

# 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

May 16, 2010 • The Ascension of the Lord

## Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak  
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### As Easter Nears, Priests Struggle with How, Whether to Address Church Scandals

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

*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"*

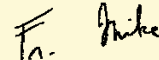
*by Diarmuid Martin, Archbishop of Dublin and Primate of Ireland, May 2, 2010;*

*"We Are Being Forced to Our Knees,"*

*by Bishop Raymond Lueker, May 9, 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).*

*Today's perspective by William Wan appeared in the Washington Post on April 2, 2010. It deals with the struggle that clergy across the country have in regard to how to address this issue with their respective congregations.*

*The article appears as an insert in today's bulletin.* 

### Did You Know?

Our parking lot is, once again, in need of re-surfacing.

It is recommended that this be done every three years. We will be due for a resurfacing this summer of 2010.

The re-surfacing and the re-stripping of the over 100,000 square feet of asphalt will be \$9,000.

Whatever you can do to help cover the cost of this project will be most appreciated!

## 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.

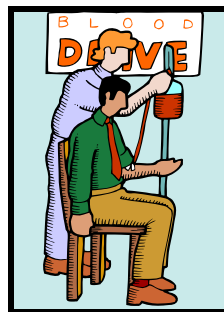
There are many groups who serve our Parishioners  
and provide outreach to the local community.

*For further information, see page 10, or call Chris Smith  
at 760-758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org.*

## 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.



## Can You Give the Gift of Life?

It is time for the Spring Blood Drive. The Red Cross Mobile Unit will be in the upper parking lot at St. Thomas More on Sunday, May 30, 8:30am-2:00pm, to collect your donation. Please sign up for your time on the weekends of May 15-16 or May 22-23.

## Rosary

A communal Rosary is prayed after every morning Mass (Tuesday-Friday) in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Please join us!



**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP**  
Monday, May 17 • 7:00-8:30pm

**Friend, Friends, Friendship**

**6th, 7th, and 8th Graders Welcome!**

*Pray Until Something Happens*

*Contact Ron or Louise at 760-758-4100 x153*

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP**

Monday, May 17

7:00-8:30pm

*Call Gale at 760-726-7236*

**ACTTS**

Dinner and a Movie  
Friday, May 21

Sammy's Woodfire Pizza / Krikorian in Vista

Contact [actts@stmoside.org](mailto:actts@stmoside.org) for more info  
[www.stmoside.org/actts](http://www.stmoside.org/actts)

Adult Catholics in their Twenties and Thirties who Socialize

<p><b>Readings for the Week Ahead</b></p> <p>Sunday Year C; Weekday Year II Readings online at <a href="http://www.usccb.org">www.usccb.org</a>.</p> <p><b>Sunday, May 16 (58)</b> <i>The Ascension of the Lord</i> Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47:2-3,6-9 Ephesians 1:17-23 Luke 24:46-53</p> <p><b>Monday, May 17 (297)</b> Acts 19:1-8 Psalm 68:2-7 John 16:29-33</p> <p><b>Tuesday, May 18 (298)</b> Acts 20:17-27 Psalm 68:10-11,20-21 John 17:1-11a</p> <p><b>Wednesday, May 19 (299)</b> Acts 20:28-38 Psalm 68:29-30,33-36 John 17:11b-19</p> <p><b>Thursday, May 20 (300)</b> Acts 22:30;23:6-11 Psalm 16:1-2a,5,7-11 John 17:20-26</p> <p><b>Friday, May 21 (301)</b> Acts 25:13b-21 Psalm 103:1-2,11-12,19-20ab John 21:15-19</p> <p><b>Saturday, May 22 (302)</b> Acts 28:16-20,30-31 Psalm 11:4,5,7 John 21:20-25</p> <p><b>Sunday, May 23 (63)</b> <i>Pentecost Sunday</i> Acts 2:1-11 Psalm 104:1,24,29-31,34 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7,12-13 John 14:15-16,23b-26</p>
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<p><b>Mass Intentions</b></p>
<p>Saturday, May 15, 5:00pm <i>Confirmation</i></p>
<p>Sunday, May 16, 8:30am Stan &amp; Jane Potera</p>
<p>Sunday, May 16, 10:30am Herman &amp; Helen Ratajczak ☩</p>
<p>Tuesday, May 18, 8:15am Arcelia Casarez ☩</p>
<p>Wednesday, May 19, 8:15am Joan Manns</p>
<p>Thursday, May 20, 8:15am Pat Kane ☩</p>
<p>Friday, May 21, 8:15am Donald Molls ☩</p>
<p>Saturday, May 22, 5:00pm Jean Crowell ☩</p>
<p>Sunday, May 23, 8:30am Mari-Jo Porter ☩</p>
<p>Sunday, May 23 10:30am Peter Gavin ☩</p>

