

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

May 2, 2010 • Fifth Sunday of Easter

Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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Homily at the Easter Vigil by Diarmuid Martin, Archbishop of Dublin and Primate of Ireland

This is the fourth in a series of perspectives on the clergy sexual abuse crisis now gripping the Church. You will find previous perspectives in my April 11, April 18, and April 25 Pastor's Columns. You are encouraged to read those if you haven't yet.

The Church of Ireland is greatly suffering at this time.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ has changed human history. It enters history...as an explosion of light, light which illuminates the darkness, light which allows us to see reality as it is, light which enables us to discern the good from what is evil. Darkness already begins to be dispelled even when only one single flicker of light appears. Even one single flicker of light can be the beginning of hope within any darkness.

We remember in our prayers this evening all those for whom darkness seems impossible to overcome, for whom darkness seems unbearable and without hope. We remember those for whom the darkness of their past still haunts them. We remember those whose torment and anxiety tears away at their will to live...

As a Christian community we are called to be light in the world. We are called to be with those for whom darkness is excruciating and who see no future, no hope. Woe to a Church which hides and destroys light in people's hearts. Woe to a Church which prevents the light of Christ from appearing as it should.

Resurrection means that death has been definitively conquered. Jesus Christ entered into his passion and death *freely* out of love

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STM 11TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

Thanks to all who contributed to its success—golfers, miniature golfers, diners, sponsors, auction/raffle item donors, and especially volunteers!

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)*

for us. His death was the ultimate expression of his giving of himself. Christ's death lovingly opens the door which leads to resurrection and new life. It is love that transforms death definitively. That explosion of light which is the Resurrection tells us and reminds us even in the darkest days that there is always a future beyond darkness...

In our days there is so much scrutiny and examination of the Church. There are exposés of the failings of the Church; there is questioning of the role of the Church in society in the past and in whatever our future may be. The role of the Church is being examined under a microscope and from every possible direction. The spotlight of the media and public opinion is focused on the failures and the betrayals of Church leaders and a damaging culture which has grown up in the Church.

I am not criticizing the media for that. That is their job. In doing their job some will feel the media have been unfriendly to the Church, even unfair; others will welcome and recognize valid criticism, from whatever angle it comes, even if it comes from people patently unfavorable to the Church. We have to remember that the truth will set the Church free, even if the truth is hard to digest.

Identifying the failures of the Church may, however, be the easier task. There will be some who will hope that such exposure will mortally wound an organization which they consider has gone irreparably astray. But what of those who love the Church? How do we overcome our disgust and shame for the sins of Christians?

The sins of the Church can well be exposed by the spotlight of the media; but the Church will be converted, renewed, and reformed only when it allows the light of Christ to inspire it and guide it. It is the light of Christ which will show the real significance of the darkness that has slipped into our lives.

The light of Christ will expose the sins of Christians but the light of Christ does not abandon us naked and alone in the exposure of our shame and sin. The light of Christ heals, it leads; there is no way we can switch off or dim the light that can open the path to a new future. No generation is too sophisticated not to need the light of Christ; no generation is too sophisticated not to be able to comprehend that light and what it can bring to society...

The tomb signifies a place of death. The Resurrection brings new light. The spirit gathers us as children of the light, prepared with all our weaknesses to ensure that the message of Jesus Christ is not just transmitted abstractly to the next generation, but that the next generation will be a generation inspired by the light of Christ.

The message of the Resurrection comes to us *at* a moment of darkness. The message of the Resurrection comes to *as* a message of hope that the darkness will not prevail.

Christ is truly risen. Let us go out into life filled with joyful hope.

