

# Church of St. Thomas More

A Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of San Diego

Spirituality † Tradition † Community



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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 21, 2010 • Fifth Sunday of Lent

## Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak  
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### See, I Am Doing Something New!

A priest-friend of mine would often tell the story of Gertie van Slembock\*.

Gertie and her family moved from Detroit to River City\*, a small town, about 50 miles north of Detroit.

Gertie was seventeen years old when her family moved to River City. Over the years, she became an active member of the community, and was well known. She died when she was eighty-five years old, living in River City for over sixty-eight years.

My priest-friend was the Associate Pastor in the Catholic Church in River City for a number of years and was there at the time of Gertie's death.

When Gertie first arrived in River City, she would be introduced to the locals as "Gertie, from Detroit." Well, the descriptive stuck, and over the years, every time she was introduced to someone, it was "This is Gertie van Slembock, from Detroit."

Her obituary in the local newspaper at the time of her death remained true to form: "Gertie van Slembock, from Detroit, died at the age of eighty-five, having lived in River City for over sixty-eight years..."

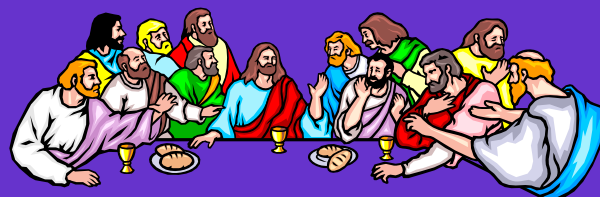
At best, this can be seen as a funny anecdote of small town living or, at worst, it may indicate the possibility that Gertie truly felt

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**March 21—Last Day to Sign Up for Holy Thursday Dinners!**

Join us for this long-standing Parish tradition of gathering after the Holy Thursday liturgy to share a meal in Parishioners' homes.

Sign up on the Plaza after Masses today  
or call Henny Jocelyn at 760-758-4100 x100.



## 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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like an outsider her entire life in River City. What a sad commentary, if the latter was true!

It is all too common the way in which we human beings categorize, stereotype, and box people in with descriptives, judgments, and condemnations.

All too often we see someone in a negative light, because of some bad decision or action of theirs, and we freeze that moment for all time.

We can do that to ourselves as well. We experience failure, weakness, addiction, or sin, and we believe that there is no getting out, no changing, and no future that can be better or brighter.

The Scriptures this weekend for the Fifth Sunday of Lent tell a different story. They tell a story that with God and the gift of God's Son, Jesus, there are endless new possibilities and new beginnings that can lead to a different and better future.

With the help of Jesus, we do not need to remain trapped.

In the Gospel, the woman caught in adultery is released from her trap set by Jesus' religious elders. He causes them to throw down their stones, to throw down their judgments, and walk away.

He then says to her, "*Go, and from now on, sin no more.*" With these words, she is freed to begin again, to work to create a new and better future for herself.

With these words, Jesus becomes the embodiment of the words uttered by Isaiah on behalf of God in the first reading, "*See, I am doing something new.*"

During this Season of Lent, we have been praying to be more like Jesus. We can become more like him, by letting ourselves and others out of the traps we have set.

Let us let go of the descriptives, the judgments, and the condemnations that imprison. Let us forgive, and let us be willing to look at the lives of others and ourselves in a new light. Let us be willing to allow new and better possibilities and futures to happen for others and for ourselves.

As we do this, God will be working in and through us, and God will be saying, "*See, I am doing something new.*"

*\*Name and place have been changed to protect the innocent!*

*F. Mike*

### Baby Food Drive

The annual Baby Food Drive to benefit Birth Choice of San Marcos, our local Pregnancy Resource Center, will be the weekend of April 17-18. All types of baby food and formula will be welcome. There will be representatives from the Culture of Life Committee at all the Masses. For more information call Jane Kelleher at 760-822-7041.

