

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 18, 2010 • Third Sunday of Easter

Pastor's Column

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Why I Remain a Catholic

The following article, "Why I Remain a Catholic," was written by Elizabeth Scalia, a contributing writer to First Things Magazine, ft@firstthings.com. She is a blogger known as "The Anchoress." This article has been reprinted by permission.

The question has come my way several times in the past week: "How do you maintain your faith in light of news stories that bring light to the dark places that exist within your church?"

When have darkness and light been anything but co-existent? How do we recognize either without the other?

I remain within, and love, the Catholic Church because it is a church that has lived and wrestled within the mystery of the shadow lands ever since an innocent man was arrested, sentenced,

and crucified, while the keeper of "the keys" denied him, and his first priests ran away. Through 2,000 imperfect, sometimes glorious, sometimes heinous years, the church has contemplated and manifested the truth that dark and light, innocence and guilt, justice and injustice all share a kinship, one that waves back and forth like wind-stirred wheat in a field, churning toward something—as yet—unknowable.

For the rest of the article, click the link below:

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=125493179>

Fr. Mike

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Do you believe that God calls all people to spread the Good News? How are you responding to the call? Do you want some help? Next week is *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*. Come, join with the Parish in prayer for special blessings that each person will be strengthened in their vocation.

**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.*

Readings for the Week Ahead
 Sunday Year C; Weekday Year II
 Readings online at www.usccb.org.

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

Monday, April 19 (273)
 Acts 6:8-15
 Psalm 119:23-24,26-27,29-30
 John 6:22-29

Tuesday, April 20 (274)
 Acts 7:51-8:1a
 Psalm 31:3cd-4,6-8a,17,21ab
 John 6:30-35

Wednesday, April 21 (275)
 Acts 8:1b-8
 Psalm 66:1-7
 John 6:35-40

Thursday, April 22 (276)
 Acts 8:26-40
 Psalm 66:8-9,16-17,20
 John 6:44-51

Friday, April 23 (277)
 Acts 9:1-20
 Psalm 117:1-2
 John 6:52-59

Saturday, April 24 (278)
 Acts 9:31-42
 Psalm 116:12-17
 John 6:60-69

Sunday, April 25 (51)
Fourth Sunday of Easter
 Acts 13:14,43-52
 Psalm 100:1-3,5
 Revelation 7:9,14b-17
 John 10:27-30

Mass Intentions
Saturday, April 17, 5:00pm Anna Mae Lavelle ☩
Sunday, April 18, 8:30am Dolores Murchison ☩
Sunday, April 18, 10:30am Bud Lundell ☩
Tuesday, April 20, 8:15am Marino Visiglio ☩
Wednesday, April 21, 8:15am Nicole Carusa
Wednesday, April 21, 9:30am Josie Valdivia <i>Aegis</i>
Thursday, April 22, 8:15am Eamonn MacCluskey ☩
Friday, April 23, 8:15am Rosemarie Felton ☩
Saturday, April 24, 5:00pm Carl Bechtold ☩
Sunday, April 25, 8:30am Dylan Weakly ☩
Sunday, April 25, 10:30am Paula Gurrera ☩

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
 Tamara Bousquet
 Beatrice Brooks & Family
 Monica Broussard
 Janet Brown
 Roseanne Burg
 Shelby Campbell
 Claudia Caplinger
 Paul & Elaine Cassidy
 Flor Catap & Family
 Paul Cipowski
 Dolly Cole
 Carl Coleman
 James Coleman
 The Colucci Family
 Susan Contreras
 Thomas Cornwell & Family
 Karen Flaharty Daley
 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
 Paul Gibbons
 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
 Lillian Hills
 The Hoefner Family
 The Jacqueline Johnson Family
 Sue Johnston
 Eileen Jones
 Joan Jones
 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
 Edward Luna
 James MacArthur
 Jay Maldonado
 Tom Malmros
 The Mazur Family
 The McCullough & Lynn Families

