

# 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

March 14, 2010 • Fourth Sunday of Lent

## Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak  
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### Padre Pio's Prayer After Communion

*I share with you this deeply meaningful prayer. I would encourage you to pray this, at a quiet time, at home, after Mass and the reception of Holy Communion:*

Stay with me, Lord, for it is necessary to have You present so that I do not forget You. You know how easily I abandon You.

Stay with me, Lord, because I am weak and I need Your strength, that I may not fall so often.

Stay with me, Lord, for You are my life and without You I am without fervor.

Stay with me, Lord, for You are my light and without You I am in darkness.

Stay with me, Lord, to show me Your will.

Stay with me, Lord, so that I hear Your voice and follow You.

*(Continued on page 2)*

### Did You Know?

It is extremely important that we meet our current responsibilities in regard to our Operations Budget if we hope to build our new permanent Church. We are close...but it will not be enough to meet the demands of our Capital Campaign, if we do not meet our operational expenses.

Did you know that the cost of just *one* of our utilities for the last eight months (SDG&E) totaled \$25,873.88?

Your extra gift to the "Did You Know?" Campaign not only will help us to meet our operational expenses, but it will also allow us to build our new permanent Church.

*Your help is needed! Thank You!!*

## 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)*

Stay with me Lord, for I desire to love You very much and always be in Your company.

Stay with me, Lord, if You wish me to be faithful to You.

Stay with me, Lord, as poor as my soul is I want it to be a place of consolation for You, a nest of love.

Stay with me, Jesus, for it is getting late and the day is coming to a close and life passes, death, judgment, and eternity approaches. It is necessary to renew my strength, so that I will not stop along the way and for that, I need You. It is getting late and death approaches. I fear the darkness, the temptations, the dryness, the cross, the sorrows. O how I need You, my Jesus, in this night of exile!

Stay with me tonight, Jesus, in my life with all its dangers, I need You.

Let me recognize You as Your disciples did at the breaking of the bread, so that the Eucharistic Communion be the Light which disperses the darkness, the force which sustains me, the unique joy of my heart.

Stay with me, Lord, because at the hour of my death, I want to remain united to You, if not by Communion, at least by grace and love.

Stay with me, Lord, for it is You alone I look for, Your Love, Your Grace, Your Will, Your Heart, Your Spirit, because I love You and ask no other reward but to love You more and more.

With a firm love, I will love You with all my heart while on earth and continue to love You perfectly during all eternity.  
Amen.

*—www.padrepiodevotions.org*

*F. Mike*

### Annual Lenten Collection

This month has been designated for the 2010 Annual Lenten Collection. Special envelopes were attached to the bulletin last 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.

lost and found  
monday • march 15 • 7:00-8:30pm  
at youth group  
call gale 760-726-7236  
or just show up

**Readings for the Week Ahead**

Sunday Year C; Weekday Year II  
Readings online at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org).

