

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 28, 2010 • Second Sunday of Lent

Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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Our Lenten Penance Service: The Sacrament of Reconciliation—God's Unconditional Love for Us!

This was my Pastor's Column a few months ago as we prepared to celebrate our Advent Reconciliation Service. This week we will close out our Parish Mission with our Lenten Reconciliation Service. I thought it would be good to run this again!

In recent years, a name change has taken place with the "Sacrament of Confession." We no longer call the act "Confession," but rather "Reconciliation" and/or "Penance."

This name change better reflects what happens in this celebration. We do not go to the priest just to list our sins, have them forgiven, and receive a penance; but rather, and most importantly, we come to the priest to celebrate the forgiveness of God that we experience in our lives. We come to the Sacrament with a sense of joy for what God has already done in our lives and what God continues to do—showering us with unconditional love.

The verbalization of our sins, the verbalization of the words of absolution, and the acceptance of a penance are steps in the

process of celebrating God's forgiveness and unconditional love for us.

If we are open to God's love, we begin to experience the many ways in which God forgives us our sins in the daily occurrences of our lives.

When we ask forgiveness from someone we have offended, our sins are forgiven. When we accept the forgiveness of another, our sins are forgiven. Each time we talk to God in the silence of our hearts and sincerely seek forgiveness from God, our sins are forgiven. Each time we celebrate the Eucharist, we hear the words of the priest shortly before the reception of Holy Communion—"Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world! Happy are we! We are called to His supper!"—our sins are forgiven.

So why go to the priest? We do so in order to celebrate the forgiveness of God we experience in our daily lives, to ritualize

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STM 11th Annual Golf Classic & Evening Festivities
Friday, April 30



Sign Up Now!
Plan to Join Us!

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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it, sacramentalize it, and as in all things, to place our lives and God's involvement in our lives within the context of the Church, the Body of Christ.

The priest "stands in" for the community. As we verbalize our sins, we are mindful that there is no such thing as a personal sin. Our sins, no matter how personal we may think them to be, affect others—"No Man Is an Island." We live in community. Our lives always touch the lives of others.

Telling our sins, hearing ours sins from our own lips, helps us to be real and to acknowledge our weakness and our dependence upon God. It is so easy to rationalize our sinfulness when we talk to ourselves "in our heads." It is an entirely different experience when we hear ourselves verbalize our sinfulness. Those sins become much more real! We become much more aware and sensitive of our responsibilities to others.

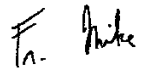
The priest "stands in" for Christ. Hearing the words of absolution, the forgiveness of God, from the lips of the priest is indeed comforting. You know how wonderful it feels when a family member or friend says, "I love you!" In the Sacrament of Reconciliation we allow God to say those words to us in and through the person of the priest.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is not something to be feared but to be celebrated with trust and confidence because of God's unconditional love for us.

On Thursday, March 4, at 7:00pm our Parish celebrates its Lenten Communal Penance Service. Many priest/confessors will be available for you. They will be in Church waiting for you so that through the words of absolution God will once again say to you:

"I forgive you and I love you unconditionally!"

Will you be there to hear God's words?...



Project Linus Spring Coffee

Let's get ready for the Project Linus Coffee to be held on Thursday, March 25, 10:00am-12:00noon, on the lower level of the Parish Center. It's time to use your talents to give support to our sick or abused children in San Diego County. They love your colorful, home-made blankets—knit, crocheted, or quilted. To learn more about the Project Linus program, call Mary Coxon at 760-599-8760 or attend the coffee.

Heartnotes

Congratulations to our recent graduates Tomo and Cyndy Hamasaki and to Parishioners who have been recertified: Beverly Northrup, Petenera Perun, and Henny Jocelyn.

There will be an Adult CPR/AED class on Saturday, March 20 8:30am-1:00pm. There are still several places available. The cost is \$27 per person, and the American Red Cross certification is valid for one year.

If you have any questions about the St. Thomas More CPR program, contact medical director Dr. Phil Goscienski at drphilg@cox.net or 760-732-1414.

