

# Church of St. Thomas More

A Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of San Diego

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Spirituality † Tradition † Community

**Rev. Michael Ratajczak, Pastor**  
**Deacon Thomas A. Goeltz**

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

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

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

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

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**November 15, 2009 • Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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## Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak  
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### Statement of Appreciation for Women Religious in California by the Bishops of California

Recently the Catholic Bishops of California met and issued a joint statement of appreciation for Women Religious in California. The statement was prompted by the Vatican's Apostolic Visitation of Institutes of Women Religious in the United States.

It is a statement that deserves to be read, appreciated, and shared with others:

*During the month of October we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary, the faith-filled woman of the Gospel. As we, the Bishops of California, reflect on her generous response to God, we call to mind other faith-filled women—the thousands of Women Religious whose presence and ministry have helped to shape the face of the Catholic Church in California. We find it appropriate to acknowledge with profound gratitude the contributions of these*

*women of the Gospel who have lived and served in the Catholic Dioceses and Archdioceses of California.*

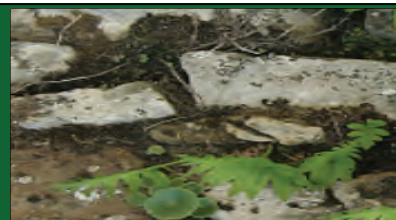
*Throughout the history of the Church in California, Women Religious, faithful to their founding charisms, have served a population characterized by ethnic diversity and challenged by the societal, economic, and political conditions of changing times. For nearly two hundred years they have been faithful disciples and co-workers in bringing the message of the Gospel to the western regions of our country.*

*By virtue of their vowed consecration, religious are indeed “signs of contradiction” to our world as they foster a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus, a communal relationship with*

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### Attention all STM Stewards!

Please remember to RSVP for the Stewardship Appreciation Reception on Sunday, November 22, in the lower level of the Parish Center. Please drop by anytime between 3:00 and 5:00pm for hors d'oeuvres, desserts, beverages, and most of all, thanksgiving, fun, and fellowship! RSVP to 760-758-4100 x158 or [www.stmoside.org/events](http://www.stmoside.org/events).



## 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)*


*those with whom they share charism and spirit in their religious institutes, and an ecclesial relationship manifested in generous service to all members of the Body of Christ. Women Religious bear witness to the unique value of lives given totally to God in love and expressed in generous service to God's people.*

*Deeply rooted in prayer and impelled by God's Holy Spirit, Women Religious further the Reign of God as they participate in the mission of Jesus through their ministries of education, health care, pastoral services, and social outreach. Despite challenges and sacrifices of every kind, they have served in a spirit of untiring selflessness, generosity, and charity and continue to do so to this day.*

*We, the Bishops of California, join our people in thanking Women Religious for being our "sisters," for their presence among us, for their witness to the richness and varied gifts of the Spirit, and for the difference they have made in our lives. They have blessed us. We assure them of our sincere support and of our grateful prayers. May our Women Religious, like Mary, continue to witness hope in our Church and in our world.*

**The Bishops of California**

**October 29, 2009**



### 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**



## Readings for the Week Ahead

Sunday Year B; Weekday Year I  
Readings online at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org).

