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

June 13, 2010 • Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Rataiczak michaelr@stmoside.org 760-758-4100 x100

The Catholic Campaign for Immigration Reform: Justice for Immigrants—Part 2

The issue of immigration reform is once again taking center stage in our country, especially in light of the recent legislation passed by the Arizona Legislature and signed into law by the Governor of that state.

In order to help all of us "wrap our minds" around the complexities of immigration reform, I will be including in our Bulletin, for the next few weeks, resources from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) that discuss a wide range of topics related to immigration.

I encourage you to take time to read this information in order to inform yourself as best as possible as our country prepares itself for the upcoming debate on immigration reform.

Whatever viewpoint we may presently have on this issue, we must find ways to come together in order to secure passage of humane and comprehensive immigration legislation.

Included as an insert in this week's Bulletin, you will find: Immigration and Catholic Social Teaching.

Part 1, Catholic Bishops Call for Comprehensive Immigration Reform, appeared in the June 6 Bulletin. Copies are available in the Parish Office or go to the Parish website *www.stmoside.org*

Please take time to read these, and please follow along for the next several weeks to read the various USCCB articles that will be given to you to help you reflect upon the official position of the Catholic Church.

Fr. Mike



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.

Please Join Us for a Potluck Lunch!

JustFaith at St. Thomas More is holding an informational potluck lunch and get together on Sunday, June 27, at 12:00noon on the lower level of the Parish Center. Please contact Cathy Blecki 760-603-8930 or Sister Maureen Brown 760-758-4100 x131 if you have questions.

Our Friends in New Orleans

The following message was sent to our friends at St. Peter Claver in New Orleans:

Dear Friends,

Please know of our loving support as you struggle through still one more disaster affecting your environment and livelihood.

You are in our thoughts and prayers each time we gather together for worship or listen to the news.

We pray for your courage and that you will feel supported by many of us who care about all of you.

May God bless you with whatever you need at this difficult time.

-Your friends from the community of St. Thomas More, Oceanside, CA

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.

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, 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.

Spirited Seniors Membership Drive

It's that time of year again for our annual membership drive, and a letter went out last week. All seniors 50 and over are invited to join. We provide many activities to enhance the spiritual, social, and educational needs of our members. The group is open to both men and women. Dues are \$10 per person per year. Make your check to STM Spirited Seniors and place it and your registration form in a plain envelope marked "Spirited Seniors," then place it in the offertory collection any time before June 28. You may also register in person on the Plaza after Masses the weekend of June 12-13. If you have any questions, please contact Jerry or Judy Buoniconti at 760-758-5113.

Readings for the Week Ahead

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

Sunday, June 13 (93) Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 Samuel 12:7-10,13 Psalm 32:1-2,5,7,11 Galatians 2:16,19-21 Luke 7:36-8:3 Monday, June 14 (365) 1 Kings 21:1-16 Psalm 5:2-7 Matthew 5:38-42 Tuesday, June 15 (366) 1 Kings 21:17-29 Psalm 51:3-6,11,16 Matthew 5:43-48 Wednesday, June 16 (367) 1 Kings 2:1,6-14 Psalm 31:20,21,24 Matthew 6:1-6.16-18 Thursday, June 17 (368) Sirach 48:1-14 Psalm 97:1-7 Matthew 6:7-15 Friday, June 18 (369) 2 Kings 11:1-4,9-18,20 Psalm 132:11-14,17-18 Matthew 6:19-23 Saturday, June 19 (370) Romuald, abbot 2 Chronicles 24:17-25 Psalm 89:4-5,29-34 Matthew 6:24-34 Sunday, June 20 (585) Feast of St. Thomas More (observed) Wisdom 3:1-9 Psalm 33:12-13,18-20,22 1 Peter 4:12-19 Luke 9:23-26

Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 12, 5:00pm First Communicants

