

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

April 11, 2010 • Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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What Does It Mean To Be Catholic Today?

The following is the homily of Deacon Greg Kandra delivered at the Easter Vigil at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church in Forest Hills, Queens, New York on April 3, 2010.

Here, and now, we are seeing the ongoing miracle of not just any story, but the Greatest Story Ever Told.

You and I are a part of it. The people who are candidates and catechumens in our church tonight, about to join our faith, they are a part of it. Over a billion people around the world are a part of it.

The statistics are staggering. In 2008, 19 million people entered the Church. That's 2,169 every hour, 36 every second. And the numbers just keep growing.

We could speculate why that's so. But ultimately, it comes to this: they are drawn by hope. It is a hope that is stronger than despair... a truth that towers over a world of falsehood...the Light of the World that scatters every darkness.

That, in all its greatness and mystery and wonder, is our faith.

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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 (water) totaled \$9,623.36?

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)*

I've spent the last couple of days thinking about the question a reporter was seeking to answer: What does it mean to be a Catholic today?

It means first of all, history. It is looking back across 20 centuries and remembering where we came from. And were we came from begins with the gospel we just heard, and the empty tomb, and the first bewildered witnesses who had to tell the story of what they saw. And they told others. And then they told others.

And the story goes on.

It is the story of faith on a mission: "The pilgrim church on earth." It is the story of a journey—from Jerusalem to Rome to Africa...to India and Asia and islands in the South Pacific. It is a mission that eventually brought people to America, and a place called Brooklyn.

It is about the people who made the mission happen: sisters and brothers, priests and religious and lay people by the millions who did the unsung, heroic work of building up the church, often at enormous sacrifice, sometimes paying with their lives. It is immigrants who gave spare change to build churches, and nuns who cared for the sick when no one else would, and who taught our parents and grandparents and great grandparents. It is priests who celebrated Mass in auditoriums and gymnasiums, and who walked arm in arm through the south with Martin Luther King. It is standing in solidarity with the smallest, the weakest, the defenseless, the unborn.

What does being a Catholic today mean? It is parents giving up vacations so their kids can go to Catholic school.

It's those same kids giving up their weekends to be altar servers.

It is May Processions and First Communions and fish fries and bingo. It's the crèche at Christmas, and this candle at Easter.

It's the cry of a baby being baptized. It's the gentle voice of the priest offering absolution to someone who hasn't been to confession in 20 years—and offering a chance to begin again, and to be made new. And it is silence, the thundering silence of people who come here on any given weekday to light a candle, say a rosary, and pray.

It is the thousands who crowd into this church on an ordinary Wednesday in the middle of winter to receive ashes.

It is the hundreds who came here just last night to behold the wounded, scarred face of Christ—and venerate his cross with a kiss.

It is the anonymous strangers who stop by the statue of the Blessed Mother outside the church, and leave roses, or folded scraps of paper with petitions. "Mary, pray for my son. Mary, help me find a job."

It is being the Body of Christ, continuing what he began...with love, and with gratitude, and with a sense of pride.

This is our Church. This is our faith...This is a headline the world needs to know: we are people of resurrection. Easter people. People of hope. People carrying within us, and into the world, the light of Christ.

And that is how we live out, in our own way, the Greatest Story Ever Told.

And this night—by the grace of God, with "Alleluias" in our hearts and on our lips—the story goes on...

—Deacon Greg Kandra (with permission)

Readings for the Week Ahead
 Sunday Year C; Weekday Year II
 Readings online at www.usccb.org.
Sunday, April 11 (45)
Second Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday
 Acts 5:12-16
 Psalm 118:2-4,13-15,22-24
 Revelation 1:9-11a,12-13,17-19
 John 20:19-31
Monday, April 12 (267)
 Acts 4:23-31
 Psalm 2:1-9
 John 3:1-8
Tuesday, April 13 (268)
 Acts 4:32-37
 Psalm 93:1-2,5
 John 3:7b-15
Wednesday, April 14 (269)
 Acts 5:17-26
 Psalm 34:2-9
 John 3:16-21
Thursday, April 15 (270)
 Acts 5:27-33
 Psalm 34:2,9,17-18,19-20
 John 3:31-36
Friday, April 16 (271)
 Acts 5:34-42
 Psalm 27:1,4,13-14
 John 6:1-15
Saturday, April 17 (272)
 Acts 6:1-7
 Psalm 33:1-2,4-5,18-19
 John 6:16-21
Sunday, April 18 (48)
Third Sunday of Easter
 Acts 5:27-32,40b-41
 Psalm 30:2,4-6,11-13
 Revelation 5:11-14
 John 21:1-19

