

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 28, 2010 • Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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No Excuse Sunday

(This Pastor's Column is back by popular demand!)

As we begin this Holy Week and prepare ourselves to celebrate the Feast of the Resurrection on Easter, next Sunday, I want to remind all of us that we have no excuses when it comes to worshipping our God. In the Resurrection of Jesus, God has taken away any and all excuses from us. We have no reason not to celebrate the gift of life we have been given.

God's will for us is to live life to the full, to be at peace, and to possess a sense of inner joy and direction as we make our journey of life, our pilgrimage of faith.

In the Resurrection, even death has been conquered. And in our union with Jesus, we can overcome any and all obstacles that keep us from living life to the full. As we rely upon God's grace, we

are given all that we need to live with inner joy and peace, even as we face all the hardships of life, especially death.

God has taken away all our excuses, so we should let go of all the excuses that we use when we choose not to worship and thank God on a weekly basis.

So, in humorous fashion, I am jokingly suggesting that Easter Sunday will be declared "No Excuse" Sunday. Here is the whimsy:

To make it possible for everyone to attend church next Sunday, the Church of St. Thomas More is declaring that Easter Sunday will be designated as "No Excuse Sunday."

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Holy Week Liturgies

Thursday, April 1, 6:00pm † Mass of the Lord's Supper
Friday, April 2, 12:00noon and 7:00pm † Good Friday of the Lord's Passion
Saturday, April 3, 8:00pm † The Easter Vigil
Sunday, April 4, 6:30am, 8:30am, and 10:30am † The Resurrection of the Lord



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)*

Cots will be placed in the back of the church for those who say, "Sunday is my only day to sleep late."

There will be a special section with lounge chairs and recliners for those who think our chairs are too hard and uncomfortable.

Eye drops will be available for those with tired eyes from the glare of late night Saturday TV programs.

We will have steel helmets for those who say, "The roof would cave in if I ever came to Church."

Blankets will be furnished for those who think that the Church's air-conditioning is set too low.

Fans will be given to those who say it is too hot and stuffy.

Scorecards will be distributed to those who wish to keep record of the hypocrites present.

Relatives and friends will be in attendance for those who can't go to Church and cook dinner too.

Our Hospitality Ministers will pass around "Stamp Out Stewardship" buttons for those who are weary of being asked for money.

One area of the Church will be devoted to trees and grass for those who prefer to seek God in nature.

Doctors and nurses will be in attendance for those who plan to be sick on Sunday.

The sanctuary will be decorated with poinsettias and Easter lilies for those who have never seen the church without them.

We will provide hearing aids for those who can't hear the preacher and cotton for those who can.

If you have any other suggestions, please contact a representative of the "No Excuse Sunday" Committee on the Plaza after Mass today.

You have no excuse. Let's see you on Easter Sunday and let it be the beginning of an "extended run!"

Let us all work on eliminating the excuses that keep us from our worship of the Holy One on High. We have a God who loves us and calls us to share Life on high forever! Let's celebrate.

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.

High School Youth Group
March 29, 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.

Sunday, March 28 (37,38)
Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
Luke 19:28-40 (procession)

Isaiah 50:4-7
Psalm 22:8-9,17-18,19-20,23-24
Philippians 2:6-11
Luke 22:14-23:56

Monday, March 29 (257)
Isaiah 42:1-7
Psalm 27:1-3,13-14
John 12:1-11

Tuesday, March 30 (258)
Isaiah 49:1-6
Psalm 71:1-6,15,17
John 13:21-33,36-38

Wednesday, March 31 (259)
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 69:8-10,21-22,31,33-34
Matthew 26:14-25

Thursday, April 1 (39)
Mass of the Lord's Supper
Exodus 12:1-8,11-14
Psalm 116:12-13,15-18
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-15

Friday, April 2 (40)
Good Friday of the Lord's Passion
Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Psalm 31:2,6,12-13,15-17,25
Hebrews 4:14-16;5:7-9
John 18:1-19:42

Saturday, April 3 (41)
The Easter Vigil
Psalm 104:1-2,5-6,10,12-14,24,35
Genesis 1:1-2:2
Genesis 22:1-18
Exodus 14:15-15:1
Isaiah 54:5-14
Isaiah 55:1-11
Baruch 3:9-15,32-4:4
Ezekiel 36:16-17a,18-28
Romans 6:3-11
Psalm 118:1-2,16-17,22-23
Luke 24:1-12