Sunday, June 13, 8:30am Dolores Murchison ₽

Sunday, June 13, 10:30am Larry & Carol Thomson

Tuesday, June 15, 8:15am Josephine & Bartholomeo De Coro ₽

> Wednesday, June 16, 8:15am Larry Fisk ቅ

Thursday, June 17, 8:15am Dorothy Rivers ₽

Friday, June 18, 8:15am Fred Nicklas ₽

Saturday, June 19, 5:00pm Bernie Weiler ₽

Sunday, June 20, 8:30am Teresa Perry ず

Sunday, June 20, 10:30am Noel Vaz ₽

Prayer List

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

Mary Alexander Laura Allenfort Lucia Ambriz Mary Balli Patricia Barbour Cindra Bell John Bennici Regina Bentz Roseanne Berg George "Whitey" Betus Beatrice Brooks & Family Monica Broussard Janet Brown Roseanne Burg Shelby Campbell Claudia Caplinger Flor Catap & Family Paul Cipowski Dolly Cole Carl Coleman James Coleman The Conley Family Thomas Cornwell & Family Karen Flaharty Daley Cecilia DeSimone Steve Diehner Betty Dorsa Linda Dossman Kathryn Ernst The Fiore Family Peggy & Jack Fischer Ryan Flum Matthew Foster Kathryn Franklin Joe Freire Carmen Garcia Cierra Gerardi Hal Gibson Rick Gonzalez Eileen Gough Lee & Annalisa Grant Rosemary Haeffelin Anita Hage Susan Hallahan The Harker Family Rita Harnacker Marge Heath Lilian Hills Sue Johnston Eileen Jones Joan Jones Paul Kennedy Peggy Kiernan Debbie Kinnev George Kleekamp Sr. Anne Kremenik Helen Kuhn Lillian Lachance The Lamelin Family Bernie Lanzrath Rick Laver Brandon LeBlanc Cassandra Loretto Lauren Loretto James MacArthur The Martin Family Mac McCullough Bob McWilliams Carol Michael June Mitchell Morrie Mitchell Nancy Moore

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

June 12-13	First Communion at 5:00pm				
	and 10:30am Masses				
June 13	Knights of Columbus				
	Breakfast				
The Month Ahead					
June 26	High School Youth				
	Pool Party				
June 27	JustFaith Potluck				
June 29	Spirited Seniors Retreat at				
	Prince of Peace Abbey				
The Year Ahead					
July 9	High School Youth				
	Miniature Golf				
July 14	High School Youth				
	Eucharistic Adoration				
July 19	High School Youth				
	Bowling				
July 19-23	Vacation Bible Camp				
Aug 15	New Member Reception				
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				
Ouestic	ons? Contact Henny at				

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.

June 14		
Sr. Norma Alicia Reyes, HCJS		
June 15		
Sr. Celia Robledo, OLC		
June 16		
Sr. Virginia Rodee, RSCJ		
June 17		
Sr. Eva Lucia Rodriguez, SJS		
June 18		
Sr. Paulina Rodriguez, DCJ		
June 19		
Sr. Carmen Romero, CVI		
June 20		
Sr. M. Rosalia Romero, DCJ		

Art Morentin

Margie Myers

R. Northrup

Anne Post

John Quiroz

Otila Quiroz

Janet Raiman

Joanne Robinson

Sr. Loyola Romey

The Russo Family

The Doug Schulte Family

The Sterling & Vanderzanden

Dorothy Rouse

Linda Schmidt

Richard Sikora

Freda Schweitzer

Nancy Scali

Jane Sekela

Nick Soltau

Gilda Spiegl

Marie Sterling

Joan Stringer

Families

Maria Surmenidis

Stephen Toth, Jr.

Dominic Vienna, Jr.

Kevin Watson-Graff

Vanessa Vitiello-Koble

Paul & Mai Vo & Family

The Wilson & Whitaker Families

As a faith community let us pray

for all who serve our country in

these troubled times. We prav

especially for those connected

to our Parish who have been

Gunnery Sgt. Fernando Andrade, Jr.

1st Lt. Jeffrey Bauer, USMC

St Sgt Joseph Duffy, USAF

MSGT Steve Gallegos, USMC

Pvt. 2nd Class Matthew Seneca

Pvt. 2 Jess Phillips, US Army

Noblitt, US Army

PVT2 Tyler Timmerman,

LT Billy Turley, USN

U.S. Army

BM2 Bobby Hartdegen, US Navy

Staff Sgt. Travis M. Meyers, USAF

Corporal Jared H. Risbourg, USMC

Sr. Airman Robert Spear, USAF

Lance Corporal Brandon Doyle,

Pfc John Brandone

Deployed Military

Barbara Upson

Arnie Velasco

Jim Walters

Betty Wehner

Marilyn Wesel

John Whitton

Ed Wesel

deployed:

USMC

Ed Sox

Cosmo Noceda

Helen O'Connell

Helen Pingtella

Lupe Casas Pelletier

Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioners

Heidi Gervais & Family Arlene Noles

Congratulations to

Larry & Carol Thomson who celebrate their 51st wedding anniversary on June 13.