**Sunday, March 14 (33)**

*Fourth Sunday of Lent*

Joshua 5:9a,10-12

Psalms 34:2-7

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Luke 15:1-3,11-32

**Monday, March 15 (244)**

Isaiah 65:17-21

Psalms 30:2,4-6,11-12a,13b

John 4:43-54

**Tuesday, March 16 (245)**

Ezekiel 47:1-9,12

Psalms 46:2-3,5-6,8-9

John 5:1-16

**Wednesday, March 17 (246)**

*Patrick, bishop*

Isaiah 49:8-15

Psalms 145:8-9,13c-14,17-18

John 5:17-30

**Thursday, March 18 (247)**

*Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop, doctor*

Exodus 32:7-14

Psalms 106:19-23

John 5:31-47

**Friday, March 19 (543)**

*Joseph, husband of the*

*Blessed Virgin Mary*

2 Samuel 7:4-5a,12-14a,16

Psalms 89:2-5,27,29

Romans 4:13,16-18,22

Matthew 1:16,18-21,24a

**Saturday, March 20 (249)**

Jeremiah 11:18-20

Psalms 7:2-3,9b-12

John 7:40-53

**Sunday, March 21 (36)**

*Fifth Sunday of Lent*

Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalms 126:1-6

Philippians 3:8-14

John 8:1-11

**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  
The Chavez Family  
Paul Cipowski  
Dolly Cole  
Carl Coleman  
James Coleman  
Thomas Cornwell & Family  
Karen Flaharty Daley  
The 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 Fisker Family  
Ryan Flum  
Kathryn Franklin  
Joe Freire  
Carmen Garcia  
Rick Gonzalez  
Phil Goscienski  
Eileen Gough  
Rosemary Haeffelin  
Anita Hage  
Rosalie Hainsworth  
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  
Sr. Anne Kremenik  
Helen Kuhn  
Lillian Lachance  
The Lamelin Family  
Bernie Lanzrath  
Rick Laver  
Brandon LeBlanc  
Cassandra Loretto  
Lauren Loretto  
Lillian Luisi  
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  
R. Northrup  
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  
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

*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](http://www.stmoside.org)) for complete calendar information.

**The Week Ahead**

Mar 14 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass  
Mar 14 RE.A.CH Classes at Church including high school  
Mar 20-21 Women's Guild Bake Sale  
Mar 21 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses

**The Month Ahead**

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 1 Holy Thursday Mass at 6:00pm Dinners following  
Apr 2 Good Friday  
Apr 3 Holy Saturday Easter Vigil  
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  
May 9 First Communion  
May 15 Confirmation  
June 4-6 Parish Campout  
June 12-13 First Communion  
Jul 19-23 Vacation Bible Camp  
Aug 22 Second Annual Pastor's Dinner  
Oct 17 STM 25th Anniversary Celebration

**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 15	Sr. Jane Joppa, OCD
March 16	Sr. Mary Magdalene Kalinda, CVI
March 17	Sr. Baouth Kassab, DMI
March 18	Sr. Maureen Keegan, SCMM
March 19	Sr. M. Jelena Kekic, MC
March 20	Sr. Myrtle Keller, MMS
March 21	Sr. Maureen Kelley, RSM

**Mass Intentions**

Saturday, March 13, 5:00pm  
Sharon Tomlinson ☩

Sunday, March 14, 8:30am  
Kathy Stewart ☩

Sunday, March 14, 10:30am  
*Pro Populo*

Tuesday, March 16, 8:15am  
John Rodriguez ☩

Wednesday, March 17, 8:15am  
Laura Ludke ☩

Thursday, March 18, 8:15am  
Donn Wilmott ☩

Friday, March 19, 8:15am  
Mary Norelli ☩

Saturday, March 20, 5:00pm  
Allison Magette ☩

Sunday, March 21, 8:30am  
Peter Gavin ☩

Sunday, March 21, 10:30am  
*Pro Populo*

## Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioner

**Vlasta & Maria Filipasic  
Carmenetta Frapwell  
Daniel & Jamie Jaime & Family**

### In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

**Pilar Zeferina Chavez**, who died on March 8. Her Funeral Mass will be on Friday, March 19, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep the family in your prayers.

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

### Opportunity to Help Homeless Families



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

**These dates in 2010 are available for dinner adoption:**

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

Many thanks to those who have stepped up to help with these dinners! For more information, contact Paul & Kalei Mendiola at 760-945-9042 or [kaleiann@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kaleiann@sbcglobal.net).

## Get On The Bus When Does It Take Place?



Each year around Mother's Day and Father's Day, hundreds of children and their caregivers board buses and travel from cities all over the State of California. (Our Parish is sponsoring a bus to travel to the two women's prisons in Chowchilla, California on May 7. It costs \$4,000 for each bus to cover all of the expenses for the children, caregivers, and travel. An envelope will be attached to the parish bulletin on March 20-21.)

