

Church of St. Thomas More

A Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of San Diego

Spirituality † Tradition † Community



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Office Hours: Monday-Friday
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 14, 2010 • Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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Our Parish Mission: Focus on the Gospels

Two years ago Fr. Jude Winkler led the Convocation of Priests for the Diocese of San Diego.

His Conferences and talks were inspiring to say the least. He is a Scripture Scholar with the gift of simplicity and practicality.

We are very fortunate to have him with us for our Parish Mission this year!

He will lead a "special morning" for Parish Leadership on Saturday, February 27. He will preside and preach at our Masses on February 27 and 28. He will visit with all of our young people in their religious education classes on Sunday, February 28. And then Monday through Thursday (March 1-March 4), there is a full

schedule of talks (morning and evening), along with times for individual celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The Parish Mission will close on Thursday evening with our Parish Lenten Communal Penance Service at 7:00pm.

I encourage all Parishioners to take advantage of as much of the Mission as your schedule will allow.

It will be a great way to prepare for Easter and you will not be disappointed!

The full schedule of events is included as an insert in this week's bulletin. Please save it for future reference.

Fr. Jude

"Did You Know?"

As our Parish Center continues to age, the repairs become more numerous, the bills become more costly, and the Operations Budget increases. Recently, repairs were needed on the front lobby door on the lower level. The cost of repairing that one door was \$992.10!

Please consider a gift to the "Did You Know?" Campaign.

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.*

Ash Wednesday • February 17
Mass with Distribution of Ashes
8:15am, 12:00noon, 5:30pm, and 7:30pm



Ash Wednesday Soup Supper



Come join your Parish family for a bowl or two of soup and bread from 5:30-7:30pm on Ash Wednesday. Come before the 7:30pm Mass, after the 5:30pm Mass, or come back if you attended an earlier Mass.

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!



Annual Catholic Appeal 2010

One of the agencies our contributions support is Catholic Charities, which serves both San Diego and Imperial Counties. Through eleven service centers, Catholic Charities serves 100,000 people annually with food, shelter, counseling, pregnancy services, senior nutrition, immigration services, refugee services, adoption services, and affordable housing. They accomplish this with 215 dedicated staff working alongside 800 volunteers who contribute 181,000 hours of service per year!

In 2008-2009, the Homeless Women's Services sheltered more than 1,017 women and children through the full continuum of housing services. The drop-in day center had 42,918 visits from homeless women seeking showers, laundry, lunch, and a safe haven.

Annual Catholic Appeal packets were mailed to all registered Parishioners and are available at the Parish Office. Your generosity will be appreciated!

STM Eleventh Annual Golf Classic

SAVE THE DATE! Friday, April 30

- ◆ 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 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

Monday, February 15 (335)
 James 1:1-11
 Psalm 119:67-68,71-72,75-76
 Mark 8:11-13

Tuesday, February 16 (336)
 James 1:12-18
 Psalm 94:12-15,18-19
 Mark 8:14-21

Wednesday, February 17 (219)
Ash Wednesday
 Joel 2:12-18
 Psalm 51:3-6b,12-14,17
 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2
 Matthew 6:1-6,16-18

Thursday, February 18 (220)
 Deuteronomy 30:15-20
 Psalm 1:1-4,6
 Luke 9:22-25

Friday, February 19 (221)
 Isaiah 58:1-9a
 Psalm 51:3-6b,18-19
 Matthew 9:14-15

Saturday, February 20 (222)
 Isaiah 58:9b-14
 Psalm 86:1-6
 Luke 5:27-32

Sunday, February 21 (24)
First Sunday of Lent
 Deuteronomy 26:4-10
 Psalm 91:1-2,10-15
 Romans 10:8-13
 Luke 4:1-13

