

Church of St. Thomas More

A Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of San Diego

Spirituality † Tradition † Community



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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 25, 2010 • Fourth Sunday of Easter

Pastor's Column

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The Catholic Church's Catastrophe

This is the third in a series of perspectives that I am providing on the clergy sexual abuse crisis that continues to grip the Church. The first by Deacon Greg Kendra, "What Does It Mean To Be Catholic Today?" appeared in the April 11, 2010, STM Bulletin, and the second by Elizabeth Scalia, "Why I Remain A Catholic," appeared in the April 18, 2010, STM Bulletin. I would encourage you to read these if you haven't yet.

This week's perspective is, "The Catholic Church's Catastrophe," written by Peggy Noonan, a columnist for The Wall Street Journal and best-selling author of seven books on American politics, history, and culture.

Her most recent book, John Paul the Great: Remembering a Spiritual Father, was published in 2005.

Peggy Noonan is a Roman Catholic.

Her article can be found as an insert in today's Bulletin and is being reprinted with permission.

Fr. Mike

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Today, Good Shepherd Sunday, is a special day for everyone in our Parish. We celebrate *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*. We ask that we may be filled with joy and the Holy Spirit as we carry on the mission of Jesus, our Good Shepherd. Let us pray for one another that we may be strengthened in our Christian vocations as married and single people, priests, deacons, and religious. May our youth listen to God's call and be encouraged to respond generously.

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.*

Eucharistic Adoration



Monday-Friday • 6:30am-7:30pm
Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Exposition of the Eucharist on First Fridays.
Next date: Friday, May 7.

*For more information, contact
the Parish Office at 760-758-4100 x100.*

Opportunity to Help Local Families in Need



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

These dates in 2010 are available for dinner adoption:

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

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

Food Bank Contributions

Look for the blue barrels on the Plaza at weekend Masses to deposit your contributions for North County Community Services Food Bank in San Marcos. 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.



Community Shopping Day— Help a Charity While Shopping!

Community Shopping Day gives you the opportunity to help *Fraternity House*, a local resource for people with AIDS that St. Thomas More has helped for many years. What you do is purchase a \$10 shopping pass, which will give you \$10 off a purchase of \$25 or more and 10-20% off purchases made in select Macy's stores on Saturday, May 15. The entire \$10 is returned to *Fraternity House*. Plus, you can enter to win a \$500 Macy's gift card! For more information or to purchase shopping passes, contact Heather Hoyt, Development Coordinator at 760-736-0292 x102.

Looking for Information on the Catholic Faith?

Are you interested in learning more about Catholicism, becoming a Catholic, or returning to the Catholic Church after being away? You're invited to Inquiry Sessions, which meet on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 7:00pm at the Parish Center.

For information, call Jim Treat at 760-598-3602.

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

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

Monday, April 26 (279)
 Acts 11:1-18
 Psalm 42:2-3;43:3,4
 John 10:1-10

Tuesday, April 27 (280)
 Acts 11:19-26
 Psalm 87:1-7
 John 10:22-30

Wednesday, April 28 (281)
 Acts 12:24-13:5a
 Psalm 67:2-3,5-6,8
 John 12:44-50

Thursday, April 29 (282)
 Acts 13:13-25
 Psalm 89:2-3,21-22,25,27
 John 13:16-20

Friday, April 30 (283)
 Acts 13:26-33
 Psalm 2:6-11
 John 14:1-6

Saturday, May 1 (284)
 Acts 13:44-52
 Psalm 98:1-4
 John 14:7-14

Sunday, May 2 (54)
Fifth Sunday of Easter
 Acts 14:21-27
 Psalm 145:8-13
 Revelation 21:1-5a
 John 13:31-33a,34-35

Mass Intentions
Saturday, April 24, 5:00pm Carl Bechtold ☩
Sunday, April 25, 8:30am Dylan Weakly ☩
Sunday, April 25, 10:30am Paula Gurrera ☩
Tuesday, April 27, 8:15am Anthony Masseth ☩
Wednesday, April 28, 8:15am Kathleen MacCluskey ☩
Thursday, April 29, 8:15am Miriam Layden ☩
Friday, April 30, 8:15am Italino Norelli ☩
Saturday, May 1, 5:00pm Bud Flanagan ☩
Sunday, May 2, 8:30am Owen Fredette ☩
Sunday, May 2, 10:30am Joseph Vozza ☩