## JUDGEMENT MONDAY

High School Youth Group  
March 22, 2010  
7:00 to 8:45 PM

Going to Steubenville San Diego?  
Call Gale at 760-726-7236

**Readings for the Week Ahead**

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

**Sunday, March 21 (36)**

*Fifth Sunday of Lent*

Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalms 126:1-6

Philippians 3:8-14

John 8:1-11

**Monday, March 22 (251)**

Daniel 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62

Psalms 23:1-6

John 8:12-20

**Tuesday, March 23 (252)**

*Toribio de Mogrovejo, bishop*

Numbers 21:4-9

Psalms 102:2-3,16-21

John 8:21-30

**Wednesday, March 24 (253)**

Daniel 3:14-20,91-92,95

Daniel 3:52-56 (Psalm)

John 8:31-42

**Thursday, March 25 (545)**

*The Annunciation of the Lord*

Isaiah 7:10-14;8:10

Psalms 40:7-11

Hebrews 10:4-10

Luke 1:26-38

**Friday, March 26 (255)**

Jeremiah 20:10-13

Psalms 18:2-7

John 10:31-42

**Saturday, March 27 (256)**

Ezekiel 37:21-28

Jeremiah 31:10-13 (Psalm)

John 11:45-56

**Sunday, March 28 (37,38)**

*Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion*

Luke 19:28-40 (procession)

Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalms 22:8-9,17-18,19-20,23-24

Philippians 2:6-11

Luke 22:14-23:56

**Prayer List**

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

Mary Alexander  
Carrie Allen  
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  
The Colucci Family  
Thomas Cornwell & Family  
Karen Flaharty Daley  
The Margie Daniels Family  
Shirley Darcy  
Cecilia DeSimone  
Linda Dossman  
Kathryn Ernst  
Mike Eslinger  
Robert & Lois Falconer  
The Fiore Family  
Peter Fiore, Jr.  
Peggy & Jack Fischer  
Betty Fisk  
Ryan Flum  
Kathryn Franklin  
Joe Freire  
Carmen Garcia  
Cierra Gerardi  
Rick Gonzalez  
Phil Goscienski  
Eileen Gough  
The John Graham Family  
Rosemary Haeffelin  
Anita Hage  
Rosalie Hainsworth  
The Hainsworth Family  
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  
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  
Anne Post  
Otila Quiroz  
Janet Raiman  
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  
Joan Stringer  
The Such & Votel Families  
Maria Surmenidis  
Stephen Toth, Jr.  
Ngoan Tran  
Barbara Upson  
Arnie Velasco  
Dominic Vienna, Jr.  
Vanessa Vitiello-Koble  
Wanda Walsh  
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 20-21 Women's Guild Bake Sale  
Mar 21 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses  
Mar 22 Women's Guild Day of Recollection  
Mar 25 Project Linus Coffee  
Mar 28 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass  
Mar 28 RE.A.CH Classes at Church including high school

**The Month Ahead**

**Holy Week**  
Apr 1 Holy Thursday  
Mass at 6:00pm  
Dinners following  
Apr 2 Good Friday  
Morning Prayer at 8:15am  
Celebration of Our Lord's Passion at noon and 7:00pm  
Stations of the Cross at 3:00pm  
Apr 3 Holy Saturday  
Morning Prayer at 8:15am  
Blessing of Easter Food at 11:00am  
Easter Vigil at 8:00pm  
Apr 4 Easter Sunday  
Masses at 6:30am, 8:30am, and 10:30am  
Apr 12 Women's Guild Luncheon Meeting  
Apr 14 Chili's Dine Out Fundraiser  
Apr 15 Spirited Seniors Luncheon  
Apr 17-18 Birth Choice  
Baby Food Drive  
Apr 18 Spring Sing—  
Choral Concert

**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 22	Sr. Margaret E. Kelly, OP
March 23	Sr. Susanne Kernaghan, CHS
March 24	Sr. Astrid Kershaw, OCD
March 25	Sr. Mary Kiely, OSF
March 26	Sr. Justina Kim, OCD
March 27	Sr. Joan King, OSB
March 28	Sr. Alice Kole, OP