Mass Intentions
Saturday, April 10, 5:00pm Bud Flanagan ☩
Sunday, April 11, 8:30am Bill Cracknell ☩
Sunday, April 11, 10:30am Leo Miller ☩
Tuesday, April 13, 8:15am Muffy Hayden ☩
Wednesday, April 14, 8:15am Lois Maganine
Wednesday, April 14, 9:30am Paul Mien Tran ☩ <i>Emeritus at Oceanside</i>
Thursday, April 15, 8:15am Jim Riley ☩
Friday, April 16, 8:15am Alexandra Rose Howard ☩ Cassandra Hazel Howard ☩
Saturday, April 17, 5:00pm Anna Mae Lavelle ☩
Sunday, April 18, 8:30am Dolores Murchison ☩
Sunday, April 18, 10:30am Bud Lundell ☩

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

The Adams Family
 Mary Alexander
 Lucia Ambriz
 Patricia Barbour
 Cindra Bell
 John Bennici
 Regina Bentz
 George "Whitey" Betus
 Beatrice Brooks & Family
 Monica Broussard
 Janet Brown
 Roseanne Burg
 Herman Calandro
 Shelby Campbell
 Claudia Caplinger
 Paul & Elaine Cassidy
 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
 Robert & Lois Falconer
 The Fiore Family
 Peggy & Jack Fischer
 Ryan Flum
 Kathryn Franklin
 Joe Freire
 James Gallagher
 Carmen Garcia
 The Garcia Family
 Cierra Gerardi
 Rick Gonzalez
 Eileen Gough
 The John Graham Family
 Rosemary Haeffelin
 Anita Hage
 The Hainsworth Family
 Susan Hallahan
 The Harker Family
 Rita Harnacker
 PJ Hartdegen
 Marge Heath
 Lilian Hills
 The Hoefner Family
 Cynthia Horner
 Sue Johnston
 Eileen Jones
 Joan Jones
 Darleen Kelch
 Paul Kennedy
 Debbie Kinney
 George Kleekamp
 Sr. Anne Kremenik
 Helen Kuhn
 Lillian Lachance
 The Lamelin Family
 Bernie Lanzrath
 Anne Lauzon
 Rick Laver
 Brandon LeBlanc
 Cassandra Loretto
 Lauren Loretto
 Lillian Luisi
 Edward Luna
 James MacArthur
 Jay Maldonado
 Helen McCullough
 Bob McWilliams
 Carol Michael
 Joseph Michael Moore
 Nancy Moore
 The Morgan & McCarthy Families
 Margie Myers
 The Navarro/Orantes Family
 R. Northrup
 Helen O'Connell
 Jeanette Oravetz
 Ed Orosz
 Lupe Casas Pelletier
 Helen Pingtella
 Anne Post
 Otila Quiroz
 Janet Raiman
 Isabel Ramires & Family
 Joanne Robinson
 Wilma Rolland
 Sr. Loyola Romey
 Cecelia Roper
 Dorothy Rouse
 Rose Rowland
 The Russo Family
 Nancy Scali
 Freda Schweitzer
 Jane Sekela
 Richard Sikora
 Nick Soltau
 Ed Sox
 Gilda Spiegl
 Joan Stringer
 Maria Surmenidis
 Stephen Toth, Jr.
 Barbara Upson
 Jose & Regina Vasquez
 Arnie Velasco
 Dominic Vienna, Jr.
 Vanessa Vitiello-Koble
 Wanda Walsh
 Kevin Watson-Graff
 Ed Wesel
 Marilyn Wesel
 John Whitton

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
 Apr 11 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
 Apr 11 RE.A.CH Classes at Church
 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 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
 Apr 18 Spring Sing—Choral Concert

The Month Ahead
 Apr 25 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
 Apr 25 RE.A.CH Classes at Church
 Apr 30 Eleventh Annual Golf Classic

The Year Ahead
 May 9 First Communion
 May 11-12 Elephant Bar Dine Out Fundraiser
 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

Questions? Contact Henny at 760-758-4100 x100 hennyj@stmoside.org.