Bob McWilliams
 Carol Michael
 Joseph Michael Moore
 June Mitchell
 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
 Jim Walters
 Kevin Watson-Graff
 Ed Wesel
 Marilyn Wesel
 John Whitton

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
 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
 Apr 25 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
 Apr 25 RE.A.CH Classes at church

The Month Ahead
 Apr 30 Eleventh Annual Golf Classic

The Year Ahead
 May 9 First Communion
 May 11 *Resurrection People: Boldly Facing End-of-Life Issues with Faith* Presentation
 May 11-12 Elephant Bar Dine Out Fundraiser
 May 15 Confirmation
 May 22 Women's Guild Annual Luncheon at Shadowridge Country Club
 June 4-6 Parish Campout
 June 12-13 First Communion
 June 14 Women's Guild Installation Luncheon
 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.

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 19 Sr. Christina MacLean, SMSM
April 20 Sr. Elisa Maldonado, SJS
April 21 Sr. M. Clare Manhart, RSM
April 22 Sr. Mary Manthi, CVI
April 23 Sr. Janet Marich, FDC
April 24 Sr. Kathleen Martin, CSJ
April 25 Sr. Briana Martinez, OCD

Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioner

Elizabeth Harrison
Shawn & Theresa Hobson-Figueroa & Family
Bonnie Kemmerer
Robert & Cheryl Rowland

In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

David A. Begliecter Wayne, who died recently. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, April 17, at 1:00pm at St. Thomas More. Please keep his mother, Parishioner Jacqueline Johnson, and the family in your prayers.

Helen McCullough, who died on April 8. Her Memorial Service will be celebrated on Saturday, May 8, at 11:00am at First Presbyterian Church, 2001 South El Camino Real, in Oceanside. Please keep her son-in-law, staff member Douglas Lynn, his wife Gail, and all of Helen’s family in your prayers.

May their souls 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. 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.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

LAST CALL Steubenville San Diego *LAST CALL*
 July 23-25, 2010
Bring in \$\$ and form by Monday, April 19

Join Us at Monday Night Youth Group
April 19 – 7:00-8:45pm
Yaja Boren, Holocaust Survivor

Questions? 760-726-7236

STM Men’s Ministry

Information Night • Friday, April 23 • 7:00pm
For All Men of the Parish - Please join us!
Bring your ideas - Give your input
For more information, call Jeff Gibbons at 760-726-7236

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

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 ~ MORE WELCOME ~ FOURSOMES AND SINGLES!**
- ◆ **MINIATURE GOLF AT BOOMERS! ~ MORE WELCOME ~ FOURSOMES AND SINGLES!**
- ◆ **OH, WHAT A NIGHT! ~ EXCITING EVENTS AND DINNER AT STM!**

***** All item donations and payments 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 ~ 95 seats are already reserved! Save your spot now ~ pay in May!!
- ◆ 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 will go to a lucky winner!
- ◆ Pre-sale tickets available for \$20/ticket or six for \$100 after all Masses or in the Parish Office
- ◆ Information is available at: www.stmoside.org/golf
- ◆ Diamond Sponsor: Eternal Hills Cemetery and Mortuary
- ◆ Champagne Sponsor: Pacific Place Retirement Community



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

**Resurrection People:
Boldly Facing End-of-Life Issues with Faith**

Tuesday, May 11, 9:30-11:30am

The Rev. Dr. Lewis S. León, an ordained Presbyterian Minister associated with Eternal Hills Mortuary and Memorial Park in Oceanside, will engage us in conversation on end-of-life issues that every person and every family eventually faces. Dr. Leon has specialized in family ministries, especially for loved ones who are in grief. Many of us feel prepared to meet a crisis spiritually, but have many uncertainties and questions on the temporal aspects of terminal illness, dying with dignity, death, and burial. Ways to address our temporal needs are through advanced conversations with loved ones, advanced planning with guidance from spiritual leaders, and pre-arrangement information. Join us for thoughtful reflection and gathering of information. How prepared are you?