### 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

### Monday, November 16 (497)

*Margaret of Scotland*

*Gertrude, virgin*

1 Maccabees 1:10-15,41-43,54-57,

62-63

Psalms 119:53,61,134,150,155,158

Luke 18:35-43

### Tuesday, November 17 (498)

*Elizabeth of Hungary*

2 Maccabees 6:18-31

Psalms 3:2-7

Luke 19:1-10

### Wednesday, November 18 (499)

*The Dedication of the Basilicas of  
St. Peter & St. Paul, apostles*

*Rose Philippine Duchesne, virgin*

2 Maccabees 7:1,20-31

Psalms 17:1,5-6,8,15

Luke 19:11-28

### Thursday, November 19 (500)

1 Maccabees 2:15-29

Psalms 50:1-2,5-6,14-15

Luke 19:41-44

### Friday, November 20 (501)

1 Maccabees 4:36-37,52-59

1 Chronicles 29:10-12 (Psalm)

Luke 19:45-48

### Saturday, November 21 (502)

*The Presentation of the*

*Blessed Virgin Mary*

1 Maccabees 6:1-13

Psalms 9:2-4,6,16,19

Luke 20:27-40

### Sunday, November 22 (161)

*Our Lord Jesus Christ the King*

Daniel 7:13-14

Psalms 93:1-2,5

Revelation 1:5-8

John 18:33b-37

## 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  
Emily Champ  
Paul Cipowski  
Marilyn Clarke  
James Coleman  
Thomas Cornwell & Family  
The Crowell Family  
Karen Flaharty Daley  
Margie Daniels & Family  
Cecilia DeSimone  
Linda Dossman  
Kathryn Ernst  
The Fiore Family  
Peggy & Jack Fischer  
Ryan Flum  
Kathryn Franklin  
Joe Freire  
Carmen Garcia  
Peter Gavin  
The Gemar Family  
Bob Godley  
Rick Gonzalez  
Anita Hage  
Susan Hallahan  
The Harker Family  
Rita Harnacker  
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  
James MacArthur  
Lois Maganini  
Gloria Maupin  
Ken Mauro  
Helen McCullough  
Tom McGeary  
Bob McWilliams  
Carol Michael  
Carroll Tom & Nona Miller

The Miller Family  
Howard Montgomery  
Nancy Moore  
Margie Myers  
R. Northrup  
Helen O'Connell  
Lupe Casas Pelletier  
Helen Pingtella  
Anne Post  
John Puppig  
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  
PVT2 Tyler Timmerman,  
U.S. Army  
Julian Torres, USMC  
LT Billy Turley  
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](http://www.stmoside.org)) for complete  
calendar information.

### The Week Ahead

Nov 8-22 Stewardship Renewal  
Nov 14-15 St. Bonaventure  
Clothing Drive  
Nov 15 Liturgy of the Word for  
Children at 8:30am Mass  
Nov 15 RE.A.CH Classes at Church  
Nov 15 Blood Drive  
Nov 16 P.U.S.H. Middle School  
Youth Ministry  
Nov 16 High School RE.A.CH  
Nov 22 Liturgy of the Word for  
Children at 8:30am and  
10:30am Masses  
Nov 22 Stewardship Appreciation  
Reception

### The Month Ahead

Nov 26 Thanksgiving  
Mass at 9:00am  
Dinner at 1:00pm

### The Year Ahead

Dec 4 Exposition of the Eucharist  
Dec 6 RE.A.CH Classes at Church  
Dec 6 Towers of Faith Reception  
Dec 12 Spirited Seniors  
Holiday Traditions Trip  
Dec 13 RE.A.CH Classes at Church  
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

## 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.

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| Monday, November 16<br>Sr. Joanna Baker, OCD          |
| Tuesday, November 17<br>Sr. Maria Teresa Bandera, CVI |
| Wednesday, November 18<br>Sr. Lilia Barba, SJS        |
| Thursday, November 19<br>Sr. Ruth Marie Barrera, CHS  |
| Friday, November 20<br>Sr. Mary Bartosh, CHS          |
| Saturday, November 21<br>Sr. Eileen Bearss, RSCJ      |
| Sunday, November 22<br>Sr. M. Joy Bourgeois, MC       |

## Mass Intentions

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

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

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

Tuesday, November 17, 8:15am  
Jennifer Treat ☩

Wednesday, November 18, 8:15am  
Rodney Keyser ☩

Thursday, November 19, 8:15am  
*Communion Service*

Friday, November 20, 8:15am  
Donald Kope ☩  
Karl Rowley ☩

Saturday, November 21, 5:00pm  
Deceased Members of the  
Lavelle & Tutino Families ☩

