

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

March 7, 2010 • Third Sunday of Lent

Pastor's Column

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Health Care Reform Update

On Thursday, February 25, the much-anticipated bipartisan "summit" on health-care reform between Congressional leaders and President Obama was held.

Health-care reform, in the background for awhile, is once again taking center stage.

In preparation for the "summit," the following letter emerged from the leadership of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) to Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid:

Dear Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid,

On behalf of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), we strongly urge the congressional leaders from both parties meeting on February 25, 2010 to commit themselves to enacting genuine health care reform that will protect the life, dignity, consciences, and health of all. It is time to set aside partisan divisions and special interest pressures to find ways to enact genuine reform. We encourage

the Administration and Congress to work in a bipartisan manner marked by political courage, vision, and leadership.

The Catholic bishops have long supported adequate and affordable health care for all, because health care is a basic human right. As pastors and teachers, we believe genuine health care reform must protect human life and dignity from conception to natural death, not threaten them, especially for the voiceless and vulnerable. We believe health care legislation must respect the consciences of providers, taxpayers, purchasers of insurance, and others, not violate them. We believe universal coverage should be truly universal and should not be denied to those in need because of their condition, age, where they come from, or when they arrive here. Providing affordable and accessible health care that clearly reflects these fundamental principles is a public good, moral imperative, and urgent national priority.

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Marathon Mile 22 vs. Phase II ~ 22 Months to Get Our \$2 Million in the Bank!!!



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.*

Pastor's Column *(continued from page 1)*

The U.S. Catholic bishops continue to urge the House and Senate to adopt legislation that:

- Ensures access to quality, affordable, life-giving health care for all;
- Retains longstanding requirements that federal funds not be used for elective abortions or plans that include them, and effectively protects conscience rights; and,
- Protects the access to health care that immigrants currently have and removes current barriers to access.

For details on the bishops' positions on health care, please visit www.usccb.org/healthcare.

We will continue to work vigorously to advance true health care reform that ensures affordability and access, keeps longstanding prohibitions on abortion funding, upholds conscience rights, and addresses the health needs of immigrants. Dialogue should continue and no legislation should be finalized until and unless these basic moral criteria are met. Without commenting on specific proposals that may be brought to the summit, we will work to ensure that legislation meets these criteria and will oppose legislation that does not meet them. We hope and pray that the Congress and the country will come together around genuine health care reform that protects the life, dignity, consciences, and health of all.

Sincerely,

Bishop William F. Murphy, Diocese of Rockville Centre
Chairman, Committee on Domestic Justice and
Human Development

Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston
Chairman, Committee on Pro-life Activities

Bishop John Wester, Diocese of Salt Lake City
Chairman, Committee on Migration

Annual Lenten Collection

This month has been designated for the 2010 Annual Lenten Collection. Special envelopes are attached to the bulletin this weekend for the collection, which supports the works of Catholic Relief Services, the Church in Latin America, and the Church in Africa. You may designate your contribution to the causes listed on the collection envelope and return the envelope any time during the month of March. Thank you!

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.

High School Youth Group
Call Gale at 760-726-7236
www.stmoside.org/ymhs

Readings for the Week Ahead

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

Sunday, March 7 (30)

Third Sunday of Lent
Exodus 3:1-8a,13-15
Psalm 103:1-4,6-8,11
1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12
Luke 13:1-9

Monday, March 8 (237)

John of God, religious
2 Kings 5:1-15b
Psalms 42:2-3;43:3-4
Luke 4:24-30

Tuesday, March 9 (238)

Frances of Rome, religious
Daniel 3:25,34-43
Psalm 25:4-9
Matthew 18:21-35

Wednesday, March 10 (239)

Deuteronomy 4:1,5-9
Psalm 147:12-13,15-16,19-20
Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday, March 11 (240)

Jeremiah 7:23-28
Psalm 95:1-2,6-9
Luke 11:14-23

Friday, March 12 (241)

Hosea 14:2-10
Psalm 81:6c-11b,14,17
Mark 12:28-34

Saturday, March 13 (242)

Hosea 6:1-6
Psalm 51:3-4,18-21b
Luke 18:9-14

Sunday, March 14 (33)

Fourth Sunday of Lent
Joshua 5:9a,10-12
Psalm 34:2-7
2 Corinthians 5:17-21
Luke 15:1-3,11-32