<p><b>Prayer List</b></p> <p><i>Call 760-758-4100 x102 to add a name for four weeks.</i></p> <p>Mary Alexander Lucia Ambriz Patricia Barbour John Bennici Regina Bentz Roseanne Berg George "Whitey" Betus Tamara Bousquet Beatrice Brooks &amp; Family Monica Broussard Janet Brown Roseanne Burg Kathy Buskirk Shelby Campbell Claudia Caplinger Flor Catap &amp; Family Paul Cipowski Dolly Cole Carl Coleman James Coleman Susan Contreras Thomas Cornwell &amp; Family Karen Flaharty Daley Cecilia DeSimone Steve Diehner Linda Dossman Kathryn Ernst The Fiore Family Peggy &amp; Jack Fischer Ryan Flum Kathryn Franklin Joe Freire The Frost Family Carmen Garcia Cierra Gerardi Paul Gibbons Hal Gibson Rick Gonzalez Eileen Gough Lee &amp; Annalisa Grant Rosemary Haeffelin Anita Hage Susan Hallahan The Harker Family Rita Harnacker The Hart &amp; Wallace Families Marge Heath Lilian Hills The Jacobson Family The Jacqueline Johnson Family Sue Johnston Eileen Jones Peggy Kiernan 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 Martin Family The Mazur Family The McCullough &amp; Lynn Families Bob McWilliams Dorothy McWilliams Carol Michael June Mitchell Morrie Mitchell</p>	<p>Nancy Moore Art Morentin Margie Myers Cosmo Noceda R. Northrup Helen O'Connell Laurie Opdyke Lupe Casas Pelletier Helen Pingtella Anne Post The Pulver Family John Quiroz 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 The Sterling &amp; Vanderzanden Families 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 The Wilson &amp; Whitaker Families Jocelyn Wilson-Kayanan</p>
<p><b>Deployed Military</b></p> <p><i>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:</i></p> <p>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</p>	
<p><i>All-powerful God, be their constant companion and strength in every adversity. May they experience your faithful presence, gentle love, and compassionate healing.</i></p>	

**Calendar Highlights**

Also check the Parish website ([www.stmoside.org](http://www.stmoside.org)) for complete calendar information.

**The Week Ahead**

May 16	Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
May 16	RE.A.CH Classes at church
May 22	Women's Guild Annual Luncheon at Shadowridge Country Club
May 23	Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses

**The Month 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 27	<i>JustFaith</i> Potluck
June 29	Spiritual Seniors Retreat at Prince of Peace Abbey

**The Year Ahead**

Jul 19-23	Vacation Bible Camp
Aug 22	Second Annual Pastor's Dinner
Oct 17	STM 25th Anniversary Celebration
Nov 11-12	First Annual STM Women's Retreat
Nov 21	Thanksgiving Concert presented by the Music Ministry

*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.

<p>May 17 Sr. Theresa Monroe, RSCJ</p>
<p>May 18 Sr. Sanjuana Mora, CVI</p>
<p>May 19 Sr. Nora Murphy, OP</p>
<p>May 20 Sr. Sheila Murphy, RSM</p>
<p>May 21 Sr. Ancilla Murray, OCD</p>
<p>May 22 Sr. Margaret Murray, CSJ</p>
<p>May 23 Sr. Maire Naughton, RSM</p>

**In Memoriam**



Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

**Thomas Martin**, who died on recently. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, May 20, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep his daughters, Parishioners Mary McDannold and Ellen Marie Martin-Huff, and the family in your prayers.

**Kathleen Whitaker**, who died on May 8. Please keep her daughter, Parishioner Kathy Wilson, and the family in your prayers.

**Maria Vanderzanden**, who died on May 8. Please keep her daughter, Parishioner Geri Sterling, and the family in your prayers.

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

**Eucharistic Adoration**



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

Exposition of the Eucharist on First Fridays.  
Next date: Friday, June 4.

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

**Catholic Widows and Widowers of North County**

We are a group of Catholic widowed men and women encompassing all of North County. We usually meet the second and fourth Sundays of each month. However, this month we celebrate Mass at St. Timothy Church in Escondido on Saturday, May 22, at 5:00pm followed by dinner. June 12 is our general meeting and potluck in Oceana at 2:00pm. Our active calendar of events in May includes dining, dancing, concerts, golf, and several happy hours. For further information, please see the bulletin board on the lower level of the Parish Center or contact Gerri Wilmott at 760-758-9949 or Carol Kope at 760-758-4100.