Readings for the Week Ahead

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

Sunday, February 28 (27)

Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 15:5-12,17-18

Psalms 27:1,7-9,13-14

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Luke 9:28b-36

Monday, March 1 (230)

Daniel 9:4b-10

Psalms 79:8-9,11,13

Luke 6:36-38

Tuesday, March 2 (231)

Isaiah 1:10,16-20

Psalms 50:8-9,16bc-17,21,23

Matthew 23:1-12

Wednesday, March 3 (232)

Katherine Drexel, virgin

Jeremiah 18:18-20

Psalms 31:5-6,14-16

Matthew 20:17-28

Thursday, March 4 (233)

Casimir

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Psalms 1:1-4,6

Luke 16:19-31

Friday, March 5 (234)

Genesis 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a

Psalms 105:16-21

Matthew 21:33-43,45-46

Saturday, March 6 (235)

Micah 7:14-15,18-20

Psalms 103:1-4,9-12

Luke 15:1-3,11-32

Sunday, March 7 (30)

Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 3:1-8a,13-15

Psalms 103:1-4,6-8,11

1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12

Luke 13:1-9

Prayer List

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

- Mary Alexander
- Carrie Allen
- The Baker Family
- Patricia Barbour
- The Bayer Family
- Colleen Bechtold
- John Bennici
- Regina Bentz
- George "Whitey" Betus
- Lou Bricher
- Beatrice Brooks & Family
- Monica Broussard
- Janet Brown
- Roseanne Burg
- Herman Calandro
- Jean Calderone
- Shelby Campbell
- Claudia Caplinger
- The Casebolt Family
- Flor Catap & Family
- Paul Cipowski
- Marilyn Clarke
- Dolly Cole
- Carl Coleman
- James Coleman
- Karen Flaharty Daley
- Margie Daniels & Family
- Cecilia DeSimone
- Linda Dossman
- Sudy Dotinga
- Ann Edmonson
- Kathryn Ernst
- Robert Falconer
- The Fiore Family
- Peggy & Jack Fischer
- Betty Fisk
- The Fiskin Family
- Ryan Flum
- Kathryn Franklin
- Joe Freire
- Carmen Garcia
- Rick Gonzalez
- Phil Goscienski
- Eileen Gough
- Rosemary Haeffelin
- Anita Hage
- Susan Hallahan
- The Harker Family
- Rita Harnacker
- Marge Heath
- Fr. Tom Herbst, OFM
- Lilian Hills
- Cynthia Horner
- Sue Johnston
- Darleen Kelch
- Paul Kennedy
- Debbie Kinney
- George Kleekamp
- Gunther Koch
- The Kozak Family
- Sr. Anne Kremenik
- Helen Kuhn
- Lillian Lachance
- The Lamelin Family
- Bernie Lanzrath
- Rick Laver
- Brandon LeBlanc
- Paul Leué
- Cassandra Loretto
- Lauren Loretto
- James MacArthur
- Helen McCullough
- The McGeary Family
- Virginia McWalters
- Bob McWilliams
- Carol Michael
- Howard Montgomery
- Nancy Moore
- Art Morinton
- Margie Myers
- Helen O'Connell
- Lori Marie Olivares
- The Peer & McCarthy Families
- Lupe Casas Pelletier
- Helen Pingtella
- Linda Pinson
- The Piro Family
- Anne Post
- Otila Quiroz
- Janet Raiman
- Virginia Regula
- Joanne Robinson
- Sr. Loyola Romey
- Dorothy Rouse
- Rose Rowland
- The Russo Family
- Nancy Scali
- John Schmidt
- Kurtis Schmidt
- Freda Schweitzer
- Richard Sikora
- The Al Smith Family
- Nick Soltau
- Ed Sox
- Gilda Spiegl
- The Such & Votel Families
- Maria Surmenidis
- Renee Michelle Taylor
- Stephen Toth, Jr.
- Ngoan Tran
- Cameron Troncale
- Barbara Upson
- Arnie Velasco
- 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
- Sr. Airman Robert Spear, USAF
- Corporal Ryan Keck, USMC
- 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 28 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
RE.A.CH Classes at Church (including high school)
- Mar 1-4 Parish Mission:
Focus on the Gospels
- Mar 4 Lenten Communal Reconciliation Service
- Mar 7 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses

The Month Ahead

- Mar 14 RE.A.CH Classes at Church including high school
- Mar 20-21 Women's Guild Bake Sale
- Mar 22 Women's Guild Day of Recollection
- Mar 25 Project Linus Coffee
- Mar 28 RE.A.CH Classes at Church including high school

The Year Ahead

- 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
- Jul 19-23 Vacation Bible Camp
- 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.

