

Church of St. Thomas More

A Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of San Diego

Spirituality † Tradition † Community



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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

July 25, 2010 • Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor's Column

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Principles of Dialogue

The word “polarized” is often used today to describe the reality of our world and Church. People seem to be at opposite poles on so many crucial issues.

How do we talk to one another? How do we find solutions to our problems? How do we find “common ground?”

In my homily last weekend, I encouraged hospitable conversations—conversations that take place in an environment of hospitality.

In order for us to engage in a spirit of hospitality in all of our conversations, I share with you these “Principles of Dialogue” taken from the Catholic Common Ground Initiative. These principles can help us, I believe, structure a conversation that brings people together to find common solutions to the differences that confront us.

The Principles of Dialogue

1. **We should recognize that no single group or viewpoint in the church has a complete monopoly on the truth.** While the bishops united with the Pope have been specially endowed by God with the power to preserve the true faith, they too exercise their office by taking counsel with one another and with the experience of the whole church, past and present. Solutions to the church’s problems will almost inevitably emerge from a variety of sources.
2. **We should not envision ourselves or any one part of the church a saving remnant.** No group within the church should judge itself alone to be possessed of enlightenment or spurn the mass of Catholics, their leaders, or their institutions as unfaithful.

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Please continue to pray for the success of our efforts to build our permanent church!

Our Mission is to: worship God,

Mass Schedule:

Saturday at 5:00pm; Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am;
Tuesday-Friday at 8:15am;
watch bulletin for holydays

Rite of Reconciliation (Confession):

Saturday from 4:00-4:30pm (or by appointment)

Eucharistic Adoration: Monday-Friday, 6:30am-7:30pm

Liturgical Ministry: Contact Douglas Lynn at 760-758-4100 x140

Music Ministry: Contact Douglas Lynn at 760-758-4100 x140

Communion for the Homebound/Hospitalized:

Contact Parish Office at 760-758-4100 x100

Anointing of the Sick: Contact Parish Office

Matrimony:

Contact Parish Office a minimum of nine months in advance

*For further information, call Rev. Michael Ratajczak
at 760-758-4100 x100 or michaelr@stmoside.org.*

teach and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ,

Inquiry into the Catholic Faith:

First and third Thursday evenings

Religious Education for Youth & Children:

Two times a month, September-May, on Sundays

Religious Education for Adults: Various times, September-May

Liturgy of the Word for Children: 8:30am and 10:30am Masses

Little Rock Scripture Study:

Weekly sessions, morning or evening

High School Youth Ministry: Monday evenings

Middle School Youth Ministry:

Two Monday evenings per month

Preparation for the Sacraments:

Baptism (for infants):

Begins with an appointment with the Pastor

Baptism (7-14 yrs.)/RCIA:

One to two year process with children and parents

Baptism (adults)/RCIA:

One to two year process; weekly sessions

First Reconciliation: In home process begins in Level 1

First Communion:

In home process begins after First Reconciliation

Confirmation: Minimum two year process of preparation;
begins in high school

*For further information, call Kathleen Bell
at 760-758-4100 x110 or kathleenb@stmoside.org.*

and serve God's people in word and deed.

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

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

Pastor's Column *(continued from page 1)*

3. *We should test all proposals for their pastoral realism and potential impact on living individuals as well as for their theological truth.* Pastoral effectiveness is a responsibility of leadership.
4. *We should presume that those with whom we differ are acting in good faith.* They deserve civility, charity, and a good-faith effort to understand their concerns. We should not substitute labels, abstractions, or blanketing terms—"radical feminism," "the hierarchy," "the Vatican"—for living, complicated realities.
5. *We should put the best possible construction on differing positions,* addressing their strongest points rather than seizing upon the most vulnerable aspects in order to discredit them. We should detect the valid insights and legitimate worries that may underlie even questionable arguments.
6. *We should be cautious in ascribing motives.* We should not impugn another's love of the church and loyalty to it. We should not rush to interpret disagreements as conflicts of starkly opposing principles rather than as differences in degree or in prudential pastoral judgments about the relevant facts.
7. *We should bring the church to engage the realities of contemporary culture,* not by simple defiance or by naïve acquiescence, but acknowledging, in the fashion of *Gaudiam et Spes*, both our culture's valid achievements and real dangers.

