

Church of St. Thomas More

A Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of San Diego

Spirituality † Tradition † Community



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8:30am-12:00noon 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

February 7, 2010 • Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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Annual Catholic Appeal—2010—Our Life is Mission

The Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) is now under way throughout the 98 Parishes of the Diocese of San Diego. This year's goal is \$3 million and is \$500,000 more than last year.

The increase of money will be directed to help inner city parishes and schools—a very noble cause!

Our "fair share" assessment this year is \$43,000. Please be mindful that this is an assessment and not just a goal. If we do not raise this \$43,000 through the ACA donations, the Parish will need to cover the balance from our Operations Budget.

All proceeds raised over and above the \$43,000 will be returned to the Parish. This past year our assessment was \$34,000 and we collected over \$43,000.

A little over \$9,000 was returned to the Parish and the money was directed into our Operations Budget.

As you can see, if we are to be as successful this year, we will need more households to make a pledge or give a gift. Last year,

only 320 households out of a possible 1,000 supported the ACA. I know that we can be more positive in our Parish response.

The ACA money is directed to six ongoing programs in our Diocese:

1. **Catholic Charities:** Catholic Charities is the primary social service agency of the Diocese. It assists approximately one million people each year by providing a network of very important programs and services.
2. **Priestly & Religious Vocations:** To accomplish our mission, we continue to need dedicated priests and religious. Money is well spent in promoting vocations to the priesthood and religious life and in the formation of candidates.
3. **Parishes & Schools in Need:** Some of our parishes and parochial schools struggle financially and need our assistance to provide basic facilities and programs.

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Join Us for the 8:15am Mass on Monday, February 15, President's Day Holiday

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, 6:30am-7:30pm

Liturgical Ministry: Contact Douglas Lynn at 760-758-4100 x140

Music Ministry: Contact Douglas Lynn at 760-758-4100 x140

Communion for the Homebound/Hospitalized:

Contact Parish Office at 760-758-4100 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 760-758-4100 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 760-758-4100 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 760-758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org.*

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4. **Marriage & Family Life:** Contemporary society poses fundamental challenges to the meaning, purpose, and value of marriage and family life. We have made it a priority to provide good programs of preparation for marriage and for marriage and family enrichment.
5. **Youth & Young Adults:** We are attempting to offset the negative influences which bombard our youth and young adults today by fostering efforts and offering programs which will promote their human and spiritual growth and development.
6. **Religious Education:** Time, talent, and treasure are needed to offer culturally sensitive evangelization and systematic catechesis to all Catholics, whether children, youth, or adults, and to reach out to those interested in becoming Catholics.

My "love letter" to each household is in the mail. I urge you to please make the ACA part of your charitable giving this year!

F.A. Mike

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.

Rosary

A communal Rosary is prayed after every morning Mass (Tuesday-Friday) in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Please join us!



Eucharistic Adoration



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

Exposition of the Eucharist on First Fridays.
Next date: Friday, March 4.

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

STM Eleventh Annual Golf Classic

SAVE THE DATE! Friday, April 30, 2010

- ◆ Golf Tournament at Fallbrook Golf Club
- ◆ Miniature Golf at Boomers! Vista
- ◆ Happy Hour, Dinner, Evening Festivities at STM!
- ◆ Traditional and new fun, plus surprises await you!
- ◆ Details and signups coming in February!



Jim & Suzy Bailey, Co-Chairpersons
jimsuzybailey@cox.net or 760-754-1635

Readings for the Week Ahead

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

Sunday, February 7 (75)
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 6:1-2a;3-8
Psalm 138:1-5,7-8
1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Luke 5:1-11
Monday, February 8 (329)
Jerome Emiliani, priest

Josephine Bakhita, virgin
1 Kings 8:1-7,9-13
Psalm 132:6-10
Mark 6:53-56

Tuesday, February 9 (330)
1 Kings 8:22-23,27-30

Psalm 84:3-5,10-11
Mark 7:1-13

Wednesday, February 10 (331)
Scholastica, virgin

1 Kings 10:1-10
Psalm 37:5-6,30-31,39-40
Mark 7:14-23

Thursday, February 11 (332)
Our Lady of Lourdes

World Day for the Sick
1 Kings 11:4-13
Psalm 106:3-4,35-37,40

Mark 7:24-30
Friday, February 12 (333)