May God continue to bless your marriage, and may you be an inspiration to other married couples.

Flower Donations

We would like to gratefully acknowledge the contribution of: Bill Mazzarella

Jerry & Judy Buoniconti

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

In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Mildred Conley, who died on June 1. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, July 16, 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.

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!

Sabbatical for Deacon Tom and Patt!

Friends,

Patt and I will be taking a one year sabbatical from all duties at St. Thomas More for personal/spiritual growth and development beginning July 1, 2010.

Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers during this time, and we assure you that you remain in ours.

We will be in and out of the Parish depending upon travel and other schedules.

We will not remain strangers!

-Deacon Tom & Patt

Friends,

I am very excited for Deacon Tom and Patt as they begin their one year sabbatical from duties at St. Thomas More Parish.

Deacon Tom has just retired from his legal practice, and it is a time for Deacon Tom and Patt to attend to many family and friend activities in which they have not been able to participate because of their commitment to St. Thomas More.

It will be a time to refresh and renew themselves spiritually and professionally and to prepare themselves for greater service to the Church upon their return from this sabbatical.

Let us keep them in thought and prayer!

—Rev. Michael Ratajczak Pastor

Attention All Graduates!

The Parish Family of St. Thomas More would like to recognize the achievements of those among us who are graduating this year from grade school, high school, college, or beyond. If you are a graduate, please call the Parish Office with your name and the school from which you have graduated. You will be remembered in prayer, especially in the liturgies on the weekend of June 26-27. We are proud of your accomplishments and will continue to support you in all of your future endeavors.

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*

Annual Catholic Appeal 2010 Update

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

Pledge Total to Date: \$40,065 Households Responding: 291 Average Gift per Household: \$137.68

Have you made your pledge or given your gift to ACA yet? Only 291 households out of 998 households have given a gift this year.

This is only 29% of our Parish Households who have responded to the ACA request. We should be able to do better than that!

Our Parish assessment is \$43,000. As of Sunday, June 6, we have collected in pledges/gifts a total of \$40,065.

We still need to raise \$2,935. If this is not raised, we will need to take the shortfall from our Operations Budget which is already behind what we budgeted.

If the 707 households who have not yet responded did respond, it would mean an average gift of only \$4.16!

Please consider your pledge/gift to the ACA. Any amount given will make a real difference.

Annual Catholic Appeal packets were mailed to all registered Parishioners and are also available at the Parish Office and at the Information Table on the Plaza after Mass.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Did You Know?

The Offertory Collection for this fiscal year, as of May 31, is down \$30,000 from what we budgeted. This is a significant shortfall!

Our fiscal year ends June 30, 2010, and the Finance Council is now in the process of preparing the Fiscal Year 2010 – 2011 budget.

This shortfall could mean necessary cuts that would affect Staff and their services to our Parishioners.

It will also impact upon our readiness to build the permanent Church. How can we build more, if we are not able to sustain what we presently have?

Please help us lessen this shortfall. Consider a special gift to St. Thomas More this month with the use of a "Did You Know?" envelope before June 30.

Let's catch up with what we have budgeted and, most importantly, with what we need.

Peter's Pence Collection

Cast the Love of Christ Upon the World

An envelope was attached to the bulletin last week so that we can support the Holy Father in his charitable works. The Peter's Pence Collection is taken up worldwide in an effort of solidarity to support the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and natural disaster and others in need of emergency assistance. Pope Benedict XVI has said, "God's love...gives us the courage to continue seeking and working for the benefit of all" (*Caritas in Veritate*, no. 78). Cast the love of Christ upon the world—please be generous. You may return the envelopes any time during the month of June.