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
 Susan Contreras
 Thomas Cornwell & Family
 Karen Flaharty Daley
 Cecilia DeSimone
 Linda Dossman
 Kathryn Ernst
 The Fiore Family
 Peggy & Jack Fischer
 Ryan Flum
 Kathryn Franklin
 Joe Freire
 The Frost Family
 James Gallagher
 Carmen Garcia
 The Garcia Family
 Cierra Gerardi
 Paul Gibbons
 Rick Gonzalez
 Eileen Gough
 Rosemary Haeffelin
 Anita Hage
 Susan Hallahan
 The Harker Family
 Rita Harnacker
 The Hart & Wallace Families
 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
 The Luisi Family
 Edward Luna
 James MacArthur
 Jay Maldonado
 Tom Malmros
 The Mazur Family
 The McCullough & Lynn Families
 Bob McWilliams

Carol Michael
 June Mitchell
 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
 Linda Schmidt
 Freda Schweitzer
 Jane Sekela
 Richard Sikora
 Nick Soltau
 Ed Sox
 Gilda Spiegel
 Joan Stringer
 Maria Surmenidis
 Stephen Toth, Jr.
 Barbara Upson
 Jose & Regina Vasquez
 Arnie Velasco
 Dominic Vienna, Jr.
 Vanessa Vitiello-Koble
 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 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
 May 2 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
 May 2 Bake Wash
 May 2 RE.A.CH Classes at church (including high school)

The Month 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 16 RE.A.CH Classes at church
 May 22 Women's Guild Annual Luncheon at Shadowridge Country Club

The Year Ahead

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 26 Sr. Barbara Ann Mason, OP
April 27 Sr. Alexandra Matti, DMI
April 28 Sr. E. Aileen McCombs, SFCC
April 29 Sr. Jeanette McDermott, MMS
April 30 Sr. Hilda McDonagh, RSM
May 1 Sr. Mary Daniel McGinn, OSB
May 2 Sr. Rosanne McGrath, RSM

In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Virgina Frost, who died recently. Her Funeral Services were private. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Lillian Luisi, who died on April 14. Her funeral arrangements are pending. 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.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

*Join Us at Monday Night Youth Group
April 26 – 7:00-8:45pm
Questions? 760-726-7236*

STM Scrip News

Scrip is sold after weekend Masses and on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:00-10:00am in the Parish Office.

I Want to Earn STM Building Fund \$\$\$ with My...

Albertson's Card #(11 digits) _____

Ralph's Card—Please visit Scrip table for flyer.

Please send me a Food 4 Less Card

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please place completed form in the collection basket or return it to the \$CRIP table after weekend Masses or the Parish Office during the week. Thank you!

Looking for Homemade Cookie Bakers

If you are a cookie baker, this announcement is for you!! *Get On The Bus* volunteers need several dozen cookies on May 5 to package for the young people who will be visiting their mothers at Chowchilla State Prison on May 7. Fresh, homemade cookies are a real treat for these kids, and St. Thomas More bakers are the best around. To donate cookies or to help package them, give Nancy Gayvert a call at 760-295-0645 and offer your cookies today.

Catholic Widows and Widowers of North County

CWWNC meets the second Sunday of each month at a member's home in Oceanside for a general meeting and potluck, and the fourth Sunday of each month for Mass at a local Parish. Prospective members are welcome anytime. See the bulletin board on the lower level for our monthly newsletter of activities, or contact Jackie Cohen 760-726-4343, or Carol Kope 760-758-4100 for more information.

STM 11th Annual Golf Classic ~ Friday, April 30

LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP! SIGN UP TODAY TO GOLF OR DINE!



- ◆ GOLF AT FALLBROOK GOLF CLUB ~ FOURSOMES AND SINGLES!
- ◆ MINIATURE GOLF AT BOOMERS! ~ FOURSOMES AND SINGLES!
- ◆ SPONSORS STILL WELCOME!
- ◆ LIMITED SEATING AVAILABLE FOR DINNER

Please submit payments at Golf table, in the offertory collection, or to the Parish Office.