March 1 Sr. Patricia Hanson, CSJO
March 2 Sr. Yvonne Hawker, OSF
March 3 Sr. Linda Hayward, RSCJ
March 4 Sr. Katharine Heidkamp, MMS
March 5 Sr. Soledad Hernandez, SSP
March 6 Sr. Electa Hevener, OCD
March 7 Sr. Mary Hotz, RSCJ

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 27, 5:00pm John Rodriguez ☩
Sunday, February 28, 8:30am Marcos Lopez ☩
Sunday, February 28, 10:30am <i>Pro Populo</i>
Tuesday, March 2, 8:15am Italino Norelli ☩
Wednesday, March 3, 8:15am Francis Corcoran ☩
Thursday, March 4, 8:15am Barbara Foster ☩
Friday, March 5, 8:15am Jim Tutino ☩
Saturday, March 6, 5:00pm Donald Molls ☩
Sunday, March 7, 8:30am Robert Haskell ☩
Sunday, March 7, 10:30am <i>Pro Populo</i>

Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioners

Lisa & James Davidson & Family
Gene Gliozzo
Mary Anne Lucio
Sharon Ornellas

In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Betty Such, who died on February 12. Please keep Betty's daughter Marilyn Votel and the family in your prayers.

Michael Kozak, who died on February 17. Michael was a resident of Pacific Place for the last few years. His funeral services will be private. Please keep Michael's family in your prayers.

Geneve Peer, who died this week. Her funeral services were held out of town. Please keep Geneve's daughter Wendy McCarthy and the family in your prayers.

Margaret Casebolt, who died this week. A graveside service will be held on Wednesday, March 3, at Eternal Hills Memorial Park in Oceanside. Please keep Margaret's daughter Sharon Harris and the family in your prayers.

Al Smith, who died on February 22. His funeral arrangements are pending. Please keep his wife Donna and the family in your prayers.

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

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.



Rosary

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



STM 11th Annual Golf Classic

REGISTER NOW ~ FRIDAY, APRIL 30

- ◆ Golf Tournament at Fallbrook Golf Club
- ◆ Miniature Golf at Boomers! Vista
- ◆ Happy Hour, Dinner, Evening Festivities at STM!
- ◆ Table reservations and Pastor's Dinner signups!
- ◆ Registration forms on Plaza before/after all Masses



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

What is Get On The Bus?

Get On The Bus brings children and their guardians/caregivers from throughout the state of California to visit their mothers and fathers in P=prison. An annual event, *Get On The Bus* offers free transportation for the children and their caregivers to the prison, provides travel bags for the children, comfort care bags for the caregivers, a photo of each child with his or her parent, and meals for the day (snacks on the bus, lunch at the prison, and dinner on the way home) all at no cost to the children's family. On the bus trip home, following a four-hour visit, each child receives a teddy bear with a letter from her/his parent and post-event counseling.



I noticed things about my mother: she was pretty and she looked like me. I found something in common with all the children on the bus. They have a mother in prison too.

—Natasha, age 7

An estimated 856,000 children in California have a parent currently involved in California's adult criminal justice system, nearly 9% of the state's children. . . —from "Children of Incarcerated Parents" Simmons, Charlene Wear. California Research Bureau, CRB Note. Vol. 7, No.2, March, 2000"

—excerpts from *Get On the Bus Brochure 2009*

Brother Benno's Food Drive

March 20-21 will be our once-a-year food drive to benefit Brother Benno's. This is a **different project** than the big blue barrels that are out every weekend.

Brother Benno's runs a Soup Kitchen, Food Bank, and five Rehab houses for the poor, needy, and disenfranchised. It does so with **only** volunteer help. It relies on the generosity of the public to accomplish its mission. Last year St. Thomas More provided three truck loads of food items. Deacon Tom will be in the parking lot before all Masses March 20-21 with trucks...as many as we can fill. Please be generous.