*Archbishop Martin's homily was posted by Rocco Palmo, on his website,
http://whispersintheloggia.blogspot.com/2010/04/quote-of-day_11.html.*

F. Mike

<p>Readings for the Week Ahead Sunday Year C; Weekday Year II Readings online at www.usccb.org.</p> <p>Sunday, May 2 (54) <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i> Acts 14:21-27 Psalm 145:8-13 Revelation 21:1-5a John 13:31-33a,34-35</p> <p>Monday, May 3 (561) <i>Philip and James, apostles</i> 1 Corinthians 15:1-8 Psalm 19:2-3,4-5 John 14:6-14</p> <p>Tuesday, May 4 (286) Acts 14:19-28 Psalm 145:10-11,12-13ab,21 John 14:27-31a</p> <p>Wednesday, May 5 (287) Acts 15:1-6 Psalm 122:1-5 John 15:1-8</p> <p>Thursday, May 6 (288) Acts 15:7-21 Psalm 96:1-3,10 John 15:9-11</p> <p>Friday, May 7 (289) Acts 15:22-31 Psalm 57:8-10,12 John 15:12-17</p> <p>Saturday, May 8 (290) Acts 16:1-10 Psalm 100:1-3,5 John 15:18-21</p> <p>Sunday, May 9 (57) <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i> Acts 15:1-2,22-29 Psalm 67:2-3,5,6,8 Revelation 21:10-14,22-23 John 14:23-29</p>

<p>Mass Intentions</p>
Saturday, May 1, 5:00pm Bud Flanagan ☩
Sunday, May 2, 8:30am Owen Fredette ☩
Sunday, May 2, 10:30am Joseph Vozza ☩
Tuesday, May 4, 8:15am Theresa Monts
Wednesday, May 5, 8:15am William Hoogestraat ☩
Wednesday, May 5, 9:30am Roy Kime <i>Emeritus at Carlsbad</i>
Thursday, May 6, 8:15am Eamonn MacCluskey, Jr. ☩
Friday, May 7, 8:15am Donald Molls ☩
Saturday, May 8, 5:00pm Frances Hoogestraat ☩
Sunday, May 9, 8:30am Antonio Sousa ☩
Sunday, May 9, 10:30am <i>First Communicants</i>

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

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| Mary Alexander
Lucia Ambriz
Patricia Barbour
Cindra Bell
John Bennici
Regina Bentz
Roseanne Berg
George "Whitey" Betus
Tamara Bousquet
Beatrice Brooks & Family
Monica Broussard
Janet Brown
Roseanne Burg
Kathy Buskirk
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
Carmen Garcia
The Garcia Family
Cierra Gerardi
Paul Gibbons
Rick Gonzalez
Eileen Gough
Lee & Annalisa Grant
Rosemary Haeffelin
Anita Hage
Susan Hallahan
The Harker Family
Rita Harnacker
The Hart & Wallace Families
Marge Heath
Lillian Hills
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
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
Laurie Opdyke
Lupe Casas Pelletier
Helen Pingtella
Anne Post
The Pulver Family
Otila Quiroz
Janet Raiman
Isabel Ramires & Family
Joanne Robinson
Sr. Loyola Romey
Dorothy Rouse
Rose Rowland
The Russo Family
Nancy Scali
Linda Schmidt
The Doug Schulte Family
Freda Schweitzer
Jane Sekela
Teresa Shaffer
Richard Sikora
Nick Soltau
Ed Sox
Gilda Spiegel
Marie Sterling
Joan Stringer
Maria Surmenidis
Stephen Toth, Jr.
Barbara Upson
Arnie Velasco
Dominic Vienna, Jr.
Vanessa Vitiello-Koble
Jim Vinters
Kevin Watson-Graff
Ed Wesel
Marilyn Wesel
John Whitton |
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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**
- 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)
 - May 9 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
 - May 9 First Communion at 10:30am Mass

- The Month Ahead**
- May 11 *Resurrection People: Boldly Facing End-of-Life Issues with Faith* Presentation
 - May 11-12 Elephant Bar Dine Out Fundraiser
 - May 15 Confirmation at 5:00pm Mass
 - 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 at 5:00pm and 10:30am Masses
 - 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.