**Mass Intentions**

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

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

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

Tuesday, March 23, 8:15am  
Virginia "Ginny" Jaeger ☩

Wednesday, March 24, 8:15am  
Alfred Barmasse ☩

Wednesday, March 24, 9:30am  
Antonietta Gako-Sungcad ☩  
*Emeritus at Carlsbad*

Thursday, March 25 8:15am  
Bridie Byrne

Friday, March 26, 8:15am  
Steve Brown ☩

Saturday, March 27, 5:00pm  
Barbara Foster ☩

Sunday, March 28, 8:30am  
J. C. Gonzalez ☩

Sunday, March 28, 10:30am  
Lupe Martinez ☩

## In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

**Duilia Colucci**, who died on March 3. Her Funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Francis Church on March 8. Please keep her family in your prayers.

**Rosalie Hainsworth**, who died on March 11. Please keep her family in your prayers.

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

## 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.

## Catholic Widows and Widowers of North County

CWWNC meets the second Sunday of each month (April 11 at a member's home in Carlsbad) for a general meeting and potluck, and the fourth Sunday of each month (March 28 for 11:00am Mass at St. Patrick Church in Carlsbad followed by brunch at the Marriot). Prospective members are welcome anytime. See the bulletin board on the lower level for our monthly newsletter of activities, or contact Jackie Cohen at 760-726-4343 or Carol Kope at 760-758-4100 for more information.

## Get On The Bus How You Can Help



*Get on the Bus* can only take place through the generosity of individuals and groups who have a heart for this special event. Here are some ways that you can help:

- **Be an Event Sponsor** and contribute \$1500 (send by April 1 and get your company's logo on the Event Day T-shirt!)\*\*
- **Be a Bus Sponsor** and contribute \$500 (send by April 1 and get your name on the Event Day T-shirt!)\*\*
- **Be a family sponsor** and contribute \$300.
- **Be a Child Sponsor** and contribute \$75.
- **Make a donation** of any amount to help fund buses, food, travel bags and teddy bears.
- **Sponsor an activity** in your faith center, school or organization to raise money and awareness.

*I appreciate all the love and support to have a wonderful day with my Dad. It was almost 2 years since we saw each other but thanks to *Get on the Bus* I got to see him. —Daniela, age 11.*

(\*\*Send directly to: *Get On The Bus: 5411 Camellia Avenue, North Hollywood, CA 91601*. Place all other offerings in the envelope attached to our bulletin this week.)

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

For more information, call *Glory Hartdegen* at 760-630-0651.

## 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.

## 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.

## Knights of Columbus Membership Drive

In honor of their founder, the Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney, St. Thomas More Knights of Columbus Council 11439 are having a membership drive this weekend, March 20-21. Knights will be on the Plaza after Masses to answer your questions.

## Women's Guild News

**The Fabulous Earrings**—As a change of pace, our annual spring luncheon will not have a fashion show, but members will be entertained by The Fabulous Earrings, a singing trio that has performed to much acclaim at the Avo Theater and many other venues and events. They are a terrific group, singing songs of the Andrews Sisters, the McGuire Sisters, and also more modern songs. We will still have a delicious luncheon, opportunity baskets, door prizes, and lots of fun. Tickets will be available at our April luncheon, and after that will be sold on the Plaza in May. This event is Saturday, May 22, and further details will follow.

**April Meeting**—Come join us at 11:00am April 12 to play with our newly-purchased Bingo set. The slider cards are brand new and work much better than the old ones, and the cage and balls will provide the usual anticipation. Lunch will be homemade Italian food prepared by Vera Bayliss and Siggie Ogan. Names of the incoming officers will be announced, to be voted on in May. Cost of the luncheon is \$8. Meeting of the spring luncheon committee will be held at 2:00pm after the Bingo. *Special Announcement: Tickets for our annual spring luncheon will be available to members attending the April meeting. You may purchase individual tickets or tables of ten at this time. Sign-ups for door prizes and opportunity baskets will also be available.*

## Annual Catholic Appeal 2010 Now Underway!

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

**Pledge Total to Date: \$19,845**

**Households Responding: 124**

**Average Gift per Household: \$160.04**

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 800 families received employment case management services through our Family Welfare Services.