Mass Intentions
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
Monday, February 15, 8:15am Paul Cannon ☩
Tuesday, February 16, 8:15am Pete DePietro ☩
Wednesday, February 17, 8:15am Dolores Murchison ☩
Wednesday, February 17, 12:00pm Alfred Barmasse ☩
Wednesday, February 17, 5:30pm Peter Roper ☩
Wednesday, February 17, 7:30pm Nunziata Iacobelli ☩
Thursday, February 18, 8:15am Gilda Spiegl's Intentions
Friday, February 19, 8:15am Karen Fox ☩
Saturday, February 20, 5:00pm Verna Benner ☩
Sunday, February 21, 8:30am Agnus "Cass" Aylwin ☩
Sunday, February 21, 10:30am Rite of Sending

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

Mary Alexander	Carol Michael
The Baker Family	Howard Montgomery
Patricia Barbour	Nancy Moore
Cindra Bell	Margie Myers
John Bennici	R. Northrup
Regina Bentz	Helen O'Connell
George "Whitey" Betus	Lori Marie Olivares
Beatrice Brooks & Family	Lupe Casas Pelletier
Monica Broussard	Helen Pingtella
Janet Brown	Linda Pinson
Margaret Brown	The Piro Family
Roseanne Burg	Anne Post
Herman Calandro	Otila Quiroz
Shelby Campbell	Janet Raiman
Claudia Caplinger	Virginia Regula
Paul Cipowski	Dort Riley
Marilyn Clarke	Sr. Loyola Romey
Dolly Cole	Dorothy Rouse
Myron Cole	Rose Rowland
Carl Coleman	The Russo Family
James Coleman	Nancy Scali
Thomas Cornwell & Family	Kurtis Schmidt
Karen Flaharty Daley	Freda Schweitzer
Margie Daniels & Family	Richard Sikora
Cecilia DeSimone	Nick Soltau
Linda Dossman	Ed Sox
Sudy Dotinga	Loraine Speck
Ann Edmonson	Gilda Spiegl
Kathryn Ernst	Joan Stringer
Robert Falconer	Maria Surmenidis
The Fiore Family	Renee Michelle Taylor
Peggy & Jack Fischer	Diana Thompson
The Fiskin Family	Stephen Toth, Jr.
Ryan Flum	Cameron Troncale
Kathryn Franklin	Arnie Velasco
Joe Freire	Dominic Vienna, Jr.
Carmen Garcia	Vanessa Vitiello-Koble
Bob Godley	Kevin Watson-Graff
Rick Gonzalez	Ed Wesel
Eileen Gough	Marilyn Wesel
Robert K. Gray	Terry Westlake
Rosemary Haeffelin	John Whitton
Anita Hage	Mary Williams
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 Lanzrath	
Rick Laver	
Brandon LeBlanc	
Paul Leué	
Cassandra Loretto	
Lauren Loretto	
Antonio Lugo	
James MacArthur	
Helen McCullough	
The McGeary Family	
Virginia McWalters	
Bob McWilliams	

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

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 14 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
 - Feb 14 RE.A.CH Classes at Church
 - 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 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
 - Feb 21 High School RE.A.CH

- The Month Ahead**
- Feb 25 Spirited Seniors Bus Tour to Huntington
 - Feb 28 RE.A.CH Classes at Church (including high school)

- The Year Ahead**
- Mar 1-4 Parish Mission: Focus on the Gospels
 - Mar 20-21 Women's Guild Bake Sale
 - Mar 22 Women's Guild Day of Reflection
 - Apr 4 Easter Sunday
 - Apr 12 Women's Guild Luncheon Meeting
 - Apr 18 Spring Sing—Choral Concert
 - Apr 30 Eleventh Annual Golf Classic
 - June 4-6 Parish Campout

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 15 Sr. Wayne Gradon, SHCJ
February 16 Sr. Jo Ann Grady, SFCC
February 17 Sr. Michaela Gresko, OCD
February 18 Sr. Trinidad Guerrero, HMSS
February 19 Sr. Luz Eugenia Guitron, SJS
February 20 Sr. Charlotte Gulban, FDC
February 21 Sr. Blanca Patricia Gutierrez, SJS

Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioner

Joshua Saldana

In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

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.