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
Dolly Cole
Carl Coleman
James Coleman
Karen Flaharty Daley
Margie Daniels & Family
Cecilia DeSimone
Linda Dossman
Ann Edmonson
Kathryn Ernst
Mike Eslinger
The Fiore Family
Peter Fiore, Jr.
Peggy & Jack Fischer
Betty Fisk
The Fiskan 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
Christine Jensen
Sue Johnston
Eileen Jones
Darleen Kelch
Paul Kennedy
Debbie Kinney
George Kleekamp
Gunther Koch
The Kozak Family
Helen Kuhn
Lillian Lachance
The Lamelin Family
Bernie Lanzrath
Rick Laver
Brandon LeBlanc
Cassandra Loretto
Lauren Loretto
James MacArthur
Helen McCullough
The McGeary Family
Virginia McWalters
Bob McWilliams
Carol Michael
The Montgomery Family
Nancy Moore

Denise (Popoff) Moors & Family
Art Morinton
Margie Myers
Helen O'Connell
The Matamala Pacheco Family
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
Freda Schweitzer
Richard Sikora
The Al Smith Family
Nick Soltau
Ed Sox
Gilda Spiegl
The Such & Votel Families
Maria Surmenidis
Stephen Toth, Jr.
Ngoan Tran
Barbara Upson
Arnie Velasco
Dominic Vienna, Jr.
Vanessa Vitiello-Koble
Kevin Watson-Graff
Ed Wesel
Marilyn Wesel
Terry Westlake
John Whitton
Anna Wynston

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.
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
LT Billy Turley, USN

Thank you for your prayers for Julian Torres, USMC, and Capt. Sean Barnes, USAF, who have returned home safely.

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

- Mar 7 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
- Mar 14 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
- Mar 14 RE.A.CH Classes at Church including high school

The Month Ahead

- 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 15 Spirited Seniors Luncheon
- 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.

Mass Intentions
Saturday, March 6, 5:00pm Donald Molls ☩
Sunday, March 7, 8:30am Robert Haskell ☩
Sunday, March 7, 10:30am <i>Pro Populo</i>
Tuesday, March 9, 8:15am Ann Buko
Wednesday, March 10, 8:15am Maryann Treister ☩
Wednesday, March 10, 9:30am Ted Wiener ☩ <i>Pacific Place</i>
Thursday, March 11, 8:15am Kathleen Victoria Greene ☩
Friday, March 12, 8:15am Luci Palmer ☩
Saturday, March 13, 5:00pm Sharon Tomlinson ☩
Sunday, March 14, 8:30am Kathy Stewart ☩
Sunday, March 14, 10:30am <i>Pro Populo</i>

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 8 Sr. Bernard Ibrahim, DMI
March 9 Sr. Catherine Rose Iverson, SHF
March 10 Sr. Barbara Jackson, OSF
March 11 Sr. Francine Jackson, RSM
March 12 Sr. Teresa Jaramillo, MMS
March 13 Sr. Yesica Jimenez, HCJS
March 14 Sr. Katherine Jobson, MMS

Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioners

Ray & Teresa Mendoza
William & Lizabeth Sumner & Family
Adam York & Yvette Veloso

Annual Catholic Appeal 2010 Now Underway!

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

Pledge Total to Date: \$13,915

Households Responding: 91

Average Gift per Household: \$152.91

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, *Senior Residential Service Coordinators* were available to 825 seniors, offering many supportive services which enable seniors to remain independent, healthy, and active.

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

STM Scrip News

Merchants contribute a percentage of every dollar you spend to the St. Thomas More Building Fund. Scrip is sold after weekend Masses and on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:00-10:00am in the Parish Office.

Get On The Bus

Why Do the Children Need Transportation?

Children with a parent in prison are usually cared for by relatives, often grandparents. Many caregivers are unable to make the drive due to distance or expense. *Get On The Bus* offers a priceless opportunity—a mother's touch, a father's hug, a family photo, a private conversation, and a connection with hope and healing.



Even though she's in here, she's still in my heart. It's been four years since I've seen her and I'm so happy.

—Michael, age 10

60% of parents in state prison report being held over 100 miles from their children. (Bernstein, Nell. *All Alone in the World: Children of the Incarcerated*. New Press 2007.)

—excerpts from *Get On The Bus Brochure*, 2009

An envelope will be attached to the bulletin on March 20-21.

