

# 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 9, 2010 • Sixth Sunday of Easter

## Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak  
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### We Are Being Forced to Our Knees

*This is the fifth in a series of perspectives that I am providing on the clergy sexual abuse crisis that continues to grip the Church.*

*There will be a sixth perspective next week, and then on Pentecost Sunday, May 23, I will conclude this series with my own personal thoughts.*

*Here is a list of the previously published perspectives in our Parish Bulletin:*

*"What Does It Mean to Be Catholic?"*

*by Deacon Greg Kendra, April 11, 2010;*

*"Why I Remain a Catholic"*

*by Elizabeth Scalia, April 18, 2010;*

*"The Catholic Church's Catastrophe"*

*by Peggy Noonan, April 25, 2010;*

*"Homily at the Easter Vigil, April 3, 2010"*

*by Diarmuid Martin, Archbishop of Dublin and Primate of Ireland, May 2, 2010.*

*If you have not yet read these, I would encourage you to do so. They are available on our Parish website: [www.stmoside.org](http://www.stmoside.org).*

*I now share with you the words of Bishop Raymond Luecker taken from a column that he wrote in 1993 entitled, "We Are Being Forced to Our Knees." Bishop Luecker, who died in 2002, was the Ordinary of the Diocese of New Ulm, Minnesota for 25 years. These were, and are, very prophetic words, considering that they were penned 17 years ago!*

*His words are a reminder that our Church Leadership's attention to clergy abuse was and is very uneven. There are Bishops who began to address the issue many years ago, and, for some, it is only a recent concern that they are now beginning to face.*

*(Continued on page 2)*

Plan to eat at the Elephant Bar & Grill in San Marcos May 11 or 12 and raise money for STM!

## 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)*

These are difficult times for the Church that we all love... We see confusion and dissent, religious ignorance, quarreling among ourselves, decrease in attendance at Mass, people alienated and dropping out, an ever-growing shortage of priests, struggle over gender issues, and sexual misconduct.

I would like to focus on one issue: public scandals by the clergy and others in the Church, especially over the issue of sexual abuse of minors. All too often, Church Leaders have failed to recognize the nature and severity of such abuse, have simply not known what to do about it. As a consequence, response from such leaders has looked like covering up, denial. Attempts at damage control have taken the form of manipulation of the press, have resulted in lack of concern for victims, families and for parish communities. We need to acknowledge what we don't know, and apologize for acting like we did know. We are still disciples and need to be taught, need to learn. We have to acknowledge institutional sinfulness.

I believe we are being forced to our knees, forced to recognize that we are not in charge, but rather God is in charge of the Church. We are being forced to recognize that we are human. We are coming to acknowledge and admit that as a Church (not just as individuals) we have made mistakes. We have a hard time admitting this. Suppose we come to a point where through these scandals we lose all of our savings. Suppose in the process we lose power, prestige, and control. We are not perfect. We are sinful people. We can't solve all the problems. We have to live with ambiguity and gray areas. We are vessels of clay.

We will then come to recognize that we are servants. Jesus showed us how to rule by washing the feet of others. He told us that the princes of this world lord it over others, but it is not to be this way with us. We are called to be servants and to wash one another's feet. Yes, we are being called to our knees. I believe this applies especially to our Bishops, who for so long have carried the trappings of feudal lords with all the titles and dress and privileges that go along with it. It seems to me that we are being forced to recognize that we do not have much power, and that is all right. We are called to be ministers of the word, of the worship of God, and the service of others. We come before the Lord and cry out "I am alone and afraid. I am surrounded by those who hate me. Everything is gone."

We come to a point where we admit we are powerless—our lives have become unmanageable—and there is a power greater than ourselves. We come before God and cry out, "Lord, you are my God. I need you." All of us, Church Leaders and the Faithful, are called to accept the Lord as the center of our lives. I am speaking of dependence on God, daily conversion, coming before the Lord in faith and prayer, seeking mercy and forgiveness. I hope and pray that through the grace of God we will be able to respond to the present scandals in the Church, reach out in love and healing to victims, reach out in forgiveness and reconciliation to perpetrators, and come before the Lord as a community of believers to recognize our need.