*I got to see my Mom today and I adore her.  
There is no one in the world I have like my Mom.*

—Chris, age 14

Regular visits between children and their incarcerated parent lower rates of recidivism for the parent and improve family reunification following the parent's release. (Children of Incarcerated Parents: A Bill of Rights, San Francisco Partnership for Incarcerated Parents; Friends Outside, Stockton, California. Oct. 2003)

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

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](mailto: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 ~ 97 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](http://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](http://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](mailto:jimsuzybailey@cox.net)**

### 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. Check the flyer from last week for details.

**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.

### Annual Catholic Appeal 2010 Now Underway!

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

**Pledge Total to Date: \$18,860**

**Households Responding: 114**

**Average Gift per Household: \$165.44**

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 72,000 working families, seniors, and individuals visited our four *Food Resource Centers* located in Downtown San Diego, Mid-City San Diego, El Centro, and Vista. In addition, we provided emergency case management to 3,500 individuals.

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

**Please see page 9 for more Parish news.**

### *Our Journey Into The Future . . . Together!*

## **Phase II ~ This is it!**

### **Calling 600 Families!**

**We still need responses from 600 households in order to complete our journey. ALL gifts are needed and appreciated! YOUR RESPONSE IS IMPORTANT!**

*Q.* I cannot afford to donate \$16/week to the campaign, and so have done nothing. What am I supposed to do?

*A.* Whatever you are able to do is needed and appreciated. Many people give \$5/week and it is a sacrifice. Those who can give more do so. Please join our efforts to build our Church in whatever way you are able.

*Q.* I am unable to donate at this time but will be able to contribute later in the year. Should I wait to turn in a response?

*A.* Please let us know now what you feel you will be able to do during the 22 months left in the campaign. This information is very helpful in our planning and reports.

*Q.* We give on a regular basis and you know what we give. Why should we respond?

*A.* This is a new and special phase of our effort to finally build our church. Your authorization to include your donations in our reports is vital to our success.

**38% of our Parish, plus four non-parishioners, have brought us over halfway to goal! Thirty households responded since last week bringing us to \$1,167,675.**

### **THANK YOU DONORS!!!**

#### **Pledge Statistics as of March 9**

	Total Phase II Pledges	# of Families Pledging
	Under \$1,000	104
	\$1,000 and up	51
	\$1,500 and up	94
	\$2,500 and up	69
	\$4,500 and up	25
	\$6,000 and up	17
	\$10,000 and up	18
	\$25,000 and up	2
	\$50,000 and up	2
<b>Total to Date</b>	<b>\$1,167,675</b>	<b>382</b>
<b>Still Needed</b>	<b>\$832,325</b>	<b>618</b>
<b>Total Goal</b>	<b>\$2,000,000</b>	<b>1,000</b>

Chris Smith, Director of Stewardship and Development  
760-758-4100 x120 or [chriss@stmoside.org](mailto:chriss@stmoside.org)

# Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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

## A TIME TO GATHER STONES

### Scripture Themes for March

A loving husband whose work required extensive traveling never left home without asking his wife, "What would you like me to bring back for you?" Her answer to him was always the same: "Please, bring me a stone from wherever you go."

This is precisely what the husband did. On every trip he found a stone, sometimes more than one. At each homecoming, he would present the stone and tell the story of how he found it. Each stone had its story, and each made a memory to share. There was the stone from Machu Picchu; it was ancient and mysterious, for it held the secrets of a lost civilization. There was the stone from near the equator in Ecuador and another retrieved from deep within a Costa Rican volcano. There was the stone from the grotto at Lourdes and the ones from Bolivia, Argentina, and Guatemala. One stone was found atop the Pyramid of the Sun in Teotihuacán, and another was picked up near the ancient walls of Avila where Teresa prayed with John. One stone traveled all the way from the Holy Land, sent by a brother and sister-in-law. Another stone came from the farm in Spain where past generations had harvested olives. Yet another was retrieved from Morocco, where the wind carves sand into crystalline flowers that the Bedouins have named "roses of the desert."

Through more than 30 years and countless miles, the couple amassed a great collection of little stones. Each had the potential to carry the wife to all those places she had not seen or heard, smelled or known except through the love of a husband and the little stones that brought home their unique messages.

As their family grew, the children too began to add to the collection. Stones from vacations were marked

with the place and the year. A son-in-law brought stones from his native Brazil, and the memory stones became more numerous, more varied, more precious. Some stones in the collection were gathered from gravesites where a loved one was buried or from a garden or field where the family enjoyed a picnic. For the objective onlooker, the collection might have seemed like a worthless pile of mismatched pebbles, yet to the ones who recognized these stones as part of a precious ritual, they were more treasured than the finest jewels.