Sunday, November 22, 8:30am  
Dolores Murchison ☩

Sunday, November 22, 10:30am  
Deceased Members of the  
Schweitzer & Berry Families ☩

**Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioners**

Catherine &amp; Thomas Brennan

**In Memoriam**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

**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.

**Nona Miller**, who died on November 5. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, November 20, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep Nona's husband Tom and 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.*

**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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**Thanksgiving Dinner**

If you would like to attend the Fifth Annual Thanksgiving Dinner with your Parish family at St. Thomas More, please call the Parish Office at 760-758-4100 x100 by Wednesday, November 18, to make your reservation. The dinner will be held on Thursday, November 26, at 1:00pm. We look forward to celebrating the holiday with you!

**Spirited Seniors Sponsor Holiday Event Trip**

Join us on a bus trip to see the performance *Traditions* at the East County Performing Arts Center in El Cajon on Saturday, December 12, leaving the STM parking lot at noon and returning around 6:00pm. The performance includes holiday customs around the world, music, and a live nativity scene. The cost is \$48 for members, \$50 for non-members, and includes transportation, admission to the show, and a snack. Please RSVP by Tuesday, November 24 to Vera Bayliss at 760-739-9061.

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

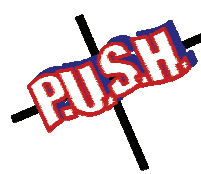
This month, as we celebrate Christian Stewardship Awareness and Renewal, we focus on the fact that we are the living stones of the Church.

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](mailto:ronb@stmoside.org)  
Visit [www.stmoside.org/ym](http://www.stmoside.org/ym)

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS**

Monday, November 16 (and concluding November 30)

**"God in the Digital Age or R U there, JC?"**

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

**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](mailto:ronb@stmoside.org).

**2009 World Mission Sunday/  
Propagation of the Faith Collection**

**\$2,200.98**

# Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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

## CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP Prayerfully Alert and Accountable

How would you spend your day if you knew it was the last day you would spend on earth? Without a doubt, it would not be a normal day.

The point of today's Gospel reading is that the end-time is always imminent. The good Christian Steward remains prayerfully alert, ready to give an accounting, and living each day in the awareness of our ultimate judgment and salvation.

- † How do we exercise stewardship over our daily lives?
- † Are we prepared to give an accounting?
- † How do we allow Christ to work in and through us to prepare for the reconciliation of the heavens and the earth?

What is it that makes people grateful for God's gifts—to be able to see life in a whole new way? To serve the Lord, with gratitude and return, every day is often a challenge . . . unless and until we think it is our time to render a final accounting to God.

For some it is a recovery from illness. For others, the birth of a baby, or the death of a loved one. Still others see God's generous gifts in the beauty of the world that surrounds us, from the smallest flowers to the grandest vistas.

For me it is the amazing vastness of the universe, big almost beyond human comprehension. The power in the stars, the emptiness of the black void, the almost eternalness of the past and future of the universe. God's love for me gives significance and purpose to my life.

Christian Stewardship helps me connect my gratitude for what God has created with my question about why I'm here: to be the good steward of God's gifts, cultivate them for the Kingdom, and share them with others.

*Excerpted from—Scott Bader, ISCS November 2009 Stewardship*

Archbishop Thomas Murphy put it this way: *My own experience with a long hospitalization made me aware—in a way that I never dreamed possible—that God is the origin of life, the giver of freedom, the source of all we have and are and will be. I am not the independent person without the need of others. I do not have all the resources that enable me to have a quality experience of life.*



Skip and Kathy Wilson, children David, Jack, Andrew and Rachel, are our lay witness speakers this weekend. This terrific family has been with St. Thomas More for 13 years, and have been active stewards the entire time. They return their

gifts to God, both behind the scenes and at Mass, on a regular basis. Many thanks to them for their sharing, caring, and lifelong practice and example of Christian Stewardship as a way of life!