May 3 Sr. Eleanor McNally, CPPS
May 4 Sr. Michele McQueeney, OSF
May 5 Sr. Gloria de Maria Medina, HMSS
May 6 Sr. Luz Divina Medina, DCJ
May 7 Sr. Maria de la Paz Mejia, CVI
May 8 Sr. Natalia Mejia, RJM
May 9 Sr. Martha Mendoza, HMSS

Welcome to

Rita Shepard, who will complete her sacraments of initiation on Wednesday, May 5, at 7:00pm. All are welcome to join us in this celebration.

Flower Donations

We would like to gratefully acknowledge the contribution of:

John & Debbie Fredette

whose generosity helped to defray the cost of flowers this weekend in our liturgical environment.

In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Dale Pulver, who died on April 23. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, May 7, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep his wife Barbara 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.

The St. Thomas More Library

In recent years, after a great beginning, and then over the years, it has been my experience, and that of the staff, that our Parish Library is more and more underutilized. Each year, fewer and fewer people take advantage of what is available. I believe that this is due to the quality libraries in our community, the accessibility of many good local bookstores, and most importantly, the ready accessibility of the internet to find the information for which one is searching.

In light of these facts, and after discussion with the Parish staff, I have decided that we will end this ministry.

The books which pertain to the various ministries of our staff members that are presently in the library will be directed to the various staff members and will be kept in their offices.

Most importantly are the books and DVD's which service our RE.A.CH program. They will be housed right outside of the office of our Faith Formation Director, Kathleen Bell.

Any other books and DVD's not needed by our staff will be donated to North County Solutions for Change.

In doing this, precious space will become available for an office for our Youth Advocate, Marc Raymundo, who begins his ministry on July 1. He will occupy the space that previously was the library. This space will give him easy access to the lower level open space where most of the activities with the youth of the Parish happen.

Our present youth ministers have never had an office or a dedicated space of their own. This is needed now as we expand our youth ministry for the Parish.

Very special thanks go to the Library stewards who, early on, dedicated a great amount of time and effort to develop and maintain the library. And to everyone who has supported the library over the years, I extend my gratitude and thanks.

—Rev. Michael Ratajczak, Pastor

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

Join Us at Monday Night Youth Group
May 3 – 7:00-8:45pm

Questions? 760-726-7236

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.

Assistance to Earthquake Victims in Mexicali

Catholic Charities and Fr. Joe's Villages are leading an outreach to our neighbors in the diocese of Mexicali who were devastated in the recent earthquake. They are working through the Mexicali Caritas Organization which has established five Parishes to be regional centers to help those in need.

Parishes here are encouraged to make a financial contribution to this effort with undesignated available monies and/or by taking up a special collection. As an example of assistance that might be offered, \$200 will provide the food and toiletries for a month for a family of five which is presently living outdoors.

Contributions should be sent to:

Catholic Charities	or	Fr. Joe's Villages
349 Cedar St.		3350 E St.
San Diego, CA 92101		San Diego, CA 92102

Sr. RayMonda DuVall and Fr. Joe Carroll express their thanks in advance.

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.

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. The Parish Bereavement Team will also be providing important information regarding pre-planning funeral liturgies and steps the family needs to take when a death occurs. 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: \$35,522

Households Responding: 262

Average Gift per Household: \$135.58

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!

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 27

	# of Families	
Total Phase II Pledges	Pledging	
Unable to pledge at this time	5	
Under \$1,000	135	
\$1,000 and up	65	
\$1,500 and up	118	
\$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	\$1,280,988	464
Still Needed	\$719,012	540
Total Goal	\$2,000,000	1,004

THANK YOU DONORS!!!



