

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

November 8, 2009 • Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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November—A Month of Remembrance, Gratitude, Thanksgiving, and Stewardship

It is November!

We begin our annual trek through remembrance, gratitude, and thanksgiving. These movements of the heart naturally lead us to a response—stewardship.

We remember all that God has done and continues to do for us. We are grateful for the gift of life, love, family, friends, and faith. Our response is thanks, not just in word, but most importantly, in the actions of our every day lives. As we set our priorities and agendas according to the Gospel, as we respond in faith, we become Christian Stewards.

As we begin this month of “Christian Stewardship Awareness,” we allow the words of Peter to echo in our minds, hearts, and souls:

You also, as living stones, are built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

—Peter 2:5

We are the living stones, each of us, coming together to be built up as a spiritual house, as the Church, which continues the mission and ministry of Jesus for this time and this place.

Although we are so close to beginning the building of our permanent worship space—our Church—we still need to keep focused that the Church, ultimately, is a gathering of people in faith not a building. The building is not an end in itself. It is a means to an end.

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Did You Know?

The economy continues to play havoc with our Operations Budget. The “Did You Know?” Campaign has helped greatly to “make ends meet.” Your continued support is needed. If you are in a situation to do so, please consider a special gift to St. Thomas More with the use of a “Did You Know?” envelope.

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)*

We are the living stones of which the Church is built. We already have a consecrated Temple that is built with the members of this Parish, the living stones.

As we move through this month of Christian Stewardship Awareness, allow yourself to reflect upon the many ministries available in this Faith Community. Choose a ministry or ministries that will help you to become a living stone which is a part of the foundation of this Church. You will benefit, your family and friends will benefit, and the world will benefit!

Let us together, living stone upon living stone, be the living Temple, the living Church that continues the mission of Jesus for this time and this place.

F. Mike

Celebration of the Eucharist During the Flu Season

Several people have approached me about the need to take special precautions regarding human contact during the Liturgy in the flu season.

Everyone is reminded that the "holding of hands" during the Lord's Prayer is not a requirement. It has always been an option for the members of the assembly. The sign of peace can be given in a variety of ways: the handshake, a hug, or a bow to the people around you. During Communion, drinking the Precious Blood from the common Chalice has always been an option for the members of the assembly.

We will continue to do what we do, but I would ask that everyone simply use common sense.

If you have any kind of cold or flu symptoms, you may avoid holding hands during the Our Father. Instead, raise and open your hands in the "prayer position." At the Sign of Peace, you may refrain from the handshake. Instead give a gentle, respectful bow to the people around you. During Communion, you may choose to refrain from sharing in the Cup.

Actually, these options are open to all members of the assembly at all times, not just during the flu season.

I ask that all members of the assembly be respectful in the various choices that individuals will make in regard to these liturgical options.

Thank You!—Rev. Michael Ratajczak

St. Thomas More Vehicle Donation Program

Do you have a vehicle you want to donate?

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



Restaurant Fundraiser Program

Enjoy good company, good food, and raise money for St. Thomas More! This coming Wednesday, November 11, have lunch or dinner at Famous Dave's BBQ in Vista and 20% of what you spend will come back to St. Thomas More. See the flyer for details. Each month we will be featuring a different restaurant. Helping to support our Parish has never been easier!

Readings for the Week Ahead

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

Sunday, November 8 (155)

*Thirty-Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

1 Kings 17:10-16

Psalms 146:7-10

Hebrews 9:24-28

Mark 12:38-44

Monday, November 9 (671)

*Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
in Rome*

Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12

Psalms 46:2-3,5-6,8-9

1 Corinthians 3:9c-11,16-17

John 2:13-22

Tuesday, November 10 (492)

Leo the Great, pope, doctor

Wisdom 2:23-3:9

Psalms 34:2-3,16-19

Luke 17:7-10

Wednesday, November 11 (493)

Martin of Tours, bishop

Wisdom 6:1-11

Psalms 82:3-4,6-7

Luke 17:11-19

Thursday, November 12 (494)

Josaphat, bishop, martyr

Wisdom 7:22b-8:1

Psalms 119:89-91,130,135,175

Luke 17:20-25

Friday, November 13 (495)

Frances Xavier Cabrini, virgin

Wisdom 13:1-9

Psalms 19:2-5

Luke 17:26-37

Saturday, November 14 (496)

Wisdom 18:14-16;19:6-9

Psalms 105:2-3,36-37,42-43

Luke 18:1-8

Sunday, November 15 (158)

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Daniel 12:1-3

Psalms 16:5,8-11

Hebrews 10:11-14,18

Mark 13:24-32

Prayer List

Call 760-758-4100 x102 to add a name for four weeks.