Tom McGeary, who died recently. He is the son of Parishioners Dick & Ann McGeary. Tom’s Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, February 18, at 12:30pm, at Santa Sophia Catholic Church in Spring Valley. Please keep Tom’s family in your prayers.

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

Huntington Library and Garden Tour

Thursday, February 25



Space is still available 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 18. 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 Coccoaro at 760-598-6248.

STM \$crip 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 \$CRIP table after weekend Masses or the Parish Office during the week. Thank you!

Social Justice

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



This is the last weekend to sign up for the introductory presentation of *JustFaith* to be held at our Parish, Saturday, February 20, 8:30am-12:00noon. Participating in the *JustFaith* program has changed people’s lives. It has provided a practical, proven strategy for empowering people to become thoughtful, energetic agents of the Church’s effort to create a more just world. Please join us on Saturday to see if you might be interested in participating in this program. See 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.

Opportunity to Help Homeless Families

These dates in 2010 are available for dinner adoption:

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

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 three of the twelve monthly dinners!

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



Women’s Guild News

Valentine Luncheon—There was plenty of toe tapping as we listened to the smooth vocals of Sound Design, a top barbershop quartet from the Pacific Palomar chapter. We also enjoyed the Beef Burgundy meal in the beautifully decorated, Valentine-themed hall. Many thanks to Mary Coxon for designing the decor, and to Nancy Wozniak and Siggie Ogan for their assistance. Thanks also to those who prepared the food. It was a beautiful event!

Bake Sale—Our next bake sale, under the direction of Nancy Wozniak and Pat Wong, will be held the week-end of March 20-21. You may be asked to donate home-baked goodies. We always have a wonderful array of mouth-watering treats, so be prepared!

Day of Recollection—Our March meeting will not be the second Monday as usual. Instead, we are planning our annual Lenten Day of Recollection. Ann Buko has arranged for a guest speaker from the University of San Diego. The theme will be *An Echo of God*. This will take place on Monday, March 22. The cost, including lunch and materials, will be \$12. A flyer will be in the bulletin with full details, but save that date. All members of the Parish and friends are invited, and we are extending the invitation to St. Francis also.

Board Meeting—Next board meeting is Monday, March 1, at 10:00am at Valerie’s.

Lenten Fish Dinner Every Friday of Lent

5:30-6:30pm • Adults \$6-1 fish, \$7-2 fish, Children \$4-1 fish
Cod with varying types of vegetables, plus Bob Wong’s Famous Dessert Station. We encourage family participation!

Tables may be reserved for families/groups—call 760-732-0543.
This dinner is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and their wives. Serving time allows adequate time to eat, socialize, and attend the Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm. Feel free to bring neighbors and friends. We promise friendly and smiling faces to serve you!

STM Vehicle Donation Program



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



Call us, and we’ll have it picked up. You get the tax deduction!

All we need is clear title. Non-operational is OK!



Since 2006 we have netted over \$15,500 from this program.

Thank you donors!

For more information, contact the Parish Office:
760-758-4100 x100 or parishoffice@stmoside.org



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

Thanks to our initial 227 donors for bringing our pledge total to date to \$906,840! This represents 25% of our Parish households, and three gifts from non-parishioners.

We are almost halfway to goal! 75% of our households have yet to respond and we can easily start building our permanent Church very soon! Our two-year period is nearly down to 22 months already, so please help STM by submitting your pledge form right away, and pray for our success. Our time is now!!!

Q. We have a pledge that already extended into this time period and we give regularly to that. Do we need to send in the Phase II form anyway?

A. Yes! This gets us all on the same track for this time period. Over the first five years of our Phase I Campaign, we had one-, two-, three-, and five- year pledges turned in. All is appreciated, but we are now trying to get all the records on track for our Phase II Campaign.

Q. How do we increase an existing commitment?

A. Mark the Phase II commitment form new amount with “Increase” ~ or you can just write on the form that you are continuing your existing financial pattern of giving, if that is what you choose to do.