**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!*

**STM Vehicle Donation Program**

Do you have a vehicle you want to donate?

The St. Thomas More program is easy!

Call us, and we'll have it picked up.

You get the tax deduction!

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

Since 2006 we have netted over \$15,500

from this program. Thank you donors!



**For more information, contact the Parish Office:  
760-758-4100 x100 or parishoffice@stmoside.org**

**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.*

**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 raffled 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.



**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.

**Visit the Parish Website—[www.stmoside.org](http://www.stmoside.org)**

**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: \$39,255**

**Households Responding: 283**

**Average Gift per Household: \$138.71**

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 May 10**

	Total Phase II Pledges	# of Families Pledging
Unable to pledge at this time (5 of these families have been adopted)		10
	Under \$1,000	135
	\$1,000 and up	65
	\$1,500 and up	120
	\$2,500 and up	74
	\$4,500 and up	28
	\$6,000 and up	18
	\$10,000 and up	18
	\$25,000 and up	2
	\$50,000 and up	2
<b>Total to Date</b>	<b>\$1,290,136</b>	<b>472</b>
<b>Still Needed</b>	<b>\$709,864</b>	<b>530</b>
<b>Total Goal</b>	<b>\$2,000,000</b>	<b>1,002</b>

**THANK YOU DONORS!!!**



Are you one of the 472 families who have responded to date and are included in the above chart?

*Notice that the chart includes responses from ten families who are not able to pledge at this time. Out of these ten families who are not able to pledge, we have five households who have stepped up and adopted a family. This is very helpful to our efforts to build our permanent church in the near future!*

Fr. Mike sent out letters this week to those who have not yet responded. Please, we need to hear from you!

Updated packets are available after all Masses, in the Parish Office, and on our website: [www.stmoside.org](http://www.stmoside.org); click on Our New Church.

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# Liturgy & Music

Worship God

Douglas Lynn  
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## THREE YEARS AND STILL COUNTING

### One and Two and Three and Four and...

*On May 6, 2007, the Handbell Choir convened for its first rehearsal after the Parish received four octaves of handbells which had been donated. Here are some thoughts from our ringers as they continue the journey.*

#### I joined the choir because...

...it was music and I thought it was something I might be able to do.

...I always wanted to be in a choir, but I can't sing! The handbell choir was a great opportunity to fulfill that dream in our very own Parish.

...I always wanted to be in an orchestra, and this was the closest thing to it.

...I enjoyed the sound of the ringing and I wanted to get back into making music, and I felt that it would be a good opportunity to get more involved in a ministry.

...growing up as a Protestant I had attended church services including handbells, and I loved the sound. I really enjoy music, but don't have a singing voice. When the opportunity to be in the handbell choir presented itself shortly after I became Catholic, it seemed to be a good way to participate in our music ministry and serve God and my church.

...I fell in love with handbells the year prior, when my husband and I went to the San Diego Symphony for their Christmas show and they had a handbell choir. I'd never seen anything like it before and was just in awe. I was thrilled to find—very soon after—that our church had an open spot in OUR choir! I haven't looked back since.

#### I continue to ring because...

...it is a rewarding way to minister to my Parish family and praise our Lord. It is really wonderful to be back in instrumental music.

...it's a challenge, but a good challenge.

...it's fun to play the really big bells.

...it keeps me humble, and I like the people.

...I find myself developing a closer relationship to God. It can be both very relaxing and very intellectually stimulating. The people in handbell are fun and certainly the friendship that we have developed is another reason to keep on returning. And, our director really makes me feel like I can do this.

...of those "a-ha!" moments when we sound good.

...it is now another piece of my church ministry and I really LOVE it. Time and talent given back to the Lord!

...it is—honestly—the highlight of my week. No matter how stressful work may be, or how much stuff I have to take care of at home, this is my two hours a week to make beautiful music.

#### My shining moment came when...

...we participated with scores of other ringers at the handbell conference in Riverside.

...when I learned to ring two bells in the same hand and had seven assigned bells.

...I saw the first picture of the handbell choir with our very proud and happy faces.

...I was able to successfully ring more than two bells in the same measure and ring them all at the right times.

...we began the *Glory to God* music. At first, it was tough for me since my bells played a lot. But now I have mastered the piece, and it is one of my favorites to ring!