Are you one of the 464 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

Middle School Youth Group



Monday, May 3 • 7:00-8:30pm

Got Jesus? &
Summer Planning

Visit our website: www.stmoside.org/ym

Email: ronb@stmoside.org

Call Ron or Louise Briseno at 760-758-4100 x153

Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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

STRETCHED BY THE SPIRIT

Scripture Themes for May

by Patricia Datchuck
Sánchez and Rafael
Sánchez Alonso,
Celebration May 2010.

With permission.

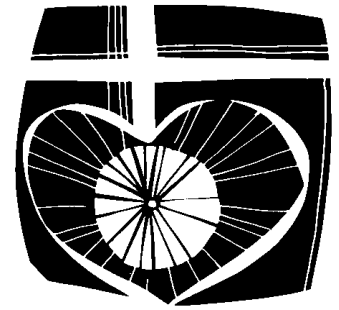
Experiences of well-being punctuated by periods of struggle are inherent to the growth and development of every living organism. If an organism can develop adequate coping skills, these struggles can prove to be an impetus for it to achieve strength, stability, and a greater sense of purpose. If these challenges are not met or prove to be overwhelming, then the life of the organism is threatened with extinction. So it is with the living, breathing entity we call church.

The first believers in Jesus found themselves in a polarized world. *Pax Romana* notwithstanding, it was the empire versus the people living under its oppression; it was slave against free person; Jew versus gentile, man versus woman, clergy versus laity. Baptism into Christ did not automatically resolve these differences. As the sacred texts for May will affirm, the believers' process of preserving their unity in Christ while respecting their diversity was not without its challenges.

The changing complexion of the community gave rise to disagreements about its missiology. People also had differing interpretations about how the gift of salvation was to be claimed. Was Paul correct in his insistence that the cross of Christ was sufficient for the salvation of sinners who accepted its grace by faith, or were James and his party right to require that gentiles go through Moses—that is, the law, circumcision, and dietary prescriptions—before being welcomed to Christ?

Was Stephen too severe in his critique of Jewish history, or was he simply urging his contemporaries to welcome a universal Messiah? Was Peter correct to accept Cornelius' hospitality and to welcome him through baptism as his brother in Christ? Or was Peter more correct when he acceded to James' authority and pushed away from the table of fellowship with gentiles? Should Paul and Barnabas have set out on their own and parted ways with those who clung to centuries-old traditions? Or were they being more sensitive to the Spirit by traveling to Jerusalem to meet with the apostles and elders in order to find a solution that would preserve the unity of the community?

To their credit, those early disciples recognized that theirs was not solely a human enterprise. On the contrary, it was grace, first in the person of Jesus and then in the abiding presence of the Spirit, that assured their stability and survival. Theirs was an organism with the clay feet of humanity, with the divine head of Jesus Christ, with the breath of the Spirit to enliven, inspire, and empower them. As their waiting for Jesus' return stretched into weeks, months, and then years, they remembered the words Jesus had spoken to them before his death (May 9, 16) and began to rely more and more on the power of the promised Spirit to teach them, to remind them, to guide them, to defend them, and to ignite their efforts with a passion they had never known. They recalled the evening when Jesus breathed that Spirit into them and the day of Pentecost when they began to realize its power at work within them (May 23). To their immense credit, they came together in the presence of the Spirit and worked out compromises that would maintain their unity. What great wisdom they showed in announcing, "It is the decision of the Holy Spirit



and of us..." (May 9).

Through the centuries, that same Spirit has been present to those who are open and discerning. At times, however, we have fixated upon our differences instead of entrusting ourselves to the Spirit who brings us together. The late Walter Burghardt lamented what he called the two camps or two mentalities of the church (*Long Have I Loved You*, Orbis Books, 2000). He refused to call them conservative and liberal, broad and narrow, or pre-Vatican II and Vatican II Catholics. Such labels are emotional, fighting words that fail to do justice to the situation. Rather, Burghardt chose to call them "strict" and "elastic." Strict implies rigid exactness, particularly about rules or standards. Elastic means readily stretched without essential alteration. It is the Spirit who enables believers to maintain a healthy and holy balance between strictness and elasticity: not so rigid that we can't recognize and appreciate ideas, beliefs, or spiritualities other than our own, and not so elastic that we lose our identity as Christians. Ours is to be a way of living and being that reflects our belonging to God but does not presume that God belongs solely to us.

