammer
 Stephen Terapak & Glynis Loreto Abapo

Flower Donations

We would like to gratefully acknowledge the contribution of:

Miriam Layden

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:

Rosemary Poehlman, who died recently. Her Funeral Mass will be on Friday, October 9, at 11:00am, at St. Thomas More. Please keep Rosemary's family in your prayers.

Francis "Frank" Gojny, who died recently. His Funeral Mass will be on Friday, October 16, at 11:00am, at St. Thomas More. Please keep Frank'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.

STM \$crip News

Let's take the merchants up on their offer to help build our Sanctuary! Stop by the Scrip table on the Plaza to find out how.

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

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

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

Albertson's Card #(11 digits)

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

☐ Please send me a Food 4 Less Card

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

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



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.

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



Life Perspectives' Life Walk '09 is on Saturday, October 24, 10:30am, at Kit Carson Park in Escondido. The Life Walk is a family-friendly fundraiser that support pro-life education for faith-based and public schools. Join us for a two-mile walk, prizes, and Chick-fil-A picnic lunch. Register on the Plaza after

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

World Mission Sunday Collection

Envelopes are stapled to the bulletin this weekend for World Mission Sunday, our opportunity to support the Church's effort to spread the Gospel throughout the world. Envelopes may be returned any time during the month of October. Thank you for your support!

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.

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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St. Thomas More Vehicle Donation Program

Do you have a vehicle you want to donate?

**Call the Parish Office at
 758-4100 x100**



Women's Guild News



Our October meeting on Monday, October 12, is going to be another great one! We are celebrating our tenth anniversary with Project Linus, our loyal Birth Choice volunteers, and our quilters. Look for displays, samples of work, and introduction of very special people. There is much to admire in the work of those who donate so much to these organizations.

You will be treated to delicious tea sandwiches, fruit, petit fours, cookies, and drinks in a delightful tea party setting. Sign up by calling Mary Coxon at 760-599-8760 or Elizabeth Remsburg at 760-727-0751. Cost is still just \$7, and as always, you can count on door prizes and a raffle. If you missed the Hawaiian luncheon, you can pick up your membership directory, along with an addendum, at this meeting.

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.

Little Rock Scripture Studies: Praying the Scriptures

The Word of God is a seed. We have to nurture the ground before the seed can grow and bear fruit within us. Plan to attend our Parish Scripture Study, *Praying the Scriptures*, beginning Wednesday, October 28, at 9:00am or Thursday, October 29, at 7:00pm for seven sessions. This study explores the always-relevant ways God has transformed history and invites participation through praise, thanksgiving, and the many other ways scripture teaches prayer. Registrations begin the weekend of October 17-18. For more information, contact Masako Streling at 760-295-2594 or mstr0619@cox.net.

Catholic Widows and Widowers of North County

We are a group of Catholic widowed women and men encompassing all of North County. We meet the second and fourth Sundays of each month: October 11 is our general meeting and potluck in Escondido; October 25 we celebrate Mass at St. John Church in Encinitas followed by lunch at Coco's. Our active calendar of events this month includes dining, dancing, concerts, bowling, golf, and a picnic/wine tasting event. For further information, please see the bulletin board on the lower level or contact Carol Kope at 760-726-0533.

Rosary for Peace

On Saturday, October 10, in honor of the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, all who would like to gather together to pray for peace in our world are invited to join us at the corner of South Melrose Drive and Cannon Road in front of St. Thomas More Catholic Church. We will pray the Rosary and pray for greater peace in our world, in our communities, and in our families.

Any questions, contact Sandra Maola at 760-535-9845.

New Member Reception

Sunday, October 18 • 12:00noon

We are hosting a New Member Welcome Reception for all those who have joined our parish family since March 2009. Invitations have been mailed out to all new members, and we look forward to meeting all of you at this special luncheon. Please take a moment to RSVP so that we are adequately prepared to be your hosts! If you are an existing member and were unable to attend our last reception on March 1, you are more than welcome to attend.

For more details, call Louise Briseno at 760-726-4496.



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

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.

SEEING GOD EVERYWHERE

at Monday Night Youth Group

October 5, • 7:00-8:30pm

??Gale at 760-726-7236

Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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



SOUNDING THE RETREAT?

Our lives can be terribly busy.

With our regular, ongoing activities and those last-minute must-dos that seem to crop up more and more frequently, our lives are full. Too full perhaps?

Once in a while, it is important to escape the routine, to break the pattern, resetting our lives if only for a day or a few hours.

Even Jesus “escaped” to the desert from time to time during the course of his ministry—to rest, to pray, to listen, to gather strength for the journey. In modern parlance, he went on retreat.

The Adult Choir went to the desert last weekend, visiting the Viña de Lestonnac retreat center in the wine country hills above Temecula. We went to learn new music, to meet new friends, to pray, and to share a meal together.