2nd Annual Pastor's Dinner ~ Sunday, August 22

Champagne Diamond Opportunity!

- ◆ Seating now available for 150 at \$250 per seat ~ 98 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

- ◆ 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. León 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

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.

Quilt Raffle Just Around the Corner—Watch for information on the annual quilt raffle, featuring Lap-n-Nap quilts from our quilting group.

Annual Catholic Appeal 2010 Update

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

Pledge Total to Date: \$33,585.99

Households Responding: 245

Average Gift per Household: \$137.09

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, counseling for 417 individuals, couples, families, and school children was provided through our *Counseling Services* programs.

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

Pledge Statistics as of April 20

	# of Families	
Total Phase II Pledges	Pledging	
Unable to pledge at this time	5	
Under \$1,000	134	
\$1,000 and up	64	
\$1,500 and up	116	
\$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	\$1,275,469	460
Still Needed	\$724,531	545
Total Goal	\$2,000,000	1,005

THANK YOU DONORS!!!



Are you one of the 460 families who have responded to date and are listed in the above chart?

If not, please prayerfully consider what you can or cannot do to help us reach our goal. We need to hear from you!

Packets are available after all Masses, in the Parish Office, and on our website: www.stmoside.org; click on Our New Church.

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

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

Liturgy & Music

Worship God

Douglas Lynn
Director of Music/Coordinator of Liturgical Ministries
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WITH JOYFUL SONG

Singing to the Lamb



Last Sunday, more than 250 singers got together for our annual **Spring Sing** to benefit Interfaith Community Services. The singers and audience filled the upper level.

On Tuesday, we delivered a pickup truck load of food and mailed a check for \$1,126.11, the proceeds from the concert. Well done!

Upcoming Music

MAY 1/2
Fifth Sunday of Easter

5:00pm Mass
Sanctuary Choir

8:30am Mass
Handbell Choir

10:30am Mass
Youth Praise
Adult Praise

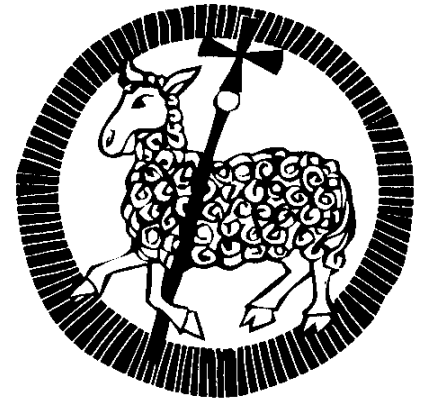
When the Bible wants to describe the wonder of creation, the joy of liberation, or the exaltation of union with God, it turns to song. In its lyrical description of the beginning of all things, for example, the Book of Job puts these words in God's mouth as he questions Job: "Where were you when I laid the earth's foundations...when the morning stars sang together and all the divine beings shouted for joy?" (Job 38:4, 7). When Isaiah wants to celebrate liberation from the Babylonian Exile, he has God give this command: "Go out from Babylon...proclaim it with joyful song, sending out the news to the ends of the earth; tell them, 'The Lord has redeemed his servant Jacob'" (Isaiah 48:20). And when Christian writers want to describe what heaven is like, the Book of Revelation paints a picture of heavenly worship filled with singing, in which one choir joins another until all of creation is voicing God's praise. The four living creatures echo the song of the angels: "Holy, holy, holy is God the sovereign Lord of all," while the twenty-four elders praise God the Creator: "You are worthy, O Lord our God, to receive glory and honor and power, because you created all things..." (Rev. 4:8,11). Together these two choirs join the angels to sing to the victorious Lamb: "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and wealth, wisdom and might, honor and glory and praise" (Rev. 5:11). Then the martyrs join the hymn: "Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honor, power and might be to our God for ever! Amen!" (Rev. 7:11). And finally, joined by all creation, the "vast throng" of God's people sing: "Hallelujah! The Lord our God, sovereign over all, has begun to reign! Let us rejoice and shout for joy and pay our homage to God, for the wedding feast of the Lamb has begun!" (Rev. 19:6-7).