For further information, contact: www.nplc.org/commonground.

Fr. Mike

Fr. Mike's Bookies

Good Old Sin

Saved by a Rockette: Easters I Have Known

Cinderella in Kalamazoo

A Story with Dragons: The Book of Revelation

Maria Goretti: Cipher or Saint?

Places and Displacement: Rattlesnakes in Cyberspace

At Last, Her Laundry's Done

The Gregorian Brain

These are some of the varied essays from *The Cloister Walk*, by Kathleen Norris. Join the next installment of **Fr. Mike's Bookies** on Wednesday, August 11, at 9:00am or 7:00pm, as we explore this *New York Times* Notable Book of the Year.

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.



Readings for the Week Ahead

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

Sunday, July 25 (111)
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 18:20-32
Psalm 138:1-3,6-8
Colossians 2:12-14
Luke 11:1-13

Monday, July 26 (401)
Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Jeremiah 13:1-11
Deuteronomy 32:18-21 (Psalm)
Matthew 13:31-35

Tuesday, July 27 (402)
Jeremiah 14:17-22
Psalm 79:8,9,11,13
Matthew 13:36-43

Wednesday, July 28 (403)
Jeremiah 15:10,16-21
Psalm 59:2-4,10-11,17-18
Matthew 13:44-46

Thursday, July 29 (404)
Martha

Jeremiah 18:1-6
Psalm 146:1-6
Matthew 13:47-53

Friday, July 30 (405)
Peter Chrysologus, bishop, doctor

Jeremiah 26:1-9
Psalm 69:5,8-10,14
Matthew 13:54-58

Saturday, July 31 (406)
Ignatius of Loyola

Jeremiah 26:11-16,24
Psalm 69:15-16,30-31,33-34
Matthew 14:1-12

Sunday, August 1 (114)
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23
Psalm 90:3-6,12-14,17
Colossians 3:1-5,9-11
Luke 12:13-21

Prayer List

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

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

Nancy Moore
Margie Myers
Cosmo Nocida
R. Northrup
Helen O'Connell
Lupe Casas Pelletier
Helen Pingtella
Anne Post
Otila Quiroz
Janet Raiman
Rita Ritchie
Joanne Robinson
Sr. Loyola Romey
Dorothy Rouse
The Russo Family
Nancy Scali
Linda Schmidt
Freda Schweitzer
Teresa Shaffer
Richard Sikora
Mike Snyder
Nick Soltau
Martha Sosa
Ed Sox
Gilda Spiegl
The Marie Sterling Family
Joan Stringer
Maria Surmenidis
Stephen Toth, Jr.
Barbara Upson
Arnie Velasco
Dominic Vienna, Jr.
Vanessa Vitiello-Koble
Kevin Watson-Graff
Bea Wattam
Ellen Webb
John Whitton

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
PFC Jonathan Chasteler
Lance Corporal Brandon Doyle, USMC
MSGT Steve Gallegos, USMC
BM2 Bobby Hartdegen, US Navy
LCpl. Brandon Mann, USMC
Staff Sgt. Travis M. Meyers, USAF
Pvt. 2nd Class Matthew Seneca Noblitt, US Army
Pvt. 2 Jess Phillips, US Army
Sr. Airman Robert Spear, USAF
PVT2 Tyler Timmerman, U.S. Army
LT Billy Turley, USN

Thank you for your prayers for St Sgt Joseph Duffy, USAF, Who has returned home safely.

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

July 25 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses

The Month Ahead

Aug 1 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
Aug 1 Appreciation Reception for Retiring Youth Ministers
Aug 8 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
Aug 15 New Member Reception
Aug 22 Second Annual Pastor's Dinner

The Year Ahead

Oct 17 STM 25th Anniversary Celebration
Nov 6-24 Stewardship Awareness/Renewal
Nov 7 Towers of Faith Reception
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.