Our Journey Into The Future ... Together! Phase II ~ Our Permanent Church THANK YOU FOUR YOUR RESPONSES!

Pledge Statistics as of June 8

Total P	hase II Responses	# of Families Responding
	Unable to pledge at this time these families have been adopted)	
	Under \$100 \$100 and up	21 175
	\$1,000 and up	75
	\$1,500 and up	128
	\$2,500 and up	84
	\$4,500 and up	28
	\$6,000 and up	19
	\$10,000 and up	18
	\$25,000 and up	2
	\$50,000 and up	2
Total to Date	\$1,374,431	579
Still Needed	\$625,569	419
Total Goal	\$2,000,000	998



O God, the builder of all things, You have placed on us the obligation of toil.

Grant that the work we do toward providing our faith community with a permanent spiritual home for prayer, nourishment, and sacrifice may serve to better our lives and give you greater honor and glory.

Through your goodness, may our acts of generosity, given not merely from our excess but also from our need, contribute to the spread of the kingdom of Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

Amen.

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

AN ORDINARY KIND OF DISCIPLINE

We often speak of a "Lenten Discipline" as we approach Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent, those things—prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that we will begin or expand in our lives, those things which will might provide greater insight on our journey toward Resurrection joy.

And then Easter arrives, and with it our "discipline" may fall to the wayside. I have found that my best Lents come when my discipline is incremental, small yearly steps to keep me on the Christian path, Jesus' path toward salvation.

At the beginning of this extended period of Ordinary Time, I share with you some small, "ordinary" steps, any one or two of which can might lead us to a more prosperous journey.

A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.

—Lao-tzu, The Way of Lao-tzu Chinese philosopher (604 BC - 531 BC)

Small Steps to Becoming Healthier

Drink a glass of water before each meal.

- Always eat breakfast!
- Eat dessert only once per week, not every day.
- Share an entrée with a friend or family member, rather than eating it all yourself.
- Order an appetizer instead of an entrée.
- Share a dessert, and only have the first bite and the last.
- Stretch when you wake up.

Upcoming

JUNE 19/20

St. Thomas

5:00pm Mass

Congregation

8:30am Mass

Congregation

Praise Teams

10:30am Mass

Music

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More

- Go to bed ten minutes earlier until you get the recommended amount of sleep.
- Every time you eat a meal, sit down, chew slowly, and pay attention to flavors and textures.
- Smile when you exercise. If you're finding it hard to lose weight, at least try not to gain weight.
- Shop "around the edges" of the supermarket to avoid highly processed, low nutrient products that fill the inner isles of the store.
- Eat one meal in a quiet space so you can think about what you are eating.

At least once a day, take a break to breathe, reflect, relax, and regroup.

Take a walk with a friend.

- Be more aware of your breathing take a deep breath versus a shallow one.
- Take time each day to absent yourself from technology.
- Read a newspaper every day.
- Set up a budget and pay off debt.
- Reduce your dependency on credit cards.
- Update or make a will and an advance directive.
- Organize a game night with family or friends. It gets you off the couch, and trivia games provide learning and conversation.
- Join a service group to act locally and think globally.
- Make a commitment to volunteer for a good cause at least once a year.
- Start a walking group at your parish.

Go on a retreat.

Laugh often.

Make time for prayer.

Set aside sacred time for yourself.

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Music Says What Theology Cannot

On May 20, Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, chief ecumenist of the Russian Orthodox Church, sat next to Pope Benedict XVI at a concert at the Vatican that was sponsored by Patriarch Kirill of Moscow. The concert was an audible expression of an initiative undertaken by the Roman Catholic and the Russian Orthodox Churches: to use music and other arts to create an atmosphere conducive to Christian unity.

On the day before the concert, Metropolitan Hilarion explained the approach: "It seems to be that there are things which cannot be transmitted either through theological discourse or diplomacy but can be transmitted through the language of art." He called this approach "the dialogue of the heart" between East and West, and added: "Through music we can say something we cannot say through words or diplomatic means or even through theological terms."