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

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.

April 12 Sr. Theresa Lisak, MM
April 13 Sr. Carmel Lohan, RSM
April 14 Sr. Elizabeth (Mel) Loomis, SHCJ
April 15 Sr. Aurora Lopez Ornelas, SJS
April 16 Sr. Jeanette Lucinio, SP
April 17 Sr. Linda Lutz, CHS
April 18 Sr. Ann Machtemes, OSB

Announcing the Baptisms of

Mia D’Agostini
on April 10, 2010

Noah Anthony Johnson
on April 11, 2010



Our Christian community welcomes you with great joy!

In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

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

STM Scrip News

Thanks to all who participate in the Scrip Program. We recently gave Fr. Mike a \$10,000 check, which goes toward our pledge for the building fund. We have paid \$70,000 toward our \$100,000 pledge! Please consider purchasing Scrip for the merchants that you use. The merchants on the list are willing to help us build our permanent Church. Let’s take them up on their offer! Scrip is sold after all weekend Masses and on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:00-10:00am.

P.S. If you plan to go to Chili’s for this week’s fun...raiser, consider buying Scrip for Chili’s to earn even more for the STM Building Fund!

ACTTS BBQ

It’s (almost!) summer time in San Diego—join us for a backyard BBQ! ACTTS will be getting together for a backyard BBQ and bocce ball game on Sunday, April 25 at 12:30pm at the Frost’s house. Bring your favorite drink, BBQ meat/fish, and a side to share. Don’t forget your hat and sunscreen! Call Jen Frost at: 858-692-7438 for address and directions. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Adult Catholics in their Twenties and Thirties who Socialize
actts@stmoside.org

MONDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP
Monday, April 12, 7:00-8:30pm

ONE PEOPLE MANY FACES

BREAKING DOWN THE WALLS

Questions? Gale at 760-726-7236

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 for Mass at a local church followed by brunch. 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.

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!



Sponsored by Eternal Hills Cemetery & Mortuary

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

Women's Guild News

Lunch and Bingo!—If you haven't already responded for our Bingo and Italian luncheon Monday, April 12, call Valerie Thompson at 760-630-1703.

May 22 Annual Luncheon—This luncheon will feature the vocal talents of The Fabulous Earrings after dining on a delicious three-course meal. Opportunity baskets, door prizes, and lots of fun. You may purchase pre-sale tickets for a whole table or single tickets at our luncheon Monday, April 12. Then they will be on sale the first three weeks in May on the plaza. Cost remains at \$35.

Oceanside Deanery of Diocesan Conference of Catholic Women—The Women's Guild will host the Oceanside deanery at the STM Parish Center for lunch on Wednesday, April 14. Registration at 10:30am, Mass at 11:00am, followed by a meeting and Chinese luncheon. Cost is \$5. If you wish to attend, call Valerie Thompson at 760-630-1703.

Annual Installation Luncheon—Installation of officers will take place June 12 at Shadowridge Country Club. Cost for this event is \$20, and you may bring a check to the April meeting if you choose. You may also purchase tickets at our May Spring luncheon, leave a check in Box 35 at the Parish Office, or see one of our officers on the Plaza when we are selling Spring Luncheon tickets. Indicate your choice of either sunburst salad with chicken and berries, or salmon spinach salad.

Food Bank Contributions

Year to date, we've collected **881 pounds** of food. **Great job, St. Thomas More!** 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.



Our Journey Into The Future . . . Together!
Phase II ~ This is it!
Prayerfully calling for 545 responses!

Thanks to the 452 donors who have responded to date, bringing our pledge total to \$1,267,000!