1 Kings 11:29-32;12-19
Psalm 81:10-15
Mark 7:31-37

Saturday, February 13 (334)
1 Kings 12:26-32;13:33-34

Psalm 106:6-7ab,19-22
Mark 8:1-10

Sunday, February 14 (78)
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 17:5-8
Psalm 1:1-4,6
1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20
Luke 6:17,20-26

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 6, 5:00pm
Fred Nicklas ☩

Sunday, February 7, 8:30am
Bill Cracknell ☩

Sunday, February 7, 10:30am
Joseph Vozza ☩

Tuesday, February 9, 8:15am
Tom Esmonde ☩

Wednesday, February 10, 8:15am
Helen Wittreich ☩

Wednesday, February 10, 9:30am
Peggy Chambers
Aegis

Thursday, February 11, 8:15am
Emilia De La Torre ☩

Friday, February 12, 8:15am
Donald Kope ☩

Saturday, February 13, 5:00pm
Gilda Spiegl

Sunday, February 14, 8:30am
William Ipsen, Sr. ☩
Dutch Welsh ☩
Mary Ipsen ☩

Sunday, February 14, 10:30am
Marge Malcovitch

Prayer List

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

Mary Alexander
The Baker Family
Patricia Barbour
John Bennici
Regina Bentz
Roseanne Berg
George "Whitey" Betus
Beatrice Brooks & Family
Monica Broussard
Janet Brown
Margaret Brown
Roseanne Burg
Herman Calandro
Shelby Campbell
Claudia Caplinger
Debbie Centeno
Paul Cipowski
Marilyn Clarke
Carl Coleman
James Coleman
Thomas Cornwell & Family
Karen Flaharty Daley
Margie Daniels & Family
Cecilia DeSimone
Linda Dossman
Sudy Dotinga
Brett Douglas
Ann Edmonson
Kathryn Ernst
Robert Falconer
The Fiore Family
Peggy & Jack Fischer
The Fiskan Family
Ryan Flum
Kathryn Franklin
Joe Freire
Carmen Garcia
Bob Godley
Rick Gonzalez
Eileen Gough
Robert K. Gray
Rosemary Haeffelin
Anita Hage
Susan Hallahan
The Harker Family
Rita Harnacker
Marge Heath
Lilian Hills
Cynthia Horner
Sue Johnston
Eileen Jones
Darleen Kelch
Paul Kennedy
Debbie Kinney
George Kleekamp
Sr. Anne Kremenik
Helen Kuhn
Lillian Lachance
The Lamelin Family
Bernie Lachance
Rick Laver
Brandon LeBlanc
Charlotte Leite
Paul Leué
Cassandra Loretto
Lauren Loretto
Antonio Lugo
James MacArthur
Brandi Madrid
Helen McCullough
Tom McGeary
Virginia McWalters
Bob McWilliams
Carol Michael
Howard Montgomery
Nancy Moore
Margie Myers
R. Northrup
Helen O'Connell

Lori Marie Olivares
Lupe Casas Pelletier
Helen Pingtella
The Piro Family
Anne Post
Dale Pulver
Otila Quiroz
Janet Raiman
Virginia Regula
Dort Riley
Tommie Rogers
Sr. Loyola Romey
Dorothy Rouse
Rose Rowland
The Russo Family
Nancy Scali
Kurtis Schmidt
Freda Schweitzer
Richard Sikora
Nick Soltau
Ed Sox
Loraine Speck
Gilda Spiegl
The Staehr Family
Maria Surmenidis
Renee Michelle Taylor
Diana Thompson
Stephen Toth, Jr.
Cameron Troncale
Arnie Velasco
The Verducco & Wood Families
Dominic Vienna, Jr.
Vanessa Vitiello-Koble
Kevin Watson-Graff
Ed Wesel
Marilyn Wesel
Terry Westlake
John Whitton
Mary Williams

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. 2nd Class Matthew Seneca Noblitt, US Army
Pvt. 2 Jess Phillips, US Army
PVT2 Tyler Timmerman, U.S. Army
Julian Torres, USMC
LT Billy Turley, USN

Thank you for your prayers for Corporal Jeffery Lee Wilcox, USMC who has returned home safely and spending time with a new baby daughter.