Mary Alexander
Mary Baker
Patricia Barbour
Tom & Cathy Bartholomew
Cindra Bell
The Belter Family
John Bennici
Regina Bentz
George "Whitey" Betus
Robert Bonanno
Beatrice Brooks & Family
Monica Broussard
Janet Brown
Roseanne Burg
Herman Calandro
Shelby Campbell
Claudia Caplinger
Tony Cavaleri
Paul Cipowski
Marilyn Clarke
James Coleman
Thomas Cornwell & Family
The Crowell Family
Karen Flaharty Daley
Margie Daniels & Family
Julie Desco & Family
Cecilia DeSimone
Linda Dossman
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 Hamacker
Barry Henwood
Cynthia Horner
The Howard Family
Sue Johnston
Colleen Kaup
Darleen Kelch
Paul Kennedy
Debbie Kinney
George Kleekamp
Sr. Anne Kremenik
Helen Kuhn
Cirese LaBerge
Lillian Lachance
The Lamelin Family
Bernie Lanzrath
The Layden Family
Brandon LeBlanc
David Leue
Cassandra Loretto
Lauren Loretto
Tony Lugo
James MacArthur
Lois Maganini
Ken Mauro
Helen McCullough

Tom McGeary
Bob McWilliams
Carol Michael
Carroll Tom & Nona Miller
Howard Montgomery
Nancy Moore
Margie Myers
R. Northrup
Helen O'Connell
Lupe Casas Pelletier
Helen Pingtella
Anne Post
Otila Quiroz
Jane Radilinski
Janet Raiman
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
Donna & Hope Toth
Louise Toth
Stephen Toth, Jr.
Arnie Velasco
Dominic Vienna, Jr.
Vanessa Vitiello-Koble
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.
Capt. Sean Barnes, USAF
1st Lt. Jeffrey Bauer, USMC
Pfc John Brandone
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.*

Calendar Highlights

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

The Week Ahead

Nov 8 Choral Concert:
Missa Romantica
Nov 8-22 Stewardship Renewal
Nov 9 Women's Guild Meeting
Nov 14-15 St. Bonaventure
Clothing Drive
Nov 15 RE.A.CH Classes at
Church
Nov 15 Blood Drive

The Month Ahead

Nov 22 Stewardship
Appreciation Reception
Nov 26 Thanksgiving
Mass at 9:00am
Dinner at 1:00pm

The Year Ahead

Dec 6 Towers of Faith
Reception
Dec 12 Spirited Seniors
Holiday Traditions Trip
Dec 14 Women's Guild Meeting

Next Year—2010

Jan 1 Family Festival of
Christmas
Jan 11 Women's Guild Meeting
April 30 Eleventh Annual
Golf Classic
Aug 22 Second Annual
Pastor's Dinner

*Questions? Contact Henny at
760-758-4100 x100*

Pray for Women Religious

Please join us in praying for the
women religious who serve in the
Diocese of San Diego. They have
been assigned to days of the year in
alphabetical order.

Sunday, November 8 Sr. Mary Amador, RJM
Monday, November 9 Sr. Adela Amoroso-Medrano, OLVVM
Tuesday, November 10 Sr. Dolores Anchondo, CSJ
Wednesday, November 11 Sr. Mary Jo Anderson, CHS
Thursday, November 12 Sr. Pia Anderson, OCD
Friday, November 13 Sr. Flavia Arellano, CVI
Saturday, November 14 Sr. Rosemary Babbitt, IHM
Sunday, November 15 Sr. Joanna Baker, OCD