Women’s Guild News

Top Chef’s Award—goes to Vera Bayliss and Siggie Ogan for creating that delectable Italian meal, which included stuffed shells with tomato sauce, meat balls, wonderful Italian desserts, and even a special cookie (which I couldn’t pronounce) ordered in— from New Jersey!! Many thanks to this very talented duo.

Spring in Bloom—Our annual spring luncheon will be held Saturday, May 22 at Shadowridge Country Club, starting at 11:00am. The day begins with viewing and bidding on all those fantastic opportunity baskets put together so beautifully by Terry Bedford. This will be followed by a delicious three course meal, door prizes, and entertainment by The Fabulous Earrings. This is a trio you are sure to enjoy as they take you down memory lane with their varied repertoire. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses the first three weeks in May. You may purchase individual tickets or tables of ten. Space is limited. **Note: if you have an opportunity basket to deliver, please get it to Terry by May 14.**

Board Meeting—The next board meeting will be Monday, May 3 at Mary Dahlberg’s home, 2005 Oak Glen Drive, Vista; phone 760-598-1330.

Annual Catholic Appeal 2010 Update

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

Pledge Total to Date: \$32,285.99

Households Responding: 239

Average Gift per Household: \$135.09

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, our *Foster Grandparent Program* and *Senior Companion Program* provided one-on-one services to 490 children and 122 seniors.

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

Our Journey Into The Future . . . Together!
Phase II ~ Our Permanent Church

Help Needed ~ \$728,960 in 21 Months

**Thanks to the 453 donors who have already responded.
Current pledge total is \$1,271,040!**

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.



- ✦ 21 months remain in our two-year Phase II Campaign to collect \$2 million.
- ✦ Prayerfully consider what you can do to help us make the finish line and **break ground**.
- ✦ Thanks to those who have already generously responded to our “Adopt a Family” pledge, initiated by a Parishioner who understands the economic situation facing several families at this time. Some responses indicate financial hardship. Extra donations help bridge this gap. **This is confidential and no one’s records are disclosed.**
- ✦ 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 April 13

	Total Phase II Pledges	# of Families Pledging
	Under \$1,000	134
	\$1,000 and up	64
	\$1,500 and up	114
	\$2,500 and up	73
	\$4,500 and up	29
	\$6,000 and up	17
	\$10,000 and up	18
	\$25,000 and up	2
	\$50,000 and up	2
Total to Date	\$1,271,040	453
Still Needed	\$728,960	552
Total Goal	\$2,000,000	1,005

Chris Smith, Director of Stewardship and Development
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Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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

“SO THAT THEY MAY BE ONE...”

SPRING SING

Church Choir Festival

TODAY!

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

with **Classic Brass**

*featuring the combined choirs of
these North County churches*

Faith Lutheran Church
Vista

First Presbyterian Church
Oceanside

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!**



From its very beginning, there has been division in Christ's church. Thomas led the way, although he quickly rejoined the fold. With early division between east and west, followed by the split between Catholics and Protestants, and even today as demonstrated by a host of issues that continue to divide us, the simplicity of Christ's message to us—love God, love one another—remains elusive.

Forty-five years ago, at the Second Vatican Council, the Catholic Church called for renewed vigor to find the common ground that would eventually lead to unification of all Christian churches.

Theologians and other learned and well-intentioned people are still arguing, and the divide between all of us seems to be growing greater every year. Some groups have even stopped talking to each other.

Some commentators have noted that unification will likely have to be made from the ground up, by individuals and small groups of Christians chipping away at the differences until there are none left for the “leadership” to argue about.

At the local level, the grass roots if you will, people are still passionate about showing themselves as Christians who have common interests, demonstrating love and charity and hope to a world in need.

This weekend, passionate people will be joining together to celebrate their oneness in Christ at St. Thomas More. And their tool will be music.