For more information, 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.



STM 11th Annual Golf Classic ~ Friday, April 30

Social event of the year! Enjoy fun, fellowship, and exciting events with friends and family!



- ◆ Golf at Fallbrook Golf Club ~ foursomes and singles
- ◆ Miniature Golf at *Boomers! Vista* ~ foursomes and singles
- ◆ Evening Festivities at STM ~ dinner, raffles, silent and live auctions, and surprises
- ◆ All payments and item donations due by Monday, April 19!

Please submit payments at Golf table, in the offertory collection, or to the Parish Office.

2nd Annual Pastor's Dinner ~ Sunday, August 22

- ◆ Seating now available for 150 at \$250 per seat ~ 96 seats are already reserved! Sign up today!!!
- ◆ Delicious dinner at Shadowridge Country Club, hors d'oeuvres, open bar, and desserts.



AT THE MIRAGE WITH JAY LENO

- ◆ Back by popular demand, The Alley Cats entertaining with an extended show and more!
- ◆ Check for details at the golf table and at: www.stmoside.org/golf

Champagne Diamond Opportunity!

- ◆ Beautiful Journey diamond pendant necklace, complete with seven shimmering diamonds, will go to a very lucky winner! \$20 per ticket or six tickets for \$100.
- ◆ A sparkling touch of class accompanied by a glass of champagne or sparkling cider
- ◆ Detailed description of the necklace and photos available at: www.stmoside.org/golf
- ◆ Don't miss out on this terrific opportunity!



For more information, contact Jim or Suzy Bailey at 760-754-1635 or jimsuzybailey@cox.net

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.

Lenten Baked 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.

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.

Fraternity House

We want to thank our Parish family for responding so generously to the request from Fraternity House for twin beds. Two sets of twin beds were donated and delivered. Heather Hoyt, Development Coordinator, writes "We thank you for your recent donation of twin beds. On behalf of our residents and staff, thank you again for your commitment to the well-being of people living with HIV/AIDS, and to Fraternity House, Inc."

The weekend of March 13-14, we will be reacquainting the Parish Family with this worthwhile ministry. —*Diantha L. Zschoche*

Our Journey Into The Future . . . Together!

Phase II ~ This is it!

Marathon Mile 22—The Final Push

In our 25th anniversary year, we've been blessed to date with 35% of our Parish, plus four gifts from non-parishioners, pledging \$1,119,035, which brings us over halfway to our \$2M goal to build our permanent Church.

We are in a similar situation now to marathon runners. My daughter has run several marathons in support of leukemia patients. When she ran the marathons, all went well until the 22nd mile. That is the point where she, and several others, hit a wall. They were "spent and exhausted" and felt like they couldn't run anymore. Some quit, while others somehow dug in and finished they race. They were inspired as they were running for a cause!

We have several parishioners who have been faithfully funding the vision of our permanent Church for 25 years. Some of these generous parishioners have hit a wall financially and are unable to donate as they once did.

Other parishioners have lost jobs and are financially stretched. **Thanks to those who have responded, even though they are unable to pledge at this time.**

Over 600 households have yet to respond in some way. We need YOUR help! For those who are able, please consider donating \$100/month or more.

On a certain level, we have hit the 22-mile marathon wall in our 22nd month of Phase II. Please realize that our work is not finished and we need to dig in and finish this race during this **one-time** window of opportunity.

Information is on the information table and in the Office during the week. It can also be downloaded from: www.stmoside.org; click on *Our New Church*.

THANK YOU DONORS!!!

Pledge Statistics as of March 2

	Total Phase II Pledges	# of Families Pledging
	Under \$1,000	87
	\$1,000 and up	50
	\$1,500 and up	86
	\$2,500 and up	68
	\$4,500 and up	23
	\$6,000 and up	16
	\$10,000 and up	18
	\$25,000 and up	2
	\$50,000 and up	2
Total to Date	\$1,119,035	352
Still Needed	\$880,965	647
Total Goal	\$2,000,000	999

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

LOOKING BACK...LOOKING FORWARD

Five years into the Journey

Upon joining this faith community five years ago as your Director of Music and Coordinator of Liturgical Ministries, I crafted a vision for music ministry at St. Thomas More. It has held up, and I share these foundational ideas again as we continue our musical journey.