Why does the Bible turn to the metaphor of song to describe creation's response to the Creator or the depth of feeling among a saved people in the presence of their liberator? For two reasons: because singing is one of the oldest forms of human communication and because singing involves us (and those around us) so completely that it is the one form of human communication that may be able to survive even the ravages of Alzheimer's Disease.

What we normally think of as the development of "speech" among the earliest humans may, in fact, have had strong elements of singing—intonation, a melody line, crescendos, and rhythm. (Remember that the oldest musical instrument that we know of, besides the voice itself, is the drum.)

The act of singing involves the whole person—body, mind, and spirit—more completely than most other human activities. Further, it involves those around us. We receive sound not only with our ears but with our whole bodies. Sound waves move (vibrate) the air, and we receive those vibrations with our bodies. Our ears process that vibration as sound, and our minds recognize those sounds as song, as music. If we are open to that sound and its meaning, we respond with our spirits, minds, and voices and join the song. But whether or not we join the singing, our bodies and minds are wrapped up in the sound event, absorbing its vibrations and its meaning.

Study after study has also shown that singing is one of the gifts of communication that stay with us longest. One three-year study led by Dr. Gene D. Cohen, director of George Washington University's Center on Aging, Health, and Humanities, examined how singing



affects the health of those fifty-five years old and older. The study concluded that participants in a senior singers chorale formed by the Levine School of Music had fewer doctor visits, eyesight problems, incidences of depression, less need for medication, and fewer falls and other injuries than two control groups. Professor Clive Ballard of King's College, London, director of research at the Alzheimer's Society, notes research that the part of the brain that processes speech is different from the part that processes music. In fact, music memory and the ability to sing reside in several parts of the brain, which is what may allow this form of communication and memory to survive when even speech fails.

All of this helps to explain why singing is a key element of Christian liturgy: "Singing is one of the primary ways that the assembly of the faithful participates actively in the Liturgy. The people are encouraged 'to take part by means of acclamations, responses, psalms, antiphons, [and] hymns...' (*Sing to the Lord*, 26, quoting *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, 30). It also explains why "the musical formation of the assembly must be a continuing concern in order to foster full, conscious, and active participation" (STL, 26). Our song, then, is not only for the liturgy but for nourishment for the week ahead and for the journey through life.

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Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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Sign-Up Today

for 2010-2011 RE.A.CH
 Religious Education for Adolescents and Children

- ◆ If your family is currently enrolled in St. Thomas More's Religious Education program,
 OR
- ◆ If you have children between ages 3 and 17 and would like to partner with your Parish in their faith formation, please
- ◆ Pick up your enrollment packet TODAY between 9:45am-2:00pm or 4:00pm-6:30pm outside the Faith Formation Office on the lower level.
- ◆ This includes families in the High School program.

Tuition is \$80 for the first child and \$40 for each additional child to a maximum of \$200 per family. This would be a great use for your tax refund! If you are not able to pay the tuition at this time, we are happy to work out a Payment Plan over the next few months.

Please sign up soon so we can plan our classes for September. Please don't wait until you have the money. We'd like to be able to "count you in" and know that the tuition will follow when it works in your family budget.

Please let me know if you have questions or concerns.

Your Partner in Ministry,
Kathleen Bell
 Director of Faith Formation

Parishioners without Children



If you are able to provide a scholarship for a student in religious education, there are several families who would be most appreciative.

Any amount would be a grace-filled donation to our Scholarship Fund.

Please make checks payable to STM.

Today is a RE.A.CH day at Church

(So is next Sunday, May 2!)

Operation Rice Bowl

TODAY is the last day to turn in your alms from your family for Lent so we can add our portion to the Diocesan collection. If you can count the contents as a family and send a check (payable to STM) in place of coin, it would be very helpful.



Upcoming RE.A.CH Dates:



April 25	Church Session
May 2	Church Session
May 9	Home Session
May 16	Church Session
May 23-Sep 5	Home Sessions
Sep 12	Church Session

PBJ Update

Food for children at Catholic Charities in Vista

2010 GOAL:	365 jars
Collected to date:	291 jars

Information for Growth

23—Answer

What is the primary function of Jesus' parables?
 D) to invite people to enter his Kingdom (CCC 546)

24—Question

Which doctrine is related to the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist?