*F. Mike*

**Readings for the Week Ahead**  
 Sunday Year C; Weekday Year II  
 Readings online at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org).

**Sunday, May 9 (57)**  
*Sixth Sunday of Easter*  
 Acts 15:1-2,22-29  
 Psalm 67:2-3,5,6,8  
 Revelation 21:10-14,22-23  
 John 14:23-29

**Monday, May 10 (291)**  
 Acts 16:11-15  
 Psalm 149:1-6,9  
 John 15:26-16:4a

**Tuesday, May 11 (292)**  
 Acts 16:22-34  
 Psalm 138:1-3,7,8  
 John 16:5-11

**Wednesday, May 12 (293)**  
 Acts 17:15,22-18:1  
 Psalm 148:1-2,11-14  
 John 16:12-15

**Thursday, May 13 (294)**  
 Acts 18:1-8  
 Psalm 98:1-4  
 John 16:16-20

**Friday, May 14 (564)**  
*Matthias, apostle*  
 Acts 1:15-17,20-26  
 Psalm 113:1-8  
 John 15:9-17

**Saturday, May 15 (296)**  
 Acts 18:23-28  
 Psalm 47:2-3,8-9,10  
 John 16:23b-28

**Sunday, May 16 (58)**  
*The Ascension of the Lord*  
 Acts 1:1-11  
 Psalm 47:2-3,6-7,8-9  
 Ephesians 1:17-23  
 Luke 24:46-53

Mass Intentions
Saturday, May 8, 5:00pm Frances Hoogestraat ☩
Sunday, May 9, 8:30am Antonio Sousa ☩
Sunday, May 9, 10:30am <i>First Communicants</i>
Tuesday, May 11, 8:15am <i>Mother's Day Triduum</i>
Wednesday, May 12, 8:15am <i>Mother's Day Triduum</i>
Wednesday, May 12, 9:30am Tara Joy O'Toole <i>Pacific Place</i>
Thursday, May 13, 8:15am <i>Mother's Day Triduum</i>
Friday, May 14, 8:15am Christie Hatch
Saturday, May 15, 5:00pm <i>Confirmation</i>
Sunday, May 16, 8:30am Stan & Jane Potera
Sunday, May 9, 10:30am Herman & Helen Ratajczak ☩

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

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  
 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  
 Cierra Gerardi  
 Paul Gibbons  
 Rick Gonzalez  
 Eileen Gough  
 Rosemary Haeffelin  
 Anita Hage  
 Susan Hallahan  
 The Harker Family  
 Rita Harnacker  
 The Hart & Wallace Families  
 Marge Heath  
 Lilian Hills  
 The Jacobson Family  
 The Jacqueline Johnson Family  
 Sue Johnston  
 Eileen Jones  
 Paul Kennedy  
 Debbie Kinney  
 George Kleekamp  
 Sr. Anne Kremenik  
 Helen Kuhn  
 Lillian Lachance  
 The Lamelin Family  
 Bernie Lanzrath  
 Rick Laver  
 Brandon LeBlanc  
 Cassandra Loretto  
 Lauren Loretto  
 The Luisi Family  
 James MacArthur  
 Tom Malmros  
 The Mazur Family  
 The McCullough & Lynn Families  
 Bob McWilliams  
 Dorothy McWilliams  
 Carol Michael  
 June Mitchell  
 Morrie Mitchell

Joseph Michael Moore  
 Nancy Moore  
 Margie Myers  
 R. Northrup  
 Helen O'Connell  
 Laurie Opdyke  
 Lupe Casas Pelletier  
 Helen Pingtella  
 Anne Post  
 The Pulver Family  
 Otila Quiroz  
 Janet Raiman  
 Joanne Robinson  
 Sr. Loyola Romey  
 Dorothy Rouse  
 The Rowland Family  
 The Russo Family  
 Nancy Scali  
 Linda Schmidt  
 The Doug Schulte Family  
 Freda Schweitzer  
 Jane Sekela  
 Teresa Shaffer  
 Richard Sikora  
 Nick Soltau  
 Ed Sox  
 Gilda Spiegl  
 Marie Sterling  
 Joan Stringer  
 Maria Surmenidis  
 Stephen Toth, Jr.  
 Barbara Upson  
 Arnie Velasco  
 Dominic Vienna, Jr.  
 Vanessa Vitiello-Koble  
 Jim Walters  
 Kevin Watson-Graff  
 Ed Wesel  
 Marilyn Wesel  
 John Whitton  
 Jocelyn Wilson