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 7, 5:00pm
Ann Couture ☩

Sunday, November 8, 8:30am
William Ipsen, Sr. & Darrel Welch ☩

Sunday, November 8, 10:30am
Muffy Hayden ☩

Tuesday, November 10, 8:15am
Anthony Masseth ☩

Wednesday, November 11, 8:15am
Irene Londino ☩

Wednesday, November 11, 9:45am
Laura & Mike Mule
Pacific Place

Thursday, November 12, 8:15am
Al Barmasse ☩

Friday, November 13, 8:15am
Gary LaBerge ☩

Saturday, November 14, 5:00pm
William Tussy ☩

Sunday, November 15, 8:30am
Catherine Castagna ☩

Sunday, November 15, 10:30am
Mari Jo Porter ☩

Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioner**James McConville****In Memoriam**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Jean Crowell, who died October 26. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, November 14, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep Jean's family in your prayers.

Miriam Layden, who died on October 26. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, November 19, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep Miriam's family in your prayers.

Alexandria Rose and Cassandra Hazel Howard, who died at birth on October 26. They are the twin daughters of Michael and Ginger Howard, who recently moved to Georgia. Please keep the family in your prayers.

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

Flower Donations

We would like to gratefully acknowledge the contribution of:

Thomas & Patricia Hannon

whose generosity helped to defray the cost of flowers this weekend in our liturgical environment.

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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HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY NEWSMonday, November 9 (and continuing on 16th & 30th)**"God in the Digital Age or R U there, JC?"**

See page 7 for details.

Wednesday, November 11

Second Wednesday Adoration

7:00pm Blessed Sacrament

8:30pm Pick Up RBV Starbucks

Call Gale @ 760-726-7236 for more information.

***We Are Living Stones* . . . Building a Home in which a Culture of Faith Thrives!*****1 Peter 2:4-5***November greetings friends!**

This month, as we celebrate Christian Stewardship Awareness and Renewal, we focus on the fact that we are the living stones of the Church.

Last November we made a commitment to pray for one another as we continue on our journey in ministerial work and also with the build-out of our permanent Church.

Nearly 1,000 small stones, inscribed with the names of all parish households, were distributed to parishioners. We were asked to place these in a prominent place in our home and pray for that family daily. When we break ground for our new Church we will bring these stones back and they will be placed in the foundation as a sign of our strong bond as a faith community and the many prayers that keep us centered in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

There are stones available for adoption and daily prayer available at the Parish Information table. Please stop by and adopt a family stone during this most important part of our journey. Thank you!!!

—Chris Smith

***Middle School
Youth Group***

Next Meeting
Monday
November 16
7:00-8:30pm

**FEAR FACTOR
is Back!**

**Twinkles with Mustard
Sour Gummy Bears with Ketchup
YUMMY !!!**

Questions? Contact Ron or Louise Briseno
at 760-758-4100 x153 or ronb@stmoside.org
Visit www.stmoside.org/ym

Thanksgiving Dinner

Our Parish Family will be hosting their Fifth Annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 26, at 1:00pm. Dinner will be provided; if you would like to bring a side dish it will be welcomed.

If your family is out of town, you don't want to fix a huge dinner, or you would like to share the holiday with your Parish family, please pick up a reservation form at the Information Table after Mass or at the Parish Office. For more information, call the Parish Office at 760-758-4100 x100. We'd love to have you celebrate this holiday with us!

Fill a Grocery Bag for a Hungry Family!

Beginning the weekend of November 14-15, we will be collecting non-perishable food items to benefit the North County Community Services Food Bank. Look for the blue barrels on the Plaza at weekend Masses to deposit your contributions. The most needed items include canned meats and protein, pasta and pasta sauce, boxed macaroni and cheese, and canned fruit. Thank you for your support! For more information, contact Ron Briseno at 760-758-4100 x153 or ronb@stmoside.org.

Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP Worship God with a Grateful Heart

Sometimes we are inadvertently reminded of all that we have for which to be thankful. My eyes stopped suddenly the other day on a sentence I read written by Allen W. Clark:

“Those who can be thankful only for prosperity are forever threatened by adversity.”

To live in the Spirit of Christ endows you and me with the true capacity to live thankful lives despite our circumstances. How I wish more of us really understood this.