**None of us knows the day or the hour that  
God will call us. Ready or not.**

## 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](mailto:chriss@stmoside.org)

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

### Collection for Week of: November 7/8, 2009

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|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Number of Registered Households: | 1,005               |
| Offertory*                       | \$ 15,804.29        |
| Offertory (Loose Collection)     | 1,266.00            |
| Children's envelopes             | 1.00                |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b>\$ 17,071.29</b> |

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

### 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](mailto:parishoffice@stmoside.org).*

# Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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



## GIVING YOURSELF THE GIFT OF SONG

Many of us sang in school.

There were elementary school programs in the auditorium for winter holidays and spring festivals. There were high school concerts at Disneyland, Sea World, or the San Diego Zoo that included a day at the park. There collegiate choir and madrigal choir outings to high schools to share the joy of singing and recruit students who were staying close to home for college.

Many of us sang at summer camp or in the family car on the way to some place of historic or natural wonder.

There were the campfire songs. There were travelling-on-the-bus-to-camp songs. There were the Americana songs about comin' round the mountain, Susannah, and the Erie canal.

Have you stopped singing? Was it after elementary school? High school? College? Children?

Take a moment to recall those times you sang in a group at school, around the campfire, in the bus... and remember whether those were joyous times.

If so, I'd like to invite you to sing again...at church.

St. Thomas More has a variety of singing opportunities for you to recapture the joy and camaraderie of your previous singing days, and to give glory to God at the same time.

If your greatest singing joy was in the BIG high school or university choir, then I hope to see you as the newest member of the Adult Choir.

If you were more of a small-group-of-singers person, then the Adult Praise Team is for you.

All the music ministries are beginning their preparations for Christmas, so now is the perfect time to join in the music-making! (See right, too.)

Did you play in the marching band or your school's wind symphony? There are playing opportunities for **instrumentalists** in the Adult Praise Team, the Youth Praise Team, and on special occasions.

So, please, think about it...perhaps one way for you to gives thanks to God for all the blessings of your earlier life in music is to return to music making here at St. Thomas More.

*May the peoples praise you, God;*

*May all the peoples praise you! (Psalm 67:4)*

See you in church,  
Douglas

### Music Ministry Next Week

**NOVEMBER 21/22**  
**Christ the King**

**5:00pm Mass**

Youth Praise Team

**8:30am Mass**

Adult and Handbell  
Choirs

**10:30am Mass**

Adult and Handbell  
Choirs

**NOVEMBER 26**  
**Thanksgiving Day**

Cantor



## Children's Christmas Choir

**St. Thomas More's Children's Choir returns  
for the Christmas season!**

**All children, grades 2-6 are invited to sing in  
the Children's Christmas Choir.**

**They will be singing by themselves  
and with the other choirs.**

### REHEARSALS

**Wednesdays, 5:00-6:15pm**

**December 2**

**December 9**

**December 16**

**December 23 — 7:00-7:45pm  
(with the Combined Choirs)**

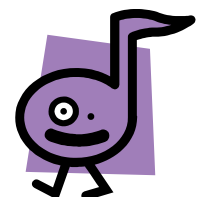
### CHRISTMAS EVE

**Thursday, December 24  
4:00pm Mass**

### FAMILY FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS

**Friday, January 1  
7:00pm**

**JOIN US!!!**



## Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

Kathleen Bell

Director of Faith Formation

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



### 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.

Even if you are not able to attend the discussion, this is one of those books you want to have in your personal library to read and re-read, especially when you need some reassurance of how much God loves you. Here's a sample:



H.L. Mencken described a Puritan as a person with a haunting fear that someone, somewhere is happy; today, many people would apply the same caricature to evangelicals or fundamentalists. Where does this reputation of uptight joylessness come from? A column by humorist Erma Bombeck provides a clue:

*In church the other Sunday I was intent on a small child who was turning around smiling at everyone. He wasn't gurgling, spitting, humming, kicking, tearing the hymnals, or rummaging through his mother's handbag. He was just smiling. Finally, his mother jerked him about and in a stage whisper that could be heard in a little theatre off Broadway said, "Stop that grinning! You're in church!" With that, she gave him a belt and as the tears rolled down his cheeks added, "That's better," and returned to her prayers. . .*