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

Feb 7 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
Feb 8 Women's Guild Luncheon Meeting
Feb 13 ACTTS Valentine's Dinner at Rockin' Baja Lobster
Feb 14 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
Feb 14 RE.A.CH Classes at Church

The Month Ahead

Feb 15 President' Day Holiday Mass at 8:15am Parish Office and Blessed Sacrament Chapel Closed
Feb 17 Ash Wednesday—Masses at 8:15am, 12:00noon, 5:30pm, and 7:30pm
Feb 17 Soup Supper, 5:30-7:30pm
Feb 19 Knights of Columbus Fish Dinner
Feb 20 JustFaith Workshop
Feb 20 Altar Server Training Class
Feb 21 High School RE.A.CH
Feb 25 Spirited Seniors Bus Tour to Huntington
Feb 28 RE.A.CH Classes at Church (including high school)

The Year Ahead

Mar 22 Women's Guild Day of Recollection
Apr 4 Easter Sunday
Apr 12 Women's Guild Luncheon Meeting
Apr 18 Spring Sing—Choral Concert
Apr 30 Eleventh Annual Golf Classic

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.

February 8 Sr. Lorraine Genest, RJM
February 9 Sr. Virginia Gillis, RSM
February 10 Sr. Rose Frances Gilmore, OLVM
February 11 Sr. Barbara Goergen, OSF
February 12 Sr. Maria de la Luz Gomez, SJS
February 13 Sr. Ma. Engracia Gonzalez, SJS
February 14 Sr. Maria-Elvia Gonzalez, SJS

In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Mary Baker, who died on January 29. Her Funeral Mass was celebrated on February 5 at St. Thomas More. Please keep Mary’s husband Jim and the family in your prayers.

Kenneth Fiskien, who died on January 31. His Funeral Mass will be on Thursday, February 11, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep Kenneth’s wife Dolores and the family in your prayers.

Daniel Piro, who died on January 27. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, February 19, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep Daniel’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.

Huntington Library and Garden Tour

Thursday, February 25



Hope you saved this date for the Spirited Seniors bus tour to the Huntington Library and Gardens! The cost is \$54 for members of the Spirited Seniors and \$58 for non-members. Your check made out to the St. Thomas More Spirited Seniors will be your reservation. Checks and registration forms are due by February 15. Just place your form and check in an envelope marked “Spirited Seniors Huntington Tour” and drop it in the offertory collection or bring it to the Parish Office. Seating is limited. Come join us for a fun day! For more information, call Rita Shepard at 760-598-1123 or Lee Coccaro at 760-598-6248.

STM Scrip News

Thanks to all those who are using the Scrip Program. If you have not tried it, consider taking advantage of this easy method—merchants contribute a percentage of every dollar you spend to the St. Thomas More Building Fund.

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!

Social Justice

**Protect Social Justice Values—
Apply to Be a Citizen Redistricting Commissioner**

California voters authorized the creation of the commission to draw the state’s Legislative districts when they passed the Voters FIRST Act, (Proposition 11 on November 2008 ballot). Applications are available at wedrawthelines.ca.gov.

As people of faith who advocate for social justice, we can work to seek a representative voice in the State Legislature for the poor and underserved in our communities. It is very important that those values are considered as the district lines are developed. The drawing of these districts have a significant impact on determining whether voices for economic and social justice will be heard in the State Capitol!

To become a commissioner, the first step in the process is to fill out and submit the application form on line at wedrawthelines.ca.gov. The deadline is February 12, 2010.

—Joyce A. Meehan

Introducing JustFaith: A Call to Transform Our Hearts and the World



The *JustFaith* Workshop is coming soon! Please consider joining Parishioners from five North County Parishes for this informational and inspiring workshop, to be held at our Parish on Saturday, February 20, 8:30am-12:00noon. In hundreds of Parishes across the country, *JustFaith* has proven to be an exciting journey of conversion and new connections. The program begins in the Fall. Attending the Saturday presentation does not commit you to the program—just come and hear the information and meet others interested in growing in the compassion of Jesus for our world in need! Please visit the folks on the Plaza after Mass to sign up!