Mass Intentions
Saturday, July 24, 5:00pm Jean Crowell ☩
Sunday, July 25, 8:30am Mary Baker ☩
Sunday, July 25, 10:30am Mari-Jo Porter ☩
Tuesday, July 27, 8:15am Lorraine Kauffman ☩
Wednesday, July 28, 8:15am J.C. Gonzalez ☩
Thursday, July 29, 8:15am Catherine O'Sullivan ☩
Friday, July 30, 8:15am Joe Emanuel ☩
Saturday, July 31, 5:00pm Georgia Taylor ☩
Sunday, August 1, 8:30am Frank Early
Sunday, August 1, 10:30am Peg & Carl Ayers ☩

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.

July 26 Sr. Cora Weismantel, SSND
July 27 Sr. Elizabeth Ann Wekall, RSM
July 28 Sr. Patricia Weldon, OSF
July 29 Sr. Donna Wencel, OP
July 30 Sr. Anne Wenthe, RSCJ
July 31 Sr. Maria Elena Whitney, SJS
August 1 Sr. Helen Louise Williams, CSJ

Announcing the Baptism of

James Thomas Bolsakov
on July 25, 2010



Our Christian community welcomes you with great joy!

Flower Donations

We would like to gratefully acknowledge the contribution of:
Chris Smith
Maria Elena Quiroz
whose generosity helped to defray the cost of flowers this weekend in our liturgical environment.

In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the soul of:
Marie Sterling, who died on July 13. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, August 5, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please 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.

Missionary Cooperative Appeal

As part of the Diocesan Missionary Cooperative plan, Sister Mary Dietz will be speaking at all the Masses this weekend. She has been a missionary in Sierra Leone, West Africa, and in Nepal, Asia. She invites your partnership in the missionary work of her religious congregation, the School Sisters of Notre Dame. Your generous donation unites you as missionary to our brothers and sisters around the world who are most in need of help. Envelopes are attached to the bulletin this weekend and may be returned any time during the month of August. Thank you!

STM Scrip 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!
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 SCRIP table after weekend Masses or the Parish Office during the week. Thank you!

Annual Catholic Appeal 2010 Update

St. Thomas More's "Fair Share": \$43,000
Pledge Total to Date: \$40,990
Households Responding: 295
Average Gift per Household: \$138.95
Amount needed to reach our goal: \$2,010

251 households out of 997 households have given a gift this year.
Please consider making a pledge/gift to the ACA. Any amount given will make a real difference. If 81 more households each make a gift of \$25, we can meet our "Fair Share."

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!

Women's Guild News

The St. Thomas More Women's Guild is making plans for a great year. Look forward to a Hawaiian luau with delicious island food and Hawaiian dancers and singing, a free book exchange and talk by an author, a fashion show, game day, a new and fun program by Sally Fay, and many more interesting luncheon meetings. Come for the fun, food, and fellowship. Our first meeting will be September 13. Membership directories will be available at that time. More details on our first meeting will follow. In the meantime, join us on the plaza after mass to join the club, or put your registration slip and \$5 in the collection plate or box 35 in the office. We are looking forward to another wonderful year! Call Valerie Thompson at 760-630-1703 if you want more information.

Board meeting is August 2 at 10:00am at Valerie's home.

La Posada Thanks You!

Thank you to all our Parishioners who contributed a total of \$678 to the Fourth of July Raffle supporting the men's shelter, **La Posada de Guadalupe!** They are very grateful to our Parish for our part in helping them raise a net total of \$8,200. In addition, once again this year, two of our Parishioners were winners! Congratulations to Elizabeth Yeatts who won the \$500 first prize, and Donald Bistline who won the \$250 second prize! You may have read in the *North County Times* that the Carlsbad City Council voted last week to release the \$2,000,000 in the city's Agricultural Conversion Mitigation fund for the building of a permanent facility at **La Posada** which will house 50 farm workers and 50 men from the general homeless population. It is now one step closer to a reality!

Catholic Widows and Widowers of North County

CWWNC meets the second Sunday of each month for a general meeting and potluck (August 8 at Calavera Park in Carlsbad). On the fourth Saturday or Sunday of each month, we meet at various Catholic churches in North County for Mass. Prospective members are welcome anytime. Our active calendar of events includes dining, dancing, concerts, golf and several happy hours. For more information, contact Gerri Wilmott at 760-758-9949 or Carol Kope 760-758-4100 x100.