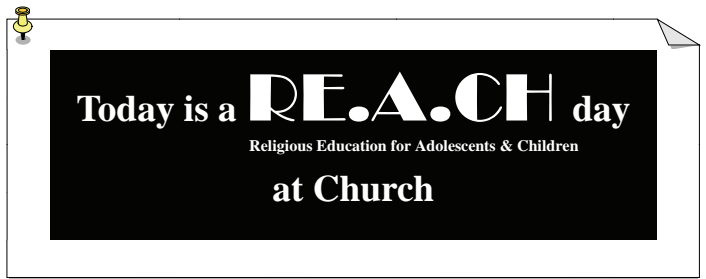
*Suddenly I was angry. It occurred to me the entire world is in tears, and if you're not, then you'd better get with it. I wanted to grab this child with the tear-stained face close to me and tell him about my God. The happy God. The smiling God. The God who had to have a sense of humor to have created the likes of us. . . . By tradition, one wears faith with the solemnity of a mourner, the gravity of a mask of tragedy, and the dedication of a Rotary badge.*

*What a fool, I thought. Here was a woman sitting next to the only light left in our civilization—the only hope, our only miracle—our only promise of infinity. If he couldn't smile in church, where was there left to go?*

These characterizations of Christians are surely incomplete, for I know many Christians who embody grace . . .

### New Year Offerings

In 2010, we are pleased to offer a Parish Retreat, January 2-9, and a Parish Mission, February 27-March 4. This would be a good time to get these dates on your new 2010 calendar. Details are in the Adult Faith Formation brochure we mailed to you in August, or check the Parish website: [www.stmoside.org](http://www.stmoside.org), then *Schedules and Calendars*, then *Faith: The Main Ingredient*.



### PBJ Update

(Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center)

2009 GOAL: 365 jars  
Collected to date: **643 jars !**



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

### Information for Growth

. . . 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 continue:

#### # 1—answer

The Paschal Mystery refers to  
D) Jesus' Passion, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension.

(CCC 1067 = *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, bold paragraph number 1067)



#### # 2—question

What is the liturgical year?

- A) the school calendar and the schedule for parish religious education programs
- B) the celebration of the great feasts in the Church's life of prayer, with Easter as its focal point
- C) the period from Ash Wednesday through Easter
- D) a special year of prayer every 50 years



## 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.

## Thank You!

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone who contributed during the Tootsie Roll Drive for Mental Disabilities. In just one weekend of fundraising (3 Masses), we raised a total of \$824.44 for The Arc of San Diego <http://www.arc-sd.com/>. Thanks to your generosity we were able help people in our community who live with mental disabilities.

## Calling All Angels!

It's time again to bring Christmas joy to those children who otherwise might go without. The Christmas Angel tree is up this weekend with ornaments for gifts of all kinds—baby items, toys, and gift cards for girls and boys of all ages. To make shopping easier for some, gift cards can be purchased through the STM Scrip Program, which benefits both Scrip and Christmas Angels. This year we are supporting North County Solutions for Change, Catholic Charities, Birth Choice, and other local charities.



Again this year, we will support families at our sister parish, St. Peter Claver in New Orleans. So sponsor a family (alone or join with others), and provide them with a personalized package. See the volunteers at our table for a family name and details.

The generosity of STM parishioners has always been overwhelming despite the troubled economy. Join us at the tree, choose your ornaments and pray for the continued success of the Christmas Angel Ministry. What better way to earn your halo this season?

To achieve immediate Angel status, kindly volunteer to help at the weekend Masses and on Saturday, December 12, to stuff stockings and gift bags!

*For more information please contact John or Marti Harper at 760-724-1181 or [4johnnysangel@cox.net](mailto:4johnnysangel@cox.net)*

## 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.

## Are You Available from 8:45-9:15am on Saturdays?

Once or twice a month, we can use more help setting up chairs for Mass on the weekends. You have probably noticed that we need to take all the chairs down on occasion for maintenance and special events. Wonderful people like you help us get them back in place. The next chair set up is on Saturday, November 21, at 8:45am. For information, call Lorraine at 760-758-4100 x102.