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!**

### **Parishioner Introduces "Adopt a Family"**

**Q.** Two weeks ago Fr. Mike pointed out that if each of the 600 families who had not yet responded could pledge \$1,400 in the two-year period, we would have our \$2 Million!

While everyone is not able to pledge that amount, we (and others) are financially able to make an additional \$1,400 pledge to cover a family undergoing extreme financial difficulty. We hereby pledge an extra \$1,400 to "Adopt a Family" that is unable to make a pledge at this time.

Would you please offer this suggestion to the Parish at large as an opportunity for those of us who are able to "pay it forward" to help those who are unemployed or on a very limited income?

**A.** Yes, your suggestion is hereby extended in the generous spirit in which it is offered. **FYI to ALL that this is completely confidential and no one's records are disclosed.** There are so many who would love to see our permanent Church, and this is one more way to help. Thank you for your additional pledge and for this suggestion!

**Q.** We are only able to contribute \$5/week to the building fund and don't feel comfortable making a pledge for that amount. What is the minimum pledge amount?

**A.** **All gifts are needed and welcome.** The dollar amount is between you and God. \$5, \$10, \$25, \$50, or anything higher, lower, or in between is appreciated. We are Church, and in coming together all gifts make a difference! We need everyone's help to build our permanent Church! If you are not able to contribute at this time, **please let us know that too.**

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

#### **Pledge Statistics as of March 15**

	Total Phase II Pledges	# of Families Pledging
	Under \$1,000	110
	\$1,000 and up	56
	\$1,500 and up	104
	\$2,500 and up	71
	\$4,500 and up	26
	\$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>\$1,208,254</b>	<b>406</b>
<b>Still Needed</b>	<b>\$791,746</b>	<b>594</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  
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## “WHY HAVE YOU ABANDONED ME?”

### A Psalm of Lament during Holy Week

#### Upcoming Music

**MARCH 27/28**  
**Palm Sunday**  
**of Our Lord’s**  
**Passion**

**5:00pm Mass**

Cantor

**8:30am Mass**

Handbell Choir

**10:30am Mass**

Sanctuary Choir

**APRIL 1**

**Holy Thursday**

**6:00pm Mass**

Handbell Choir

Sanctuary Choir

**APRIL 2**

**Good Friday**

**12:00noon**

Cantor

**7:00pm**

Sanctuary Choir

**APRIL 3**

**Easter Vigil**

**8:00pm Mass**

Handbell Choir

Sanctuary Choir

**APRIL 4**

**Easter Day**

**6:30am Mass**

Cantor

**8:30am Mass**

Handbell Choir

Sanctuary Choir

**10:30am Mass**

Children’s Choir

Youth Praise

Adult Praise

Sanctuary Choir

The psalms are biblical songs that have formed a major element of Jewish prayer for many centuries and were an integral part of the spiritual heritage of Jesus and his followers. They continue to provide Jews and Christians alike with a repertoire of sung prayer that reflects the deep human emotions and expresses faith and trust in the God who is both near and far, a God with whom believers have an intimate relationship and yet who reigns in majesty.

Drawn from the Jewish scriptures that Christians call the Old Testament, the psalms have meanings that are rooted in the community that produced them—experiences of God’s goodness and majesty as well as experiences of illness and other kinds of suffering.

The sacred songs that we call the psalms most often express praise, lament, or both.

