

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

January 3, 2010 • The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God

Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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Welcome, Fr. Rich Lewandowski!

This weekend we welcome Fr. Rich Lewandowski to our Parish. Fr. Rich will be “covering” for me while I am leading a pilgrimage to the United Arab Emirates and Egypt.

Fr. Rich will also be leading our Parish in a New Year Retreat which begins this week on Monday evening, January 4. His series of talks will deal with affirmation, self-acceptance, forgiveness, healing, and creating for oneself a “spirituality of imperfection.”

There is no one more qualified to speak on the topic of imperfection than Fr. Rich. (HA!) (Don't tell him that I said so!!) Please check the bulletin for more details regarding topics, places, and times.

It will be a great way to kick off the New Year, and I would encourage you to take advantage of Fr. Rich's time with us.

Fr. Rich and I have been friends for the past 43 years. We met at St. Mary's College in Orchard Lake, Michigan in 1967. After graduation he went to Ss. Cyril and Methodius Seminary in Orchard Lake and was ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Worcester, Massachusetts in 1974. I went on to St. John's Provincial Seminary in Plymouth, Michigan and was ordained for the Archdiocese of Detroit in 1975.

Presently, Fr. Rich is retired after serving 33 years in a number of parochial assignments including Pastor of St. Camillus Parish in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, and Catholic Chaplain at Fitchburg State College.

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RETREAT SCHEDULE

Monday, January 4 at 7:00pm

Tuesday, January 5 at 9:00am or 7:00pm

Wednesday, January 6 at 9:00am or 7:00pm

Thursday, January 7 at 7:00pm

SEE PAGE 7 FOR DETAILS!

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)*

He now resides in Leominster, Massachusetts, and is kept busy assisting in weekend parish ministry, and in weekday ministry to the elderly. He also conducts retreats and counsels first responders and combat veterans dealing with post traumatic stress disorder.

Over the years we have shared a few vacations together, but our friendship has survived thanks to the telephone, and in recent years, the internet. Over the years, we would, on a regular basis, check in with each other to see how each other is doing. We both provided each other with a listening ear that has helped both of us in our ministry.

Around the time that we were ordained, we made a pact that if either of us were thinking about leaving the active ministry we would have to first talk to each other, and each of us would attempt to strengthen one another and help each other get through whatever it was we were going through. This commitment to each other was the foundation and the basis for a life-time friendship that continues to this day and has seen both of us through over 35 years of ministry.

Fr. Rich preached at my first Mass and is remembered fondly because of the word "genuine." Ask him about it!

The last time Fr. Rich visited California was in January 2000 when he was here for my twenty-fifth anniversary of ordination celebration.

I know that you will welcome Fr. Rich to our Parish, and that in the evident hospitality here at St. Thomas More you will make him feel right at home!

Fr. 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

Readings for the Week Ahead

Sunday Year C; Weekday Year II
Readings online at www.usccb.org.

Sunday, January 3 (20)
The Epiphany of the Lord
Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,10-13
Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6
Matthew 2:1-12

Monday, January 4 (212)
Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious
1 John 3:22-4:6
Psalm 2:7-89,10-12a
Matthew 4:12-17,23-25

Tuesday, January 5 (213)
John Neuman, bishop
1 John 4:7-10
Psalm 72:1-4,7-8
Mark 6:34-44

Wednesday, January 6 (214)
Blessed Andre Bessette, religious
1 John 4:11-18
Psalm 72:1-2,10-13
Mark 6:45-59

Thursday, January 7 (215)
Raymond of Penafort, priest
1 John 4:19-5:4
Psalm 72:1-2,14,15bc,17
Luke 4:14-22a

Friday, January 8 (216)
Christmas Weekday
1 John 5:5-13
Psalm 147:12-15,19-20
Luke 5:12-16

Saturday, January 9 (217)
Christmas Weekday
1 John 5:14-21
Psalm 149:1-6a,9b
John 3:22-30

Sunday, January 10 (21)
The Baptism of the Lord
Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11
Psalm 104:1b-4,24-25,27-30
Titus 2:11-14,3:4-7
Luke 3:15-16,21-22

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 2, 5:00pm
Patricia Tomaszewski ☩