Get on the Bus



We will soon be receiving the names of the children seeking to visit their moms at the Chowchilla State and Federal Women’s Prisons this May.

We are still in great need of Parishioners who would be willing to make one visit to the family to fill out the paperwork and then to keep in touch by phone until May. Most of the families reside in San Diego. While it is a sacrifice for any of us to travel to San Diego, *Get on the Bus* is only “life line” most of these children have to be able to see their moms once a year. Please consider reaching out to a child in need!

Call Glory Hartdegen at 760-630-0651.

Food Bank Contributions



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.

Women’s Guild News

February Luncheon—Mark your calendars now for a real treat. Our February Valentine luncheon will feature not only a delicious Burgundy beef menu, but an exciting performance by the Sound Design, a barbershop quartet, singing many of the old favorites and a few new ones as well. You won’t want to miss this one. Cost is \$8. Please call Valerie Thompson at 760-630-1703 or Mary Coxon, at 760-599-8760 to make your reservation.

Dates to Remember—March 22 is our Day of Recollection, and May 22 is our annual luncheon at Shadowridge Country Club.

Catholic Widows and Widowers of North County

Catholic Widows and Widowers of North County (CWWNC) meets the second Sunday of each month (February 14) for a general meeting and potluck and the fourth Sunday of each month for Mass at various Catholic churches in North County. Prospective members are welcome to come check us out. See the bulletin board on the lower level for our monthly newsletter of activities, or contact Jackie Cohen 760-726-4343, or Carol Kope 760-758-4100 x100 for more information.

DATING AND LOVE
Monday Night Youth Group
February 8 - 7:00-8:30 pm

SEE JOURNEY RETREAT 2010 PHOTOS AT:
WWW.STMOSIDE.ORG/YMHS

SECOND WEDNESDAY ADORATION
 FEBRUARY 10, 7 PM CHAPEL
 8:30 PM PICK UP AT STARBUCKS

CALL GALE AT 760-726-7236 FOR INFO

PUSH
Middle School
Youth Group

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Next Meeting
Monday
February 8
7:00-8:30pm

For more information:
 Ron or Louise
 760-758-4100 x153
ronb@stmoside.org

ACTTS
Active Catholics in their Twenties and Thirties who Socialize

Upcoming Events

Valentine’s Dinner at Rockin’ Baja Lobster (Oceanside Harbor)
 Saturday, February 13, 6:00pm (no date or romance needed!)

Wii Championships in March—Watch for Details!
actts@stmoside.org

Our Journey Into The Future . . . Together!
Phase II ~ This is it!
(1/1/2010 – 12/31/2011)

Q. We always contribute the same amount to the building fund on a monthly basis. You already know what we give, so why do we need to send in a form?

A. The form confirms your intention for this time period and helps us determine what support we can reasonably expect to receive, and plan accordingly. We cannot make assumptions, without authorization, based on personal patterns of giving once a campaign phase concludes and another one begins.

Q. What if something happens financially and we can no longer contribute our original pledge amount? We don’t want to let the Parish down.

A. This is not a legally binding commitment, and can be adjusted at any time by contacting the parish office. We adjust pledges, either down or up, as the requests come to us for a variety of reasons. It is interesting to note that often if one is decreased, another comes in shortly with an increase in amount.

Q. I/we didn’t receive any information and would like to help with Phase II. Where can I get the forms?

A. Informational packets are on the Parish information table after all Masses and in the Parish Office during the week or downloaded from our website:
www.stmoside.org; click on *Our New Church*.

Pledge Statistics as of February 1		
	Total Phase II Pledge	# of Families Pledging
	Under \$1,000	32
	\$1,000 and up	17
	\$1,500 and up	45
	\$2,500 and up	35
	\$4,500 and up	29
	\$7,500 and up	5
	\$10,000 and up	17
	\$25,000 and up	2
	\$50,000 and up	2
Total to Date	\$823,694	184
Still Needed	\$1,176,306	812
Total Goal	\$2,000,000	996

If you have any questions, please contact:
 Chris Smith, Director of Stewardship and Development
 760-758-4100 x120 or chriiss@stmoside.org.

Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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

CONUNDRUM OR CERTAINTY?

Vista's North Coast Church hosts a monthly Saturday morning breakfast for those members of their church who are in the military, their spouses, and their children.

In all the excitement and hype that accompanies the launch of the second phase of our capital campaign, it can be easy to lose sight of the countless things (both small and not so small) that this faith community continues to do as part of the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ while simultaneously working to fulfill a 25-year dream of building a permanent worship space.

The people of St. Thomas More serve dinner at North County Solutions for Change; collect truckloads of clothing and essentials and *drive* them to New Mexico; sing Christmas carols to some of our homebound Parishioners; refurbish apartments for Interfaith Community Services; volunteer at shelters, food banks, and other agencies that serve those in need; visit jails; support the clean up and recovery in New Orleans...and in Haiti; advance the cause of Christian unity; and, yes, ring handbells for the military and their dependents. All in Jesus' name.

After almost five years of ministry at St. Thomas More, I continue to be amazed at the sheer level of activity at this Parish, discovering almost weekly a new activity or group that is committed to, and vigorously supporting, some group in need.

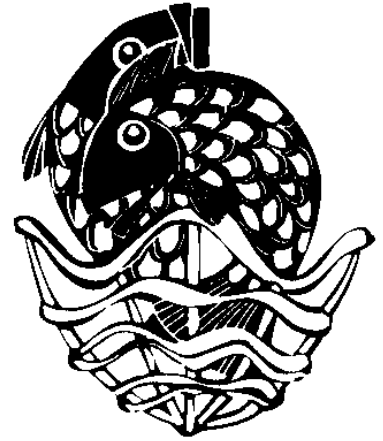
With apologies to Luke, this Parish is a bit like the Holy Spirit at Pentecost:

And suddenly, there came from the intersection of Melrose and Cannon, a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire community in which they were.

Build a permanent worship space... go and serve the Lord.

For some Parishes, this would be a challenging "either/or" conundrum. At St. Thomas More? A "both/and" certainty!

—Douglas



Upcoming Music

FEBRUARY 13/14
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm Mass

Sanctuary Choir

8:30am Mass

Youth Praise

10:30am Mass

Handbell Choir

FEBRUARY 17
Ash Wednesday

8:15am Mass

Cantor

12:00pm Mass

Cantor

5:30pm Mass

Handbell Choir

7:30pm Mass

Sanctuary Choir

At the December gathering, everyone can have a picture taken with Santa. The church emails the picture to each family for use as Christmas cards and to send to their families across the country and their loved ones stationed abroad. It's all free of charge.

Last December, the morning's activities included prayer, door prizes, Santa, a hot breakfast for carnivore and non-carnivore alike, babysitting, more door prizes, and a handbell choir from down the street. Our handbell choir.

This year, I asked if we could have a picture of the choir taken. They took the picture and my email address. Time passed. No picture. No note. And then, two weeks ago, a package appeared on my desk.

The organizers of the event had taken the digital picture, printed it on real photo paper, and mounted it in a lovely wooden frame. It came with a thank you note. Clearly, we had touched someone that day.



Altar Server Training

Saturday, February 20

10:30am-12:00noon

Are you interested in becoming an Altar Server?

Are you in fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, or eighth grade?

Have you been an Altar Server for less than a year?

This class is *mandatory* for new Servers and those who have started in the past year, and is a good way to review for all other altar servers.

Contact Douglas Lynn at
760-758-4100 x140 or
douglasl@stmoside.org.

Join us!

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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

Coming in **3** weeks!

Focus on the Gospels

Our Parish Mission

February 27-March 4

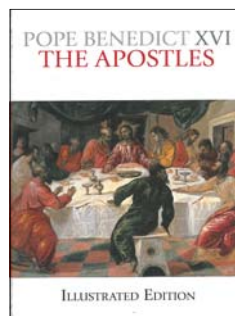


Fr. Jude Winkler, OFM Conv.