Annual Catholic Appeal 2010 Now Underway!

St. Thomas More's "Fair Share": \$43,000

Pledge Total to Date: \$10,590

Households Responding: 70

Average Gift per Household: \$151.28

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, more than 3,200 refugees fleeing dangerous and oppressive conditions were resettled through our *Refugee Services* to begin new lives of opportunity with a future.

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

New Member Reception— Sunday, March 7 at 12:00noon

We are hosting a New Member Welcome Reception for those who have joined our Parish family since October 2009. Invitations have been mailed to our newest members and we look forward to meeting you at this special luncheon. If you are an existing member and were unable to attend the last reception in October 2009, you are more than welcome to attend. For more information, please call Louise Briseno at 760-224-3106.

In order for us to be adequately prepared as your hosts,
please **RSVP by March 1 at 760-758-4100 x154** or
parishoffice@stmoside.org

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!

Women's Guild News—Important Dates

March 22—Women's Guild sponsors the annual day of recollection. Watch for flyer in the bulletin.

May 22—Annual luncheon at Shadowridge. As a change from the fashion show, we have hired a wonderful singing group you are sure to enjoy. We are requesting opportunity baskets and door prizes. If you can donate, call Valerie Thompson at 760-630-1703 or Vicky Squires at 760-724-7371.

Board Meeting—Monday, March 1, 10:00 am at Valerie's.

Women's Guild Bake Sale

The ladies of St. Thomas More Women's Guild will be calling Parishioners whose last names begin with the letters A through H requesting donations of home-made baked goods for the bake sale on March 20-21. Please bring your baked goods when you come to Mass and drop them off at the designated tables. Please note if the items contain nuts. Also please avoid anything that would need refrigeration. Your support is greatly appreciated. For more information, call Pat Wong at 760-806-1310 or Nancy Wozniak at 760-729-0782.

**High School Youth Group Meets
Parish Mission
Monday, March 1
7:00-8:30pm**

**Call Gale at 760-726-7236
www.stmoside.org/ymhs**

**Steubenville?
Sign-Ups Underway!**

Our Journey Into The Future . . . Together! **Phase II ~ This is it!** **(22 months to go – Your help counts!)**

Many thanks to the 336 donors who have responded to date, bringing our pledge total to \$1,101,015!

34% of our Parish, plus three gifts from non-Parishioners, have brought us over halfway to goal.

While not all families can give at the same level, we ask that each family make an equal sacrifice, not an equal gift.

ALL gifts are needed and appreciated! Together we can, and will, make this happen during this great window of opportunity for our Parish. We look forward to hearing from the remaining 66% of our households to help bring us to the finish line and break ground for our new Church.

In this, our 25th anniversary year, our spirit remains strong and we've been blessed with a golden opportunity.

Please return your forms as soon as possible and continue to pray for our success!



Informational packets are on the Parish information table after all Masses and in the Parish Office during the week. They can also be downloaded from our website:

www.stmoside.org; click on *Our New Church*.

THANK YOU DONORS!!!

Pledge Statistics as of February 23

	Total Phase II Pledges	# of Families Pledging
	Under \$1,000	80
	\$1,000 and up	47
	\$1,500 and up	82
	\$2,500 and up	66
	\$4,500 and up	22
	\$6,000 and up	17
	\$10,000 and up	18
	\$25,000 and up	2
	\$50,000 and up	2
Total to Date	\$1,101,015	336
Still Needed	\$898,985	662
Total Goal	\$2,000,000	998

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

WHO'S WHO—CANDIDATES

Who are the Candidates we hear so much about in church?

Catechumens are people who have never been baptized and are now preparing to be baptized, confirmed, and welcomed to the Lord's table at the Easter Vigil through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (commonly called the RCIA). Often there are others who have already been baptized and who now desire to become fully initiated members of the Catholic church. They, too, undergo a period of formation based on the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults; they are called *candidates* because they are discerning a call to complete their initiation.