Sunday, April 4 (42)
The Resurrection of the Lord
Acts 10:34a,37-43
Psalm 118:1-2,16-17,22-23
1 Corinthians 5:6-8
John 20:1-9

Mass Intentions

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

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

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

Tuesday, March 30, 8:15am
Charles Edward Gemperline ☩

Wednesday, March 31, 8:15am
Bonita Ruth "Sammy" McClellan ☩

Thursday, April 1, 6:00pm
Elizabeth Nead ☩

Saturday, April 3, 8:00pm
Pro Populo

Sunday, April 4, 6:30am
Jeanne Keating ☩

Sunday, April 4, 8:30am
William Ipsen, Sr. ☩
Dutch Welsh ☩

Sunday, April 4, 10:30am
Robert Ratajczak ☩

Prayer List

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

The Adams Family
Mary Alexander
Patricia Barbour
John Bennici
Regina Bentz
George "Whitey" Betus
Lou Bricher
Beatrice Brooks & Family
Monica Broussard
Janet Brown
Roseanne Burg
Herman Calandro
Shelby Campbell
Claudia Caplinger
The Casebolt Family
Flor Catap & Family
The Chavez Family
Paul Cipowski
Dolly Cole
Carl Coleman
James Coleman
The Colucci 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
James Gallagher
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
PJ Hartdegen
Marge Heath
Fr. Tom Herbst, OFM
Lilian Hills
The Hoefner Family
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
Lillian Luisi
Edward Luna
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
Jeanette Oravetz
Ed Orosz
The Matamala Pacheco Family
The Peer & McCarthy Families
Lupe Casas Pelletier
Helen Pingtella
Anne Post
Otila Quiroz
Janet Raiman
Joanne Robinson
Wilma Rolland
Sr. Loyola Romey
Cecelia Roper
Dorothy Rouse
Rose Rowland
The Russo Family
Nancy Scali
John Schmidt
Freda Schweitzer
Richard Sikora
The Al Smith Family
Nick Soltau
Ed Sox
Gilda Spiegel
The Such & Votel Families
Maria Surmenidis
Stephen Toth, Jr.
Ngoan Tran
Barbara Upson
Jose & Regina Vasquez
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
Staff Sgt. Travis M. Meyers, USAF
Pvt. 2nd Class Matthew Seneca
Noblitt, US Army
Pvt. 2 Jess Phillips, US Army
Corporal Jared H. Risbourg, USMC
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) for complete calendar information.

The Week Ahead

- Mar 28 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
- Mar 28 RE.A.CH Classes at Church including high school
- Apr 1-5 **Parish Office and Blessed Sacrament Chapel closed from noon on April 1 until April 6 Holy Week**
- Apr 1 Holy Thursdays
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

The Month Ahead

- 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
- Apr 30 Eleventh Annual Golf Classic

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 29 Sr. Joan Kowalski, OP
March 30 Sr. Maxine Kraemer, RSCJ
March 31 Sr. Gerarda Labonville, SFCC
April 1 Sr. Helen Louise Lacey, CSJ
April 2 Sr. Anita Lapeyre, RSCJ
April 3 Sr. Shaun Marie Larkin, SBL
April 4 Sr. Mary Anthony Layson, MC

Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioner

Joan Totusek

In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Josephine Hoefner, who died on March 18. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, March 31, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Thelma "Terry" Adams, who died on March 21. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, April 16, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep her family in your prayers.

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

Good Friday Collection

Next Friday, April 2, has been designated for the **2010 Collection for the Holy Land**. Your contribution helps to support Christians and maintain shrines in the Holy Land of our Lord's birth, agony, death, and resurrection. You are encouraged to consider a generous gift.

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 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.

(Please use the envelopes attached to the bulletin last week or a plain envelope marked **Get On The Bus**, make checks out to **Get On The Bus**, and place in the offertory collection or drop off at the Parish Office.)

*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.

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

Watch the Parish bulletin in the coming weeks for a list of needed items for the children and caregivers.

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

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

Bake Sale Results

Thank You! To all who participated in the bake sale last week-end. From phone callers, to bakers, buyers, and donators, we made over \$1,188. What a wonderful show of support from our Parish family! Also, thank you sacristans for your set up and take down of the tables.