- A) Doxology
- B) Incarnation
- C) Transubstantiation
- D) Transfiguration

Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

Chris Smith
Director of Stewardship & Development
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CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

**“My sheep hear my voice;
I know them and they follow me.”**

—John 10:27-30

There are very few family members or friends that we cannot identify by their voice. Jesus tells us that His followers hear His voice. Jesus also says He know us.

Jesus does not need to know our voice. *He knows us!* He knows what we need before we say it.

But do we know the voice of Jesus? And what do we do when we hear the voice of Jesus?

Do we hear the voice of Jesus in our family, our friends and strangers — through the people and events in our lives?

Jesus challenges us to be and do all that God created us to be and do. When we hear ourselves saying, “No, I don’t want to love that person (or take that risk or challenge that evil),” we probably just heard from God.

How do we respond as stewards of our prayer life and of all that God has given us?

Our first response might be “No!” But our final response must be “Yes, Lord!”

—Dcn. J Martinez, Archdiocese of New Orleans,
ICSC April 2010 Parish Newsletter

While we might not dress and speak like the early disciples, in many ways we share similar experiences with them. . . except we live in a country where we aren’t killed for voicing our opinions.

We see today that Paul and Barnabas were actually expelled from Antioch, which eventually became one of the early centers of Christianity. They had fervently preached a message they knew was true and were spreading the word and ministry of Jesus. Even though they met with resistance, anger and rejection, they kept their heads high as they had faith in their mission.

Filled with the joy of the resurrection during this Easter season especially, we do as best as Christian stewards, no matter what obstacles or resistance we meet.

We are guided by the Holy Spirit and constantly renewed through prayer to continue the mission and so many ministries of Jesus. A day doesn’t go by that doesn’t offer us an opportunity to serve the Lord through our Church.



We joyfully welcome our newest Catholics!

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.

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Collection for Week of April 17/18, 2010

Number of Registered Households		1,005
Offertory*	\$	10,108.79
Offertory (Loose Collection)		1,003.50
Children's envelopes		2.00
Total	\$	11,114.29

* 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).

Special thanks to our young donors using the Children’s offertory envelopes for their Christian Stewardship efforts.

Ways to Help Support Your Parish

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

St. Francis and St. Thomas More Offertory Envelopes

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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.

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.

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

Pregnancy Resource Center Walk for Life in Carlsbad—Saturday, May 1, 8:30am, Poinsettia Park, 6600 Hidden Valley Road, Carlsbad. The money raised will support programs for women and teens facing unplanned pregnancies in our community. For more information or to register, contact www.pregnancyresourcecenter.com

Mother-Daughter Retreat at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside—May 7-9. This year's theme is *Bringing Out the Best China*. For more information, contact 760-757-3659.

Help Needed for USPS/Catholic Charities Food Drive—Saturday, May 8, 2:00-7:00pm. Volunteers needed to work shifts helping to sort food collected during the annual Postal Service Drive. Meet in the back parking lot behind Round Table Pizza, 917 E. Vista Way (cross street Vale Terrace), Vista. For more information, call 760-631-4792.

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.



**April 30, 7:30pm
Moonlight
Amphitheater
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.

News from St. Francis Church—Our Neighbor

Announcing the
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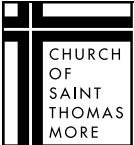
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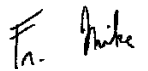
The Catholic Church's Catastrophe

by Peggy Noonan

This is the third in a series of perspectives that I am providing on the clergy sexual abuse crisis that continues to grip the Church. The first by Deacon Greg Kandra, "What Does It Mean To Be Catholic Today?" appeared in the April 11, 2010, STM Bulletin, and the second by Elizabeth Scalia, "Why I Remain A Catholic," appeared in the April 18, 2010, STM Bulletin. I would encourage you to read these if you haven't yet.

This week's perspective is, "The Catholic Church's Catastrophe," written by Peggy Noonan, a columnist for The Wall Street Journal and best-selling author of seven books on American politics, history, and culture.

Her most recent book, John Paul the Great: Remembering a Spiritual Father, was published in 2005.



Peggy Noonan is a Roman Catholic.

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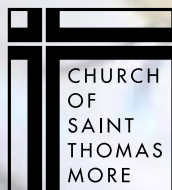
•clothing drive

•bake sale

•car wash

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