—Douglas

Music Ministry at the St. Thomas More Is...

...God-centered

“Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!”

—Psalm 95:2 (NRSV)

...Inclusive

The doors are open. Everyone may participate in the ministry.

...Appropriate

Music presented in liturgies will be offered in support of the scripture appointed for the day or season, or in support of the message of the homily. On other occasions, it will support the reason for the gathering.

...Eclectic

Our Parish is comprised of people who represent many parts of the cultural, religious, and social spectra of our community. It therefore follows that our ministry must be varied in order to reach as many of these different backgrounds as possible. While we will not be able to reach everyone all the time, we

will make every effort to touch most of the people as often as practically possible.

Varying musical approaches will be used: including the use of vocalists and instrumentalists available from within the Parish as well as, on occasion, guest musicians from outside the Parish who might be brought in to fulfill a specific need not available from within.

Varying musical styles and genres will be used, including: music from different historical periods that we might both celebrate our music past and explore today's creativity; and music from other cultures and in other languages as befits the global nature of our church (non-English-language pieces will always be translated).

...Loving

Choirs and other music ensembles are social entities, and as such they will provide a loving and supportive environment in which people involved in these groups might flourish spiritually and emotionally.

...Educational

Each person involved with the ministry will continually be presented with the “tools of the trade” that they may become more able to understand the craft of music-making. This teaching will be both overt in the form of instructional moments during rehearsals and more subtle using other behind-the-scenes methods.

...Ecumenical

Music provides the opportunity for churches to come together to celebrate our oneness in God in spite of ongoing and sometimes divisive differences. We will participate in musical activities that help to bridge this gap among Christian denominations whenever possible.



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!!!

Upcoming Music

MARCH 13/14
Fourth Sunday
of Lent

5:00pm Mass

Youth Praise &
Adult Praise

8:30am Mass

Sanctuary Choir

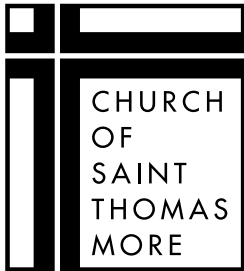
10:30am Mass

Handbell Choir



Special Supplement

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

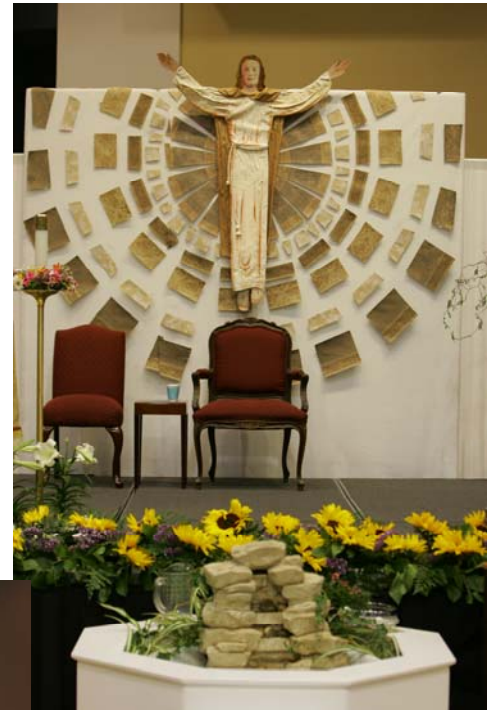


RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

The St. Thomas More RCIA Team would like to introduce the catechumen and candidates sent to the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion with Bishop Robert H. Brom in San Diego on February 21, 2010.

The Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion calls all the catechumens (the unbaptized), candidates (those who have received only Baptism), and the faithful into a time of intense preparation, by prayer and spiritual recollection, for the celebration and/or renewal of Baptism at the Easter Vigil.

This step moves these members into the period of Purification and Enlightenment. The "enlightenment" is the experience of a personal encounter with Christ the Savior during the community's Lenten retreat in prayer. With the faithful and the already baptized candidates, the Elect purify their minds and hearts as they each examine their conscience and do penance.



Photos from Easter Vigil 2009

*You are invited to remove and retain this special bulletin insert for Lent.
 Please pray for these people during this important time.*



It is both a joy and honor to sponsor Elect **Sharon Ornellas** as she enters this most sacred initiation into the Catholic faith. Her faith journey has been exemplary as she has taken her formation in the teachings of the Gospel and the Church most seriously through the RCIA process and in her daily life.