Women's Guild News

Many Thanks to Ann Buko for arranging a meaningful, spiritual Day of Recollection. Sister Barbara gave us many things to ponder, and the whole day was well-planned and beneficial to all in our Lenten journey.

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: \$20,370

Households Responding: 128

Average Gift per Household: \$159.14

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, we served 756 homeless men with meals and shelter through our *Homeless Men's Services* in Imperial County and North County San Diego.

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

Please see the white flyer for more Parish news.

Our Journey Into The Future . . . Together!

Phase II ~ This is it!

Have you responded yet?

Sincere thanks to the 428 donors who have responded to date, bringing our pledge total to \$1,229,070!

56% of our Parish has yet to respond ~ PLEASE help your Parish achieve its goal of building your permanent worship space! Every gift counts! In order for us to succeed and BUILD OUR CHURCH SOON, we need to hear from everyone, even if you cannot contribute.

Q. Fr. Mike pointed out at the beginning of March that if each of the 600 families who had not yet responded at that time would contribute \$1,400 in this 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 currently unable to contribute.

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. **This is completely confidential and no one's records are disclosed.** Thank you for your additional gift and this suggestion! Hopefully those who can will contribute more (any amount!) to help during this difficult fiscal time.

Packets are on the Parish information table after all Masses, in the Parish Office and on our website:

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

THANK YOU DONORS!!!

Pledge Statistics as of March 23

	Total Phase II Pledges	# of Families Pledging
	Under \$1,000	125
	\$1,000 and up	60
	\$1,500 and up	106
	\$2,500 and up	71
	\$4,500 and up	27
	\$6,000 and up	17
	\$10,000 and up	18
	\$25,000 and up	2
	\$50,000 and up	2
Total to Date	\$1,229,070	428
Still Needed	\$770,930	573
Total Goal	\$2,000,000	1,001

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

WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS?

Blessed is the king who comes
in the name of the Lord!



Do not be
amazed!
He is
not here!

Upcoming Music

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

I have
given you
a model
to follow,
so that
as I have done
for you,
you should
also do.



This is the night...



For as often as you eat this bread and
drink the cup, you proclaim the death
of the Lord until he comes.



It is finished.

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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

Dear RE.A.CH Families,

I would like to draw parent attention to a great resource to help you bring the Sunday Scriptures and the liturgical year into your family life. We use the internet for everyday living . . . I encourage you to use it for living your life in God as well. Below is an excerpt from our Faith First website, specifically:

<http://www.faithfirst.com/html/family/gospRef/gospRef.php>

As a family, try to find a sacred 15 minutes for family discussion before Sunday liturgy. It might make a wonderful difference in each family member's participation at Mass!

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Read Mark 14:1–15:47.

Gospel Summary

The Passion reading in Mark's gospel is the shortest of all gospel accounts and is known for its swift impact and drama. It begins with an unnamed woman pouring expensive perfume on Jesus' head and continues through the Last Supper, Jesus and his disciples praying in Gethsemane, the arrest of Jesus, his trial, crucifixion, death and burial. Of course the disciples scattered and made no claim to Jesus. He was left alone to die a degrading death. Some women stood and watched at a distance and a Jewish man, Joseph of Arimathea, gave him a tomb.

Reflection for Families

It's human nature, even the nature of our own children, to cry out when an injustice has taken place. "I didn't do it," or "It's not my fault," are phrases that wear us thin dealing with infractions in our children's lives day after day. But don't we marvel at how much Jesus suffered without a word. He didn't argue with Pilate. He didn't even express sadness at the desertion of his disciples. In fact, he knew that Judas would betray him and Peter would deny him. Like Jesus, we hope for the best of strength and courage from our children, but things will happen in their lives where they fail. The most important lesson we can learn from Jesus is that of the unconditional love he had for his disciples. Even after they denied and deserted him, he still came to them in love and reconciliation.

Bringing the Gospel into Your Family

Throughout the Passion of Jesus, we see much suffering and disappointment. People accuse Jesus, desert him, betray him and in the end, execute him. There is very little joy in this long account of Jesus' final days on this earth. But as Jesus promised, there was joy and that is truly good news for us. Where are the places in this world, in our community, or even in your family where all you can see is unhappiness and gloom. Take another look at these situations and see where is the hand of God, the Good News, the hope. Look hard and help one another find the joy. Share what you see.