In a sense, all believers have in their possession a collection of stones, each unique in its own right, with its own place of origin and experiences that have made it what it is—smooth here, rough there, riddled with holes, lined with cracks, marked by the changing tides and seasons of life. Every Lent offers an opportunity for us to bring these stones home to God, where each can be newly evaluated and offered to the great Architect of humankind.

For those who worry about the welcome that awaits them and their stones, the sacred texts offer reassurance. Through the experience of Moses and the Israelites (March 7, 14), we will be reminded that ours is an awesome but approachable God who knows our struggles and attends mercifully to each of us. Despite the baggage that burdens our lives, God welcomes us like a child who was lost but is now found again (March 14). On March 21, we will watch while the scribes and Pharisees bring forward an adulteress to test Jesus. Legally, she can be stoned for her actions, and we stand there with the others, armed with our collection of stones. Will we dare to hurl them at her or at others who sin? Or will we withhold judgment and keep them in our pockets until we present ourselves



before God, who alone judges sinners?

As the Lucan narrative is read on Palm/Passion Sunday (March 28), we and our stones will walk the cobbled streets of Jerusalem with Jesus. We will look at Peter and see ourselves denying that we belong to Jesus. We will see in Judas the same weakness that sells out rather than stands up for the faith. Standing amid the crowds and listening to the goading of the chief priests and scribes, we will remember how easy it is to remain silent in the face of evil or simply to go along with the misguided majority. In Pilate we will see reflected our own indecisiveness; we will listen to the mocking and jeering leveled at the just Jesus and be ashamed that we allow similar injustices to go unchecked in our world.

Will we, like the women of Jerusalem who wept for Jesus, also weep for the downtrodden of this world and do something to alleviate their suffering? Will we, like Simon, who helped Jesus to carry his cross, help others carry their burdens through life? Finally, as the Passion proclamation comes to an end, we will stand at the rock-hewn tomb where they laid Jesus' body, and with all our stones gathered around us, we will be grateful that we know the rest of the story, yet to be told and celebrated on Easter.

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

### Upcoming Music

**MARCH 20/21**  
**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**5:00pm Mass**

Sanctuary Choir

**8:30am Mass**

Cantor

**10:30am Mass**

Youth Praise &  
Adult Praise

# Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

Kathleen Bell  
Director of Faith Formation  
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Today is a **RE.A.CH** day  
at Church

## Congratulations!

Special congratulations to our faith communities with everyone present on February 28:

- \* SAMUEL
- \* JUDITH
- \* TOBIT
- \* DANIEL



Hopefully Daylight Savings Time will bring us all good health and return us all to the fold.

## Time for Spring Cleaning!

*Help the Homeless Help Themselves*

### Books for Change

- Drop off useable books, CD's, DVD's in the container outside the Faith Formation Office
- We will get them to North County Solutions for Change
- There, the moms (who are recovering from homelessness) will inventory and process them for resale on Amazon
- This gives the moms something meaningful and purposeful to do while they build the foundation for their new life as productive and healthy citizens

*One book, CD or DVD =  
One Homeless Child's Life Changed for One Day*

[www.solutionsforchange.org](http://www.solutionsforchange.org)

## PBJ for Kids

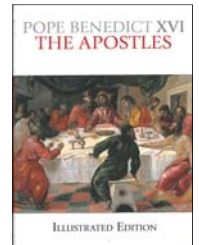
192 jars of peanut butter and jelly have been delivered to Catholic Charities in 2010!



## 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.

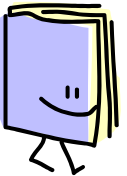


Your Apostles question of the week: To which apostle did Jesus respond with the invitation "Come and See"?

## Little WhiteBooks

y **El Librito Blanco** (en español)

The Little White Book continues to offer six-minute daily meditations through the fifty days of the Easter Season. It gives us the opportunity to walk through the Resurrection narrative according to Luke.



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.

## Information for Growth

### # 17—Answer

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

A) Ascension. (CCC 665)



### # 18—Question

Who is responsible for the mission of the Catholic Church?