Sharon's generosity of spirit and self is inspirational to all those with whom she comes in contact. Sharon has found inner peace and a deep relationship with Jesus Christ during this journey of faith. She is prepared and ready as she excitedly awaits her Sacraments of Initiation into the Church here at St. Thomas More and looks forward to further growth in her journey that has just begun.

—Henrietta Black, Sponsor

Rita Shepard has been faith-filled her whole life. Growing up attending Catholic schools, she studied the faith with her peers. Marrying a Catholic man, she raised her daughter as a Catholic. As an adult, she has many friends who were involved in our Catholic parish, so she began to join our church as a member of the Spirited Seniors group and even has served on their board.

Rita always helps others and is generous with her time and talent. Her love of all and her kindness show in her daily life in action and deed. She has lived her life with Jesus in her heart and now longs to share in our faith by receiving her First Communion and being Confirmed.

I have known Rita for many years and was overjoyed to be asked to be her sponsor as she walks this last part of her journey to the table. I am honored to stand next to her and pleased to present her to our faith community and the whole church as ready to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil 2010.

—Jana Reznicek, Sponsor



It is with great pleasure and confidence that I recommend that

Shawn Hobson be accepted into full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Over the years Shawn has nourished a scripturally based Christianity, but he felt that something was lacking. He was impressed with what he had heard about the Sacraments of the Catholic Church and the traditions dating back to Jesus himself, and he was drawn to learn more about these things.

Through his experience in the RCIA he has come to be “in awe of the Lord’s actual presence” in the Eucharist. Shawn has a very inquisitive mind, and he will continue to seek God’s truth as he grows in and with the Church. I look forward to the day when we can come together at the Lord’s table and share in the Body and Blood of Christ.

—Joe Buhlert, Sponsor



George Gisel is ready to be in full communion with the Catholic Church and receive the Sacraments of Initiation. As George’s sponsor, I have been a witness to his journey of faith and his commitment to the Catholic Church. He has learned not only from the discussion of liturgies that we have celebrated as a faith community, but from his fellow candidates who walked with him during this period of enlightenment.

I am a witness to George living a life of faith which has inspired me to be a better follower of Christ. George has embraced his faith and taken great joy in the gift we have been given in Christ. He has been dedicated to this period of spiritual growth and has shown me such a deep awareness of God at work in his life. I will proudly stand next to George at the Easter Vigil as he becomes our brother in Christ. This is not the end of George’s faith journey, but only the beginning. May God’s peace be with him and his family.

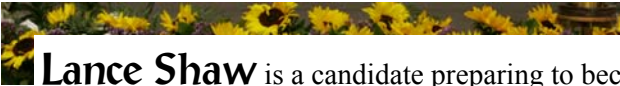
—Margaret Phelan, Sponsor

I am so pleased to recommend **Eva Redding** to receive the Holy Eucharist and Confirmation in the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Eva’s Faith Journey over the last few years, led her to St. Thomas More, where she was so “overwhelmed” with how Christ works through His church community! She has felt welcome from the very first day. Eva has been spiritually moved by Catholic traditions that continue to convey Christ’s message of His grace, love, and Resurrection. She was raised in the Czech Republic, where she had no exposure to Christianity until she moved to the United States about nine years ago. She has studied the Scriptures at a couple of churches in the area and then, for the past two years at STM.

Eva has also been an inspirational influence on her husband who is renewing his Catholic Faith. I am proud to be Eva’s Sponsor in RCIA and am inspired by her as well. I know she will be one of Christ’s devoted, faithful sheep.

Lovingly in Christ,
—Judy C. Smith, Sponsor





Lance Shaw is a candidate preparing to become a Catholic in full communion at Easter Vigil at the Church of St. Thomas More. As Lance's sponsor I have the responsibility to assist in his growth during the journey prior to becoming a Catholic. Lance has demonstrated a willingness to learn throughout the process as evidenced by his questions and comments during Wednesday night classes. He has displayed a sense of discernment and deepening of his spirituality during our conversations. By his witness to a moral lifestyle in addition to a willingness to become involved, Lance provides a good example for others already in the Church as well as those desiring to become Catholic.

His commitment to his marriage and family provides a strong example why he should be accepted into the Catholic Church. Lance is prepared to take the final steps into becoming a Catholic.