Referring to the transfiguration in his homily at the retreat center’s morning Mass, the presider illuminated an important point that Peter, James, and John missed when they asked to erect tents on the sight where Moses and Elijah appeared.

The disciples wanted to stay on the mountain. Jesus showed them that the proper response is to return down the mountain, to our lives, to the regular, ongoing activities that are the way stations of our Christian journey.

So, we have gone to the desert, to the hills. But more importantly, we have returned, refreshed, filled with new energy in our bodies and new music in our heads to share it with our faith community.

I encourage you to take a retreat as part of your Christian journey. The listing of activities on page nine of this bulletin often includes a variety of opportunities for retreat. A few hours, a day, a weekend, or even a week-long retreat can open doors and unlock what might be blockaded.

A retreat just might save your sanity. It could even lead to you to God’s soft, still voice, saying “go in peace to love and serve the Lord.”

—Douglas

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Music Ministry Next Week

OCTOBER 10/11

5:00pm Mass

Cantor

8:30am Mass

Cantor

10:30am Mass

Cantor



Blessing of Animals

THIS WEEKEND SUNDAY AT 4:00PM

Join us this weekend on the plaza for St. Thomas More’s annual Blessing of the Animals.

We celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi by gathering with our beloved pets on the Plaza of our Parish Center for this traditional rite.

Bring your furry and not-so-furry friends to the Plaza early to meet and greet each other.

We ask that you make sure your pets are under complete control, as we expect the gathering to be a bit boisterous.

See you there!



Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

Kathleen Bell
Director of Faith Formation
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Home Sessions

Today is Session #4 out of 36 sessions for Faith Formation: half at church and half at home.

Just a reminder that the Home Sessions are not “homework from Church,” but an opportunity to share faith as a family. Parents are setting the tone for the success of our program.

Home Sessions are a special time and a special place set aside each week for at least one family member (preferably all) to sit down with the young person and talk about faith concepts and what difference this chapter makes in our life, as individuals and as a family.

On the other hand, if a child hears: “We gotta leave for RE.A.CH in 15 minutes . . . get in there and do your homework!” . . . this could lead to an “attitude” on the part of the young person. If “the church is piling on too much work,” what happened to our partnership?



We have an exceptional group of Catechists this year! It was delightful for me last Sunday to see groups of young people gathered on the lawn looking up things in the Bible.

There is a positive energy in the 60 teens involved in our two Core Courses in progress!

RE.A.CH Sundays, twice a month, are long but exciting days from 10:00am-9:00pm as we host four completely different groups of young people, about 240 in all, thanks to 35 wonderful volunteers serving in ministry.

Parents: may your home sessions be equally faith-filled. Try to use faithfirst.com (Legacy Edition) on a regular basis.

- “Kids’ Clubhouse” has fun activities for kindergarteners through third graders.
- “Kids Only Club” is inviting for fourth through sixth graders, including a story that adds chapters each week.
- “Teen Center” provides activities for seventh and eighth graders, including the Chapter Reviews they should be emailing to their catechist each week.
- Parents will find articles for your own faith growth as well.

Kathleen



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

Faith: The Main Ingredient ! Upcoming Events

Fr. Mike’s Bookies~

- Wednesday, October 21, 9:00am or 7:00pm
- Fr. Mike is the facilitator
- ***Finding God in ‘The Shack’*** by Roger Olson is the book
- It is available outside the Faith Formation Office



“Olson views *The Shack* with a theologian’s eye and finds much to endorse. He delves into many of the significant issues raised by the book, such as forgiving those who have done us great evil, how God acts in the world, how God is three persons in one and what difference this makes to us.”

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’s topic is: “*Mary, In Her Own Words.*”
- Sign up now so we will have a breakfast count for the Knights of Columbus who are generously hosting our meal.
- A free-will offering will be taken.

PBJ Update

(Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center)

2009 GOAL: 365 jars
Collected to date: 551 jars !



Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

Chris Smith
Director of Stewardship & Development
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CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP *What Catholics Do*

The phrase in today's psalm, "May you see your children's children," is actually a prayer for long life. As good Christian stewards, we know that every day is a gift from God, to be lived with joy and thanksgiving.

Catholics respond to Jesus' message positively because they know that this is the way that the Church has been built up spiritually throughout the years.

It is how the Catholic faith has been lived out vibrantly in every age, in every place and in every generation.

When the history of our generation of Catholics is written, may it be said of us, "What good stewards they were!"

- ✠ They faced economic uncertainty and shifting demographics.
- ✠ They faced threats to the Church from without and scandal from within.
- ✠ Yet they kept investing themselves in the life of the Church.
- ✠ They kept prayer.
- ✠ They kept coming to Mass.
- ✠ They kept participating.
- ✠ They kept their life's blood for the sake of God and His Church, and through their efforts and the grace of God, the world around them started to change.
- ✠ Ever gradually, the culture of death became a culture of life."
— Our Sunday Visitor



As we continue to celebrate every day as a gift from God, let us remain focused on the positive aspects of life. Even our *bad* or *off* days can serve as lessons of one sort or another. We grow stronger through trials and often are later able to help others.