Sunday, January 3, 8:30am
Larry Fisk ☩

Sunday, January 3, 10:30am
Mary Ann Treister ☩

Tuesday, January 5, 8:15am
Rose Campolotaro ☩

Wednesday, January 6, 8:15am
Bud Lundell ☩

Thursday, January 7, 8:15am
Luis Cadenas ☩

Friday, January 8, 8:15am
Tony Lucey ☩

Saturday, January 9, 5:00pm
Bernie Weiler ☩

Sunday, January 10, 8:30am
Frank Hannon ☩

Sunday, January 10, 10:30am
Ralph & Rafaella Vozza ☩

Prayer List

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

Mary Alexander
Sandra Andrews
Mary Baker
Maria V. Balli
Patricia Barbour
Cdr. Thomas Bartholomew, USN
John Bennici
Regina Bentz
George "Whitey" Betus
Bruce Bousquet
Beatrice Brooks & Family
Monica Broussard
Janet Brown
Roseanne Burg
Herman Calandro
Shelby Campbell
Claudia Caplinger
Tony Cazaleri
Paul Cipowski
Marilyn Clarke
James Coleman
Thomas Cornwell & Family
Chelena Craine
The D'Acosta & Moon Families
Karen Flaharty Daley
Margie Daniels & Family
Cecilia DeSimone
Linda Dossman
Chris Dumelle
Kathryn Ernst
The Fiore Family
Peggy & Jack Fischer
Ryan Flum
The Fox Family
Kathryn Franklin
Joe Freire
James Gallagher
Carmen Garcia
The Gavin & Ritter Families
Maribel & Marcelino Gil
Bob Godley
Rick Gonzalez
Rosemary Haeffelin
Anita Hage
Susan Hallahan
The Harker Family
Rita Harnacker
Barry Henwood
Lilian Hills
Al & Jo Hoefner
Cynthia Horner
Dorothy Jensen
Lois A.J. Johnston
Sue Johnston
Joan Jones
Darleen Kelch
Paul Kennedy
Debbie Kinney
George Kleekamp
The Koonce Family
Michael Kozak
Helen Kuhn
Lillian Lachance
The LaChance Family
The Lamelin Family
Bernie Lanzrath
Rick Laver
Brandon LeBlanc
Ceil Lettis
Dave & Stella Leue
Cassandra Loretto
Lauren Loretto
James MacArthur
Irene Martinelli
Helen McCullough

Tom McGeary
Bob McWilliams
Carol Michael
Howard Montgomery
Nancy Moore
Margie Myers
The Nolberto Navarro Family
R. Northrup
Helen O'Connell
The O'Malley Family
The Pato Family
Lupe Casas Pelletier
Helen Pingtella
Anne Post
The Pulver Family
Otila Quiroz
Janet Raiman
Isabel Ramirez & Family
Dort Riley
Sr. Loyola Romey
Dorothy Rouse
Rose Rowland
The Russo Family
Sandie Sanchez & Family
Nancy Scali
Richard Sikora
Jeanne Sisson
Nick Soltau
Ed Sox
Gilda Spiegl
Dorothy and Ray Staehr
Joan Stringer
Maria Surmenidis
Ms. Tammy
Stephen Toth, Jr.
The Verusco Family
Dominic Vienna, Jr.
Vanessa Vitiello-Koble
Kevin Watson-Graff
Ed Wesel
Marilyn Wesel

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, USN
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

Parish Office closed from December 24-January 4
Jan 3 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
Jan 9-10 Knights of Columbus Membership Drive
Jan 10 Knights of Columbus Breakfast

The Month Ahead

Jan 11 Women's Guild Meeting
Jan 13 Restaurant Fundraiser at California Pizza Kitchen
Jan 15 ACTTS Bowling Night
Jan 17 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
Jan 17 RE.A.CH Classes at Church
Jan 23 Women's Guild Game Day
Jan 24 North County Widows & Widowers Mass & Breakfast
Jan 30 Liturgical Ministers Workshop

The Year Ahead

Apr 30 Eleventh Annual Golf Classic
Aug 22 Second Annual Pastor's Dinner
Oct 17 STM 25th Anniversary Celebration

Questions? Contact Henny at 760-758-4100 x100 hennyj@stmoside.org.

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.

January 4	Sr. Merita Dekat, SSS
January 5	Sr. Charlene Del Bianco, CSJ
January 6	Sr. Pauline Dibb, CSJP
January 7	Sr. Mary Dietz, SSND
January 8	Sr. Carlotta DiLorenzo, CSJ
January 9	Sr. M. Ursula Doherty, RSM
January 10	Sr. Mary Agnes Dombroski, DMML

Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioners

Bill & Penny Walsh

Announcing the Baptisms of

Zoë Shona Zych
on December 30, 2009

Isabella Sofia Azpeitiamacias
Matias Isaiah Chavez
on January 3, 2010



Our Christian community welcomes you with great joy!