—Matt Gervasi, Sponsor



Elizabeth Harrison is an RCIA Candidate at St. Thomas More Church. She is anxious to become a Catholic and to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Communion, and Confirmation. Elizabeth has been attending St. Thomas More Church for over 1½ years and she has been actively participating in the RCIA program since August 2009.

Elizabeth is truly a Christian. She is kind and generous and willing to help others. She shows tremendous patience and gives from her heart. She is well read in the history of the Church and is very knowledgeable of the Bible. Elizabeth has explored other religions only to find out that there was still something missing in her life. Elizabeth says that she has found, through her studies in RCIA and attending St. Thomas More Church, that becoming a Catholic will make her feel complete.

It is my pleasure to be Elizabeth's Sponsor and I fully recommend her to the Catholic Church of St. Thomas More and to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Communion, and Confirmation.

—Maria Rogers, Sponsor

Craig Castle was baptized as a child, and throughout his life he has earnestly tried to live as a Christian. In recent years he has longed to join the Catholic Church and so enrolled in the R.C.I.A. program at St. Thomas More. He has been sincere in his participation, devoted to learning about the Church, and inspired by the Holy Spirit during his spiritual development, which is evident. I have no doubt Craig will continue to be a good example to us all, and I look forward to his participation in the life of the Church. I know he is looking forward to joining his wife and our Church Family in receiving the Eucharist and continuing his involvement in Church ministry.

—George Jones, Sponsor



Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

Kathleen Bell
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When those preparing for initiation
and our community
are seen together as two dimensions
of the initiation process,
then we are emerging into the true model
called for in our renewed church.
ALL of us must be actively involved
in this time of initiation.

—Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Be a Prayer Partner

Select as many names as you like after Mass today or from the bulletin board on the lower level.

Pray for the members of our community that you select. You can use the prayer on the back of the name card, or any form of prayer. This creates a spiritual bond between you and this child or adult. Through your prayer ask God to strengthen and support your partner through the final stage of preparation to receive the Sacrament.

**Sacraments of Initiation will be celebrated
at the Easter Vigil on April 3**

**First Communion will be celebrated on
May 9, June 12, and June 13**

Confirmation will be celebrated on May 15

Being a Prayer Partner is a spiritual relationship, so we ask that no material gifts be given. Spiritual gifts are welcome...that might be a card or letter of support and congratulations. Some like to share their experience of receiving the Sacrament for the first time or another special memory with their Prayer Partner in a written note.

These spiritual gifts may be left at the Faith Formation Office any time between now and the above dates. They are delivered at the time of reception.



Thank you
for being a mentoring member
of the St. Thomas More community!



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

Check Annual Plan (online) for today's session

High School Core Course meets at Church

Lenten Opportunities



Operation Rice Bowl

Take a Rice Bowl home today, and let your small sacrifices add up.



Books for Change

Used books, CD's and DVD's have already been delivered to Solutions for Change . . . add yours!



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

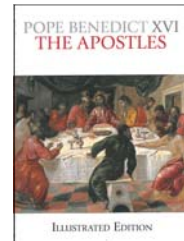
We are a community of change!

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.



Information for Growth

16—Answer

The Bible is

- A) a collection of many books written under God's inspiration. (CCC 105)



17—Question

We celebrate Jesus' return to heaven on
the Feast of the

- A) Ascension.
B) Assumption.
C) Resurrection.
D) Presentation.



Stewardship & Development

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CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Stepping Outside of Complacency

For three years I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down! Why should it exhaust the soil?

—Luke 13:1-9

This weekend I share with you two interesting and enlightening views of our roles and ensuing journeys toward God's eternal kingdom. We are wise to remember that we are on a journey and life as we know it on this earth is very short compared to eternity.

Jesus tells of a gardener who pleads to save a fig tree so he can cultivate it and hope to make it productive. In chapters one and two of Genesis, God reveals that He created man and woman and gave them dominion over His *Garden* – all of creation.

Bishop Robert Morneau poignantly describes how God made us stewards of many *gardens*: the *gardens* of our faith, our body, our family, our mind, our artistic ability, our many abilities and, most importantly, our ability to reason and our free will. He points out that all of the *gardens* belong to God and poses these questions:

- ✠ How are we caring for our *gardens*?
- ✠ Are we being good Christian stewards?
- ✠ Have we cultivated our *gardens* or let them go fallow?
- ✠ Are our *gardens* as productive as God intended?