## Women's Guild News

We were all so delighted to hear Jennifer Lanzrath explain the background of her wonderful book, *Balboa Park A to Z*, and to have illustrator Joy Raab share with us her inspirations and media used in the beautiful pictures accompanying the text. The book exchange was a big success, with many of us finding several new books to enjoy. Many thanks to the makers of all those delicious soups, to Mary Coxon for arranging the program, to Vicky Squires, Vera Bayliss, Elizabeth Remsburg, and Nancy Wozniak for all their work in set-up and clean-up, and a very special THANK YOU to Nancy Wozniak for her charming decorated pumpkins centerpieces.

## 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.

## STM Annual Financial Report

The Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 is now available for viewing on the Parish website. Go to [www.stmoside.org](http://www.stmoside.org), then click on Finance Council and select Parish Financial Report July 2008 to June 2009.

The report is only being published online this year to save on printing and mailing costs. All Parishioners with email addresses on record were sent a message with the link to the report. Printed copies will be available at the Parish Office by request for those without internet access.

If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office at 760-758-4100 x100 or [parishoffice@stmoside.org](mailto:parishoffice@stmoside.org).

## News from the Larger Church

**Molina Family & Friends of the Poor Children's Christmas Party in Oceanside**—Parishioner Vicky Molina and her family are hosting their 26th annual event for children of poor families. Contributions of toys for children up to age 10 or monetary contributions are appreciated. For more information, contact Vicky at 760-630-1983.

**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

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

**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.

**Music Machine by Candle in Oceanside**—Sunday, November 15, 4:00pm, at San Luis Rey Valley United Methodist Church, 5570 Old Ranch Road, Oceanside. For more information, contact 760-758-9817.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:lsteiner453@yahoo.com).

**Christ in Evolution Discussion at the University of San Diego**—Tuesday, December 1, 5:00-6:15pm, Salomon Hall, Bishop Maher Hall, USD. A discussion of the book by Ilia Delio, OSF, in preparation for a keynote address on February 11, 2010. For more information, contact 619-260-4784 or [ccs@sandiego.edu](mailto:ccs@sandiego.edu).

**Staying Awake: Some Advent Attitudes Session at the University of San Diego**—Saturday, December 5, 9:00am-12:00noon, Salomon Hall, Bishop Maher Hall, USD. Presented by Annice Callahan, RSCJ. For more information, contact 619-260-4784 or [ccs@sandiego.edu](mailto:ccs@sandiego.edu).

**Diocesan Young Adult Christmas Party in San Diego**—Come join other single and married Catholic young adults (21-39 yrs) 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](http://www.yamsd.org).

**Ongoing Diocesan Workshops**—Various topics related to religious education. For details, contact [www.diocese-sdiego.org/evangelization.htm](http://www.diocese-sdiego.org/evangelization.htm) or 858-490-8230.

### Collection for National Needs

Envelopes were attached to the bulletin the first weekend in November 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!

### It's Christmas Again—A Children's Book

Copies of the children's book by Rev. Rich Lewandowski, *It's Christmas Again*, will be available at the information table on the Plaza after Mass today.

*It's Christmas Again* tells the story of a time when everyone forgot the reason people celebrated Christmas. A child asks "Why do we celebrate December 25?" and no one knows the answer. The whole world was so busy buying gifts and decorating trees, but it had forgotten why December 25 was a holiday.

At \$15, this book makes a wonderful Christmas gift for all who realize and want to promote the true meaning of Christmas in an easily understandable and enjoyable manner.

Father Rich will direct *A Retreat for a New Year and New Resolutions* here at St. Thomas More at the beginning of January, 2010. He can easily be coaxed to sign his books for you when he visits our Parish at the start of the new year.

### 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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!



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