From the very earliest times, Christians have heard and sung the psalms in light of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Peter, inspired and emboldened by the gift of the Holy Spirit, quotes extensively from Psalm 16 in his first sermon on Pentecost. He identifies in this psalm a reference to the resurrection of Jesus: “because you will not abandon my soul to the nether world, nor will you suffer your holy one to see corruption” (Acts 3:27; Ps 16:10).

The Gospels place verses of the psalms on the lips of Jesus himself. Even from the cross Jesus cries out to God with the words of the psalms: “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” (Ps 22:1; Matt 27:46; Mark 15:34) and “Father, into your hands I commend my

spirit” (Ps 31:6; Luke 24:46).

Psalm 22 is designated as the responsorial psalm for the Liturgy of the Word on Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion and is also the common psalm for Holy Week. The worshiping community is invited to make its own the words that Jesus prayed, perhaps sang, in his dying moments: “My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?” The liturgy calls the singing, praying community to reflect on Jesus’ experience of desolation and abandonment—suffering that was not only intense but also lonely, isolated, and alienated. As we join our voices to the voice of Christ, we not only identify with his suffering, but we recognize his solidarity with the suffering and alienation of the human family.

The verses of Psalm 22 chosen for the Lectionary include three very important elements found in nearly every psalm of lament. The first three stanzas lay out the *complaint*—the scoffing of passersby, the piercing of hands and feet, the dividing of garments. At the end of the third stanza the psalm moves to a

*prayer for deliverance*: “Hasten to aid me.” Finally, the fourth stanza, drawn from the concluding verses of Psalm 22, is a *proclamation of praise* for the God who will deliver us from suffering and death: “In the midst of the assembly I will praise you.” With Christ, a suffering humanity expresses its anguish, turns to God for assistance and proclaims its praise and trust to the One who raised Jesus from the dead.

—J. Michael McMahon is president of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians. From Celebration March 2009



# SPRING SING

Invitational Choral Festival

**Sunday, April 18**  
**4:00pm**

with **Classic Brass**

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# Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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

## Prayer Partners

If you did not get a partner, there are more cards on the lower level, outside the Faith Formation Office.

Please 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.

## Lenten Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving

YES! This weekend Spring has sprung!

- Do you still have bookshelves that need cleaning off?
- Have you stopped listening to some of your old CD's?
- How 'bout those DVD's you're never going to watch again?

Thanks for continuing to bring them to the box outside the Faith Formation Office so we can get them to North County Solutions for Change. Remember, this form of almsgiving:

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

## PBJ for Kids

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

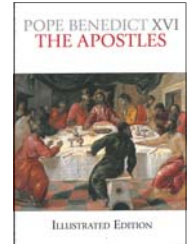
## Israel's Story Part Two

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).



## 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.

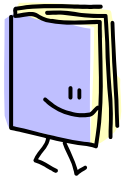


Your Apostles question of the week: By what word are we tied to the apostles of the past and the believers of the future as well as all believers throughout the world alive today?

## Little White Books

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

### # 18—Answer

Who is responsible for the mission of the Catholic Church?

C) all baptized Catholics (CCC 1270)



### # 19—Question

A free and undeserved gift of God's own life is

- A) merit.
- B) grace.
- C) indulgence.
- D) sacramental.



# Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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## CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

### You Are a Child of God.

Sometimes it is not easy to act like one, is it? We are ALL God's children...even those people we might intensely dislike and/or avoid or condemn.

Often challenges and frustrations enter our lives like a snowstorm out of season. Remember that God never gives us more than we can handle. Try to view challenges in a positive light, as an opportunity for growth, and discern how you can grow in Christ's love through the experience.

The ICSC, March 2010 excerpts below provide food for thought:

*Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now, in the law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. —John 8:1-11*

Reason would lead us to conclude that if the scribes and Pharisees caught a woman "in the very act of adultery," that they also caught the man. The law required that both parties "caught in the very act of adultery" be stoned (Deut. 22:22).