PLEASE help your Parish achieve our goal of building your permanent worship space! We need to hear from everyone, even if you cannot contribute. All responses and pledges are needed and much appreciated.



- ✦ Thanks to those who have already generously responded to our "Adopt a Family" pledge of \$1,400. This was inspired and initiated by a Parishioner who understands the economic situation facing several families at this time. Some responses indicate financial hardship. **This is confidential and no one's records are disclosed.**
- ✦ 21 months remain in our two-year Phase II Campaign to collect \$2 Million in two years. \$733,000 is still needed!
- ✦ The chart below reflects figures from March 29 and will be updated next week. Still, one will see that we have gifts of all amounts. Please prayerfully consider what you can do to help us make the finish line!
- ✦ Packets are available 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 29

	Total Phase II Pledges	# of Families Pledging
	Under \$1,000	132
	\$1,000 and up	64
	\$1,500 and up	113
	\$2,500 and up	72
	\$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	\$1,254,750	447
Still Needed	\$745,250	554
Total Goal	\$2,000,000	1,001

Chris Smith, Director of Stewardship and Development
 760-758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org.

"Dine Out"

Fun-raiser Update

Since our first "Dine Out" event, We've raised over \$2,000

Our next event is April 14, at Chili's in Vista.

Helping support your parish never tasted so good!

Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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

LOOKING BACK, MOVING FORWARD

Scripture Themes for April

During the Easter season, we look back to our spiritual roots. This great movement we have come to call church began and grew and continues because of the beckoning of God and the promptings of grace. Jesus initiated this movement by ministering as a prophetic teacher who called his contemporaries to an authentic faith that would translate their relationship with God into loving service of others.



Jesus' entire life, his words and works, his innocent suffering, death, and resurrection had an immeasurable impact on his followers. Beckoned by all that God had done in Jesus, prompted by grace, they were significantly transformed, and they became ministers who allowed others to know that they, too, were beckoned and graced by God. They called themselves disciples and followers of the Way (Acts 9:2; 19:23). Only decades later would they be called church.

While the Acts of the Apostles—from which we will read every Sunday in April—may reflect something of the origins of the community, it does not tell the whole story. However, along with the Gospels and the letters and the Book of Revelation, it gives us a good sense of our roots. This annual contact with the story of our origins gives us the inspiration to listen for the promptings of God's grace, which help us to continue with the work of being church. It is in this capacity, as church, that we look back, in order to gain the resolve to move ahead.

Looking back will bring us into the good company of Peter and the disciples. Their behavior during Jesus' last hours was understandable but less than admirable. Yet this

month, they shine with God's forgiving grace. They aren't confused or lacking in understanding now. They aren't falling asleep, denying their knowledge of Jesus, or running off to save themselves from Jewish and Roman authorities. Their intimate encounters with their risen Lord (Apr 4, 11, 18) have emboldened them. Upon hearing his familiar voice, they recognize their Shepherd, who has given his life for their sake

(Apr 25). At his word, they are ready to go forth into the world to be fishers of all, to gather everyone into the unbroken net of salvation (Apr 18). They are ready to serve as he served, to lead as he led, and to preach before open-minded gentiles (Apr 4) as well as hostile authorities (Apr 18). Like Jesus, they cure the sick who flock to them in search of healing and wholeness (Apr 11). Like Jesus, they will be made to suffer for the sake of the Gospel (Apr 18), yet all the while they will look ahead with hope spurred on by the words of the seer John, whose visions (Revelation) will be shared each Sunday of April.

In remembering our ancestral heroes in the faith, we realize that we come from sturdy spiritual stock and are well-equipped to continue the good work that God began in them. We are also encouraged by the fact that the same Spirit whose breath enlivened and empowered them continues to blow in each of us, moving us forward with the message: God is! God lives! God loves! God forgives! God saves!

Through whatever struggles we may encounter on the way, that same Spirit will strengthen us and sustain our hope. This hope will continue to move us forward to the time beyond time when every nation, race, people, and tongue will stand before

NEXT WEEK!

