

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 23, 2010 • Pentecost Sunday

Pastor's Column

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No, I Cannot Free Myself from You, Because *I Am You*, and Where Would I Go?

This is the seventh, and last, in a series of perspectives that I am providing on the clergy sexual abuse crisis that continues to grip the Church. I am concluding 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 in 1993, May 9, 2010

“As Easter Nears, Priests Struggle with How, Whether to Address Church Scandals”
by Walter Wan, May 16, 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, then click on Pastor’s Columns.

My concluding comments appear as an insert in today’s Bulletin.

F. Mike

Happy Tenth Anniversary of Ordination to Deacon Tom Goeltz!
Join us on the lower level after the 10:30am Mass for a reception on May 23.

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.

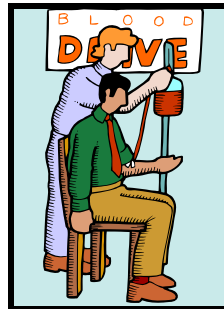
*For further information, see page 10, or call Chris Smith
at 760-758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org.*

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.

FILL A GROCERY BAG
FOR A HUNGRY FAMILY



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 the weekend of May 22-23.

Rosary

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



high school youth group

monday, may 24

CLOSING NIGHT

7:00 to 8:30 pm

**going to steubenville?
paperwork and \$\$ are due**

look for summer schedule e-mailer soon

call gale 760-726-7236

ACTTS

Dinner and a Movie

Friday, May 21, at 6:30pm

Sammy's Woodfire Pizza / Krikorian in Vista

Contact actts@stmoside.org for more info
www.stmoside.org/actts

Adult Catholics in their Twenties and Thirties who Socialize

Readings for the Week Ahead

Sunday Year C; Weekday Year II
Readings online at www.usccb.org.

Sunday, May 23 (63)
Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11
Psalm 104:1,24,29-31,34
1 Corinthians 12:3b-7,12-13
John 14:15-16,23b-26

Monday, May 24 (347)
1 Peter 1:3-9

Psalm 111:1-2,5-6,9-10
Mark 10:17-27

Tuesday, May 25 (348)
Bede the Venerable, priest, doctor
Gregory VII, pope
Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, virgin

1 Peter 1:10-16
Psalm 98:1-4

Mark 10:28-31
Wednesday, May 26 (349)

Philip Neri, priest
1 Peter 1:18-25

Psalm 147:12-15,19-20
Mark 10:32-45

Thursday, May 27 (350)
Augustine of Canterbury, bishop

1 Peter 2:2-5,9-12
Psalm 100:2-5

Mark 10:46-52
Friday, May 28 (351)

1 Peter 4:7-13
Psalm 96:10-13

Mark 11:11-26
Saturday, May 29 (352)

Jude 17,20b-25
Psalm 63:2-6

Mark 11:27-33
Sunday, May 30 (166)

The Most Holy Trinity
Proverbs 8:22-31

Psalm 8:4-9
Romans 5:1-5

John 16:12-15

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
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
Thomas Cornwell & Family
Karen Flaharty Daley
Cecilia DeSimone
Steve Diehner
Betty Dorsa
Linda Dossman
Kathryn Ernst
The Fiore Family
Peggy & Jack Fischer
Ryan Flum
Kathryn Franklin
Joe Freire
The Frost Family
Carmen Garcia
Cierra Gerardi
Hal Gibson
Rick Gonzalez
Eileen Gough
Lee & Annalisa Grant
Rosemary Haeffelin
Anita Hage
Susan Hallahan
The Harker Family
Rita Harnacker
The Hart & Wallace Families
Marge Heath
Lilian Hills
The Jacobson Family
Sue Johnston
Eileen Jones
Paul Kennedy
Peggy Kiernan
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
The Martin Family
The McCullough & Lynn Families
Bob McWilliams
Dorothy McWilliams
Carol Michael
June Mitchell
Morrie Mitchell
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
Marie Sterling
The Sterling & Vanderzanden Families
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 & Whitaker Families
Jocelyn Wilson-Kayanan