Like those whom we welcome into our own families through marriage or adoption, the candidates bring with them a wide variety of experiences and traditions. Some of them may have been baptized in another faith tradition; they now wish to enter into full communion with the Catholic church. Normally they are confirmed and receive their first communion at the time of their reception. (In the past, these candidates were often referred to as "converts," but that term is not appropriate if they were previously baptized. Baptism is the sacrament of conversion. Suggesting that

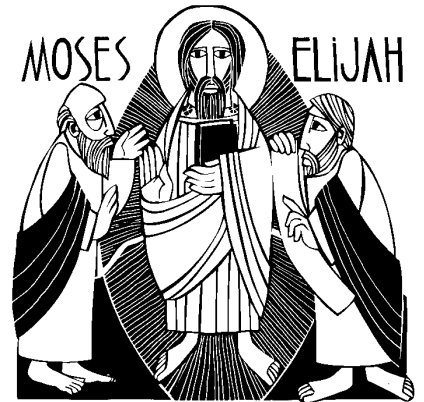
people baptized in other Christian traditions are not already "converted" to Christ is false and uncharitable.)

Other candidates may have been baptized Catholic, usually as infants, but received no further formation in the Catholic faith. They, too, are preparing for Confirmation and First Communion.

The length of the preparation period varies depending on the background and spiritual needs of the individual. Those who have taken an active role in their church in the past may need a relatively short period of preparation. Others may need a more extended period of formation and catechesis, similar to that of the catechumens. In both cases, active participation in the Sunday liturgy, prayerful reading of the scriptures and an increasing awareness of the church's teachings and mission are the primary means of preparation.

At the end of this period of preparation, those Candidates who were baptized in another tradition are welcomed into the Catholic church through a simple act of reception. All the Candidates are then confirmed and welcomed to the Lord's table for the first time. This celebration ideally takes place at the Easter Vigil, but may happen on any appropriate Sunday during the year.

The newly confirmed now take their place in the assembly and continue to do what Christians have done throughout the ages: offer thanks and praise to God and spread the good news of God's love and reconciliation.



Upcoming Music

MARCH 6/7
Third Sunday
in Lent

5:00pm Mass

Cantor

8:30am Mass

Cantor

10:30am Mass

Cantor

Friday, March 5 ♦ 8:45am - 7:30pm

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FEAST OF ST. JOHN JOSEPH OF THE CROSS

We pray...
that self-denial will lead us to charity.



Children's
Easter Choir

The Children's Choir
returns for Easter!

All children, grades 2-8 are
invited to sing in the
Children's Easter Choir.

REHEARSALS

Wednesdays
March 10, 17, and 24
5:00-6:15pm

Tuesday, March 30
7:00-8:00pm
(with the combined choirs)

EASTER DAY

Sunday, April 4
10:30am Mass

JOIN US!!!

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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

Today is a **RE.A.CH** day
at Church
(High School included)

Fr. Jude visits our classes

Lenten Opportunities

† Operation Rice Bowl

Take a Rice Bowl home today, and let your sacrifices add up. If a thousand families saved \$10 each during Lent, our brothers and sisters in Haiti would feel the difference.

† Books for Change

Spring cleaning has begun and nine boxes of used books, CD's and DVD's have already been delivered to Solutions for Change!

† PBJ for Kids

171 jars of peanut butter and jelly have been delivered to Catholic Charities in 2010!

As Parishioners, each of us is encouraged to adopt one (or more) of these opportunities for *prayer, fasting, and almsgiving* to make a change in OUR daily life, and in the lives of our global community.

Re-Discover Catholicism II

The Journey Continues

This year, Deacon Tom and Patt will present a second, more intense, session of Rediscovering Catholicism.

It will be a five week session based upon David Scott's book *The Catholic Passion*, which the author describes as ...a book about Catholics—who we are, what we believe, and why we believe and do the things we do.

The course will again take an interactive-discussion format and will require two chapters from the book to be read *before* each session.

The class begins on April 6 at 7:00pm and concludes on June 1. Sign up forms and books available now at the Faith Formation Office.