SPRING SING

Ecumenical Choral Festival

Sunday, April 18
4:00pm

with Classic Brass

featuring the combined choirs of
SEVEN North County churches

First Presbyterian Church
Oceanside (two choirs)

First United Methodist Church of
Escondido

St. Patrick Catholic Church
Carlsbad

St. Thomas More Catholic Church
Oceanside

San Dieguito United Methodist
Encinitas

San Luis Rey Valley
United Methodist Church
Oceanside

San Marcos Lutheran Church

FREE-WILL OFFERING

Bring a canned food item (or 3)
for the food pantry at
Interfaith Community Services!



the throne of the Lamb. Then the movement begun by Jesus and continued by the church will come full circle—home to God.

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

Upcoming Music

APRIL 18/19
Third Sunday
of Easter

5:00pm Mass

Handbell Choir

8:30am Mass

Youth Praise
Adult Praise

10:30am Mass

Sanctuary Choir

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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

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

* A good day to return Rice Bowl offering *

Baptism

At 12:45pm today, during our afternoon session of RE.A.CH, we will join in the Baptismal celebration of one of our members in Level 6:

Noah Johnson

Fr. Mike will welcome Noah into our faith community, and also help the rest of us to a more complete understanding of the sacrament of Baptism.

We are all very excited for this Easter celebration. . . you can come too!



Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving

. . . are not just for Lent. The Lenten season was an opportunity to get into training for a new way of Easter life.

* Rice Bowls

Today would be a good day to return your Rice Bowl, if you have not done so already. It would be a big help if you would trade the change for a check (payable to STM). When all we have saved by our fasting is put together, we will send one check from our St. Thomas More family to CRS to help those in desperate need throughout our world.

* Books for Change

We will continue to collect useable books, CD's and DVD's for North County Solutions for Change. . .remember:

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

* PBJ for Kids

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

Sunday Sign-Up's for 2010-2011

If your family is currently enrolled in St. Thomas More's Religious Education program, OR

If you have children from age 3 through 17 and would like to partner with your Parish in their faith formation, please

- * Plan to complete your (re) enrollment packet at our April 25 RE.A.CH session from (9:45am-2:00pm and 4:00pm-6:30pm)
- * Pick up your packet in the lower level hallway at the beginning of class
- * Fill it out at the available tables or bring it back at the end of class
- * Tuition may be paid by
 - * cash
 - * check
 - * a written payment plan
 - * credit card (Visa, MasterCard, or Discover)
- * For Levels 1-8: **please** consider the 12:30-2:00pm session if at all possible
- * Classes will be filled on a first-come, First-served basis

Information for Growth

21—Answer

Which statement about prayer would be rejected by the Church?

B) The prayers of sinners go unanswered by God. (ccc 2735 ff)



22—Question

When the Church refers to the "domestic church," she means that

- A) the family is a special manifestation of the whole Church.
- B) the family is the basic unit of society that supports the building of communities.
- C) families should keep a small chapel in the home for family prayer.
- D) the family as the "church of the home" has no need for parish sacramental preparation.



Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Little Things Mean a Lot

We know from the Acts of the Apostles that “Many signs and wonders were done among the people at the hands of the apostles.” Little things that make a difference in another’s life are most certainly “signs and wonders.”

A smile or a comforting word can lift someone’s sagging spirit. Donations that we might consider to be small, can make a big difference in the lives of others who are undergoing hard times. Little acts of kindness, when offered with love, make for great Christian stewardship.

The following piece is food for thought on our journey:

Building Rafts

Some birds build nests right beside the water, sometimes only inches away. If there is a flood, the lake rises too high, the eggs will be chilled and won’t hatch. This problem can be devastating in the case of endangered birds, such as loons, leading to dangerously low numbers of chicks being raised each year.

So scientists designed and built special rafts, covered them with cattails and other weeds, and then anchored them loosely in sheltered areas. Often, birds will use them for nesting sites. If the lake floods, these rafts will float, keeping the nests and their eggs safe from the water.

In a way, raft-building is something all stewards do. Of course, they are usually not actual rafts. However, they do help others stay out of harm’s way.

Starting, running, and donating to a food pantry all help keep away the dangers of malnutrition. This is especially important for children, the sick, and the elderly.