> More details are in this Catholic News Service story http://www.catholicnews.com/data/ stories/cns/1002136.htm

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Faith Formation



We welcome to the table of the Lord

at the 5:00pm Mass:

Carson Beissel Jaden Luna Chavez Brandon Adam Cruz Justin Alan Cruz Ryan Moses Cruz Stephanie Ramirez Kyra Bryony White

at the 10:30am Mass:

Anna Christine Fredette Isaac Ruben Gonzalez Catherine Jocelle Guerra Abigail Marie Keane Alexandria Lomeli Victoria Catherine Papania Cole Saxon Prosser Austin Riley Toland

PBJ Update

Food for children at Catholic Charities in Vista

2010 GOAL: Collected to date:

365 jars 353 jars

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We continue to collect useable books, CD's and DVD's for Solutions for Change. They may be dropped off at the Faith Formation Office at any time.

One book, CD, or DVD =One Homeless Child's Life Changed for One Day

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



Yaja Boren—today!

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Join us today at noon on the lower level for our potluck luncheon and Yaja Boren's talk on her life story and book We Only Have Each Other.

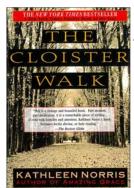
This incredible and lovable woman is coming to share her story with us and teach us about history.

Please come, even if you didn't sign up.

All are welcome!



Fr. Mike's Bookies



"This is a strange and beautiful book. Part memoir, part meditation, it is a remarkable piece of writing... If read with humility and attention, Kathleen Norris's book becomes lectio divina, or holy reading ... "

-The Boston Globe

Douglas Lynn will facilitate our discussion on August 11. The book is available now (\$11) for your reading enjoyment on the file cabinet outside the Faith Formation Office.

Pick one up soon.

Information for Growth

30—Answer

What does the Church's teaching on Original Sin tell us about our human condition?

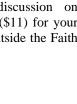
A) we are all wounded by our tendency to sin (CCC 396-409)

31—Ouestion

Which statement reflects a Catholic position on the nature of morality?

- Morality is based on the laws of the country. A)
- There are universal moral laws given by God that give guidance for our lives. B)
- In every age, people create their own morality by free choice. C)
- Because each person is unique, there are no universal moral laws. D)







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Chris Smith

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CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

"The one, I suppose, whose larger debt is forgiven"

–Luke 7:36-8:3

Mac Davis sings a Country Western song, "Oh Lord it is hard to be humble when you are perfect in every way."

Could that possibly be our theme song? Is the fact that we might be mistaken or wrong pretty far down on our list of possibilities? The ability to admit that we are in error does not come easily.

For many people, the three most difficult words are not "I love you," but "I am wrong" and "I am sorry." And there is the, always difficult, "I forgive you!" Contrary to the song by Mac Davis, true humility is the willingness to say, "I am wrong!" and "I am sorry!" when necessary.

Sometimes the best way we can give is to forgive. And the more we feel we have to forgive, the more we need to give. God gave us all that we have and are.

Have we used all that God gave us as it was intended to be used? If not, have we said *I am wrong* and *I am sorry*? Our God is an awesome God. God wants to say, *I forgive you*!

When was the last time we took advantage of that blessed Sacrament of Reconciliation?—excerpted from DCN Jerry Martinez, Archdiocese of New Orleans, ICSC Parish Newsletter, June 2010

We know that God is compassionate and forgiving. We see this in today's first reading with Nathan admonishing David.

Imagine the weight Nathan must have felt having to confront David with such a horrible sin? Imagine the shame David felt being confronted with his actions.

We know the outcome. Because David repented and owned his actions, God forgave him. And God forgives us as well when we repent and ask for God's forgiveness.

One way to stop the cycle of repeating the same mistakes and sins is to become involved in activities that take up our time to serve the greater good. When we spend our time in positive pursuits, we don't have much time to dwell on negative things.

On the feast of Pentecost, we celebrated Deacon Tom's tenth anniversary of ordination. For those of you who might not know



this, the procedure for becoming a deacon is an intense five year program. The wives have to go through the same program. We are grateful for this dedication and to both Deacon Tom and his terrific wife, Patt!

The celebration for this occasion was lovely and everyone had a wonderful time. Often when we attend special festivities, we don't

realize the work that has to be done by many (before, during, and after) to make them so seamless. Thanks to our terrific stewards who

helped with this event, and to all of our faithful stewards who help with all of our *many* ministries.

You are appreciated!