**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](http://www.stmoside.org)) for complete calendar information.

**The Week Ahead**

May 9 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass

May 9 First Communion at 10:30am Mass

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 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass

May 16 RE.A.CH Classes at church

**The Month Ahead**

May 22 Women's Guild Annual Luncheon at Shadowridge Country Club

**The Year Ahead**

June 4-6 Parish Campout

June 12 Women's Guild Installation Luncheon

June 12-13 First Communion at 5:00pm and 10:30am Masses

June 20 Spirited Seniors Retreat at Prince of Peace Abbey

June 27 *JustFaith* Potluck

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](mailto: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 10 Sr. Angela Therese Meram, IHM
May 11 Sr. Mary Leonita Metoyer, RSM
May 12 Sr. Juanita Mary Meyer, CSJ
May 13 Sr. Bertha Meza, SJS
May 14 Sr. Marilupe Mier y Teran, HMSS
May 15 Sr. C. Rose Miles, SFCC
May 16 Sr. M. Imelda Mission, MC

## Flower Donations

We would like to gratefully acknowledge the contribution of:

**Greg & Jo Hoogestraat**

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

## In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

**Marjorie Ann Jacobson**, who died on May 1. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, May 13, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep her family in your prayers.

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

## Heartnotes

There are a few places available for the Adult CPR/AED class scheduled for Saturday, May 15, 8:30am-1:00pm.

CPR is one of the most important skills for any adult or teenager to acquire and it's not rocket science. Get the confidence and the ability to respond when a loved one has a medical emergency.

The cost is \$27 per person, and the American Red Cross certification is valid for one year.

If you have any questions about the St. Thomas More CPR program, contact medical director Dr. Phil Goscienski at [drphilg@cox.net](mailto:drphilg@cox.net) or 760-732-1414.

## 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 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 SCRIP table after weekend Masses or the Parish Office during the week. Thank you!*

# BOUNDARIES

WHERE DO YOU DRAW THE LINE?

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Monday, May 10, 7:00-8:30pm

## Women's Guild News

**Spring in Bloom**—Our annual spring luncheon and only meeting in May 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.**

**June Installation**—Installation of officers will take place at Shadowridge Country Club on Saturday, June 12. Cost is \$20. You may choose between Sunburst salad of romaine with berries, oranges, chicken, or spinach salad with mushrooms, egg, berries, and salmon. Checks may be placed in box 35 with your choice listed in memo, or you may purchase tickets after Mass May 29-30 or June 5-6. Quilts will be on display at this luncheon.

**Quilt Raffle**—By now everyone has received the Quilt Raffle tickets. Photos of the thirteen quilts being raffled on June 12 were displayed in the border of the letter. Ticket stubs and monies may be returned in the offertory collection basket in an envelope marked "Women's Guild Quilt Raffle." Please make checks payable to STM Women's Guild. The quilts will be on display at the Women's Guild Luncheon on Saturday, May 22, and on the Plaza on Sunday May 30, and on Sunday, June 6. The quilts are of various sizes and would make wonderful gifts for your graduate. Thank you for your generous support.

## 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 at 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?

## 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.

## Annual Catholic Appeal 2010 Update

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

**Pledge Total to Date: \$37,155**

**Households Responding: 276**

**Average Gift per Household: \$134.62**

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**

Please see the capital campaign insert, which contains the text of Bill Ipsen's update talk at last week's Masses.

Chris Smith, Director of Stewardship and Development  
760-758-4100 x120 or [chriss@stmoside.org](mailto:chriss@stmoside.org)

## 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](mailto:kaleiann@sbcglobal.net).

## STM 11th Anniversary Golf Classic

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

Watch for our check presentation to Fr. Mike in next week's bulletin!