The companionship of Christ ~ whether traveling along the bright hilltops of life or through dark valleys filled with failure, sorrow and challenge ~ supports our whole outlook and approach to life.

God yearns for us to find our joy, our satisfaction and our needs fulfilled, not in material things and prosperity, but in God.

The loss of prosperity, and indeed the disappointing search for it, can ruin any deep sense of thanksgiving. “Those who can be thankful only for prosperity are forever threatened by adversity.”

Worship God with a thankful heart!

—R. A. Henniga



As we begin our annual Christian Stewardship Awareness and Renewal month at St. Thomas More, and in this special month of Thanksgiving, take time to prayerfully reflect on your blessings. God is with us 24/7, in good times and bad, in sickness and in health. God doesn't take time off. No breaks or one hour a week rules for our Creator. Can we say the same?

If you see the glass as half empty all the time (you probably aren't reading this column), remember that God gave you that glass. Take another look at it.

We have all been gifted by God, in a variety of ways. Whatever your talent(s) or passion(s), see if you can use that to benefit our Parish. Check out the ministry lists (page 10 of this bulletin) and see how many exciting opportunities there are to be of service.

St. Thomas More is blessed with hundreds of faithful Christian stewards. One can come through the Parish almost anytime of day or evening and witness the joy that comes from returning one's gifts with gratitude. I am blessed to be inspired on a daily basis as I witness so much good that goes on behind the scenes.

Ask not what the Church can do for you; ask what you can do for this instrument of God in shaping and inspiring others in our lives and faith community. You will be glad you did!

**God not only looks at what we give,
but also at what we keep.**

HELPFUL YEAR-END PLANNING TIPS GOT DEDUCTIONS?

As 2009 draws to a close, and you review your financial situation for your IRS returns, there may be an opportunity for greater charitable giving before the end of this year.

YEAR-END CHECKLIST

- ◆ Keep all gift receipts and acknowledgment letters, especially for gifts of \$250 or more.
- ◆ If you sold securities this year and will owe capital gains tax, remember that gifts of cash or other securities may partially or fully offset any tax on your gains.
- ◆ **Annual Catholic Appeal payments?** Any parishioners with a balance due on their pledges made to this year's ACA are requested to conclude their payments before December 31, 2009. Thank you to all who have already fulfilled their pledges! (*Tithing families, remember that your tithe covers your ACA contribution.*)
- ◆ **BE SURE TO COMPLETE** all gifts by December 31 to qualify for tax savings on this year's tax return. **Advance planning with the Parish Office is essential, since the office will be closed from December 24 at noon-January 1, 2010.** Gifts received in the offertory at Masses the weekend of December 26-27 will be credited for year ending 2009.

For further information, please contact:
Chris Smith, 760-758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org

**All gifts to St. Thomas More are deeply appreciated.
Thank you!**

Collection for Week of: Oct. 31/Nov. 1, 2009

Number of Registered Households:		1,006
Offertory*	\$	8,136.37
Offertory (Loose Collection)		848.50
Children's envelopes		0.00
Total	\$	8,984.87

* 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

To participate in these time-saving alternatives,
please contact the Parish Office at:
760-758-4100 x100 or parishoffice@stmoside.org.

Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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



WE THREE CHOIRS...

Two years ago, a colleague and friend of mine from the American Choral Directors Association invited St. Thomas More's Adult Choir to sing with her choir at First United Methodist Church in Napa, California.

Last year, when we were deciding where to attend Mass during our trip, it became obvious that a stop at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and an invitation to their choir to join this merry group of singers were the next logical steps.

Today, the choirs from Napa are returning the favor and joining with us at the 10:30am Mass. In addition, they are singing with us as part of our annual Thanksgiving concert this Sunday afternoon at 2:00pm.



The Combined Choirs at Worship at First United Methodist Church, Napa, May 2009

For the past year, the three choirs have been preparing a setting of the Mass by composer James Mulholland. If you were at our Spring Sing last April, you heard the Adult Choir sing the "Agnus Dei" (Lamb of God) movement from this work. Published in 2004, the *Missa Romantica* is a beautiful setting of the Mass for choir and piano.