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 9

		# of Families
	Total Phase II Pledges	Pledging
	Under \$1,000	41
	\$1,000 and up	30
	\$1,500 and up	58
	\$2,500 and up	42
	\$4,500 and up	19
	\$6,000 and up	15
	\$10,000 and up	18
	\$25,000 and up	2
	\$50,000 and up	2
Total to Date	\$906,840	227
Still Needed	\$1,093,160	768
Total Goal	\$2,000,000	995

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

Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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

LENT

A Sense of the Season

The word *Lent* means springtime. This word comes from the same root as *lengthen*. Daytime lengthens during Lent. The northern hemisphere turns toward the sun, the source of life, and winter turns into spring. In Hebrew, the word for *repentance* is the same as the word that means *to turn*, like the turning of the earth to the sun, like the turning of the soil before planting.

“Even now, says the Lord, turn to me.” (Joel 2:12) The word *sin* means separation. We are called to turn from our separate selves, from our sin, to come together in community. Self-denial is the way we express our repentance. In the lengthening brightness from Ash Wednesday until Holy Thursday afternoon, our

Why are there forty days in Lent? It took forty days for sinfulness to drown in the flood before a new creation could inherit the earth. It took forty years for the generation of slaves to die before the freeborn could enter the promised land. For forty days Moses and Elijah and Jesus fasted and prayed to prepare themselves for a life’s work.

At the beginning of Lent the bishop calls out the names of the catechumens who seek to be baptized at Easter. Their names are written in the book of the elect, the chosen. God has chosen them, and they have chosen to turn to God. Lent is the forty days before the baptism of the catechumens. The already baptized can share the



Upcoming Music

FEBRUARY 17

Ash
Wednesday

8:15am Mass

Cantor

12:00pm Mass

Cantor

5:30pm Mass

Handbell Choir

7:30pm Mass

Sanctuary Choir

FEBRUARY 20/21

First Sunday
of Lent

5:00pm Mass

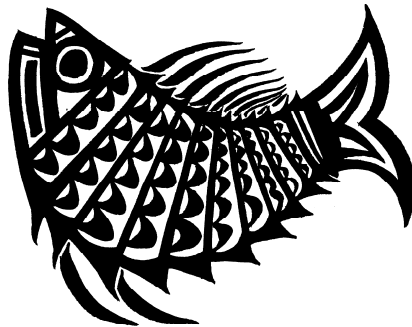
Cantor

8:30am Mass

Cantor

10:30am Mass

Cantor



holy Lent, we turn to God as our source of life.

Self-denial is threefold, advises Matthew’s gospel. We pray: “Go to your room, close your door, and pray to your Father in private.” We fast: “No one must see you are fasting but your Father.” We give alms: “Keep your deeds of mercy secret, and your Father who sees in secret will repay you.” Through the Lenten exercise of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we spring-clean our lives, sharpen our senses, put tomorrow in its place and treasure the day at hand.

excitement and the struggles of the elect and rediscover the meaning of baptism in their own lives. During the forty days, both catechumens and the faithful journey together to the holy font.

We keep Lent together. We put aside our business-as-usual to support each other in prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We turn to God to enlighten us and purify us throughout the lengthening brightness of our holy season of Lent.

“For now is the acceptable time! Now is the day of salvation!”

—LTP



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, those who have started in the past year, and 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

FAITH: The Main Ingredient

OUR PARISH MISSION: FOCUS ON THE GOSPELS

with Fr. Jude Winkler, OFM Conv.

Coming in 2 weeks!

See the flyer in today's bulletin for details.

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

Be sure to review for Unit 2 Test

Little Books

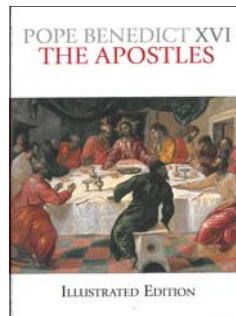
- Little Black Books (for Adults)
- Little Purple Books (for children ages 6-12)
- El Librito Negro (en español)

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.