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

- ◆ Limited seating is available for \$250 per seat (one-half tax deductible) ~ 103 seats are already reserved!
- ◆ Delicious dinner at Shadowridge Country Club, hors d'oeuvres, open bar, and chef's choice dessert.



AT THE MIRAGE WITH JAY LENO

- ◆ Back by popular demand, The Alley Cats entertaining with an extended show and more!

To sign up now for this exciting event, contact:

**Chris Smith**  
760-758-4100 x120 or  
[chriss@stmoside.org](mailto:chriss@stmoside.org)

# Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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## MISSION AND MYSTAGOGY

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“Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.” With those words, all the baptized are dismissed from the Eucharist. For those who were baptized at Easter, the significance of this is that it is a new dismissal. As catechumens, they were dismissed after the homily to continue being formed by the word of God and the teachings of the church. As neophytes, now they remain with the baptized and take their part in the work of the faithful: to offer intercession, praise, sacrifice, and thanksgiving to the Father. In other words, the baptized continue the work of Jesus, in whose name they pray, who is present within and among them and in the sacrament at the altar.

But the work of the baptized and the goal of Christian initiation is not completed by participating in the

liturgy of the Eucharist. The Eucharist itself is not complete until those who have celebrated it return to the world from which they came to continue to offer intercession, praise, and thanksgiving through their attitudes, actions, and interactions in everyday life. The mission of Jesus was to proclaim the Good News of God’s reign and to bring all people to the Father, and that is the mission into which we all are baptized.

During the Fifty Days of Easter, and for about a year, the neophytes participate in mystagogy, a Greek word that means “teaching the mysteries.” The mysteries this refers to are primarily the sacraments. During this time, and throughout their lives, the neophytes and all the faithful deepen their understanding of what it means to have been



baptized and confirmed and to continue to participate in all the sacraments, particularly the Eucharist. At the end of every Mass, we are offered a small reminder that to participate in the sacraments is to take on the work and mission of Jesus.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

### A Blessing for Mothers

*We bless you and we praise you,  
God of our mothers!*

*You are the God of Eve,  
mother of all the living.*

*You are the God of Sarah, who  
laughed at childbearing in old  
age.*

*You are the God of Rebekah, who  
favored her second-born, Jacob.*

*You are the God of Leah, mother of  
tribes, and of Rachel, who  
mourned and wrestled and won.*

*You are the God of Hannah,  
who strongly sang your praise for  
Samson, and of Naomi,  
who faithfully walked with Ruth.*

*You are the God of Elizabeth,  
who bore the Baptist,  
and of Ann,  
the grandmother of Jesus.*

*You are the God of Mary, Spirit’s  
spouse and mother of our Savior,  
given by Christ on the cross  
to be the mother of us all.*

*We thank you, God,  
for the gift of our mothers, for  
grandmothers and godmothers  
and mothers-in-law, too.*

*Send your Holy Spirit  
upon our mothers,  
at whose breasts we were fed,  
by whose hands we were cleaned  
and clothed, at times corrected,  
in whose laps we learned to sing  
and speak and play and pray,  
at whose side we hear your word  
and celebrate your mysteries.*

*Heal their pains and  
disappointments.*

*Forgive all that needs to be  
forgiven.*

*Give to them the good that they have  
given others.*

*Welcome to your bosom those who  
have died.*

*Fill this world, O God,  
with a mother’s love!*

*We ask this  
through your Son Jesus Christ,  
who desires to gather us together  
as a hen gathers her brood  
under her wings.*

*He lives and reigns with you and  
the Holy Spirit,  
one God forever and ever.*

*Amen.*

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### Upcoming Music

**MAY 15/16**  
**The Ascension  
of the Lord /  
Confirmation**

**5:00pm Mass**

Youth Praise  
Adult Praise

**8:30am Mass**

Cantor &  
Congregation

**10:30am Mass**

Cantor &  
Congregation

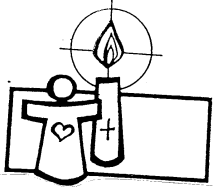
# Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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