Part of the mission of our music ministry is to join with other Christians—Catholic and non-Catholic alike—to share our joy in music making for the glory of God and to encourage in some small way progress toward the Church's goal of eventual unification of Christians in the world. In these events, our many congruities become apparent and our few differing points of view diminish.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Music Ministry Next Week

NOVEMBER 14/15

5:00pm Mass

Adult Choir

8:30am Mass

Handbell Choir

10:30am Mass

Adult Praise Team

The combined choirs of
**First United Methodist
St. John the Baptist Catholic
St. Thomas More Catholic**

present

James Mulholland's

Missa Romantica

and other choral gems

to benefit

Interfaith Community Services



**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8
2:00PM**

**A free-will donation of a food item
is appreciated**

- Canned soup of all kinds
- Canned vegetables
- Jelly, jam, and peanut butter
- Canned meats
- Cereal
- Beans (canned or bagged)
- Canned pasta meals
- Juice or juice boxes
- Other canned or dry-packaged foods
- Apples, oranges, grapefruit, avocados, lemons

We look forward to seeing you there!

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

Kathleen Bell

Director of Faith Formation

kathleenb@stmoside.org; 760-758-4100 x110

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

Teens: Mini-Course Tomorrow!

November 9, 16, and 30, 2009
7:00-9:00pm

On these three Monday evenings of Youth Group, all parish teens are invited to a special exploration of

God in the Digital Age or R U there JC?

On these evenings we examine the music we listen to, the movies we watch, and the internet we access. How does all of this fit into my life as a teenager seeking faith?

Any Parish teen is welcome to join Jeff and Gale Gibbons with Rory Griffin for these evenings.

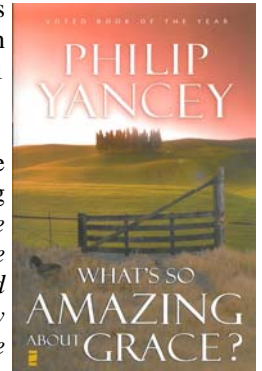
If you are part of **Teen Faith Formation and/or Confirmation Preparation**, attendance at all three evenings will earn you credit for one Mini-Course.



Fr. Mike's Bookies

What's So Amazing About Grace? is our next book for discussion on December 2. It is available for \$11 outside the Faith Formation Office.

George Jones will be facilitating the discussion, and offers the following invitation: *"If you're willing to leave your comfort zone to embrace a more vigorous, passionate Christianity, read Yancey's book, join with your fellow Parishioners and grapple with grace and 'un-grace' on a personal level."*



Information for Growth

The National Catholic Education Association published a questionnaire in 2006 to give us a way of checking up on our knowledge of the six dimensions of Adult Faith Formation:

- Faith
- Liturgical Life
- Moral Formation
- Prayer
- Communal Life
- Missionary Spirit

If there is interest, I will offer one question each week and put the answer in the following week's bulletin, along with the next question. This can provide a good check up for all of us on our basic knowledge of our Catholic Faith.

You are guaranteed to find the answer in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, a reference document that should have a place in every home. (There are some for sale outside the Faith Formation Office.)

This can give your family the opportunity to discuss your "final answer," or perhaps each family member can have a score card for a little friendly family competition! Let's get started:

PBJ Update

(Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center)

2009 GOAL: 365 jars
Collected to date: **638 jars !**



Our count restarts with the new church year: November 29.
Thank you for almost **DOUBLING** this year's goal!

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The Paschal Mystery refers to

- A) what happens after death.
- B) the three Persons in one God.
- C) Jesus' birth, baptism, and temptation in the desert.
- D) Jesus' Passion, death, Resurrection, and Ascension.



Knights of Columbus Entertainment Book Fundraiser

The Knights are offering *Entertainment Books* again this year. The books are \$40 each. 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.



Religious Christmas Cards

The Saint Thomas More Knights of Columbus Council 11439 will be selling Religious Christmas Cards on the Plaza after all Masses through December 20. For more information, contact Al Rouse at 760-806-8030.

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.

Christmas Angel Time!