- A) clergy and the professed religious (sisters and brothers)
- B) theologians and teachers of religion
- C) all baptized Catholics
- D) the pope and bishops



# Stewardship & Development

*Serve God's People*

Chris Smith  
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## CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

### We Belong to God

And so does our stuff. This is important for us to remember, but so easy for us to forget. Fortunately for all of us, our God is loving and forgiving.

Lent is a good time to pray and reflect on our attitudes about our stuff, and making the proper return to God. All that we have, all that we are, and all that we will ever be is a gift from God. How do we respond to such love?

- ✠ Are we sometimes ungrateful for all that God has given us?
- ✠ Have we failed to use our resources as God intended?
- ✠ Have we abandoned God's plan for us?
- ✠ Do we give our leftovers and feel self-righteous about it?

Most of us can answer "yes" to each of the above questions at one time or another. Several of you are aware of a time in my life when I placed blame on people and denied a certain return of my resources to God's church because of it. Self righteous and smug are terms that come to mind to describe myself during that period. Praise God, that time ended and you see where I am now. God has a sense of humor.

As Christian disciples (stewards) we prayerfully, persistently, and patiently strive to live out the various personal vocations God has chosen for us. This is to be done joyfully and generously.

As Fr. Jude pointed out in his mission talks with us, being a good Christian is not always easy. Plus, we are to do what we do out of love. As with Jesus, love is our guiding force. Easy or not.

If we are honest, each of us has our own prodigal story. God still loves us. For those times when we stumble and stray from God's Will for us, today's Gospel gives us hope.

If we were certain Jesus was asking for a donation, we would not toss him scraps or leftovers. We know that Jesus walks among us. More and more often, that is being made clear in my life. And for that, I thank God every day.



The word "stewardship" frightens some people. When I left my former profession, took a pay cut and added an STM staff position to my existing stewardship efforts, some thought I was crazy. Why? God called me and I answered.

People have said to me, "I could NEVER do your job! How can you ask people for money?" My response is that this is how God has asked me to serve, and be assured that I am never embarrassed or uneasy about making an "ask" for money, time or talent. I ask, not for my personal gain, but for God and His mission and ministry.

—Chris

***Christian stewards do not dedicate their time, talent, and treasure that they may become God's, but because they are God's.***

## 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!

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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



## Collection for Week of March 6/7, 2010

Number of Registered Households		1,000
Offertory*	\$	16,260.42
Offertory (Loose Collection)		1,064.50
Children's envelopes		1.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>17,325.92</b>

\* 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).

## Ways to Help Support Your Parish

We offer a variety of options for easier giving. In addition to the extra "mail-back" envelopes included in your packet, we offer automatic credit card withdrawal (Visa, MC, or Discover) and automatic checking/savings account deduction. For more information, contact the Parish Office at 760-758-4100 x100 or parishoffice@stmoside.org.

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## News from the Larger Church

**Young Adult Worship Night in Poway**—Tuesday, March 16, 7:00-8:30pm, at St. Michael 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](mailto: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.

**Vocations Support Group Dinner in Vista**—Wednesday, March 24, 6:00pm, St. Francis Church, 525 W. Vista Way, Vista. Includes dinner and discussion/prayer time to help men and women discern a vocation by spending time with other men and women reflecting on God's calling in their lives. RSVP by March 22 by calling 760-945-8000.

**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.

**Theology on Tap for Young Adults in San Marcos**—Wednesday evenings, April 7, 14, 21, and 28, at Acapulco Mexican Restaurant in San Marcos. For more information, visit [www.yamsd.org](http://www.yamsd.org).

**Job Search and Networking Clinic in Solana Beach**—Wednesday, April 14, 6:00-9:00pm, St. James Parish Hall. For more information, contact Chris and Kalee Strachan at 858-792-0657.

**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](http://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](http://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.