If not, it is not too late. The first step is to identify and accept responsibility for the *gardens* that God has entrusted to our care. Do not be afraid. We have Jesus as our helper in our *garden*.

—Deacon Jerry Martinez, Archdiocese of New Orleans

In the last month I discussed the disgruntlement of the Israelites on their journey of deliverance out of Egypt. During Lent, we are again reminded to avoid their descent into constant complaining.

God heard the cry of His people in Egypt and responded generously by bringing them out of captivity. But in the desert the Israelites began complaining to Moses. They were not grateful for the gift of their freedom – *a grateful heart silences a complaining voice!*

We, as good Christian stewards, pray that we will always be grateful for the gifts and opportunities that we are given.

When we are at times not grateful, when we are overcome with an unhealthy lust for material things, power, or prestige, we are called to repent, and we are to be grateful for the Lord's mercy.

—Dan Potvin, Archdiocese of Winnipeg

During the first week of March we were blessed to have Fr. Jude Winkler with us, sharing his gifts during our Lenten Mission, which focused on the Gospels. A life consisting of constantly being on the road cannot be an easy one. Yet Fr. Jude handles his life, journey, and answer to God's call with humor and dedication.

A WAY TO GIVE ~ A WAY TO RECEIVE



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Planned Giving is a generic term that covers the many ways an individual can give to a charity while, in many cases avoiding taxes. A few examples of Planned Giving are: Designated Beneficiary Accounts, Wills, Living Trusts, Stocks, Life Insurance, Mutual Funds, Endowments, and Real Estate.

This program is one way of helping the Parish raise the resources necessary to continue our campus build out and also help plan for our future needs (i.e., Tower of Faith participants). Gifts of this nature are beneficial and much appreciated by St. Thomas More.

For more information please contact:

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“Our Journey Into The Future . . . Together”
includes our Faith journey as well as the
build out of our Parish Campus.

“Did You Know?” Collection for February 2010

\$6,757.00

Collection for Week of February 27/28, 2010

Number of Registered Households*		999
Offertory*	\$	6,523.72
Offertory (Loose Collection)		1,031.00
Children's envelopes		1.00
Total	\$	7,555.72

* 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

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.

Young Adult Retreat at Whispering Winds Camp—March 12-14, sponsored by St. Brigid Church. For more information, visit www.stbrigid-sandiego.org.

Young Adult Worship Night in Poway—Tuesday, March 16, 7:00-8:30pm, at St. Michael's Church in Poway. Join us for a special night of *Lenten Reflection*. An acoustic Worship Night and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Jackie Francois and Benjamin Lee. All ages are welcome! For more information, contact stmichaels.ym@gmail.com.

St. Patrick's Day Celtic Mass in San Diego—Wednesday, March 17, 6:30pm, at Our Mother of Confidence Church, 3131 Governor Dr., San Diego. For more information, contact Bernadette Cashman at 619-757-3023.

Diocesan Schools Teacher Job Fair in San Diego—Saturday, March 27, 9:00am-12:00noon, at Cathedral Catholic High School, 555 Del Mar Heights Rd., San Diego.

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.

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. The next concert will be on April 25 at 2:00pm. For more information, contact 619-239-0110 or www.mainlymozart.org.

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.

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.

Catholic Widows and Widowers of North County

CWWNC meets the second Sunday of each month, March 14, at a member's home in Oceanside for a general meeting and potluck, and the fourth Sunday of each month, March 28, for Mass at St. Patrick's Church in Carlsbad. Prospective members are welcome anytime. 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 for more information.

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Thank you donors!

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



Thank You from New Orleans

This letter came some time ago to thank our parishioners for the gifts this family received from our Christmas Program:

We are parishioners of St. Peter Claver Catholic Church in New Orleans, Louisiana, and would like to thank everyone at St. Thomas More Catholic Church for making us a part of your Christmas Family Program. We received gifts of a wallet with money, and our grandson received the gift of a wallet with money and also a warm fleece jacket. This was very thoughtful. St. Thomas More must be a family of caring and loving people to adopt people so far away. Pray for us, and we will pray for your Church Family, and may our God let you continue to do good things. Thanks again.

*With blessings,
Mathew, Florence, and Devon*

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