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: 134 jars



High School Youth Group
 the
FRIEND
 Zone
Monday, February 15
7:00 to 8:30 pm
 Call Gale at 760-726-7236

Information for Growth

14—Answer

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

- A) intercession (CCC 2647)



15—Question

God created us as social beings so that we can

- A) enjoy sport and social gatherings.
- B) join groups that we are attracted to.
- C) communicate freely on a variety of levels.
- D) desire friendship and cooperation in both personal and civic relationships.



ACTTS

Active Catholics in their Twenties and Thirties who Socialize
 Wii Championships in March—Watch for Details!
 actts@stmoside.org

Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Teamwork in Action for the Lord

Many people witnessed a stunning win in the Super Bowl game on February 7 when the New Orleans Saints upset the heavily favored Indianapolis Colts with a final score of 31 to 17.

Some might say that is just a game and ask what it has to do with stewardship. For anyone who really followed this Super Bowl game, however, it is clear that the New Orleans Saints rallied their forces, perfected their skills, played more to rebuild the hopes and reputation of their beloved city than for themselves as individuals. They were also proud to give God credit for their abilities. Congratulations to the Saints for a job very well done!

On many levels, as Christian stewards, we too come together for the greater good. Christian stewardship provides a way to support each other in recognizing that what we offer through returning our God given gifts is a very good thing. When what we offer is joined with what everyone else offers, great things will happen.

One claim of Christian stewardship is that God has placed in our midst all the gifts, charisms, and resources needed to meet our responsibilities to be Christ's presence in our community. Accepting this claim requires trust and hope.

It takes a lot to be good, gracious, and generous in a world where mainstream human thinking moves in the opposite direction.

Generosity that is so much a part of goodness is essentially a willingness to share what one has with one another. This means that we are called to share not only our means, but our time and talents as well.

Generosity goes beyond that handsome check written to a charity. It is more than giving of our surplus and abundance. This in no way means that treasure is not appreciated, but that there is more to treasure than money. Christian spirit and charity combined with time and energy can work wonders in a faith community!

There are those in our Parish who cannot make it to Mass due to being homebound because of illness or other factors. What they would give to be more mobile!



There are those in our midst who cannot contribute financially due to extreme hardship. What they would give to contribute!

All of us can pray for one another. Seriously. Regularly. Page three of our weekly bulletin has a list of people who are in need of prayers. I encourage you to pray for each person, every day.

The family of St. Thomas More is an incredible force. We have in the past, and will continue, to work wonders by combining our resources. We make things happen because we are a people of faith, hope and love.

To pray for even more people than are on our published prayer list, please call Pat Wong at 760-806-1310 or Norma Flanagan at 760-630-0180. Faith begins and ends with prayer.

*Deep faith in action is love,
 and love in action is service.*

— Blessed Mother Teresa

TOWERS OF FAITH

Future Support & Estate Planning Options

Towers of Faith is a movement that has arisen due to the visionary leadership and generosity of several of our parishioners. We stress that this is not about the gift amount, but rather the love and thought behind the gift.

These individuals (*several anonymous*) have included STM in their estate planning. This helps to ensure their ongoing support and a legacy for our Parish.

Towers of Faith is a valuable portion of our future support.



**Examples of the various future planning vehicles are:
 Designated Beneficiary Accounts,
 Last Will and Testament, Living Trust, Life Insurance,
 Stocks and Bonds, Real Estate, and Endowments.**

Any parishioners who have already included STM in their estate plans are *Towers of Faith* participants. If you are interested, please contact us. Your participation is most welcome and appreciated!

Chris Smith at 760-758-4100, x120, or chriss@stmoside.org.

**Do two people in your family know the location of
 your will and/or living trust?**

Collection for Week of February 6/7, 2010

Number of Registered Households**		995
Offertory*	\$	16,018.82
Offertory (Loose Collection)		909.50
Children's envelopes		1.50
Total	\$	16,929.82

* 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.

St. Francis and St. Thomas More Offertory Envelopes

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News from the Larger Church

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.