### Israel's Story Part Two

Little Rock Scripture Study group resumes with part two of Israel's Story on Wednesday, April 14, at 9:00am or Thursday, April 15, at 7:00pm for seven sessions. The study continues to explore Israel's history and theology, from the division of the kingdom through the prophets to the southern kingdom of Judah, the exile in Babylon, and the return to restore Jerusalem. Representatives will be on the Plaza to help to help you register. For more information, contact Masako Streling at 760-295-2594 or [mstr0619@cox.net](mailto:mstr0619@cox.net).

### Spirited Seniors Spring Luncheon

All Parishioners and friends are invited to attend the luncheon on Thursday, April 15, 12:00-3:00pm, with speaker Anita Cheek Milner, whose topic will be *Laugh and Stay Healthy*. The cost is \$12 for Spirited Seniors members and \$14 for non-members. Lunch will include lasagna, salad, and tiramisu from Ciao Ristorante. The deadline for reservations is April 8. Please make checks out to STM Spirited Seniors, place in an envelope marked "Spirited Seniors Luncheon," and return via the offertory collection or to the Parish Office. For more information, contact Jerry and Judy Buoniconti at 760-758-5113.

### ACTTS Wii Games Tournament

ACTTS (Adult Catholics in their Twenties and Thirties who Socialize) will be hosting a Wii Games Tournament on Sunday, March 28 at 2:00pm. Bring your favorite snack and drink. It will be held at Bill and Theresa Goeltz's house. Please call 760-453-2876 to RSVP and for directions by March 26.

### Household Goods Needed

Interfaith Community Services (ICS) is asking for help to furnish their North County apartments that house veterans and needy families. Requested gently used household items include:

- Towels and bath items
- Double and twin bedding
- Dishes and silverware
- Pots and pans
- Kitchen utensils
- Double and twin beds

Please bring these items to the Parish Office by March 29. Transportation can be arranged for larger items.

### Can You Help?

Our Bereavement Team needs volunteers to help as greeters and/or ushers at Parish funerals. If you are interested, please plan to attend an orientation meeting on Thursday, March 25, 9:30-11:30am on the upper level of the Parish Center. Current greeters and ushers are also encouraged to attend. Please call Joyce Frink at 760-724-8091 by March 23 to register.

### 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.



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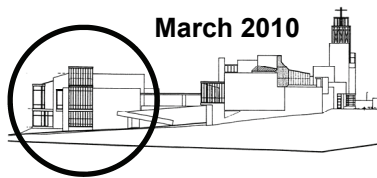
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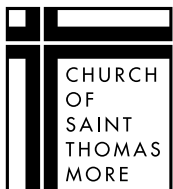
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# Brother Benno's needs your non-perishable food items!

**March 20-21, 2010**

**Look for Deacon Tom's truck  
in the parking lot!**



# HOLY THURSDAY DINNERS - APRIL 1, 2010



## SIGN UP TO BE A HOST OR GUEST

**WHO:** Everyone is invited & encouraged to participate

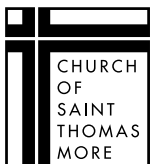
**WHEN:** Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup> starting at approx. 8:00pm

**WHERE TO SIGN UP:** After weekend Masses, On the Plaza

**LAST DAY TO SIGN UP:** Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup> after the 10:30  
Mass

**NEED MORE INFO:** Contact Henny Jocelyn 760-758-4100 x100

It is a tradition in our parish on Holy Thursday to have dinners in parishioners' homes after the liturgy. Loaves of bread and bottles of wine are blessed after Mass for consumption at these dinners. We need "Hosts" who provide the setup in their home, and "Guests" who will be assigned to those homes to bring a dish to share. Host families determine the number of Guests they can accommodate and if their home is suitable for children. This is a random assignment of Guests to Host homes. This event is not for Host homes who have pre-planned dinner guests invited. This is meant as a way to meet new fellow parishioners as well as extend the blessings and meaning of this holy night.



# Women's Guild Bake Sale

**The BEST  
from  
OUR Best**



**March 20 & 21, 2010  
after all Masses**

**Ladies of the Women's Guild will be calling on parishioners  
from A to H asking for donations of  
home baked goods for this sale.**

**Your support is greatly appreciated. Proceeds go to the  
St. Thomas More Building Fund**



**For information call:**

**Pat Wong                      760-806-1310  
Nancy Wozniak              760-729-0782**