In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Peter Gavin, who died on December 16 (not December 13 as mentioned last week). His Funeral Mass will be on Monday, January 4, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep Peter's family in your prayers.

Manuel Verduco, who died on December 19. Manuel is the father of Parishioner Jeanette Wood. Please keep Manuel's family in your prayers.

Catherine Koonce, who died on December 20. Her Funeral Mass will be on Friday, January 8, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep Catherine's family in your prayers.

Phyllis Pulver, who died on December 22. Phyllis is the sister-in-law of Parishioners Barbara and Dale Pulver. Please keep Phyllis's family in your prayers.

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

STM Scrip News

Thanks to all those who are using the Scrip Program.

Scrip will not be sold from December 24 until January 5.

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 SCRIP table after weekend Masses or the Parish Office during the week. Thank you!

High School Youth Ministry

Youth Group Resumes

Monday, January 4 at our Parish Retreat
"It's none of my business what other people think of me, but affirmation sure feels good!"

JOURNEY 2010

January 22-24

with musician **Mark Reymundo**

& High School Team

For more information, call Gale

at 760-726-7236 or jellg@stmoside.org

ACTTS

Adult Catholics in their Twenties and Thirties who Socialize

Next event: Bowling Night on January 15

Watch for more details

actts@stmoside.org

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.

Opportunity to Help Homeless Families

The North County Solutions for Change women and children's shelter needs volunteers for meal preparation, servers, and donations (food and paper goods). Our ministry answers the call by Jesus to feed the hungry in our time and neighborhood. Any help you can provide is most welcome!



Many thanks to those who have stepped up to supply two of the twelve monthly dinners!

These dates in 2010 are available for dinner adoption:

**January 24, February 28, March 28, April 25,
May 23, June 27, August 22, September 26,
November 28, and December 26**

*Contact: Paul & Kalei Mendiola at
760-945-9042 or kaleiann@sbcglobal.net.*

Women's Guild News

Remember to check those drawers, closets, and Christmas gifts for items you would like to donate to the annual Chinese auction. Bring unwrapped items to the January meeting, on Monday, January 11, where our auctioneer, Nancy Wozniak will attempt to describe each item. The fun begins at 11:00am.

Also, mark your calendars for our Game Day on Saturday, January 23. Bring your own cards, board games, or whatever you wish to play, and we will have several games available also. It is not necessary to have a group, as there are always a lot of singles anxious to start a group game or play bridge or hand and foot, or other games. It's fun for all, and husbands, children, and even grandchildren are invited. We will start the festivities with hors d'oeuvres and drinks, and proceed to a delicious luncheon. The cost will be \$10. Jen Frost and Sally Fay are chairing the event, and still need sign-ups for opportunity baskets, door prizes, finger sandwiches, hors d'oeuvres, and desserts. Please contact Jen at 858-692-7438 or Sally at 760-727-1766, or sign up at the January Chinese auction.

January 5 Rediscovering Catholicism Session Cancelled

The January 5 *Rediscovering Catholicism* session has been cancelled. You are encouraged to attend the talk given by Fr. Rich Lewandowski in place of the *Rediscovering Catholicism* session. All other sessions will be held as scheduled.

Knights of Columbus Membership Drive

If you are a practical Catholic man, age 18 or older, we invite you to join the leading organization of Catholic laymen. Imagine being part of an organization that fills your heart and your mind with the joy of giving to others and the feeling that comes with making a difference. Being a Knight is more than camaraderie; it is being involved with your community; it is supporting your local Catholic church—St. Thomas More—while enhancing your own faith; it is about protecting and enhancing your family life. Please visit with the Knights on the Plaza after Masses on January 9-10 to find out what we are about and take the first steps in joining our local council.

Knights of Columbus Breakfast on January 10

Mark your calendars and see the flyer for details.

Knights of Columbus Basketball Free Throw Championship

All boys and girls ages 10-14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2010 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The local competition will be held on Sunday, January 24, after the 10:30am Mass at St. Thomas More. The free throw contest is sponsored annually with winners progressing through local, district, and state competitions. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. For entry forms or additional information, contact Jim Bailey at 760-754-1635 or Chuck Fay at 760-727-1766. See the Knights on the Plaza after most Masses in December and January to sign up.

