

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

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

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

October 11, 2009 • Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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A Discipline of the Heart

Hopefully, we see our journey of life as a spiritual journey. We are a people who have come from “somewhere” and we are a people going “somewhere.”

We have purpose, meaning and destiny. In our modern world, filled with so many distractions, we can easily get “disconnected.” We become lost, frightened, and we act out accordingly.

In the Catholic Church, October is a month in which we take time, in a special way, to “Respect Life.” We take time, in a special way, to weave the connections between all life issues. We are a people who believe that life is sacred from womb to tomb. We do not pick, choose, and say life is important “in this situation,” but not “in that situation.” We are called to develop a consistency in

our approach to all life issues. The very first step, though, is to take time, with and for ourselves. We need to get “in touch” with life. It is very obvious that neither major political party in our country is “pro-life” in the Catholic understanding. Before we can advocate political changes to create societal laws that are “pro-life,” we must be “pro-life” in our heart. The personal conversion must take place first in us, and then, through our example and witness, we begin to make changes in the world around us. A society that truly respects life will, ultimately, come about not politically, but spiritually, one person at a time through a conversion of the heart.

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Did You Know?

We have been in our present Parish Center now since 2001. As the building ages, maintenance increases (like human beings.) This past week we had to re-caulk the sidewalks all around the Parish Center. The cost—\$2,900. Your gift to the “Did You Know?” Campaign helps us to maintain our Parish Center and keep it in prime condition.

Our Mission is to: worship God,

Mass Schedule:

Saturday at 5:00pm; Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am;
Tuesday-Friday at 8:15am;
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.*

Pastor's Column *(continued from page 1)*

To keep focused, we need to be disciplined. I share with you the words of Fr. Henri Nouwen, taken from *Letters to Marc about Jesus*:

A Discipline of the Heart

The spiritual life demands a discipline of the heart. Discipline is the mark of a disciple of Jesus. That doesn't mean, however, making things difficult for yourself, but making available the inner space where God can touch you with an all-transforming love. We human beings are so faint-hearted that we have a lot of trouble leaving an empty space empty. We like to fill it all up with ideas, plans, duties, tasks, and activities.

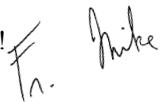
It strikes me increasingly just how hard-pressed people are nowadays. It's as though they're tearing about from one emergency to another. Never solitary, never still, never really free but always busy about something that just can't wait. You get the impression that amid this hurly-burly, we lose touch with life itself. We have the experience of being busy while nothing really seems to happen. The more agitated we are, and the more compacted our lives become, the more difficult it is to keep a space where God can let something truly new take place.

The discipline of the heart helps us to let God into our hearts so that God can become known to us there, in the deepest recesses of our own being. This is not so easy to do; we like to be master in our own house and don't want to admit that our house is God's house too.

In this month of October, as we celebrate and respect the gift of life, may we remember that creating respect for life in our world today begins with each of us in our own lives and hearts. We must first make room for God in our lives and allow the author of Life to speak to us in the quiet of our hearts.

It is from that quiet space in our heart, in union with our Creator, that change in our world begins.

Make room for God! Celebrate and Respect Life!



Thanksgiving is Coming!

*Is your family out of town?
Do you always have too much
turkey left over?*

*Celebrate Thanksgiving
dinner with your
St. Thomas More Parish
Family!*

*Spread the word, and look
for your invitation in
next week's bulletin!*

Readings for the Week Ahead

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

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

Monday, October 12 (467)

Romans 1:1-7

Psalm 98:1-4

Luke 11:29-32

Tuesday, October 13 (468)

Romans 1:16-25

Psalm 19:2-5

Luke 11:37-41

Wednesday, October 14 (469)

Callistus I, pope, martyr

Romans 2:1-11

Psalm 62:2-3,6-7,9

Luke 11:42-46

Thursday, October 15 (470)

Theresa of Jesus, virgin, doctor

Romans 3:21-30

Psalm 130:1-6

Luke 11:47-54

Friday, October 16 (471)

Hedwig, religious;

Margaret Mary Alacoque, virgin

Romans 4:1-8

Psalm 32:1-2,5,11

Luke 12:1-7

Saturday, October 17 (472)

Ignatius of Antioch, bishop, martyr

Romans 4:13,16-18

Psalm 105:6-9,42-43

Luke 12:8-12

Sunday, October 18 (146)

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 53:10-11

Psalm 33:4-5,18-20,22

Hebrews 4:14-16

Mark 10:35-45

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

Julie Desco & 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

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

Tony Lugo

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

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 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