## Sacrament Celebrations This Week

We welcome into full Communion with the Catholic Church:



*Rita Jean Shepard*



Through Baptism, we welcome into our faith community:

*Taylor Alexis Geiger  
 Rebeca Sarah Martinez  
 Myah Eliza Morente*



We welcome to the table of the Lord:

*Christopher Francis Beauchamp  
 Bryan Scott Duncan  
 Triston Johnson  
 Trent Edward Kizer  
 Sydney K Lorton  
 Lauren Elise Molony  
 Melyssa Marie Oliva  
 Sophia Claire Perun  
 Nicole Antonia Pocina  
 Brianna Teresa Rolfini  
 Alexis Rose Zakrewsky  
 Jordan Danielle Zakrewsky*

**Today is a RE.A.CH day at Home**  
 (Last church session: May 16)

## Thanks for Your Phenomenal Support!

The 2010 Confirmation Candidates (the kids in the red shirts!!) send a big, heartfelt thank you to the generous parishioners of St. Thomas More. We appreciate so much your support of our Bake Wash. The day was a huge success. With all of our efforts last weekend, including clean up for the Golf Dinner, we collected over \$1,100 to support the programs at Stand Up for Kids—Oceanside. So many volunteers helped to make our project a success and we thank all of you who had your cars washed, bought our baked goods and donated clothing and cash. It helps us in our faith development to know that we have such a vibrant community with us on our journey. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

## RE.A.CH Enrollment for 2010-2011

Thanks for picking up your re-enrollment packets for next year! We appreciate the speedy return from so many. It would be very helpful if they were all completed and returned by our last session on May 16.

Payment Plan Forms are available at the Faith Formation Office, or just send me an email and I'll return one to you.

*Kathleen Bell*

## PBJ Update

Food for children at Catholic Charities in Vista

2010 GOAL:	365 jars
Collected to date:	306 jars

## Information for Growth

### # 25—Answer

What are all baptized people called to do?

C) share their faith (CCC 1270)



### # 26—Question

What is the theological virtue of faith?

- A) the gift by which we believe in God, all he has said and revealed
- B) the virtue by which we trust in God's promise of eternal life
- C) the virtue by which we believe what others tell us
- D) the way we practice our religion



# Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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## CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP City of God

Today's reading from Revelation offers a vision of the City of God, the new Jerusalem. However, the bishop's pastoral on stewardship reminds us, "that 'life to come' is in continuity with this present life through the human goods, the worthy human purposes, which people foster now."

—Stewardship by the Book, S. Hueckel

There is a saying that life is what happens while we are busy making other plans. It is natural to want everything to be perfect in life, however life doesn't always work out that way.

We are all here for a purpose. God has gifted each of us in a variety of ways and our lives should reflect how we are using those gifts and making a return, with gratitude, each day.

One hallmark of mature discipleship is realizing that we can never have it all or do it all. We *can* create a plan for what we want to do and what we would like to accomplish.

The first thing to remember is that you are the church and are living in the City of God right now!

Does this seem a bit daunting? *This is the City of God?* Life is what we make it. What are we doing to make it better? Raising our fists at the daily news doesn't make life better.

Rather than dwelling on what is wrong in life, doing what we can to make this a better place always helps our mindset and peace of mind. God smiles on this type of attitude.

*The following tips from Scott Bader, Archdiocese of Seattle, are worth review and consideration:*

- ✠ *Don't define yourself by your possessions—someone will always have more or better possessions than you.*
- ✠ *There is little correlation between money and happiness—once people's basic needs are met, the correlation between money and happiness levels off dramatically.*
- ✠ *Being constantly and consistently grateful is one important way to make yourself happier. Dwelling on the good things in life (even things like having heat in our homes, electricity, and a warm shower) will improve your happiness level.*
- ✠ *Studies show that devoting a lot of time and money to things that bring short-term happiness—eating out, shopping or expensive pastimes—won't bring long-term happiness.*
- ✠ *Having purpose or direction in your life is a primary way to increase your happiness.*

—ICSC Newsletter, December 2009

Take some time this coming week to reflect on how much time you spend on positive pursuits. Consider how much time and energy go to 'worldly' pursuits—and how much time is spent giving back to God through various ministerial opportunities right here in our backyard. Again, we are the church.