The Parish Office and the Chapel will resume regular hours on Monday, January 4.

**FILL A GROCERY BAG
FOR A HUNGRY FAMILY**



Every weekend, 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.

Catholic Widows and Widowers of North County

We are a group of Catholic widowed men and women encompassing all of North County. We usually meet the second and fourth Sundays of each month. January 10 is our general meeting and potluck in Oceanside; January 24 we celebrate Mass here at 10:30am, followed by brunch at Shadowridge Country Club. Our active calendar of events in January includes dining, dancing, concerts, golf, and several happy hours. For further information, please see the bulletin board on the lower level or contact Carol Kope at 760-758-4100.

Seniors Special Needs and Services

Are you aware that there are many services for seniors with special needs in North County? One of the services is Interfaith Community Services, which helps elderly seniors in many ways. To obtain more information about senior services, please contact Ann Eriksson at 760-599-7151.

Publicize Your Parish Event!

Would you like to publicize a Parish event to the general public? Submit a Press Release Form at least three weeks in advance of your event to have it advertised in local news publications. Press Release Forms are available:

- on the Parish website (www.stmoside.org, Contact Us, Parish Forms),
- the Parish office, or
- from Anne Marshall at 760-727-2668 or annemarshall@sbcglobal.net.



Facing Surgery or a Serious Illness?

If you, a family member or close friend is facing surgery or has been diagnosed with a serious illness, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick can be powerful and comforting.

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

Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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

A PERSPECTIVE ON 2010

Scripture Themes for January

Often, the beginning of a new venture is accompanied by a variety of prognosticators, each with his or her own analysis of the situation. As 2010 begins, so will begin a new round of experts and amateurs offering their views on how to assess and face the months that lie ahead. Financiers and the investors who rely on them, politicians and those they represent, meteorologists and farmers, educators and students—all will offer their take on this new year. Along with these speculators, self-professed psychics, stargazers, and tellers of the future will add their visions to the mix.

Amid this chorus of voices, one will speak with clarity and truth that far outweighs all the others. This voice belongs to Luke, who, as our guide through this liturgical year, will offer his unique insights into Jesus to enable the followers of Jesus to better appreciate his perspective and attempt to make it our own.

As our companion and mentor, Luke encourages us to remember that the perspective of Jesus was universally inclusive. Not for Israel alone had John preached and Jesus died, but so that “all flesh might see the salvation of God” (3:6). At the outset of this new year, Luke challenges us to enlarge our hearts and broaden our horizons and see that there is no one—good or bad, Christian, Muslim, or Jew, rich or poor, man or woman, citizen or foreigner, documented or undocumented—who is not known and cared for by God. Therefore, we are not permitted to overlook or mistreat those whom God loves.

Luke also has much to say about material goods. The Jesus of Luke is aware of the necessity of earning a living, but is also careful to warn of the dangers of accumulating riches while others go hungry and homeless. As the year unfolds

before us, Luke confronts us with the truth that material riches are not portable beyond the grave; therefore, the challenge for the year now unfolding is to “share with those who have neither food nor clothing” (3:1) and to “lend and expect nothing in return” (6:35). In this way, promised the Lucan Jesus, the year ahead will not only be a time for becoming our better selves; it will be an opportunity for being “merciful as God is merciful” (6:36).

This new year also challenges us to rethink our assessment of women, widows, orphans, and the poor, all of whom figured very importantly in the Lucan Jesus’ concerns. These were the voiceless and vote-less of his day, yet their attitude of trust in God is held forth as strength to be admired and acquired. Beginning with Mary, Elizabeth, and Anna, the Gospels of 2010 will purposefully feature women who teach us by word and example how to trust in God and in Jesus and in the power of the Word of God to illumine our way. Through this year we, like Mary, sister of Martha and Lazarus, will be invited to sit at Jesus’ feet, listening to the words that will make disciples of us (10:39). We will be encouraged to cultivate boldness and perseverance like that of the persistent widow (18:1-8) in asking for what we need and in helping to defend and procure the needs of others. Jesus’ attentiveness to these least ones calls forth our care for them. We care not out of charity or pity but because the quality of biblical justice does not permit us to do otherwise. Countless thousands of men, women, and children are being victimized at this moment by war, ethnic violence, unchecked disease, religious fanaticism, and immoral laws that continue to break up family units through imprisonment and deportation. When Jesus perceived similar



sufferings among his contemporaries, he saw beyond the problem to the possibilities that could make a better future. This year now beginning represents 365 opportunities for becoming more like Jesus and improving the lot of God’s special ones.