The Angel Tree Ministry is gearing up for the 2009 Christmas Season. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 11, at 7:00pm. Please join us in this wonderful ministry to bring Christmas joy to those in need at several local charities. We need volunteers to prepare and man the angel tree adorned with ornaments for children's gifts and infant/toddler stocking stuffers at all the Masses, and then package the smaller items in stockings and gift bags on Saturday, December 12. We look forward to seeing you.



For more information please contact John or Marti Harper at 760-724-1181 or 4johnnysangel@cox.net

Thanksgiving Pies

As you know, Brother Benno's feeds hundreds at a special Thanksgiving feast for the poor and homeless every year. St. Thomas More is their main source for desserts. Please bring freshly baked pumpkin or apple pies to the Parish Office by noon on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. Deacon Tom will see that they are delivered to Brother Benno's in time for the feast. Your generosity will bring a smile and a touch of home to many in need at this holiday time.

Little Books

The Little Blue Book for the Advent and Christmas Seasons is now available. Many parishioners look forward to these six-minute meditations as a way to make these very hectic seasons HOLY.



They are available early because many enjoy mailing them to friends and relatives.

Your \$2 donation is appreciated to help cover the cost of the book. They are available today at the Faith Formation Table, or on the lower level of the Parish Center during the week.

Remembering Our Beloved Dead

November is a special time in our Church for remembering our beloved dead. All Souls' envelopes were attached to the bulletin the first weekend of November and are available at the information table on the Plaza and in the Parish Office. If you wish to remember family members or friends who have died, please complete and return the envelope with your offering to the Parish Office or the weekend offertory collection. The envelopes will be placed on the altar until the Feast of Christ the King.



The Parish's Book of the Dead will also be available so that we can inscribe the names of our beloved dead, inviting the Parish to remember them in prayer this month.

Women's Guild News

Come meet author Jennifer Lanzrath as she shares her beautifully written and illustrated children's book on the Balboa Park zoo. She will have copies available. Also, bring a few books you have read and enjoyed to share. We will have a book exchange following lunch, where you will be free to browse and select books you would like to have. It's a great way to recycle books, getting books you would enjoy without having to pay a cent!! As always, a delicious meal will be served. Call Valerie Thompson, Mary Coxon, or Elizabeth Remsburg.

A huge thank you to Pat Wong and Nancy Wozniak for once again managing a very successful bake sale. They have been doing this for years and are very hard-working members of our organization, bringing in much-needed dollars for our building fund pledge.

Blood Drive

Our fall Blood Drive will be on Sunday, November 15, in the upper parking lot. Start eating your iron-rich foods now. Sign ups on the Plaza after Mass on November 7-8. for more information, contact Linda Dicus at 760-726-5081.

Collection for National Needs

Envelopes are attached to the bulletin for the 2009 Collection for National Needs, which supports the Black and Indian Missions, the Catholic Home Missions, the Catholic Communication Campaign, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, and the Catholic University of America. The envelopes may be returned any time during the month of November. Thank you for your generosity!

ACTTS—Adult Catholics in their Twenties and Thirties who Socialize

Sunday, November 8

Brunch after 10:30am Mass
with bagels, coffee, and juice

For more information, contact:

actts@stmoside.org or 760-453-2876.

News from the Larger Church

Lunch Served for Seniors in Oceanside—The Salvation Army Senior Dining & Social Center, 3935 Lake Blvd, Oceanside (near Emeritus at Oceanside and Pacific Place) serves lunch for \$3 at noon, Monday-Friday, for any seniors 60 and over. For more information and reservations, call 760-631-8279

Volunteer Opportunities Available 1 or 2 Days a Week—If you are 50 or better, the Jesuit-sponsored *Ignatian Volunteer Corps* may be for you! Our Volunteers serve the needs of local people who are poor, work for a more just society, and grow deeper in Christian faith through reflection and prayer. Contact Margie Carroll, Regional Director at 619-881-9509 or mcarroll@ivcusa.org or Visit our website at www.ivcusa.org.

Online Auction Opportunity—The St. Francis School online auction is back! A variety of items are available for bidding. Go to www.catholicauctionsonline.com to see what's for sale. All proceeds benefit the students of St. Francis Catholic School.