PARISH MISSION FOCUS ON THE GOSPELS

March 1	4:00-5:00pm 7:00pm	Individual Reconciliation The Gospel of Mark: <i>Simplicity: arriving dry and dusty from the road</i>
March 2	8:15am 9:00am	Mass <i>Heroes of Our Faith: St. Paul Redemption/Sent out as mission</i>
	4:00-5:00pm 7:00pm	Individual Reconciliation The Gospel of Matthew: <i>Beatitudes</i>
March 3	8:15am 9:00am	Mass <i>Heroes of Our Faith: Mary Availability</i>
	4:00-5:00pm 7:00pm	Individual Reconciliation The Gospel of John: <i>The Glory of God</i>
March 4	8:15am 9:00am	Mass <i>Heroes of Our Faith: St. Peter Church as foundation</i>
	7:00pm	Parish Reconciliation Service The Gospel of Luke <i>Forgiveness and the Prodigal Son</i>

Information for Growth

15—Answer

God created us as social beings so that we can

D) desire friendship and cooperation in both personal and civic relationships. (CCC 1905 ff)



16—Question

The Bible is

- A) a collection of many books written under God's inspiration.
- B) an exact report of the world's history.
- C) a history of the world's religions.
- D) the four Gospels.



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Listening and Answering

God was in the cloud and spoke, saying, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." How do we listen to Jesus as he continues to speak his message of loving our neighbor as we love ourselves, and asks us to help provide necessities and comfort to those in need?

Enough Is Enough

A concert pianist one evening gave a stellar performance, and received a standing ovation as the curtain fell. Afterwards, a reception was held in his honor. As the crowd gathered around him, one woman, who was a pretty good pianist in her own right gushed, "Oh, I'd give anything to play like you do!"

The concert pianist looked at her and slowly replied, "No, I don't believe you would."

A hush fell over the room. "Yes, I would," insisted the woman.

The pianist continued, "No, you really wouldn't. If you wanted to pay the price, you could play as well . . . possibly even better than I. It has taken me seven or eight hours a day, seven days a week for at least seven years to play as well as I do. You would give anything to play as well as I do, except the time. When you say you would give anything, you really don't mean it."

Are we really willing to do whatever it takes to help? Or, do we sometimes think, "Enough is enough. No more help. No more for the missions. No more time for the Church. It has to stop!"

But as Jesus' actions make clear enough is never enough. Jesus is filled with compassion (as we usually are too) and then he acts on that compassion by being willing to help. The willingness to help, however, must be reinforced by our doing whatever it takes to help others.
 —Stewardship, February 2010

Recently many of us have watched parts of the winter Olympics. It is astounding how much time and effort goes into competition at this level. Our hearts soar in triumph when our favorites win, and we suffer with them when things don't go well.

Just as in the story of the concert pianist, the Olympic athletes put in countless hours of practice over the years. They sacrifice on a number of levels in their quest to achieve medal status. We look at them with admiration and pride.

While most of us are not in a position to achieve concert pianist or Olympic athlete status, we are in a position to answer Jesus' call in our lives. This, if we are honest, means stretching our lifestyle and putting in hours that equal sacrifice.



An important example of one way to answer Jesus' call, is our opportunity to help feed homeless families on the fourth Sunday of each month of the year. If you cannot cook an entire meal for 30-40 people, please consider baking cookies, making a large salad, or donating money to help with a meal. Twelve meals in one year is very do-able for a Parish of our size. To help, contact Paul and Kalei Mendiola at 760-945-9042 or kaleiann@sbcglobal.net

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Collection for Week of February 20/21, 2010

Number of Registered Households		998
Offertory*	\$	9,813.50
Offertory (Loose Collection)		947.00
Children's envelopes		0.50
Total	\$	10,761.00

* 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).

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News from the Larger Church

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.

Mission and Healing Services in Escondido—March 1-2 at Church of the Resurrection, 1445 Conway Dr., Escondido. Fr. Fernando Suarez, CC, will conduct a Healing Mass at 10:00am on Monday, March 1, a Reconciliation Service at 7:00pm on March 1, and a Healing Mass at 6:00pm on Tuesday, March 2. For more information, visit www.fatherfernando.com.