Would You Like to Join *JustFaith*?

JustFaith provides Parishioners with an opportunity to meet together to explore biblical tradition, the historic witness of the church, Catholic social teaching, and the relationship between spirituality and justice. The main focus of the course is on domestic and international poverty with topics ranging from the scriptural background of particular care for the poor, causes of hunger, racism, violence, consumerism, sexism, and third-world issues, to name but a few.

The course is approximately 30 weeks, one two-hour session a week, beginning the week of Monday, September 13, and concluding during the week of May 9, 2011. We will not meet around holidays like Thanksgiving and Christmas.

We have groups forming on the following days of the week: Tuesday (late afternoon), Thursday (morning), Wednesday (evening), Thursday (evening).

Costs: \$140 approximately, chiefly for books and duplicated material. Some small additional costs for two retreats, one at the beginning and one at the end. You will not pay for everything at once. Assistance is available for anyone who has a hardship.

For more information, contact Cathy Blecki at 760-603-8930 or Sr. Maureen Brown at 760-758-4100 x131.

Pat Bowles described her experience with *JustFaith* this way: “*JustFaith* was an avenue by which I could discover who I am/am not, explore simplicity, define a life purpose, develop social consciousness, experience compassion, build community, and rediscover prayer. *JustFaith* was a life-changing course of study; it awakened the Spirit within me and opened my mind and heart.”

Pennies from Heaven to Help Pregnant Women

The annual *Pennies from Heaven* collection to benefit Birth Choice of San Marcos, our local pregnancy resource center, will be the weekend of August 7-8. Birth Choice relies solely on contributions to provide support for their clients. Representatives from the Culture of Life Committee will be on the Plaza at all Masses to collect your donations. For more information, please contact Jane Kelleher at 760-822-7041.

Healing the Culture—Funding the Abortion Changes You Outreach

Earlier this month an envelope was attached to the bulletin to support “Healing the Culture—Funding the Abortion Changes You Outreach.” All proceeds generated by Parishes and Churches participating in this community-wide effort will be used to sponsor an extensive advertising campaign designed to bring the healing message of the “Abortion Changes You Outreach” to all residents of San Diego county. Advertising will include: bus, trolley, and mall ads, billboards, web-based ads, radio commercials, and local and college newspaper ads. To learn more about the advertising campaign, visit:

www.abortionchangesyou.com.

Please be generous as we attempt to link women and men who suffer in silence due to an abortion experience with the numerous healing and reconciliation resources available in our community. You may return the envelope anytime during the month of July.

Our Journey Into The Future . . . Together! **Phase II ~ Our Permanent Church**

The journey is essential to the dream.

—St. Francis of Assisi

Pledge Statistics as of July 20

Total Phase II Responses	# of Families Responding
Unable to pledge at this time (10 of these families have been adopted)	31
Under \$100	23
\$100 and up	190
\$1,000 and up	80
\$1,500 and up	127
\$2,500 and up	83
\$4,500 and up	31
\$6,000 and up	20
\$10,000 and up	18
\$25,000 and up	2
\$50,000 and up	2
Total to Date	\$1,406,938
Still Needed	\$593,062
Total Goal	\$2,000,000
	607
	390
	997



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.

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Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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WHAT'S ON YOUR LIST?

Scripture Themes for August

by Patricia Datchuck
 Sánchez and Rafael
 Sánchez Alonso,
 Celebration
 August 2010.
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In the 2008 film “The Bucket List,” Rob Reiner directed Jack Nicholson and Morgan Freeman in a story about two terminally ill men who meet while they are patients undergoing treatment for lung cancer. With little time left, the unlikely pair, a bluecollar worker (Freeman) and a very wealthy tycoon (Nicholson), go on a round-the-world trip in an effort to cross off as many entries as possible from their personal lists of things to do “before you kick the bucket.” On the list are desires to “witness something truly majestic,” “help a complete stranger,” “find the joy in life,” and “laugh until I cry,” to name only a few.

As believers pray their way through the Gospels of August, we hear the Lucan Jesus call attention to the fact that we are not permanent residents on earth but pilgrims on a journey to eternity. Each of us is challenged to formulate a bucket list of our own—so that as we fulfill the items on it, we are made better prepared for that final encounter and the judgment that will decide our place (or not) in God’s everlasting reign.