Intrinsic to our belonging is a willingness to be stretched by the Spirit until we are able to regard all things as possible and accept that the "impossible" (such as a world without war, a married clergy, true protection for the rights of immigrants and refugees, women priests, an end to poverty, homelessness, hunger, and disease) will simply take a little more time and a lot more stretching.

Upcoming Music

MAY 8/9
Sixth Sunday of Easter

5:00pm Mass
Cantor

8:30am Mass
Cantor

10:30am Mass
Cantor

Friday, May 7 ♦ 8:45am - 7:30pm

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
FEAST OF ST. ROSE VENERINI

We pray...that we may live lives of service.

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel!

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

Sign-Up

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

- ◆ Thanks to all the families who picked up their packets last Sunday, and especially those who have returned them already!
- ◆ If you didn't pick up your re-enrollment packet, please stop by the lower level and get it today! This saves us lots of postage.
- ◆ High School families need to re-enroll as well.
- ◆ 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. A Payment Plan form is available.

Please let me know if you have questions or concerns.

Your Partner in Ministry,

Kathleen Bell

Director of Faith Formation

Parishioners without Children at Home



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 grateful donation to our Scholarship Fund.

Checks are payable to STM.

Thank you for your help in sharing our Catholic faith with our future church.

PBJ Update

Food for children at Catholic Charities in Vista

2010 GOAL: 365 jars
 Collected to date: 306 jars

Today is a RE.A.CH day at Church

(If you miss today, please make an appointment to come in to make up your Unit Test this week)

Upcoming RE.A.CH Dates



May 2	Church Session
May 9	Home Session
May 16	Church Session
May 23-Sep 5	Home Sessions
July 19-23	VBS
Sep 12	Church Session

Easter Sacraments Continue

Next Sunday, we will have First Communion at the 10:30am Mass, as we also celebrate Mother's Day.

We will then celebrate Confirmation at the 5:00pm Mass on May 15 with Bishop Chavez.

First Communion will also be celebrated at the 5:00pm Mass on June 12 and the 10:30am Mass on June 13.

If you have been a Prayer Partner for one of these young persons and would like to leave a note or card for him or her, there is a container on top of the bookcase outside the Faith Formation Office.

Information for Growth

24—Answer

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

C) Transubstantiation (CCC 1376)



25—Question

What are all baptized people called to do?

- A) send their children to Catholic school
- B) go to Mass daily
- C) share their faith
- D) become a catechist



Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

Chris Smith
Director of Stewardship & Development
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CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP God's Caretakers

All of us are caretakers. Nothing belongs to us; everything belongs to God. Not all men and women realize this, but Christians do and strive to please God in the use of all that God has put in their care.

As Christian stewards, our lifestyles reflect the fact that we know, honor and respect the fact that everything we 'have' is gift and we care for our gifts accordingly.

Stewardship Prayer

O Lord, giver of life and the source of our freedom,
we are reminded by the psalmist that yours is
"the earth and all its fullness;
the world and those who dwell in it."

We know that it is in your hand that we have received
all we have, and are, and will be.

Gracious and loving God,
we understand that you call us to be
the stewards of your abundance,
the caretakers of all you have entrusted to us.

Help us always to use your gifts wisely and
teach us to share them generously.

May our faithful stewardship bear witness to
the love of Christ in our lives.

We pray with grateful hearts, in Jesus' name. Amen.

—Stewardship Parish Newsletter, May 2010 (reprinted with permission)



Thank you St. Thomas More Stewards!