#### The most frustrating thing is...

...trying to find my notes among a cluster of notes on the staff.



...starting over again when we begin a new piece.

...“it's only two notes!” (This is a handbell-ism. Since each person often has only two bells assigned, it seems like ringing should be easier than it sometimes is.)

...when I am playing on a different page than everyone else!

...when I turn two or three pages instead of one!

...getting off count. If you lose your spot, there's no magic finger pointing to say, “It's okay, we're in beat three of measure 56.” It's more like, “Oh \*#\$@, I'm totally lost and have no idea where we are.”

#### The most rewarding thing is...

...when we get close to the composer's intent.

...getting to know the people around you and being a little family.

...being part of something bigger than any one person.

...the sound of the completed pieces and especially any appreciation afterward.

...feeling that I am helping others feel God's presence during the Mass and celebrating his incredible love.

...making and being part of such a beautiful ministry. I love the smiles that we help to create when we ring, and gain such satisfaction in being part of such a great group!

### Upcoming Music

**MAY 22/23**  
**Pentecost**  
**Sunday**

**5:00pm Mass**

Handbell Choir  
Sanctuary Choir

**8:30am Mass**

Handbell Choir  
Sanctuary Choir

**10:30am Mass**

Handbell Choir  
Sanctuary Choir

# Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

Kathleen Bell  
Director of Faith Formation  
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Our parish community welcomes those who have completed their Initiation into the Catholic Church through the Sacrament of Confirmation:

**Matthew** Abrahms  
Evan **Andrew** Asaad  
Jennifer **Margaret** Case  
**Vincent De Paul** Chunka  
Emily **Gemma** Cornwell  
David **Francis** D'Agrosa  
**Caitlin** Devlin  
**Alexis Josephine** Durso  
Daniela **Teresa** Escandón  
**Christopher** Gangloff  
**Alen** Garcia  
Alexandria **Christine** Gervasi  
Scott **Gerard** Gisel  
Bree **Rose** Hawkins  
Stewart **Francis** Hooks  
Emily **Patricia** Johnson  
**Jessica** Larrain  
Garrett **Thomas More** Mitchell  
Michael **Matthew** Nichols  
Annie **Cecilia** Petroni  
**Patrick** Phelan  
**Savannah** Reeve  
**Leah** Reitmayer  
Megan **Angela** Rhoades  
Nicole **Francis** Rieger  
Matilda **Bernadette** Rudolph  
**Bianca** Sandoval  
**Domenica** Shaw  
**Juliana** Shaw  
Michael **Maximilian Kolbe** Sterling  
Keenan **Thomas Anthony** Swafford  
Martha **Altagracia** Torres  
Angelo **Anthony** Vozza  
**Christian** Winer  
**Timothy** Yates

## RE.A.CH

Dear Families,

*"This is the day the Lord has made.....let us rejoice and be glad!"*

Today we conclude our 2009-2010 season of RE.A.CH:  
18 Church Sessions and 18 Home Sessions  
dedicated to forming our children in faith.

I wish God's choicest blessings on the parents who have taken so seriously this responsibility and privilege given to them at the Baptism of their child.

*"To everything there is a season"* and so I encourage you to form faith in the weeks ahead by your continuing example of:

- Celebrating Mass each and every week...the major source of nourishment for the faith life of your family.
- LIVE what you believe
  - \* by your choices for recreation during the summer
  - \* by strengthening family life through shared meals and common activities
  - \* by praying as a family ~ before a meal, at bedtime, learning BY HEART the prayers in today's packet
- BE a sign of peace for one another!

I am here throughout the summer, so if I can be a resource or support for you in any way, call, drop by, or email.

With you in ministry,

*Kathleen*

## PBJ Update

Food for children at Catholic Charities in Vista

2010 GOAL:	365 jars
Collected to date:	333 jars

## Information for Growth

### # 26—Answer

Which is the theological virtue of faith?

A) the gift by which we believe in God, all he has said and revealed (CCC 1814)

### # 27—Question

According to the Catholic Church, what are foundations for living the moral life?

- A) following the laws of your country
- B) that which we learn from proverbs, parables, and literature
- C) the moral law, God's grace, and the voice of a well-formed moral conscience
- D) that which a majority of people in a given society have defined as morally good



# Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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## CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP Showers of Blessings

I pulled into the parking lot and began to search for the closest parking place. I was surprised when one was available close to the front door of the grocery store. "Well, at least something is going right for a change," I thought, as I released my seat belt.