Through the coming year, the Lucan Jesus will also give us a new perspective on role models. His were anti-heroes like the uniquely grateful Samaritan leper (17:11-19) and the Samaritan (10:24-37) we call “good” because he helped a victim of crime despite their differences and despite the cost. Recall Zacchaeus, who vowed to change his dishonest life and make restitution to those he cheated, and that other tax collector who acknowledged his sin and begged for God’s mercy while others boasted before God and expected rewards (18:9-15). These antiheroes challenge us to consider whether those we look up to are actually worthy of our admiration.

From the beginning of the Gospel to the end, the Lucan Jesus offers a perspective that runs contrary to that of the world. With this year now beginning, we who profess to belong to him are invited once again to choose through whose eyes we will see and through whose ears we will hear. Then, seeing as Jesus sees, and hearing as he hears, we are to offer our hands and our hearts to his service.

—Patricia Datchuck Sánchez and Rafael Sánchez Alonso, Celebration January 2010

Upcoming Music

JANUARY 3

The Adult Choir will sing at First Presbyterian’s *Twelfth Night Festival* in Oceanside this evening at 6:00pm. Join us for an evening of carols and choirs!

2001 El Camino Real, at Fire Mountain Road, one mile north of Highway 78.

JANUARY 9/10 Baptism of the Lord

5:00pm Mass

Cantor

8:30am Mass

Cantor

10:30am Mass

Cantor

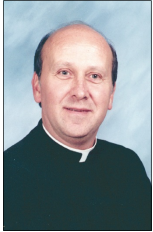
Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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



Start the New Year Right!



We welcome Fr. Rich Lewandowski as he offers us the following reflections:

Monday, January 4 • 7:00pm

All welcome, especially our youth

"It's none of my business what other people think of me, but affirmation sure feels good!"

Tuesday, January 5 • 9:00am or 7:00pm

From Resentments to Forgiveness

Wednesday, January 6 • 9:00am or 7:00pm

Sharing Secrets and Finding Freedom

Thursday, January 7 • 7:00pm

Letting Go . . . A Time for Healing

Men's Prayer Breakfast

January 9 • 8:00-10:30am

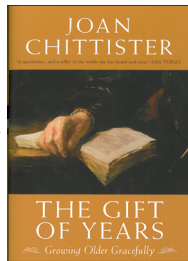
A Spirituality of Imperfection

Sign up after Mass or call 758-4100 X159 to RSVP so we have a breakfast count.

Fr. Mike's Bookies

The Gift of Years (Growing Old Gracefully)

by Joan Chittister is our next book for discussion on February 3. It is available for \$15 outside the Faith Formation Office. Sr. Maureen will be facilitating the discussion.



"The Gift of Years is an amazing compendium of wisdom not only for people facing aging or providing support, but for everyone who wants to live a spiritually centered and balanced life."

Michael Lerner

PBJ Update

Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center at Catholic Charities in Vista

2010 GOAL: 365 jars

Collected to date: 68 jars

Today is a **RE.A.CH** day at Home

Check your Annual Plan for this week's lesson

Teen Mini-Course—Last Call!

(Open to all parish teens, even those who have been Confirmed)

January 10, 24, and 31

6:30-8:30pm

M-2 Sexuality: Challenges and Choices

Facilitator: Sharon Hamill

An opportunity to grow in understanding your sexuality in a healthy, holistic and holy way.

(OR)

M-4 Parent-Teen Relationships

Facilitator: Linda Brault

Take time to explore the changing relationship with parents and improve your ability to communicate. Learn ways to work on conflict resolution skills as well.

To sign up, email your choice and contact information to kathleenb@stmoside.org.

Information for Growth

8—Answer

The Gospels were written

- B) by men who were among the first to have faith. (CCC 515)



9—Question

A consequence of Christian moral conversion is

- A) having an attitude to live and let live.
- B) being more concerned for others than oneself.
- C) seeking others' approval for doing God's will.
- D) believing that you have no further need to change.