- Oct 10-11 Brother Benno's
Toiletries Drive
- 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 ACTTS Young Adults
Beach BBQ
- Oct 17-18 Women's Guild
Bake Sale
- Oct 17-18 Knights of Columbus
Tootsie Roll Drive
- Oct 18 Liturgy of the Word for
Children at
8:30am and 10:30am
Masses
- 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 14-15 St. Bonaventure
Clothing Drive
- Nov 22 Stewardship
Appreciation Reception
- Dec 6 Towers of Faith
Reception
- Dec 14 Women's Guild Meeting

Mass Intentions

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

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

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

Tuesday, October 13, 8:15am
Elizabeth Nead ☩

Wednesday, October 14, 8:15am
Mr. Laughlin ☩

Wednesday, October 14, 8:15am
Mary Simonson ☩
Aegis

Thursday, October 15, 8:15am
Lupe Martinez ☩

Friday, October 16, 8:15am
Eugene Masseth ☩

Saturday, October 17, 5:00pm
Florencio Aurrecoechea ☩

Sunday, October 18, 8:30am
Dolores Murchison ☩

Sunday, October 18, 10:30am
Paula Gurrera ☩

Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioners

Lillian Hazzard & Family
Michael Martinez & Rachel Dimas & Family
Richard & Siggie Ogan

Flower Donations

We would like to gratefully acknowledge the contribution of:

Mike & Natalie Provinse

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:



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 his soul 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 \$scrip 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!

Disaster Relief for the Philippines, Samoa, Tonga, and Indonesia

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) has quickly responded to the disasters in the Philippines, the Pacific Islands of Samoa and Tonga, and Indonesia. Individuals can send contributions to CRS directly and indicate “Typhoon Ketwana” or “Samoa/Tonga tsunami” or “Indonesia” in the memo area. The mailing address for Catholic Relief Services is 228 W. Lexington St., Baltimore, MD 21201-3413.

World Mission Sunday Collection

Envelopes were stapled to the bulletin last 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!

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 supports pro-life education for faith-based and public schools. Join us for a two-mile walk, prizes, and Chick-fil-A picnic lunch. The Most Reverend

Salvatore Cordileone, Bishop of Oakland and a member of Life Perspective’s Advisory Council, will be a special guest. Register on the Plaza after Masses or at www.LPLifeWalk.com or call 619-516-1236.

ACTTS—Adult Catholics in their Twenties and Thirties who Socialize

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, October 17, 4:30pm—Beach BBQ
 at Oceanside Harbor (BYO BBQ and chairs)

Friday, October 30, 8:00pm—Halloween Party
 at O’Sullivan’s Irish Pub in Carlsbad (costumes encouraged).

For more information, contact:

actts@stmoside.org or 760-453-2870.

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 men and women encompassing all of North County. A general meeting and potluck is held the second Sunday of each month. On October 25, we celebrate Mass at St. John's in Encinitas, followed by lunch at CoCo's (RSVP to Al Rowe at 760-753-7501). 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 of the Parish Center or contact Carol Kope at 760-726-0533.

Eucharistic Adoration



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

Exposition of the Eucharist on First Fridays.
Next date: Friday, November 6.

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

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. If you are an existing member and were unable to attend our last reception on March 1, you are more than welcome to attend.

**Please RSVP by 4:00pm on Monday, October 12,
so that we are adequately prepared to be your hosts!**
760-758-4100 x154

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.

Indian Mission Needs Your Help

On November 14-15, the St. Thomas More Knights of Columbus Council 11439 will be collecting donations for the St. Bonaventure Indian Mission of Thoreau, New Mexico. They desperately need warm clothing (infants, toddlers, teen, and adult sizes), bed linens, household items, small appliances, and toys (new or used, but not abused). Please place donations in large plastic bags. Donations may be tax deductible and receipts will be given, if requested. Start gathering your items **now**. For more information, contact Jim Baker at 760-630-2471 or Bill Carrothers at 760-940-8992. Thank you and God Bless.

Tootsie Roll Drive for Intellectual Disabilities

The Annual Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive for Intellectual Disabilities will be held on the church courtyard after each Mass on the weekend of October 17-18 (next weekend). Look for the Knights of Columbus volunteers in the bright yellow aprons at the table on the Plaza after Masses. We would appreciate your donations for this worthy cause. For every contribution, you will receive a free piece of candy.

The funds we raise will be donated to the Arc of San Diego, a local non-profit organization which helps children with intellectual disabilities living in San Diego County develop skills and become productive, contributing members of society. For more information on The Arc of San Diego please visit:

www.arc-sd.com.

For more information, contact Andy Frost, Drive Chairman, at 858-245-6305. Thank you in advance for all of your support!