One group of people who deserve huge kudos this week are all of our MOTHERS! Very special thanks to each of you—mothers, grandmothers, aunts, godmothers, sisters and special friends—Your commitment and love are so very much appreciated!

**Happy Mother's Day!**

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## Collection for Week of May 1/2, 2010

Number of Registered Households		1,003
Offertory*	\$	15,914.37
Offertory (Loose Collection)		1,031.00
Children's envelopes		0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>16,945.37</b>

\* 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](mailto:parishoffice@stmoside.org).

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## News from the Larger Church

**Old Testament Series at Mission San Luis Rey Retreat Center in Oceanside**—Thursday, May 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](http://www.sanluisrey.org).

**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](http://www.sanluisrey.org).

**Hymns of Celebration Concert in San Diego**—Sunday, May 16, 4:00pm, First United Methodist Church of San Diego, 2111 Camino del Rio S, San Diego. Featuring the Chancel Choir, Masterwork Chorale and Congregation, with Robert Plimpton, organ, and Stanley M. Wicks, director. Free will offering. For more information and to arrange for childcare, call 619-297-4366.

**The Easter Call at Mission San Luis Rey Retreat Center in Oceanside**—Wednesday, May 19, at 10:30am or 5:30pm. A scripture exploration of the meaning of our Christian lives today with Larry Dolan, OFM. Please bring your bible. For more information, contact 760-757-3659 or [www.sanluisrey.org](http://www.sanluisrey.org).

**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.

**A Composer’s Concert in San Marcos**—Sunday, May 23, 5:00pm, San Marcos Lutheran Church, 3419 Grand Ave., San Marcos. Featuring choral music by David Lewis and performed by the San Luis Rey Chorale and Orchestra, this will be a celebration of the new Rodgers organ and in gratitude for our accompanist, Judith Moore. Also Sunday, May 30, 5:00pm, Trinity Episcopal Church, 845 Chestnut, at Ninth Ave., Escondido, with brief, traditional Choral Evensong. Freewill offering.

**You Can Help Your Marriage**—Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vī) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped 10’s of 1000’s of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. 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](mailto:SanDiego@RetroCA.com) or [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com).

**Retreat for Widowed, Divorced, and Separated Persons at Prince of Peace Abbey in Oceanside**—July 16-18 (other weekends are scheduled for November 12-14 and January 28-30, 2011). A trained team of peers leads participants through a healing and growth experience. If you are willing to put your feelings of anger and despair behind you and desire a new beginning, this weekend may be for you. For further information, call Cathy at 619-222-9093 or Maureen at 619-447-0622.

**John Michael Talbot in Concert in Anaheim**—Saturday, September 4, 3:30-5:00pm, Anaheim Convention Center. This free concert is held in conjunction with the 39th Annual SCRC Catholic Renewal Convention. For more information, contact [www.scrc.org](http://www.scrc.org) or 818-771-1361.

**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](http://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](http://www.diocese-sdiego.org/evangelization.htm) or 858-490-8230.

**Marriage Encounter Weekends**—For more information, contact [daveandcheryl@cost.net](mailto:daveandcheryl@cost.net) or 619-303-5053.

## News from St. Francis Church—Our Neighbor




**St. Francis School Twilight Shuffle**—Saturday, May 22, 6:00-9:30pm. Tickets: \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. Admission includes 3 wine tastings, \$50 in gaming credit, complimentary appetizers and non-alcoholic beverages. Activities include blackjack style gaming, liar’s dice game, no-host bar. RSVP to 760-630-7960.

**St. Francis Parish Festival**—Sunday, May 23, 8:30am-9:30pm. Enjoy a family day at the annual festival with great food, games, pony rides, petting zoo, entertainment, and more! See the yellow insert in today’s bulletin for more details and a raffle ticket form for cash drawings. Proceeds benefit the students of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School.