Providing school supplies and tutoring helps keep the dangers of ignorance away. In many cases, adults need help with learning just as much as children do.

Building and repairing homes helps keep the many dangers of homelessness—crime, cold, lack of sanitation, to name just a few—away from people who because of illness, disability, or unemployment are vulnerable to being on the street.

Most importantly of all, maintaining a house of worship helps people keep the dangers of sin away from themselves. Comforting prayers, inspirational sermons, and joyous hymns can and do change lives.

The water birds never thank the scientists for the rafts.

Christian stewards may not hear thanks as often as they should, either. But the world is a better place for the birds in it, and likewise for the people who benefit from Christian stewardship.

—Stewardship, April 2010 (with permission)



We are to return God’s gifts joyfully and with increase. So many times a smile can brighten someone’s day! Smiling doesn’t cost a thing, can be shared with friends and strangers alike. Rejoice!

**Shortest Distance Between Two People?
A Smile!**

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

For more information please contact:

Chris Smith at 758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org.

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

Annual Catholic Appeal 2010 Update

St. Thomas More’s “Fair Share”: \$43,000

Pledge Total to Date: \$32,030.99

Households Responding: 235

Average Gift per Household: \$136.30

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 in Imperial Valley, our *Senior Nutrition Program* served 2,200 seniors with 110,000 hot, nutritious noontime meals. 48,300 of those meals were home-delivered.

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

Easter Offertory Figures Will Be Reported Next Week

St. Francis and St. Thomas More Offertory Envelopes

Any St. Francis Offertory Envelopes given to the offertory collection at St. Thomas More will be returned to St. Francis.

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News from the Larger Church

Volunteers Needed for Advocates for Foster Children—Become a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) and make a lasting difference in the life of a foster child. Much 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.

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.

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 Ilija Delio, OSF. For more information, contact 619-260-4784 or visit www.sandiego.edu/ccs.

Theology on Tap for Young Adults in San Marcos—Wednesday evenings, April 14, 21, and 28, at Acapulco Mexican Restaurant in San Marcos. For more information, visit 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.

One-Day Retreat for Young Women in Alta Loma—Saturday, April 17, 10:00am-5:00pm. *Is God Calling You?* Includes discussion, time for personal and communal prayer, and a meal. For more information, contact Sr. Mary Yarger, CPPS, at 951-285-7372.

Art: A School for Contemplative Seeing Presentation in San Diego—Thursday, April 22, 7:00-8:30pm, Timken Museum of Art, Balboa Park. Presented by art historian Anne Hoehn and artist Regina Shin, RSCJ. For more information, contact 619-260-4784 or visit www.sandiego.edu/ccs.

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.

Free Eye Disease Conference in San Diego—Wednesday, April 28, 9:00am-2:00pm, Braille Institute, 4555 Executive Dr., San Diego. Presentations on the latest research related to macular degeneration and neurological eye conditions, plus technology fair. For more information, contact Dave at 858-404-5000.

Healing Mass in Solana Beach—Wednesday, April 28, 6:30pm, at St. James Church in Solana Beach. Presider will be Fr. Mike Barry. Healing Prayer every Sunday after 9:00am Mass, second Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm, and third Saturday of each month after 5:00pm Mass. For more information, call 858-481-6911.

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!

All we need is clear title. Non-operational is OK!



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



News from St. Francis Church—Our Neighbor

A few weeks ago, Fr. Mike and Fr. Bud Kaicher, Pastor of St. Francis Church, established a partnership between St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School and the Church of St. Thomas More. Both pastors are sincerely committed to promoting and supporting the Catholic education provided at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School. As a result of this partnership, St. Thomas More Parishioners will now be extended the same benefits and rewards as a St. Francis Parishioner, including: Parishioner priority for enrollment at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School, equal tuition rates, financial aid opportunities, and fundraising support

Watch this section for news about St. Francis Church and School activities, and pray for the success of this relationship! Thank you, Fr. Bud and Fr. Mike, for your support!!!



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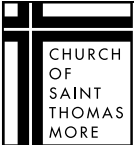
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