Spiritual Exercises: Silent Ignatian Retreats—November 13-15 in Oceanside for women and young women. The Spiritual Exercises are a silent retreat based on the well-proven method of St. Ignatius of Loyola. The priests of *Miles Christi* frequently offer them in a weekend format. For more information, contact 248-596-9677, infousa@mileschristi.org, or www.mileschristi.org.

Mass and Adoration for Vocations—Thursday, November 12, 7:00-8:30pm, St. Patrick Church, 3821 Adams St., Carlsbad. Youth, young adults, and families are especially encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Sr. Aurora Lopez-Ornelas at alopez-ornelas@diocese-sdiego.org.

University of San Diego Faces of Spirituality Series in San Diego—Thursday, November 12, 7:30-9:00pm, Salomon Hall, Bishop Maher Hall, 5998 Alcalá Park, San Diego. This presentation features *Francis of Assisi—A New Way of Being Christian*. This year marks the 800th anniversary of the formal founding of the Franciscan order. William Short, OFM, will reflect on the spirit of Francis of Assisi and Franciscan values that are as relevant today as they were then: reverence for all of creation, commitment to the poor and simplicity of life. For more information, contact 619-260-4784 or ccs@sandiego.edu.

Spirit and Truth Event for Young Adults in Chula Vista—Friday, November 13, 7:00-9:00pm, Most Precious Blood Church, 1245 Fourth Ave., Chula Vista. There will be live praise and worship music, a talk on *Advent--What It Is and Why Is It So Special?*, adoration, and a social to follow. For more information, visit www.yamsd.org.

Beginning Experience Weekend for Widowed, Divorced, & Separated in Oceanside—November 13-15, at Prince of Peace Abbey. A trained team leads participants through a healing and growth program. For more information, contact Carol Fabian at 619-990-4989 or sandiegobe@gmail.com.

Concert in San Diego—Sunday, November 15, 2:00pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Parish, 1945 Illion St., Mission Bay. The concert will feature *New City Sinfonia* with mandolinist Christopher Acquavella. For more information, contact 619-276-1041.

Monthly Mass and Dinner for Young Adults in Encinitas—Sunday, November 15, 5:00pm, at St. John the Evangelist Church, 1001 Encinitas Blvd, Encinitas, followed by dinner at Roxy's, 517 S. Coast Hwy 101, Encinitas. For more information, contact Carrie Giebel at cgiebel@diocese-sdiego.org or 858-490-8260.

Altar Society's Annual Boutique in Carlsbad—Saturday, November 15, 10:00am-6:30pm and Sunday, November 15, 7:30am-1:00pm, at St. Patrick Church, 3821 Adams St., Carlsbad.

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. For more information, contact Linda at 760-743-1500 or lsteiner453@yahoo.com.

Diocesan Young Adult Christmas Party in San Diego—Come join other single and married Catholic young adults (21-39yrs) for food, music, and dancing on Saturday, December 5 from 7:00-11:30pm at St. Brigid Parish Hall, 4735 Cass St., San Diego. For more information, visit www.yamsd.org.

Ongoing Diocesan Workshops—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 daveandcheryl@cost.net or 619-303-5053.

Natural Family Planning Classes—For more information, contact daveandcheryl@cox.net or 619-303-5053.

Church of the Resurrection Catholic Gift Shop in Escondido—Open Tuesday-Friday, 9:00am-5:00pm and before and after Masses on the weekends. 1445 Conway Drive, Escondido. For more information, contact 760-747-2322.

Catholic Network of Volunteer Service (CNVS) Looking for Volunteers—Thousands of faith-based volunteer opportunities available from nearly 200 programs all over the world for all ages and walks of life. For more information, contact 800-543-5046 or visit www.cnvs.org.

Decluttering? Call Fr. Joe's Villages—Did you know that every week, St. Vincent de Paul Village is in your Parish area to pick up usable discards from you and your neighbors? Those items are needed by Father Joe to assist him in helping over 3,400 neighbors in need each day. You can call 1-888-FatherJoe(1-888-328-4375) to arrange a free pickup and receive a tax deductible receipt (please call at least one week in advance) or donate online at www.neighbor.org.