Stewardship & Development

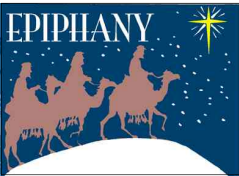
Serve God's People

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CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Something Old . . . Something New

On this feast of the Epiphany we once again are reminded that the three kings in today's Gospel traveled a great distance, and at great personal cost, to offer their richest gifts to the Infant Jesus.



This prompts the question of how far each of us will go and what will we offer to continue to pay homage to our King and Savior?

Stewardship is an old and new concept. In the **Old Testament**, the concept of stewardship is based on human willingness to recognize God as the provider of all essential elements of life. Then, as people received their harvest or an increase in their herd, they gave God the first fruits of that which they brought in from the fields or vineyards. By bringing these tithes and offerings to the storehouse, the religious system was supported. The Levitical group was able to lead in worship and administer the affairs of the law. This kept the nation on an even keel.

The **New Testament** concept is based upon the idea of grace and not law. The motivation for giving is the love that people have for their Lord and His Kingdom's work. People are to give from their heart because of the change that had occurred in their lives.

There is great similarity between the old and new concepts of stewardship as they are presented in God's Word:

- ♥ **Who is to give?** The Old Testament book of Malachi says, "Ye." The New Testament proclaims, "Everyone of you." (I Cor. 16:2)
- ♥ **What is to be given?** Mal. 3:8,10 states, "Tithes and offerings." And in I Cor. 16:2, "As God has prospered you."
- ♥ **When are we to give?** "When the storehouse is open to receive the tithes and offerings." (Mal. 3:8-10) Paul makes it even clearer, "On the first day of the week..." (I Cor. 16:2)
- ♥ **Where are we to give?** The instruction of the Old Testament is "into the storehouse." I Cor. 16:2 tells us, "In store."
- ♥ **Why are we to give?** The Old Testament (Mal. 3:10) explains the reason as being to supply the needs; so that there would always be a sufficient amount in the storehouse. The New Testament (I Cor. 16:2) states it plainly, "... That there be no gatherings when I come."

God's financial plan has been in force for more than 3,500 years. It has worked in every generation whenever and wherever people have practiced it. It has never been too demanding or restrictive. When practiced by God's people, it has provided for the work that needed to be done and God has blessed those who followed His plan.

In 2010 as you resolve to make the changes in your life that have been nagging at you, don't forget our responsibilities as Christian stewards of God's gifts. This is our chance to renew our efforts to share the grace bestowed upon us. —*Stewardship, January 2010*

"As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him." —Col. 2:6

St. Thomas More Vehicle Donation Program



Do you have a vehicle you want to donate? The St. Thomas More program is easy!

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"Did You Know?" Collection for December 2009
\$11,498.00

Collection for Week of: December 26/27, 2009

Number of Registered Households:		1,012
Offertory*	\$	5,111.78
Offertory (Loose Collection)		1,147.00
Children's envelopes		0.00
Total	\$	6,258.78

* 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.)

As is our custom, the Christmas collection figures will be reported in mid-January at the end of the Christmas Season.

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) and automatic checking/savings account deduction. For more information, contact the Parish Office at 760-758-4100 x100 or parish_office@stmoside.org.

St. Francis and St. Thomas More Offertory Envelopes

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News from the Larger Church

Mark Price Series in Vista—Unique presentations where Mark Price presents “In His Own Words” for specific bible characters. Catch all four appearances in 2010—St. Joseph on January 8, Judas Iscariot on February 5, Doubting Thomas on April 16, and Simon Peter on June 4, all at St. Francis Church, 525 W. Vista Way, Vista. Discount ticket packages available. For more information, visit www.stfrancis-vista.org/specialevents.htm or call 760-945-8000.

The Treasure Box Grocery Plan in North County—is an economic meal program that provides a 21-25 lb. pre-assembled box of frozen food for \$30 (a savings of up to 65% off grocery store prices). For more information, including locations in your area, please visit www.thetreasurebox.org.

Volunteers Needed—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 more information, call Voices for Children at 858-569-2019 or visit www.speakupnow.org.

Lunch Served for Seniors in Oceanside—The Salvation Army Senior Dining and 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

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

Marriage Encount89er 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.

Retrouvaille Retreat Program for Troubled Marriages—If your marriage is not what you want it to be, if communication has broken down, if you are divorced or separated, but want to repair your relationship, then Retrouvaille is for you. For more information, contact 951-259-9474 or www.helpourmarriage.com or 619-423-0182 (Spanish).