Deployed Military

As a faith community let us pray for all who serve our country in these troubled times. We pray especially for those connected to our Parish who have been deployed:

Gunnery Sgt. Fernando Andrade, Jr.
1st Lt. Jeffrey Bauer, USMC
Pfc John Brandone
Lance Corporal Brandon Doyle, USMC
St Sgt Joseph Duffy, USAF
MSGT Steve Gallegos, USMC
Staff Sgt. Travis M. Meyers, USAF
Pvt. 2nd Class Matthew Seneca Noblitt, US Army
Pvt. 2 Jess Phillips, US Army
Corporal Jared H. Risbourg, USMC
Sr. Airman Robert Spear, USAF
Corporal Ryan Keck, USMC
PVT2 Tyler Timmerman, U.S. Army
LT Billy Turley, USN

All-powerful God, be their constant companion and strength in every adversity. May they experience your faithful presence, gentle love, and compassionate healing.

Calendar Highlights

Also check the Parish website (www.stmoside.org) for complete calendar information.

The Week Ahead

May 23 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
May 23 Reception for Dcn. Tom after 10:30am Mass
May 30 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 *JustFaith* Potluck
June 29 Spirited 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.

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 24 Sr. Maria Carmelita Navarro, DCJ
May 25 Sr. Rosemary Nicholson, RJM
May 26 Sr. Ma. Esther Nunez, SJS
May 27 Sr. Frances Obrovac, FSP
May 28 Sr. Anne O'Connor, CSN
May 29 Sr. LaVern Olberding, OSF
May 30 Sr. Francisca Olvera, OLVM

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 22, 5:00pm
Jean Crowell ☩

Sunday, May 23, 8:30am
Mari-Jo Porter ☩

Sunday, May 23 10:30am
Peter Gavin ☩

Tuesday, May 25, 8:15am
Victor Lizardi ☩

Wednesday, May 26, 8:15am
Rosie Tomlinson ☩

Thursday, May 27, 8:15am
Dolores Murchison ☩

Friday, May 28, 8:15am
J.C. Gonzalez ☩

Saturday, May 29, 5:00pm
Bobette Stewart ☩

Sunday, May 30, 8:30am
Christopher DeCoro

Sunday, May 30 10:30am
Dorothy Jensen ☩

Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioner

Lorraine Jenkins
Sean & Amy O'Neill

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.

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.*

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.

STM \$crip News

Thanks to all who participate in the Scrip Program. Please consider purchasing Scrip for the merchants that you use. The merchants on the list are willing to help us build our permanent Church. Let's take them up on their offer!

Graduation gifts to buy? Check the Scrip table for the stores you are planning to visit. Earn money for the Building Fund while you shop!

Travel plans this summer? Use Scrip and earn money for the Building Fund while you vacation!

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

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

Albertson's Card #(11 digits) _____

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

Please send me a Food 4 Less Card

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

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

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!

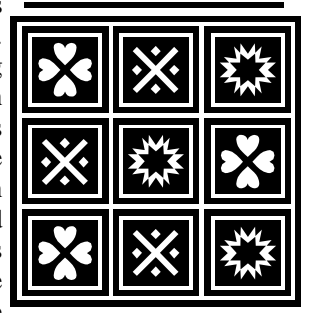


**For more information, contact the Parish Office:
760-758-4100 x100 or parishoffice@stmoside.org**

Women's Guild News

June Installation—Installation of officers will take place at Shadowridge Country Club on Saturday, June 12 at 11:00am. 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 Masses June 5-6 or at the board meeting on June 7. All reservations and checks are due by June 8. 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.



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, our next meeting will be our general meeting and potluck in Oceana on June 12 at 2:00pm. Our active calendar of events 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 x100.

Opportunity to Help Local Families in Need



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

These dates in 2010 are available for dinner adoption:

**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

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: \$39,845

Households Responding: 286

Average Gift per Household: \$138.06

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 18

		# of Families Pledging
Total Phase II Pledges		
Unable to pledge at this time (6 of these families have been adopted)		18
Under \$1,000		148
\$1,000 and up		71
\$1,500 and up		122
\$2,500 and up		78
\$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
Total to Date	\$1,317,426	505
Still Needed	\$682,574	494
Total Goal	\$2,000,000	999

THANK YOU DONORS!!!