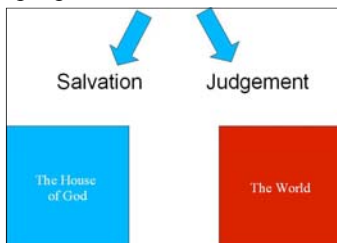
But here, they only bring the woman before Jesus. Hmm... Could the man "caught in the very act" have been an influential or high ranking public or religious official? Hmm... It is not unusual for people to be selective in their decisions, to be quick to judge and unfair with condemnation.

Would not the world be a much better place if we all stopped judging others, at least not so quickly, and were quicker to be generous with all that God has given to us—that is, everything we are and have?

Note that Jesus does not condemn the men who wanted to stone the woman. They actually condemn themselves. The woman does not deny her sin, but Jesus does not condemn her. He tells her to sin no more. When we are judgmental and selfish, Jesus does not condemn us. But we condemn ourselves and should turn to Jesus to help us.

How will you be remembered? As one who adhered to a strict observance of the law? Or, as one who was not too quick to judge, and lovingly gave others a second chance?

Throughout our lives, we will experience many relationships, and they are *all* gifts from God. How will you be a good steward of those relationships? In Jesus' encounter with the woman caught in adultery, we are given an example of how we are to care for the people we encounter in our lives.



—Glen Scrivener, <http://christhetruth.wordpress.com/2009/03/02/judgement-and-salvation-in-isaiah/>, with permission

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## STM Vehicle Donation Program



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



## Annual Lenten Collection

This month has been designated for the 2010 Annual Lenten Collection. Special envelopes were attached to the bulletin the first weekend in March 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!

### Collection for Week of March 13/14, 2010

Number of Registered Households		1,000
Offertory*	\$	7,026.04
Offertory (Loose Collection)		1,072.00
Children's envelopes		1.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>8,099.04</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).

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## News from the Larger Church

**Spring Break Isn't Fun When You Are Hungry**—Help feed local children by donating to Catholic Charities Food Resource Center. Did you know that school free lunch programs temporarily stop during spring break? High demand items during breaks are jelly, canned and fresh fruit, soups, macaroni and cheese, and juice. Another great way to help is donating and shopping at the Thrift Store, Shoppportunity, 917 E. Vista Way. Store proceeds help fund the Food Resource Center. To schedule a donation pick up please call 760-631-2819.

**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.

**Closing Celebration 40 Days for Life in Vista**—Join us on March 28, 2:00-4:30pm at Calvary Chapel Church Vista, 885 E. Vista Way, Vista. Guest Speakers: Sarah Jensen, Adoption Center of San Diego, and a birth-mom sharing her testimony. For more information, contact Elena at 760-438-2860 or [sanmarcos40daysforlife@gmail.com](mailto:sanmarcos40daysforlife@gmail.com).

**Lenten Choral Concert in San Diego**—Sunday, March 28, 7:00pm, First United Methodist Church, 2111 Camino Del Rio S., San Diego. Features Gregorian chant melodies and musical devotional meditations on the words of Jesus on the Cross. For more information, contact 619-297-4366.

**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.

**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).

### 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.

### Remember...

**Brother Benno's Food Drive March 20-21**

**Blue Barrel Food Bank Collections (every weekend)**

**North County Solutions for Change Dinners (760-945-9042)**

## News from St. Francis Church—Our Neighbor

**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 contacting 760-945-8000 or Fr. Mike at 760-758-4100 x100 or [michaels@stmoside.org](mailto:michaels@stmoside.org).

**Mark Price Series in Vista**—Unique presentations where Mark Price presents "In His Own Words" for specific bible characters. Catch the remaining appearances in 2010—Doubting Thomas on April 16 and Simon Peter on June 4, all at St. Francis Church, 525 W. Vista Way, Vista. Discount ticket packages available. For more information, visit [www.stfrancis-vista.org/specialevents.htm](http://www.stfrancis-vista.org/specialevents.htm)



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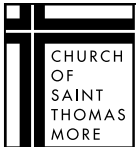
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