My heart was as overcast as the day. A friend had treated me unfairly earlier that morning. I was also depressed over some family health issues. Sheets of rain were pounding down. I didn't have an umbrella with me. Since it didn't look like the storm would cease any time soon, I would make a run for it.

I was very close to the store, so I didn't think I would get very wet. I glanced about two lanes over just before I opened my door. I spotted an elderly lady walking slowly through the rain. She was pushing a basket with one hand, while trying to maneuver a worn-out umbrella with the other. The spokes of the umbrella were turned upward, accumulating water by the bucketfuls.

My heart went out to her. Without thinking, I ran through the rain toward her. "Get in your car," I shouted. "Give me your basket. If you will unlock the passenger door, I'll put your groceries inside for you. You don't need to get wet. You might get sick," I said. She did exactly as I asked and then got into her car.

Once she got the door opened, I placed the bags of groceries on the passenger seat. "Have a great day!" I exclaimed to her and shut the door. She stared at me with amazement in her eyes.



"Hold on a minute. I've never had anyone to do anything like this for me before. God bless you.," she uttered. I smiled and slowly walked off.

Since I was already soaking wet, I didn't see much need to run to the store. I went up to the service desk, rainwater dripping off my nose and my once styled hair was limp in my face. The manager handed me a couple of paper towels.

"It is a horrible day, isn't it?" he proclaimed.

"Well actually, it has turned out to be a pretty good one," I announced. He looked at me rather strangely. I knew that he had no idea why I made that remark. He didn't respond to my positive comment, but simply went back to his work.

When I made my purchase and returned to my car, I thought about how much better I felt after helping the lady with her groceries. The act of serving brought a ray of light to my once downcast and dreary day. I made a promise to myself, as I drove the almost seventy miles home through the rainfall that day.

I decided that from that day forward, when I face storms in my life, I would look for someone else that had a need, which I could fill. I have found that it is through serving others that I have received tremendous blessings.

That day, I received a much greater blessing than the elderly lady. I was given the opportunity to be of service to someone else.

—Stewardship, May 2010; with permission

All acts of kindness  
give witness to the love of God.

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

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

### Collection for Week of May 8/9, 2010

Number of Registered Households		1,002
Offertory*	\$	7,830.39
Offertory (Loose Collection)		933.00
Children's envelopes		2.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>8,765.39</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).

### 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 [parish\\_office@stmoside.org](mailto:parish_office@stmoside.org).

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## News from the Larger Church

**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.

**Elizabeth Hospice Spring Volunteer Training in Escondido**—May 18, 19, and 20, 8:30am-3:00pm, at the Escondido Elks Lodge, 2430 S. Escondido Blvd., Escondido. Graduates of this training will be invited to volunteer for The Elizabeth Hospice in a variety of ways, including patient care, caregiver respite, support services, complementary therapies, and transitions. For more information, contact Regional Volunteer Liaisons Anne or Denise at 800-737-2050.

**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.

**Gardening Wednesdays at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside**—June 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 at 10:30am or 7:00pm. Br. James Lockman, OFM, will be conducting his special gardening workshop. For more information, contact 760-757-3659 or [www.sanluisrey.org](http://www.sanluisrey.org).

**Stress in Your Marriage?**—Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Other experience conflict in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. This program has helped tens of thousands 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).

**Al-Anon Day Retreat for Women at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside**—Saturday, June 5, 9:00am-3:00pm. All Al-Anon women are invited to join Br. Kelly Cullen, OFM, for this one-day special retreat. For more information, contact 760-757-3659 or [www.sanluisrey.org](http://www.sanluisrey.org).

**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.

## News from St. Francis Church—Our Neighbor

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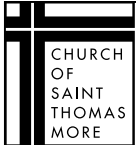


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## Pastor's Column

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

*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;*

*“We Are Being Forced to Our Knees,”*

*by Bishop Raymond Lueker, May 9, 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).*

*Today’s perspective by William Wan appeared in the Washington Post on April 2, 2010. It deals with the struggle that clergy across the country have in regard to how to address this issue with their respective congregations.*

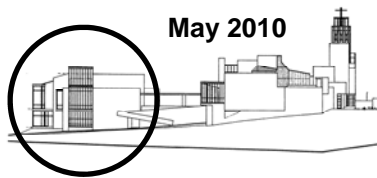
*The article appears as an insert in today’s bulletin.*

*Fa. Mike*

### **As Easter Nears, Priests Struggle with How, Whether to Address Church Scandals**

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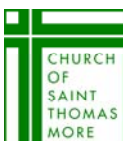
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*Jim & Suzy*



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