Foster and Affirm Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life in Carlsbad—Join the Serra Club of San Diego North Coast at 8:00am Mass at St. Patrick Church in Carlsbad followed by a breakfast meeting on the second Saturday and fourth Tuesday of each month. For more information, call 760-729-9528.

Volunteers Needed as Advocates for Foster Children—Become a child advocate and make a lasting difference in the life of a foster child. More than just a mentor, you can give hope to a child who has none. For upcoming information session dates, contact www.speakupnow.org or 858-569-2019.



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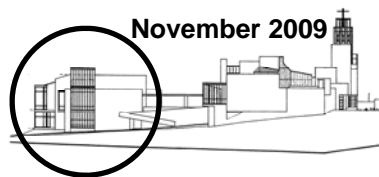
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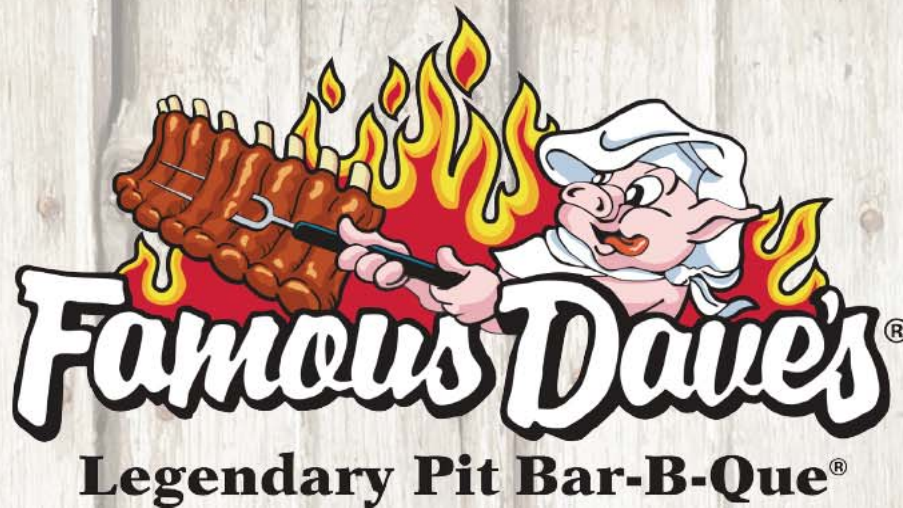
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HEALTH CARE REFORM ACTION ALERT

Congress is preparing to debate health care reform legislation on the House and Senate floors. Genuine health care reform should protect the life and dignity of all people from the moment of conception until natural death. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has concluded that all bills moving through Congress are seriously deficient on the issues of abortion and conscience, and do not provide adequate access to health care for immigrants and the poor. The bills will have to change, or the bishops have pledged to oppose them.

Our nation is at a crossroads. Policies adopted in health care reform will have an impact for good or ill for years to come. None of the bills retains longstanding current policies against abortion funding or abortion coverage mandates, and none fully protects conscience rights in health care.

For more information on proposed legislation and the bishops' advocacy for authentic health care reform, visit: www.usccb.org/healthcare

Congressional leaders are presently attempting to put together final bills for floor consideration. Please consider contacting your Representative and Senators today and urge them to make these bills acceptable with the pro-life amendments noted below. Otherwise much needed health care reform will have to be opposed. Health care reform should be about saving lives, not destroying them.

ACTION: Contact Members through e-mail, phone calls or FAX letters.

- Send a pre-written, instant e-mail to Congress by going to www.usccb.org/action.
- Call the U.S. Capitol switchboard at: 202-224-3121, or call your Members' local offices. Full contact info can be found on Members' web sites at www.house.gov and www.senate.gov

MESSAGE to SENATE MEMBERS:

"During floor debate on the health care reform bill, please support an amendment to incorporate longstanding policies against abortion funding and in favor of conscience rights. If these serious concerns are not addressed, the final bill should be opposed."

MESSAGE to HOUSE MEMBER:

"Please support the Stupak Amendment that addresses essential pro-life concerns on abortion funding and conscience rights in the health care reform bill. Help ensure that the Rule for the bill allows a vote on this amendment. If these serious concerns are not addressed, the final bill should be opposed."

WHEN: Both House and Senate are preparing for floor votes now. Act today! Thank you!