*Mark your calendar now,
so that you can enrich your Lenten experience
by listening to how the Gospels are speaking to you!*

Fr. Mike's Bookies

The Apostles
by Pope Benedict XVI
is our next book for
discussion on April 7.
It is available for \$10
outside the Faith Formation
Office.



PBJ Update

Food for children at Catholic Charities in Vista

2010 GOAL: 365 jars
Collected to date: 97 jars



Little Books

Little Black Books (for Adults)
Little Purple Books (for children ages 6-12)
El Librito Negro (en español)

The Little Book series has proven to provide spiritual nourishment at St. Thomas More. The idea is to find six minutes of quiet time every day during Lent, and reflect on the Scriptures, one day at a time. Once you get into it you'll find this practice to be peaceful, even something to look forward to. You'll also find that it helps to make your day go a bit better. Prayer does that.

We appreciate a \$2 donation to cover the cost of the book. They are available after Mass or at the Parish Office until we run out of them.

Little Rock Scripture Study

Part 1 of the study of *Israel's Story* begins Wednesday, February 10 at 9:00am or Thursday, February 11 at 7:00pm for seven sessions. Join us and explore Old Testament history, theology, and stories from the creation accounts of Genesis to the fall of the Northern Kingdom. For more information, contact Masako Streling at 760-295-2594 or mstr0619@cox.net.

Information for Growth

13—Answer

Which of the following statements about the Ten Commandments is true?

- D) The first three are about loving God, and the last seven are about loving our neighbor. (CCC 2067)



14—Question

What form of prayer is offered for the needs of our community and the world around us?

- A) intercession/petition
B) thanksgiving
C) adoration
D) blessing



Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

“Here I am Lord. Send me.”

Today we find that both Isaiah and Peter hear the call of God and neither of them feels worthy. However, reassured by the Lord, they both answer yes and follow their call.

Was it easy? No.

Did they still fulfill their commitment? Yes, with God's grace.

More often than not, answering God's call requires sacrifice. In today's world it is much easier to just take care of ourselves and not be bothered with what is considered “church stuff” ~ we have enough problems. We're busy. Let someone else do it.

“No one would have crossed the ocean if he could have gotten off the ship in the storm.” —Charles Kettering

In his book *Charging the Human Battery*, Mac Anderson points out that the path of least resistance is always very tempting. We all need shots of inspiration from time to time to get off it and make our own path.

- ★ One of the great American novelists, Jack London, received 600 rejection notices from publishers before he sold his first book. Can you imagine? 600 “no” answers before getting a “yes”!
- ★ Ray Kroc, at the age of 52, talked to over 100 investors over a two year period before he got the money for a crazy idea called McDonalds!
- ★ Helen Keller had every reason in the world to give up, but chose not to; and as a result inspired millions of people around the world.

These people had every reason to quit and retire their dreams and aspirations, but they rose above their fears. They chose to stretch, make the extra effort, and the rest speaks for itself.

As Christian stewards many are already generously giving of yourselves, on a number of levels, via ministerial work at STM. You stretch to continue the work of Jesus!

If, for some, life has become too full to fit in anything that could be considered “church stuff” maybe it is time to re-evaluate your lifestyle and priorities. Take time to make time for the Lord.

Stewardship of Talent

We humbly thank you, Lord, for making us a people of purpose,
The purpose of building up your body, the Church.

We ask for wisdom to discern the special gifts

That each of us has been given to serve you.

Send us your Holy Spirit, Lord,

And inspire us to give our individual gifts

to the ministries of your Church,

So that we might reach out to each other and the world

With your hands, your mind, your heart and your love,

Living as your disciples, a life of true Christian Stewardship.

We ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

*As you therefore have received Christ Jesus
the Lord, so walk in Him.*

— Colossians 2:6

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“Did You Know?” Collection for January 2009

\$3,900

Collection for Week of January 30/31, 2010

Number of Registered Households**		996
Offertory*	\$	6,733.14
Offertory (Loose Collection)		1,168.00
Children's envelopes		0.00
Total	\$	7,901.14

* 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 part of its ongoing efforts to ensure the accuracy of our Parish records, the staff conducts periodic reviews of registered households which seem to have become “absent” from the Parish's activities. Changes in this number may reflect these ongoing reviews.