—St Thomas More Knights of Columbus

SEEING GOD EVERYWHERE

At Monday Night Youth Group

October 12, • 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



SINGING WITH THE SAINTS IN GLORY

I attend a lot of Funeral Masses. Certainly not as many as our pastor does, but I go to quite a few, ministering to the families of the deceased in my role as cantor for the liturgy.

Over time, this regular dose of the Funeral Mass liturgy has become a pillar of my Christian faith, for it is here that I soak in a key piece of the Gospel message, that at the end of our earthly journey, there is hope, comfort, and peace.

This has become a vital supplement to the weekly Gospel story—with its supporting scripture from elsewhere in the Bible. As we wend our way through the liturgical seasons and the story encapsulated in the three-year cycle of Sunday readings, it seems to me that the readings don't as much time discussing the end of our journey as I need, although we do get a few weeks here and there, especially during the Easter season:

"Do not let your hearts be troubled.
You have faith in God;
have faith also in me.

In my Father's house
there are many dwelling places.
If there were not,
would I have told you that
I am going to prepare a place for you?

And if I go and prepare a place for you,
I will come back again and
take you to myself,
so that where I am you also may be."

*John 14:1-4
(from the Fifth Sunday of Easter in Year A)*

At funerals, however, I regularly hear passages about our last days. In addition to the passage quoted above, I find support in Jesus' most powerful declarations of consolation:

"Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy
burdened, and I will give you rest."

from Matthew 11:25-30

"I am the living bread that came down from
heaven, whoever eats this bread will live forever."

from John 6:51-59

"I will not reject anyone who comes to me...for
this is the will of my Father, that everyone who
sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal
life."

from John 6:37-40

"Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be
comforted."

from Matthew 5:1-12

In times of personal difficulty, these words refresh my faith. As I prepare our liturgies for the upcoming celebration of All Souls, they resonate with hope. As I remember those who have gone before me in death, they offer peace.

The Funeral rite and its companion, Baptism, make up the bookends of our earthly journey. They are critical to this journey of faith, and the Funeral Mass reminds that my journey of faith, my journey with Christ, is one that will end well—no matter what my current circumstances might be.



The Funeral liturgies strengthen my belief that I am person of faith. I am a person of hope. I am a person who is loved by God. And I am not alone.

So I invite you to join with your sisters and brothers in Christ at Mass on All Soul's Day or at a Funeral Mass once in a while. Doing so may strengthen your foundation of faith, hope, and peace, and may even provide a timely reminder of the joy-filled conclusion to our story.

*Sing with all the saints in glory,
Sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story,
To the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking,
Soon the storms of time shall cease;
In God's likeness we awaken,
Knowing ever-lasting peace.*

William J. Irons (1812-1883)

Music Ministry Next Week

OCTOBER 17/18

5:00pm Mass

Cantor

8:30am Mass

MNM Music Team

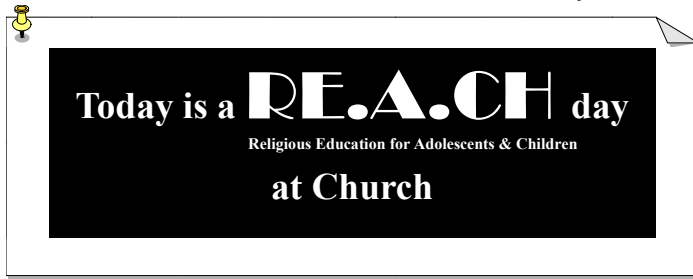
10:30am Mass

Adult Praise Team

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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



RE.A.CH—Perfect Attendance

Special congratulations to our faith communities with everyone present on September 27:

- * DANIEL (both church sessions so far!)
- * GENESIS
- * EXODUS
- * SAMUEL
- * TOBIT
- * PSALMS
- * JEREMIAH



How wonderful to have ALL our 3-, 4-, and 5-year olds in attendance at our last session! Here's hoping we all stay healthy and focused as the year progresses! Good things are happening here . . . no doubt, the Spirit is alive and active!

| Faith First For Families | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Parents | Parents AND Kids |
| Just for Parents | Bible Stories |
| Make a Difference | Story Time |
| Gospel Reflections | Family Prayer |
| Questions Kids Ask | Tour of a Church |
| About Your Child | Games |
| Saints | Movie Reviews by Kids |
| Current Events | Family Meal Prayers |
| About the At Home Family Guide | |

Have You Explored This Website?

Do we use the internet to enrich our family's faith? There are wonderful resources waiting for you at:

FaithFirst.com

Kathleen

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 your 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: **573 jars !**



Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

No Reserve, No Retreat, No Regrets

Jesus pulls no punches in the Gospel today regarding the rich man. We are all rich compared to most of the world. Society has a way of moving us to occasionally develop a misplaced trust in our possessions and our money.