Celtic Echoes—Early Christian Spirituality from the British Isles Presentation in San Diego—Tuesday, March 2, 7:00-8:30pm, Salomon Hall, Bishop Maher Hall, University of San Diego. Presented by Dr. Florence Gillman. For more information, contact 619-260-4784 or visit www.sandiego.edu/ccs.

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.

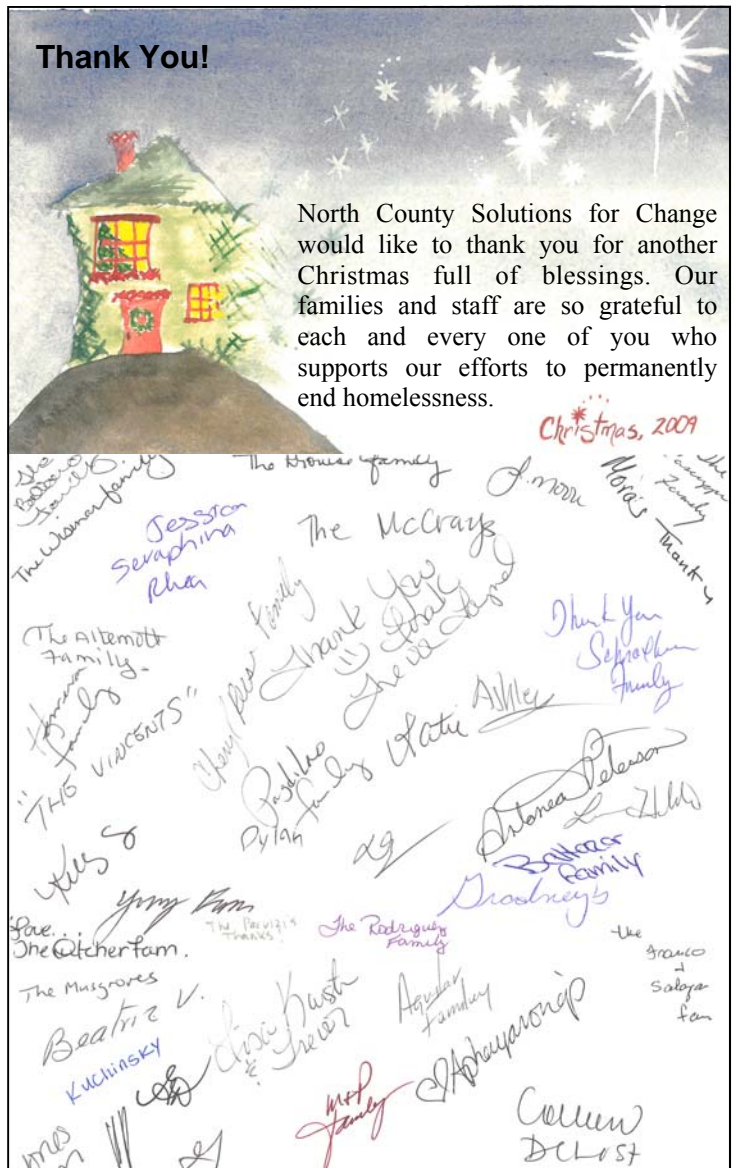
Spirit and Truth Event for Young Adults in San Diego—Thursday, March 4, 7:00-9:00pm, at St. Therese Catholic Church in Del Cerro (College Area), 6016 Camino Rico, San Diego. Includes live praise and worship music, a talk on *Lent—Jesus' Last Words on the Cross* with Dotti Hulbert, adoration, and a social to follow. For more information, visit www.yamsd.org or contact cgiebel@diocese-sdiego.org or 858-490-8260.

Magnificat Women's Prayer Group in San Diego—Saturday, March 6, 9:30am, at the Mission Valley Sheraton. Fr. Cavaná Wallace from our own Diocese of San Diego will share reflections on the simplicity and depth of the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be. RSVP to 858-578-1256.

Restaurant Fundraiser at Chili's for North County Solutions for Change—Sunday, March 7 (and every first Sunday of the month). Visit www.solutionsforchange.org for details and to print the required flyer.

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.



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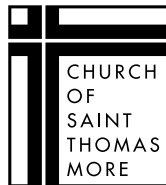
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