A WAY TO GIVE ~ A WAY TO RECEIVE



DESIGNATED BANK ACCOUNTS, WILLS, LIVING TRUSTS, STOCKS, LIFE INSURANCE, MUTUAL FUNDS, REAL ESTATE

Planned Giving is a generic term that covers the many ways an individual can give to a charity while, in many cases avoiding taxes. A few examples of Planned Giving are: Designated Beneficiary Accounts, Wills, Living Trusts, Stocks, Life Insurance, Mutual Funds, Endowments and Real Estate.

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.

For more information please contact: Chris Smith at 758-4100 x120 or *chriss@stmoside.org*.

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

Collection for Week of June 5/6, 2010

Number of Registered Households

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Offertory*	\$ 16,505.05
Offertory (Loose Collection)	728.50
Children's envelopes	 1.00
Total	\$ 17,234.55
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⁵ 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*.

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<u>Serve</u> God's People

News from the Larger Church

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 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.

Gardening *Mondays* at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside (*Updated Information*)—June 14, 21, and 28 at 8:30am or 6:30pm. Br. James Lockman, OFM, will be conducting his special gardening workshop. For more information, contact 760-757-3659 or *www.sanluisrey.org*.

Twilight Retreats at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside— Wednesday, June 16, 10:30am or 5:30pm. For more information, contact 760-757-3659 or *www.sanluisrey.org*.

Sacred Music (and a little opera) at St. Elizabeth Seton in Carlsbad—Sunday, June 20, 5:00pm, 6628 Santa Isabel St., Carlsbad. Featuring Garrett Harris, tenor, Rebecca Steinke, soprano, Craig Johnston, baritone, and John Danke, piano. No admission charge, but free will offering accepted.

Summer Sings in San Diego—Join the chorus! Based on the popular "Messiah" sing-along, these six Summer Sings represent an opportunity to learn a new work, sing an old favorite, practice your sight-reading, or work with a special conductor. There are NO rehearsals for these "Sings;" just come and enjoy. The next one is on Wednesday, June 23, 7:00pm at First United Methodist Church, 2111 Camino del Rio South, San Diego. For more information, contact *kenglund@sandi.net*, 858-273-3288 or *www.pacem-music.org/comingevents.php*.

Pow-Wow Retreat at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside— June 11-13. Step into the inner circle of the San Luis Rey Band of Mission Indians. Discover local tribal history and spiritual traditions. Experience "behind the scenes" access to the Pow Wow festivities. For more information, contact 760-757-3659 or *www.sanluisrey.org*.

Dancing in the Courtyard at Aegis Living at Shadowridge— The popular summer series returns on Thursday June 17, 6:00-8:00pm, with *The Evans Brothers*. Enjoy complimentary wine, hors d'oeuvres, live music, and dancing. RSVP by Monday, June 14, to 760-806-3600.

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.

Notre Dame Club Golf Tournament in San Diego—June 27-28 at the Grand Del Mar. For more information, visit *www.ndsandiego.org.*

NFP—Natural Family Planning Classes in San Diego—starting July 6 for four weeks, at the Diocesan Pastoral Center. Symptothermal method, 99.6% effective and safe. For more information, contact Dave & Cheryl Ross at 619-303-5053 or *daveandcheryl@cox.net*

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.

News from St. Francis Church—Our Neighbor

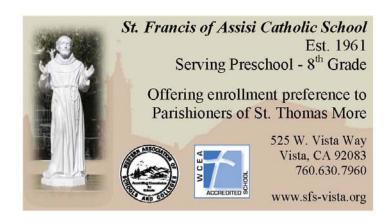
St. Francis Preschool Now Enrolling—We are accepting applications for children ages 3 and up, entering preschool or pre-K. We offer flexible full– and part-time schedules to meet your needs.

Call now for an appointment and a personal tour of the facility to include information on curriculum, activities, and tuition information.

For additional information, contact the St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School office at 760-630-7960, or visit *www.sfs-vista.org*.

Summer Tutors Available—Contact the school office at 760-630-7960 or *mariaw@cox.net* for more information.

New Families Welcome!—Wondering what St. Francis School has to offer your child or grandchild? Visit *http://www.sfs-vista.org/newstudent.htm* for more information.



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