It is so easy to forget that these are not really *ours* in the first place. They belong to God and are on loan to us. How fortunate for us!

When we seek security in at-risk things, like possessions, we are vulnerable to fear and anxiety. As good Christian stewards, we don't allow possessions to possess us, lest they get in the way of our purpose in this life, and our goal of eternal life.

Money is more personal than most anything else in our lives. We don't speak publicly about how much money we have in the bank or what our house is worth. Too much personal information. . .

Jesus knows this. Nearly half of the parables of Jesus have to do with money or with material possessions.

Remember the parable of the lost coin, the widow's mite, the buried treasure in the field, the Good Samaritan who gives the two silver pieces to the innkeeper, and so on.

Jesus continues talking about money because He knows how personal it is. He knows that sometimes money is too important and can actually keep us from the fullness of life with Him.

Enter the rich young man in the Gospel today. He knew that in order to have eternal life he had to keep the commandments, but then he asked Jesus, "What more must I do?" When he learned he had to give away all that he had to have treasure in heaven, he sadly went away because he had so many possessions. A tough proposition, to be sure, but once given a 'pass to eternity' it would seem the decision might be easier. Remember that we cannot take our 'stuff' with us when we die.



Billy Graham tells a poignant true story about possessions:

Christians think and act within the framework of eternity. They are not embittered when things don't turn out the way they planned. They know that the sufferings of this present world are not worthy to be compared with the glory that shall be revealed hereafter. So rejoice and be exceedingly glad! . . .

When Bill Borden, son of the wealthy Borden family, left for China as a missionary, many of his friends thought he was foolish to "waste his life," as they put it, trying to convert a few heathens to Christianity. But Bill loved Christ and he loved people!

During his ministry, he contracted a disease and died. At his bedside they found a note that he had written while he was dying. It read: "No reserve, no retreat, and no regrets."

Borden had found more happiness in his few years of sacrificial service than most people find in a lifetime.

**May the Lord direct your hearts
into the love of God and
into the patience and service of Christ.**

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"Our Journey Into The Future . . . Together"
includes our Faith journey as well as the
build out of our Parish Campus.

Collection for Week of: October 3/4, 2009

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| Number of Registered Households: | 1,006 |
| Offertory* | \$ 15,222.06 |
| Offertory (Loose Collection) | 925.50 |
| Children's envelopes | 4.50 |
| Total | \$ 16,152.06 |

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News from the Larger Church

Financial Planning Seminars in Spring Valley—Tuesday, October 13, 6:30pm, for ages 13-29 (parents are encouraged to accompany their children) or Wednesday, October 21, 6:30pm, for adults over age 30, at Santa Sophia Church, Prendergast Hall, 9800 San Juan St., Spring Valley. Designed to assist those who want to learn more about managing and protecting personal or household finances. This is not a sales presentation—no products will be sold. Jim Riddick, CPA, is volunteering his time and expertise for your benefit. Light snacks will be served! For more information and reservations, call 619-463-6629.

Theology on Tap Series for Young Adults in San Diego—Wednesdays, October 14-28, 7:00-9:00pm at Lotsa Pasta. For more information contact 858-490-8260 or www.yamsd.org.

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@stpatrikcarlsbad.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.

Free Concert in Rancho Bernardo—Sunday, October 18, 4:00pm, at San Rafael Catholic Church, 17252 Bernardo Center Drive, Rancho Bernardo. Haydn's *Missa Cellensis* "Mariazellermesse," featuring the San Rafael Parish Choir and the USD Immaculata Parish Choir, accompanied by the University of San Diego Symphony Orchestra. For more information, contact 858-487-4314.

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.

Healing Mass in Solana Beach—The St. James Healing Ministry invites you to attend our quarterly Healing Mass Tuesday, October 27, 7:00pm, at St. James Church, 625 S. Nardo Ave., Solana Beach. Praise and worship, followed by testimonies, will begin at 6:30 p.m. Bring a friend!

Central San Diego Magnificat Women's Group Meeting—Saturday, November 7, 9:30am at the Mission Valley Sheraton. Marie Schaefer will share her compelling and extraordinary conversion experience. To RSVP or for more information, contact 858-578-1256.

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.

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

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

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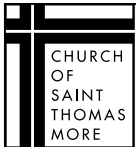
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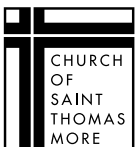
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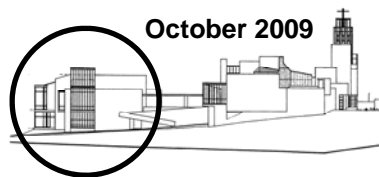
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