Vista Jail Catholic Ministry Needs Volunteers—The Catholic ministry team serving the men and women in the Vista Jail is expanding. They need more volunteers to serve on Monday afternoons, also Monday and Tuesday nights. Can you find a couple hours a week or a month to serve on a ministry team? Please explore this opportunity to help others and deepen your own relationship with God. Visit www.diocese-sdiego.org/restore or call the diocesan Restorative Justice office at 858-490-8375.

Winter Series of Theology on Tap for Young Adults in Mira Mesa—Mondays, January 18-February 8, 7:00-9:00pm, at Callahan's, 8111 Mira Mesa Blvd., Mira Mesa. For more information, visit www.yamsd.org or contact Carrie Giebel at cgiebel@diocese-sdiego.org or 858-490-8260.

Spiritual Exercises Silent Ignatian Retreats in Temecula—Presented by the priests of *Miles Christi*, the weekend of January 22-24 for women and young women and the weekend of February 12-14 for men and young men. For more information, contact Christine Timmerman at 209-357-0128 or california@spiritualexercises.net.

Spring Forward Catechetical Conference in San Diego—Saturday, January 23, 9:00am-12:30pm at St. Therese Social Center. Kathleen Hendricks, MA, will speak on *Praying Like Jesus*. For more information, call 858-490-8230 or visit www.diocese-sdiego.org/evangelization.htm

Women's Weekend Retreat at Mission San Luis Rey: Change, Changes, and Changing—Experiences Toward God—Take some time to join us and other women for on January 29-31 at Mission San Luis Rey Retreat Center in Oceanside. Let's begin (or continue) our journeys together, with encouragement, surrounded by a community of women supportive of each other's journey toward God--women who believe, act and experience the transcendent in everyday life. Father Philip Garcia, OFM and Emmalyn Moreno will lead retreat. This retreat begins Friday with dinner at 6:00 pm and ends with lunch on Sunday. For additional information or to register, please call 760-757-3659.

Praying for Life—A group of North County Parishioners meets on the third Monday of each month from 10:00-10:30am to peacefully pray the rosary in front of the Carlsbad Planned Parenthood Clinic, 1820 Marron Road, Carlsbad. For more information, call Jahna White at 760-586-6356.

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.

Tis the Season

I asked what does “Tis” mean.
I was told it is an acronym for what to do during the “Season.”

Thank the God of your understanding

Inquire about your neighbor

Serve those with less.

Sounds simple

Why then are we all in a frenzy

Thank you for the many blessing this year dear God

My neighbor has suffered the loss of

House

Job

Earned Income

Shelter

Food for his family

Faith

I can share my little extra

While I preserve his dignity

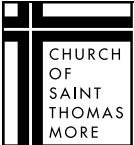
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I have enough faith to share

That can

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Sunday JAN 10, 2010 At STM

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French Toast

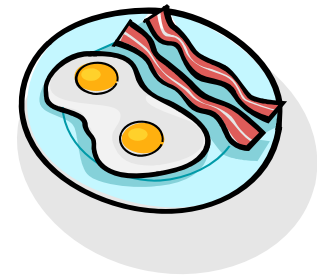
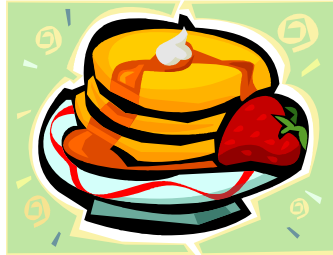
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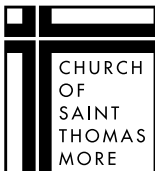
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Invites All Parishioners and Friends to
Game Day

Saturday, January 23, 2010
11:00am to 3:00pm

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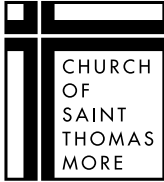


Tickets will be on sale after Mass:

January 2 & 3
January 9 & 10
January 16 & 17

For more information, contact:

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Liturgical Minister Workshop Individual Pre-Registration Form 2010

REGISTRATION POLICY: Pre-registration policy requires payment. No refund nor credit for unattended workshops. *Workshops subject to cancellation if a minimum number of pre-registrations not received by advertised deadline; payment will be refunded.*

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Saturday, January 30, 9:00am-3:30pm
Church of St. Thomas More Parish Center
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Fee: \$10 (waived for St. Thomas More parishioners)

**Mail your *signed* registration form by January 10, 2010,
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