Thanks to the 33 families who responded in the past week to our campaign! This brings our responses to 51% which brings us closer to our goal of total participation.

All responses are necessary and appreciated!

Notice that the chart includes responses from 18 families who are unable to pledge at this time. Out of these 18 who are not able to pledge, we have six 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!

Letters from Fr. Mike are being sent to those who have not yet responded. Please help. We need to hear from you!

Updated 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

Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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

COME, HOLY SPIRIT!

Pentecost is the great feast that marks the birth of the Christian church by the power of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost means “fiftieth day” and is celebrated fifty days after Easter.

In Italy, it was customary to scatter rose petals from the ceiling of the churches to recall the miracle of the fiery tongues; hence in Sicily and elsewhere in Italy, Pentecost is called *Pascha rosatum*. The Italian

name *Pascha rossa* comes from the red colors of the vestments used on Pentecost.

In France, it was customary to blow trumpets during Divine service, to recall the sound of the mighty wind which accompanied the Descent of the Holy Spirit.

In Poland, Pentecost is called “the Green Holiday”—people decorate their houses with green branches, which according to tradition are said to bring God’s blessing upon the home and the people living in it. Another custom, which is slowly becoming rare, is making processions to the fields, where the crops are blessed.

In Ukraine, Pentecost is called Green Sunday. The inside of the church is covered with fresh branches of green deciduous trees. Green branches are also placed on the outside banisters and doors of the church and people also place a green branch on the door of their homes. Clergy and altar boys also wear green vestments as do many in the congregation. This custom comes from the fact that on Pentecost 3,000 people were baptized into the new faith. Green symbolizes new life and Pentecost is literally the birthday of the church.

In the Eastern Orthodox and Greek-Catholic Churches, an extraordinary service called the Kneeling Prayer, is served on the night of Pentecost. This is a Vespers service to which are added three sets of long poetical prayers, the composition of Saint Basil the Great, during which everyone makes a full prostration, touching their foreheads to the floor. The Eastern Orthodox church considers the whole week following Pentecost to be an ecclesiastical feast.



Upcoming Music

MAY 29/30
Trinity Sunday
5:00pm Mass
 Sanctuary Choir
8:30am Mass
 Handbell Choir
10:30am Mass
 Cantor &
 Congregation

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

Kathleen Bell
Director of Faith Formation
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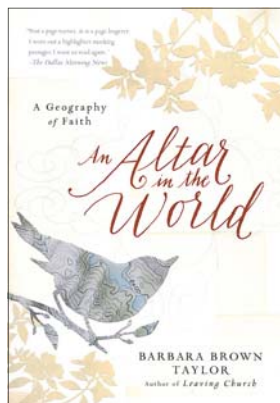


Fr. Mike's Bookies

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

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

—Michael Lerner



SUMMER BIBLE CAMP HIGH SEAS EXPEDITION

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



We Only Have Each Other



“My name is Yaja Boren, and I am a Holocaust survivor.”

This is how she introduces herself when giving college lectures.

Ms. Boren now resides in our community, and has offered to share her story with our Parishioners.

On Sunday, June 13 we will have a potluck for parishioners and friends following the 10:30am Mass.

Yaja Boren will then speak to the group about her experiences during the Holocaust, based on her book: ***We Only Have Each Other.***

Please sign up for the potluck at the Faith Formation table after Masses or call the Potluck Hotline at 760-758-100 x159, so we will know how many to set up for.

All are welcome!

PBJ Update

Food for children at Catholic Charities in Vista

2010 GOAL:	365 jars
Collected to date:	335 jars


Information for Growth

27—Answer

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

C) the moral law, God's grace, and the voice of a well-formed moral conscience (CCC)

28—Question

The spiritual tradition of the Roman Catholic Church 

- A) discourages meditation and mystical prayer.
- B) insists that all forms of prayer be memorized.
- C) allows only vocal forms of prayer (i.e. Hail Mary, etc.).
- D) promotes vocal, meditative, and contemplative forms of prayer.

Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

Chris Smith
 Director of Stewardship & Development
 chriss@stmoside.org; 758-4100 x120

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP Come Holy Spirit!

“As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ.” —1 Cor.

Stewardship has many parts and we gather together in community to offer our gifts through stewardship as one. Each one of us has a part—is a part—of stewardship that is shared through our Parish.

As the Body of Christ is one body, so our stewardship is one unified ministry, though it has many parts.

—J. Baumann, *Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Archdiocese of Seattle.*
 With permission.



It has been seven weeks and one day since Easter Sunday. It is Pentecost (from the Greek word for “fiftieth”), the day on which the Holy Spirit encouraged the Apostles to proclaim Jesus Christ to people from many nations, cultures, languages and religious beliefs.

Each person heard the Apostles in his or her own tongue. Amazing! Even more amazing is that people with a variety of religious beliefs came to believe in Jesus.

Later, Paul writes to Christians in Corinth, a very diverse seaport city, and he tells them something so obvious we often forget it:

Each of us is a person with a unique array of talents, abilities and gifts that God has given to us to use for ourselves and for others—material wealth, intelligence, musical and artistic talent, athletic ability, and many others.

God intends for us to enjoy them ourselves and to share them with others.

How are we doing with that? One day God will ask.

—Dcn. J. Martinez, *Archdiocese of New Orleans*
ICSC Parish Stewardship Newsletter, May 2010. With permission.

Pentecost Sunday is my favorite of the entire year as it is the time we celebrate God’s most precious gift of the Holy Spirit. This gift enables us to recognize our gifts and return them with gratitude.

This is what separates Christian stewards from volunteers. When the going gets tough, we persevere. Quitting is not an option with God’s work.

Serve the Lord joyfully!

TOWERS OF FAITH Future Support & Estate Planning Options

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

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



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

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

Chris Smith at 760-758-4100 x120, or chriss@stmoside.org.

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

Collection for Week of May 15/16, 2010

Number of Registered Households		999
Offertory*	\$	5,877.28
Offertory (Loose Collection)		1,049.00
Children's envelopes		0.00
Total	\$	6,926.28

* Offertory envelopes, credit card withdrawals, automatic checking or savings account deductions (credit card and automatic bank account withdrawals are posted at STM on the 5th and/or 20th of each month).

St. Francis and St. Thomas More Offertory Envelopes

Any St. Francis Offertory Envelopes given to the offertory collection at St. Thomas More will be returned to St. Francis.

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News from the Larger Church

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.

Rediscover Your Marriage—Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) simply means “rediscovery.” The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. Tens of thousands headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending. Retrouvaille is a spiritual retreat, not a sensitivity group, not a seminar, not a social gathering. 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.

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.

Young Adult Ministry Activities in San Diego County—Visit www.yamsd.org for complete information on events for young adults, including Theology on Tap in June, training for young adult ministry teams and leaders, and more!

Spring Mondays at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside—June 7, 14, and 21 at 10:30am or 7:00pm with Fr. Philip Garcia, OFM.

Join us on Mondays for this spiritual experience, prayer, and reflection.

Summer Bible Camp at St. Mary Star of the Sea in Oceanside—June 21-25, 9:00am-12:00noon. Summer day camps also available July 5-23. Call 760-722-7259.

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 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.

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.

News from St. Francis Church—Our Neighbor

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.



Golf Tournament Benefits St. Francis School—Please join us at the 30th Annual Rotary Clubs of Oceanside Golf Tournament on Monday, June 21, at Shadowridge Country Club. St. Francis School is working in partnership with the Rotarians, and the students will directly benefit through your involvement. Tee time is at 12:00pm and includes a box lunch, complimentary beverages, hole-in-one for a new car, games, dinner, raffle, and auction! Entry fee is \$135. Tournament sponsorships are welcome and a great for promoting your business! For more information, call Dave Jones at 760-758-4198, or visit the school website at www.sfs-vista.org to download an entry form.

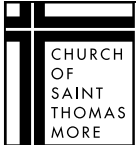


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