Eight church choirs from around North County will gather this



Sunday at 4:00pm to celebrate in song. Catholics, Lutherans, Methodists, and Presbyterians—Christians all—will gather on the upper level of our Parish Center to sing for you, for themselves, for charity, and for God.

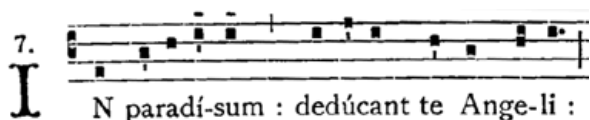
We hope you will join us. We hope you will bring a canned good or three for the Interfaith Community Services food pantry. We hope you will bring your friends and neighbors, especially the ones who may not go to church with you. We hope you will be touched by our song, and by the message that these dozens of singers offer as they stand side by side, singing God's praises, loving God, and one another.

—Douglas



“...so that
they may be
one...”

John 17:11



Helen McCullough • April 8, 2010

Upcoming Music

**APRIL 25/26
Fourth Sunday
of Easter**

5:00pm Mass

Cantor

8:30am Mass

Sanctuary Choir

10:30am Mass

Handbell Choir

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

Kathleen Bell
Director of Faith Formation
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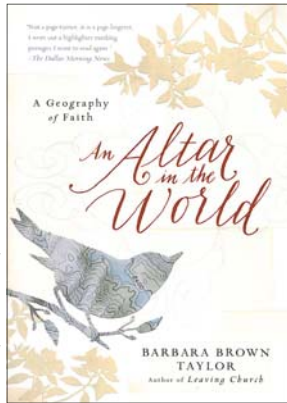


Fr. Mike's Bookies

An Altar in the World by Barbara Brown Taylor is our next book for discussion on June 2. It is available for \$11 outside the Faith Formation Office. Gale Gibbons will be facilitating the discussion.

An Altar in the World is about how faith can be both practical and sensuous . . . the old division between heaven and earth is healed and both come alive. Your mind, your body, and your soul will be well fed by this wonderful book.

—Michael Lerner



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

Check your Annual Plan for today's faith-sharing

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, credit card
 - * a written payment plan
- * Classes will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis

Information for Growth

22—Answer

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



- A) the family is a special manifestation of the whole Church.
(CCC 1666)

23—Question

What is the primary function of Jesus' parables?



- A) to show people exactly how to solve practical, everyday problems
B) to give laws and guidelines that Christians must follow
C) to tell interesting stories about God to his followers
D) to invite people to enter his Kingdom

PBJ Update

Food for children at Catholic Charities in Vista

2010 GOAL: 365 jars
Collected to date: 274 jars

SUMMER BIBLE CAMP HIGH SEAS EXPEDITION

- * Sets sail July 19-23, from 8:45am-12:00noon
- * Kids 3-12 explore the mighty love of God!
- * Teens and adults are needed as deck hands to keep the ship sailing the briny blue
- * Enrollment forms (for all size people) available:
 - * Bulletin board opposite Faith Formation Office
 - * www.stmoside.org;
 - click on Ministries/Pastoral Staff, then
 - click on Vacation Bible School
- * Enrollment is limited!



Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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 Director of Stewardship & Development
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CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP We Become What We Practice Most

Just as Jesus revealed himself for a third time to his disciples after being raised from the dead, Jesus continues to be revealed to us through the Eucharist and in our serving others in Christian stewardship. Jesus is present in our lives 24 hours/day, 7 days/week. Our eyes are opened to his presence through our stewardship. We leave Mass, in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

It is very easy to get caught up in everyday life and irritations that distract us from our true purpose on earth. Watching the news and reading the newspapers is a good thing as long as we don't become distracted from our true purpose here.

The following piece is worth a reflection:

In a small rural town in western Kentucky, population approximately 500, there lives a married couple of 62 years. Ross and Elizabeth Curtsinger, quietly and graciously through the years have embodied the meaning of Christian stewardship.

Without fanfare, both have served on parish committees, performed various ministries, chaired church picnics, fed the hungry by dedicated work with the local food pantry, clothed the naked through their support and participation in the St. Vincent DePaul Society, and shown compassion for the widowed, the poor and the sick through gifts of food, visits, cards, letters, and prayers.