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News from the Larger Church

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School Online Auction—St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School's online auction ends soon! Bid on items such as: Rod Carew autographed baseball, Kendall Jackson 3L magnum wines, Shaq Lakers jersey (vintage), embroidered tapestry, Pilates bench, teeth whitening, and more! Proceeds benefit the students at St. Francis Catholic School in Vista. Go to www.catholicauctionsonline.com to see all the items, or call the school for more information at 760-630-7960.

Winter Series of Theology on Tap for Young Adults in Mira Mesa—Continues on Monday, 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.

SOCS (Support Our Community Seniors) Program in San Marcos—Thursday, February 11, 12:00-2:30pm at San Marcos United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall, 800 W. Mission, San Marcos. Includes complimentary lunch. Sponsored by Palomar Pomerado Health, this program offers training and a tool box of resources for volunteer visitors, care-givers, and family and friends of seniors. Learn how to build communication and listening skills, learn about senior health issues and community resources. Register by Monday, February 8, by contacting 858-675-5599 or kay.stuckhardt@pph.org.

A Special Preview Screening of *The Catholicism Project* in Carlsbad—Please join us for a special presentation of Fr. Robert Barron's 10-part, high-definition epic documentary illustrating the beauty of the global Church. Friday, February 12, 7:00-9:00pm at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church Parish Center, 6628 Santa Isabel Street, Carlsbad, (www.stelizabeth-seton.org). Fr. Barron is an acclaimed author and theologian, a podcasting priest from Chicago, and one of the world's great and most innovative teachers of the Catholic faith. View the trailer for "Catholicism Project" at www.WordOnFire.org.

Spiritual Exercises Silent Ignatian Retreats in Temecula—Presented by the priests of *Miles Christi*, 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.

St. Valentine's Dinner/Dance in Ramona—Saturday, February 13, 5:30pm, San Vicente Inn & Resort, 24157 San Vicente Rd., Ramona. For more information, contact Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish at 760-789-0583.

St. Vincent de Paul Village Annual Ladies Guild Mardi Gras Luncheon in Mission Valley—Tuesday, February 16, 11:00am at the Mission Valley Hilton. Enjoy the day, help the children at the village, and meet Fr. Joe Carroll. \$45. For more information, call Joyce Ellison at 619-224-2085.

Catholic School Open House in Oceanside—St. Mary, Star of the Sea Elementary/Middle School and Preschool will host an Early Education Open House on Sunday, February 21, 10:00am-12:00noon. Families are invited to meet the Preschool and Kindergarten teaching staff and visit their classroom environments. St. Mary's is located in Oceanside at 515 Wisconsin Ave. Please call 760-722-7475 for more information.

Be a Man Men's Conference in El Cajon—February 23 at St. Kieran Church with Fr. Larry richards, Dr. Ray Guarendi, Patrick Coffin and special guests. For more information, contact

www.SharingTheTreasures.org or Kurt at 619-583-3810.

3 Mile Race and 1 Mile Fun Run in Vista—St. Francis Catholic School invites the public to participate in a community 3 Mile Race and 1 Mile Fun Run at the Buena Vista Park and Pond at 1749 Shadowridge Drive in Vista on Saturday, February 27. Races begin at 8:00 a.m. Individuals, families, and groups are encouraged to participate. An entry form is available at www.sfs-vista.org/FunRun.htm. For more information or to get involved in this event, contact the school office at 760-630-7960. A pancake breakfast will be available for participants and the public. Donations for this event are welcome.

Vocation Retreat Day for Young Women in San Diego—Sunday, February 28, 9:00am-2:30pm, at Nazareth House, 6333 Rancho Mission Rd., San Diego. For more information, contact Sr. Fintan at 310-216-8170 or Sr. Margaret Spence at 619-563-0480.

Mainly Mozart Concert Series in Carlsbad—St. Elizabeth Seton Church will sponsor the annual Mainly Mozart concerts at 6628 Santa Isabel St., Carlsbad, featuring world-class artists performing in a brilliant acoustics venue. Concerts will be held at 2:00pm on the following Sundays: February 28 and April 25. For more information, contact 619-239-0110 or www.mainlymozart.org.