Lenten Day of Recollection at Prince of Peace Abbey in Oceanside—Tuesday, February 16, 9:00am-2:00pm. Includes conferences, reconciliation, mass, and lunch. Donation is \$35. For reservations, call Jan Feiner at 760-603-9103.

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.

Pilgrimage to the Marian Shrines: Fatima, Lourdes, Avila, Salamanca, Lisieux (home of St. Therese), and Paris—Fr. Adrian Peelo, OFM, Associate Pastor at Mission San Luis Rey Parish, will lead this pilgrimage May 9-23. Celebrate Mass with His Holiness, Pope Benedict, at Fatima Shrine on May 13, the anniversary of the first apparition. Visit the home of St. Teresa of Avila, historic Salamanca, and Zaragoza. For further information, contact Linda Patera at 760-529-9378 or Hermie Garcia at 619-656-1099 before February 23.

Pilgrimage to Turin and Medjugorje—May 18—Join Sr. Margaret Kelly, O.P., Director of Religious Education at Mission San Diego for a trip of the decade! The Shroud will be on display only two months for the first time since 2000. Then see the beauty of Croatia and the Adriatic Sea as we make a crossing from Ancona, Italy, to Split, Croatia, and on to the Marian site of Medjugorje. For more information, call Sister Margaret at 619-624-0900.

St. John the Baptist School in Costa Mesa Looking for Alumni—A yearlong celebration of its 50th anniversary is being planned, including an Open House on Saturday, May 22, and we need the help of all SJB students present and past. For more information, visit www.alumni.sjbschool.net.

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

**Jobs Available with the U.S. Census 2010 in Your Area!
Call 866-861-2010 or visit www.2010censusjobs.gov.**

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 760-685-0081. Your donation would be greatly appreciated ~ thank you!



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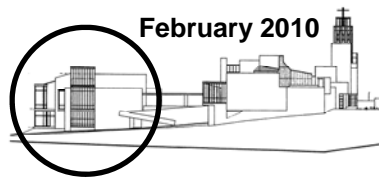
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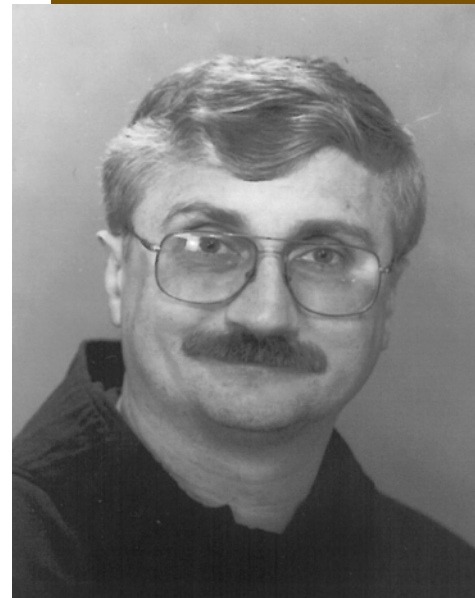
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February 27-March 4, 2010



Fr. Jude Winkler, OFM Conv.

Saturday-Sunday, February 27-28

Fr. Jude will speak at weekend Masses and RE.A.CH Classes

Monday, March 1

4:00-5:00pm • Individual Reconciliation

7:00pm • The Gospel of Mark: *Simplicity—Arriving Dry and Dusty from the Road*

Tuesday, March 2

8:15am • Mass

9:00am • Heroes of Our Faith: St. Paul—*Redemption/Sent Out as Mission*

4:00-5:00pm • Individual Reconciliation

7:00pm • The Gospel of Matthew—*Beatitudes*

Wednesday, March 3

8:15am • Mass

9:00am • Heroes of Our Faith: Mary—*Availability*

4:00-5:00pm • Individual Reconciliation

7:00pm • The Gospel of John—*The Glory of God*

Thursday, March 4

8:15am • Mass

9:00am • Heroes of Our Faith: St. Peter—*Church as Foundation*

7:00pm • Parish Communal Reconciliation Service

The Gospel of Luke—Forgiveness and the Prodigal Son

• Childcare available at 7:00pm sessions upon request •

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