Discussion Starters

1. Sometimes it is difficult to admit I am a follower of Jesus, especially when...
2. Like Simon helped carry the heavy cross for Jesus, I once helped someone carry a heavy burden when...
3. It's easy to criticize Peter for denying Jesus, but one time when it was difficult for me to act like Jesus would want me to was when...



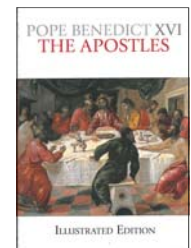
Today is a **RE.A.CH** day
at Church

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: Which apostle said to his fellow disciples: "Let us also go, that we may die with Him?"

Re-Discover Catholicism II

The Journey Continues

Last call to join Deacon Tom and Patt for a more intense session of Rediscovering Catholicism.

We've had an excellent response and could take one or two more participants if they are willing to start reading very soon!

The class begins Tuesday, April 6 at 7:00pm for five sessions only, concluding June 1. Sign-up forms and books available at the Faith Formation Office.

Information for Growth

19—Answer

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

B) grace. (CCC 1996-2000)



20—Question

At the heart of Jesus' preaching are guides for moral living that describe the vocation of all the faithful and the path to true happiness. They are the

- A) Epistles.
- B) Beatitudes.
- C) Laws of the Church.
- D) Gifts of the Holy Spirit.



Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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

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).

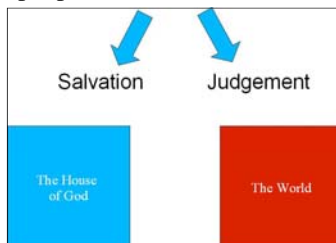
But here, they only bring the woman before Jesus. Hmm... Could the man "caught in the very act" have been an influential or high ranking public or religious official? Hmm... It is not unusual for people to be selective in their decisions, to be quick to judge and unfair with condemnation.

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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Annual Lenten Collection

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Collection for Week of March 20/21, 2010

Number of Registered Households		1,001
Offertory*	\$	8,526.48
Offertory (Loose Collection)		880.00
Children's envelopes		0.00
Total	\$	9,406.48

* 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.

Youth Organ Scholarships Available—The American Guild of Organists offers scholarships for organ study to students who already play piano. Students of any age and level may apply. Scholarships may also be used to attend Pipe Organ Encounter, a week-long camp for piano students ages 13-18 who are interested in studying the organ. For more information, visit www.agosd.org, and go to Education/Scholarship or Pipe Organ Encounters.

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.

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.

Young Adults' Good Friday Stations of the Cross in San Diego—Helpers of God's Precious Infants sponsor this annual pro-life Stations of the Cross on Friday, April 2, at noon. Meet at St. Joseph's Cathedral, Fourth and Beech Sts., processing to Horton Plaza for the Stations. For more information, contact Roger Lopez at 619-276-2575 or sue.lopez.helpers@gmail.com.

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.

The Universal Christ in a World of Differences: An Evolutionary Perspective Presentation in San Diego—Tuesday, April 13, 7:30-9:00pm, University Center, Forum A/B, University

of San Diego (rescheduled from an early date). Presented by Ilia Delio, OSF. For more information, contact 619-260-4784 or visit www.sandiego.edu/ccs.

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.

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.

Volunteers Needed—Become a child advocate and make a lasting difference in the life of a foster child. More than just a mentor, you can give hope to a child who has none. For more information, call Voices for Children at 858-569-2019 or visit www.speakupnow.org.

Lunch Served for Seniors in Oceanside—The Salvation Army Senior Dining and Social Center, 3935 Lake Blvd., Oceanside (near Emeritus at Oceanside and Pacific Place) serves lunch for \$3 at noon, Monday-Friday, for any seniors 60 and over. For more information and reservations, call 760-631-8279


Ongoing Diocesan Workshops—Various topics related to religious education. For details, contact www.diocese-sdiego.org/evangelization.htm or 858-490-8230.

News from St. Francis Church—Our Neighbor

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

Women's Retreat—April 23-25 at Oakbridge Christian Fellowship Center in Ramona. For more information, contact 760-945-8000 or www.stfrancis-women.org.



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