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# “Our Journey Into The Future . . . Together”

## Phase II

**UPDATE**  
May 2, 2010

*Text of presentation by Bill Ipsen at all Masses the weekend of May 2, 2010*

I'm Bill Ipsen, chairperson of our capital campaign. Fr. Mike has asked that I take a few minutes this weekend to give you an update on Phase II of our campaign which began in January of this year.

On the weekend of January 16-17, I was able to share with you the good news regarding the **completion** of our five-year capital campaign, “*Our Journey Into The Future . . . Together*” Phase I, and also announce the **immediate inception of our next campaign**, “*Our Journey Into The Future . . . Together*” Phase II.

As you may recall, Phase I of our campaign was a great success with 90% Parish participation and \$5.7 million in pledges and gifts raised as we continue toward our goal of constructing our permanent church. When we consider the economic realities of the past two years, we are justifiably pleased that Phase I of this campaign was so successful.

At that same time, I presented a fantastic opportunity that Fr. Mike was able to work out with Bishop Brom and the Diocese, to continue on our path toward construction of our permanent church. As you know, the Diocese made a one-time offer to St. Thomas More: if we are able to raise and collect \$2 million in the next two years (2010 and 2011), giving us a total of \$5 million dollars on deposit, the Diocese will grant us a loan for the remaining balance, allowing us to begin construction immediately. This timing would also allow us to take advantage of lower construction costs and lower interest costs, which could save an additional \$500,000 to \$1 million in overall project costs.

This is a **great** opportunity, and we must do everything we can to take advantage of it. If we do not take advantage of this exception to the usual Diocesan loan guidelines, it will delay construction for years.

As Phase II of the campaign began, we started out very quickly toward our goal of \$2 million. Prior to the actual start of the campaign, we met with several groups of Parishioners who pledged over \$600,000 to get the campaign started. In the ensuing three months, thanks to the generosity of 464 of our members, we have an additional \$675,000 in pledges, which brings our current total to \$1,275,000. As of today, 46% of our Parish has accepted the challenge and has pledged 64% of our goal. We are getting close, but we are not yet there. Of equal concern is the fact that our 24 months are now down to 20 months. So today I am asking everyone in our Parish family that has not already done so to please consider

making a pledge to help us reach our goal. As you can see, with 46% participation, we cannot meet our goal of \$2 million.

In Phase I of our campaign we had 90% participation from our Parish family. If we can reach that 90% plateau again, which would mean another 440 families pledging, we should achieve our goal. Any amount that you are able to give is greatly appreciated.

Please consider this scenario: a \$1,600 pledge over 20 months would be a monthly payment of \$80, a weekly payment of \$20, and a daily payment of \$2.86—less than a Grande Frappuccino at Starbucks!

Obviously, everyone's financial situation is different, and we understand that. Fr. Mike is just asking that everyone take responsibility for the building in which you and your children will be worshipping for many years to come.

Letters are going out this week from Fr. Mike seeking your help. Please take time to read the letter, fill out the form, and return it to the Parish Office. If you are not able to give at this time, please indicate that to us. We **do** understand!

Everyone's response is important, because in Fr. Mike's conversations with Bishop Brom, it is vital that he has a

realistic sense of where we are now and what we will be able to do.

Finally, I would like to share with you what one household has done. This household is in a position to do more, so they made an extra pledge of \$1,600 to anonymously adopt a Parish household that is not able to make a commitment at this time. Since then, an additional two anonymous gifts have been received, and this wonderful idea is gaining momentum. **What a kind and generous act!** If you, too, are in a position to do so, consider an extra pledge of whatever amount you are able to give. Silently and anonymously, you will adopt a Parish household that is not in a position to pledge.

The clock is ticking, and we need to move forward immediately to take advantage of this special opportunity. Bishop Brom will be with us on Sunday, October 17, at the 10:30am Mass to lead us in the celebration of our 25th anniversary. Wouldn't it be the greatest way to celebrate 25 years by hearing him say to us, “You can begin construction!”

I thank you for your support, and most importantly, ask that you continue to pray for the success of this, our most important campaign to date.



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