Be glad that you are you! God is glad because God made you and knows your potential. There is something magical about an attitude of gratitude, and we should start with our own creation.

Next, we are blessed to be part of our Church, and to have the daily opportunity to practice Christian Stewardship . . . in whatever way(s) we can. For some, that means tending to family members, some young and some elderly, who need our help. For others it means reaching outside of our homes to help with the various ministries of our Church, helping at local schools or shelters, making our neighborhoods cleaner and safer places for us to live and for our children to grow.

A theme rings out here. *THIS* is what Catholics do!

"Live in a manner worthy of the call you received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit . . ." —Ephesians 4:1-4

**Blessings ~
opening doors we would otherwise
not go through.**

TOWERS OF FAITH *Future Support & Estate Planning Options*

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

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

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



Examples of the various future planning vehicles are:

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

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

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

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

**"Did You Know?" Collection for September 2009
\$1,187.00**

Collection for Week of: Sept. 26/27, 2009

Number of Registered Households:		1,006
Offertory*	\$	6,512.50
Offertory (Loose Collection)		1,060.00
Children's envelopes		1.00
Total	\$	7,573.50

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

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

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please contact the Parish Office at:

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

News from the Larger Church

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.

St. Augustine High School Visitation Days for Eighth Grade Boys—October 7 and 8, starting at 9:00am. For reservations and information, contact Mr. Haupt, Director of Admissions, at mhaupt@sahs.org or Mrs. Evenson at 619-282-2184 x5515.

Women's Christian Fellowship in Carlsbad—cordially invites all women to our Bible Study every Thursday from 9:30am-12:00noon at St. Elizabeth Seton in Carlsbad. Our study this year is the Gospel of Matthew. On-site childcare is available. For more information, please call Angie at 760-436-3875.

What's After 8th Grade? Presentation at Old Mission Montessori School at Mission San Luis Rey—Thursday, October 8, 6:30pm, Room 218, 4070 Mission Avenue, Oceanside. Information will be available on the public and private high schools in the area, as well as a chance to talk with parents of current high school students. For more information, contact 760-757-3232 or www.omms.org.

St. Paul: In His Own Words Presentation at St. Francis in Vista—Friday, October 9, 7:00pm, 525 W. Vista Way, Vista. Tickets: \$25 advance purchase, \$30 at the door, \$10 children ages 11-15, free childcare for children 10 and under. For more information, contact www.markpriceministries.com or 760-945-8000.

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.

Basic Catechist Formation Course in Carlsbad—St. Patrick Catholic Church in Carlsbad is hosting a course on Wednesdays from 9:00am-1:00pm, beginning October 14. This is a wonderful opportunity for all who are involved in catechetical ministry or would like to be. For further information, contact Margit Dornisch at 760-729-8442 or MDornisch@stpatrickcarlsbad.com.

Study Sessions on Charity in Truth in San Diego and Carlsbad—Two options for a four-meeting study series on Pope Benedict's new social encyclical. Wednesdays, October 14, 21, 28, and November 4, 7:00pm at the Pastoral Center, 3888 Paducah Drive, San Diego, or Wednesdays, November 12, 19,

December 3, and 10, 7:00pm at St. Elizabeth Seton Parish in Carlsbad. For more information and registration, contact osmelink@diocese-sdiego.org or 858-490-8324.

Casino Night in San Marcos—Friday, October 16, 7:00-11:00pm at St. Mark Church, 1147 W. Discovery St., San Marcos. Tickets: \$20 advance purchase, \$25 at the door. Oktoberfest theme, no-host bar, prizes. For more information, contact Laura and Ken Johnston at 760-744-2082.

Open House at Cathedral Catholic High School in San Diego—Saturday, October 17. Contact 858-523-4000 or www.cathedralcatholic.org

Beginning Experience Facilitator Training—October 17-18, 8:00am-4:00pm. For more information, contact Michael McBride at 858-560-1671.

Vocation Retreat Day for Young Women in San Diego—Sunday, October 25, 9:00am-2:30pm, at Nazareth House, 6333 Rancho Mission Rd., San Diego. For reservations or more information, contact Sr. Margaret at 619-563-0480 or Sr. Fintan at 310-216-8170.

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.

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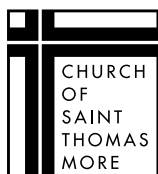
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Before, after, and in-between Masses***

***Contact: Bill Carrothers at 760-940-8992 for
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World Mission Sunday

<http://www.onefamilyinmission.org/society-propfaith/i-am-a-missionary.html>

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