St. Francis Catholic Preschool Open House in Vista—Tuesday, March 3, at 9:00am or 6:00pm. This event is for parents interested in enrolling their children in the Fall. Parents will receive a tour of the facility, plus information on curriculum and tuition. Licensed by the state of California, St. Francis Preschool offers full and part time schedules, plus a Pre-Kindergarten program. The school is located at 525 W. Vista Way. For additional information, contact Mrs. Nancy Thomas at 760-630-7964 or visit www.sfs-vista.org.

Mark Price Series in Vista—Unique presentations where Mark Price presents "In His Own Words" for specific bible characters. Catch the remaining appearances in 2010—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.

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TWIN BED(S) TO GOOD HOME?

Fraternity House is in need of one, if not more, twin size bed, mattress, and bedding. Some of their beds need to be replaced, and they have already had to move one out.



On occasion one of us, a friend and/or a relative have these kinds of items available and look for a place to donate them.

Should you have, or know of, any twin bed and mattresses that are available for donation, please contact Diantha Zschoche at 760-599-7151. Your donation would be greatly appreciated ~ thank you!



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Action Alert!

Urge Congress Today to Continue to Work on Genuine Health Care Reform!

January 27, 2010



Bishops to Congress: Set aside partisanship for genuine health reform

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- Three leading U.S. bishops called on members of Congress Jan. 26 to "set aside partisan divisions and special-interest pressures" to achieve genuine health reform.

"The health care debate, with all its political and ideological conflict, seems to have lost its central moral focus and policy priority, which is to ensure that affordable, quality, life-giving care is available to all," said a letter signed by Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston and Bishops William F. Murphy of Rockville Centre, N.Y., and John C. Wester of Salt Lake City. The three chair the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' committees on Pro-Life Activities, on Domestic Justice and Human Development and on Migration, respectively.

Although the letter did not refer specifically to the Jan. 19 election of Republican Scott Brown of Massachusetts to the U.S. Senate, the bishops said, "Although political contexts have changed, the moral and policy failure that leaves tens of millions of our sisters and brothers without access to health care still remains."

by *Catholic News Service*



Brief Update: On January 25, 2010 USCCB leaders sent a letter to Congress encouraging "Congress to begin working in a bipartisan manner providing political courage, vision and leadership." The bishops emphasized that "We must all continue to work towards a solution that protects everyone's lives and respects their dignity."

Passage of a health care reform bill is uncertain, but the need for reform remains a national priority and moral imperative. Health care is a basic human right. Yet, there are nearly 50 million Americans who do not have access to health care. "Now is not the time to abandon this task, but rather to set aside partisan divisions and special interest pressures to find ways to enact genuine reform." The entire letter can be found at www.usccb.org/healthcare/HC-Letter-to-Congress-012610.pdf

Take Action Now!

- Contact your Senators and Representative today (For contact information, visit www.house.gov and www.senate.gov). The Capitol switchboard number is 202-224-3121.
- Urge Congress to work in a bipartisan manner toward achieving affordable, accessible health care for all that protects life and does not threaten life.
- Tell your Senators and Representative that health care reform must include the following criteria:
 - 1) Ensure access to quality, affordable, life giving health care for all;
 - 2) Retain longstanding requirements that federal funds not be used for elective abortions or plans that include them, and effectively protects conscience rights;
 - 3) Protect the access to health care that immigrants currently have and removes current barriers to access; and,
 - 4) Restrain costs and apply them equitably across the spectrum of payers.

For more information, contact:

Kathy Saile, Director, Domestic Social Development, 202-541-3134, ksaile@usccb.org or visit: www.usccb.org/healthcare

Prayer for the Uninsured

Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the uninsured members of our community and for all who are in need.
For those who seek care but find that it is out of reach, may they find consolation in your healing presence.
For all who are blessed with health and security, may they strive to fulfill the needs of those who are sick and insecure.
For leaders who make decisions that affect the health and well-being of others, may they work to ensure the fundamental right to health care.

We ask this through Christ our Lord who healed those who believed. Amen.

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