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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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**

"Did You Know?" Collection for April 2010

\$2,118.46

Collection for Week of April 24/25, 2010

Number of Registered Households		1,004
Offertory*	\$	5,570.71
Offertory (Loose Collection)		1,085.50
Children's envelopes		0.00
Total	\$	6,656.21

* 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

Old Testament Series at Mission San Luis Rey Retreat Center in Oceanside—Thursday, May 6, 13, 20, and 27, 10:30am or 7:00pm, with James Lockman, OFM. These classes are geared to introduce adult Christians to the origins and meaning of the Old Testament. For more information, contact 760-757-3659 or www.sanluisrey.org.

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.

Experience the 12-Step Series at Mission San Luis Rey Retreat Center in Oceanside—Thursdays, May 13, June 10, July 8, and August 12, with Bill Degnan and Kelly Cullen, OFM. Join in an "Out of the Box" evening reflection on spiritual growth, healing, and the lifetime journey known as recovery. For more information, contact 760-757-3659 or www.sanluisrey.org.

Pilgrimage to Turin and Medjugorje—May 18—Join Sr. Margaret Kelly, O.P., Director of Religious Education at Mission San Diego for a trip of the decade! The Shroud will be on display only two months for the first time since 2000. Then see the beauty of Croatia and the Adriatic Sea as we make a crossing from Ancona, Italy, to Split, Croatia, and on to the Marian site of Medjugorje. For more information, call Sister Margaret at 619-624-0900.

Magnificat Women's Group Breakfast Meeting in San Diego—Saturday, May 22, 9:30am, at the Mission Valley Sheraton. The speaker will be Barbara Ackerman, "The Book Lady" of Spirit Books & Gifts. Come hear the story behind her ministry. For more information and reservations, call 858-578-1256.

Marriage Help—Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vī) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you, too. For confidential information about or to register for the June program

beginning with a weekend on June 4-6, contact 951-259-9474 or SanDiego@RetroCA.com or www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

The Treasure Box Grocery Plan in North County—is an economic meal program that provides a 21-25 lb. pre-assembled box of frozen food for \$30 (a savings of up to 65% off grocery store prices). For more information, including locations in your area, please visit www.thetreasurebox.org.

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

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

Marriage Encounter Weekends—For more information, contact daveandcheryl@cost.net or 619-303-5053.

Thank You for the Baby Food Drive!

Dear St. Thomas More Parishioners,

We were able to serve 1,208 women in 2009 and 290 so far this year. We teamed up with Image Clear Ultra Sound on Mondays in Oceanside and Thursdays in our parking lot, seeing 13 clients in March. Many of these are abortion-minded women who have changed their minds after seeing "their baby." We had our fourteenth "Woman 360" program last week. Our clients gave birth to 61 babies in 2009. We started training six new volunteers on April 6, and we recertified all or your volunteers in March. We are in the process of renting more space for a new program to teach our clients parenting skills while earning baby bucks that they can use to purchase new baby items from our *Earn While You Learn* store. Your wonderful donation of \$204 and lots and lots of formula and baby food helps to make all of this possible. You are a very important part of this ministry. It is an honor to be working with you saving babies one mom at a time.

God bless you,
John McDonnell, President of the Board
Birth Choice of San Marcos

News from St. Francis Church—Our Neighbor

Target Take Charge of Education—Designate St. Francis School #3291 on your Target charge account. Visit www.target.com/tcoe for more information




St. Francis Catholic School Observes Yom HaShoah—St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School recently hosted a Yom HaShoah service in observance of Israel's day of commemoration for the approximately six million Jews who perished in the Holocaust. The remembrance ceremony, hosted by the 8th grade class and organized by the school Librarian, Mrs. Kay O'Connell, also honored local area Holocaust survivors and included prayer songs by Cantor Jeff Wayne from the local Jewish community.

May Crowning—Saturday, May 1, 8:45am, with procession and Mass.

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