They do not leave their spirit of giving behind when they spend their winters in the south of Texas. There they join with other winter Texans in charity fundraisers, deliver food and clothing to families in Mexico, and continue to keep tabs on the folks back home with Elizabeth's ministry of cards, letters and prayers.

Together they have been as one in their life of ministry, sharing their time, talent, and treasures with all . . . in all ways. Their Christian stewardship is as God intended, a constant lived out each day not just at Christmas or Thanksgiving.

These special people are my parents. They never had a lot of earthly treasures, but were gifted with a rich and generous spirit and they have worked hard to pay it forward.

—Carol F. Farm, KY, *Stewardship*, April 2010 (with permission)



What a great testimonial to parents who have obviously made a practice of taking care of God's gifts. In doing so, they made a lasting impression on their daughter, and certainly to others who know them.

As I read this piece, so many of our STM Parishioners came to mind! It may sound redundant, but it is so true that our faith community is filled with true Christian stewards whose lifestyles and examples are just what God likes to see.

Our ministry base is very broad, with choices for everyone, even the homebound!

Jesus left us plenty of examples with which to model our lives. The choices are ours, and I thank so many of you for stepping up and making a difference here!

Rejoice in the Resurrection!

TOWERS OF FAITH Future Support & Estate Planning Options

Towers of Faith is a movement that has arisen due to the visionary leadership and generosity of several of our parishioners. We stress that this is not about the gift amount, but rather the love and thought behind the gift.

These individuals (*several anonymous*) have included STM in their estate planning. This helps to ensure their ongoing support and a legacy for our Parish. *Towers of Faith* is a valuable portion of our future support.



Examples of the various future planning vehicles are:
**Designated Beneficiary Accounts,
 Last Will and Testament, Living Trust, Life Insurance,
 Stocks and Bonds, Real Estate, and Endowments.**

Any parishioners who have already included STM in their estate plans are *Towers of Faith* participants. If you are interested, please contact us. Your participation is most welcome and appreciated!

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

Do two people in your family know the location of your will and/or living trust?

Easter 2010 Collections to Date

Holy Thursday:	\$1,223.00
Good Friday (Designated for the Holy Land):	\$1,545.00
Easter Sunday:	\$27,944.71
2010 Annual Lenten Collection:	\$2,281.83

Collection for Week of April 10/11, 2010

Number of Registered Households	1,005
Offertory*	\$ 13,236.28
Offertory (Loose Collection)	1,022.00
Children's envelopes	0.00
Total	\$ 14,258.28

* 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

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.

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

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.

Interfaith Community Services Thank You Event in Escondido— Friday, April 30, 3:00-5:30pm, at Emmanuel Faith Community Church, 639 E. 17th St., Escondido. Food, entertainment, and loads of fun to celebrate all those who support Interfaith Community Services in many different ways. RSVP to Nustrat Symons, Volunteer Coordinator, at 760-489-6380 x221.



**April 30, 7:30pm
Moonlight
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Vista**

Host an *Up with People* cast member during their stay in North County! April 26-May 3. What has 180 legs, 95 pieces of luggage, sings, dances, volunteers countless hours of community service, and is coming to North County? A cast of *Up with People*! The international cast of *Up with People* will be in Vista, Oceanside, and Carlsbad from April 26-May 3. Host families are needed to house these dynamic young people from 20 countries during their visit. Host families provide a place to sleep, limited local transportation, and a few meals (usually breakfast and dinner). As a thank you, all host families will receive 2 complimentary tickets to the *Up with People* show on April 30 at 7:30pm at the Moonlight Amphitheater in Vista. If you are interested in bringing the world into your home, please contact Drew Thompson at dthompson@upwithpeople.org or 303-550-1708.

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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!!!

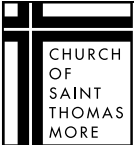
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