It is not easy to compile, prioritize, and edit a bucket list. Some of that difficulty is reflected in the Gospel for August 1, where a rich man who placed great store on the acquisition of more and more wealth had a rude awakening. Riches had been uppermost on his bucket list, but the sudden awareness that his life would soon end confronted him with the sad truth that his riches were not portable. His experience challenges Jesus’ disciples to remember daily that “one’s life does not consist of possessions” (Luke 12:15).

On August 8, this lesson will be continued as the Lucan Jesus instructs his disciples in the proper attitude they should have toward the passing riches of this world. Jesus

suggests that we should put almsgiving on the top of our bucket list and not expend undue energy acquiring wealth here and now as the basis of our security. By shifting the source of our security and well-being from riches to God, and by trusting in God enough to be generous toward the needy, even to a fault, believers will learn the detachment from earthly things that enables them to have absolute trust and faith in God. Abraham and Sarah knew such trust and faith. Traveling to an unknown destination on God’s word alone had not been uppermost on their list, but they did it, and God blessed them with riches they never imagined were possible: a son and countless descendants (August 8).

In the very middle of the month, we celebrate Jesus’ mother being taken home to heaven (August 15), and we are invited to leave a few blank spaces on the bucket list. As a young woman, Mary may have imagined a rather peaceful and ordinary life for herself, as someone’s wife and the mother of his children. Her imaginings were turned on their ear by the angel messenger, and much to her credit, she was willing to accept God’s amazing grace. Mary acquiesced to live a life she had not planned, a life that brought her pain and sorrow, tempered only by the joy and peace of doing God’s will.

“Discipleship 101” continues on the 22nd and 29th of August. In the Gospels, the Lucan Jesus reminds believers that if they wish to share a life that continues with him beyond the grave, each will need more than a passing familiarity with his teachings. We are to practice our knowledge of Jesus in our humble service of others—not the occasional kowtowing that makes us look sincere for a moment, but in the

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acknowledgement that because I belong to him, I put the well-being of others ahead of my own. Their needs take priority over mine, and I adjust my agenda and bucket list accordingly. Jesus even went so far as to challenge his disciples to make the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind their table companions. Seek out those who cannot reciprocate, said Jesus; then you will find yourself in the company of the least ones of this world who are God’s chosen.

In order to respond to these challenges, believers must be willing to edit their bucket list as often as necessary to keep to the “narrow way” of discipleship. Anyone who has passed through airport security has had to remove shoes, belt, keys, purse, bag, jacket, etc. in order to walk through a scanner. Some are subjected to the even further scrutiny of a personal or electronic search. Only by submitting are travelers able to continue their journey. In a certain sense, the narrow path that Jesus plotted requires us to undertake a similar divestiture of possessions, self-will, pride, and even our dignity so that Jesus and the well-being of those he loves will remain uppermost on the bucket list that inspires our journey through life, and through death, to everlasting life.

Upcoming Music

**JULY 31/
 AUGUST 1**
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm Mass

Cantor &
 Congregation

8:30am Mass

Cantor &
 Congregation

10:30am Mass

Cantor &
 Congregation

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

Kathleen Bell
 Director of Faith Formation
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High Seas Expedition

says
THANK YOU!

240
 Crew Members,
 Crew Leaders,
 and Station Leaders
 had a great week at VBS
 where we explored
*the mighty love
 of God!*



Donations were gratefully received from:

- * STM Parishioners, especially the daily Mass group and the Nucci family
- * STM Sponsors
- * Knights of Columbus
- * Center Leaders



God's Word is Life-changing~
Let's Go!

See more photos at www.stmoside.org, Event Pictures

Our Faith Formation program offers you many opportunities for growth and support as we walk this journey of faith together.



Our Religious Education Program is called RE.A.CH, which stands for Religious Education for Adolescents and Children. It is a partnership with the parents, so there are two sessions a month at church and two sessions a month at home.

Ages 3-5 (Preschool and Kindergarten)

Children at this age level meet on Sunday mornings during the whole of the 10:30am Mass, September through May. Parents bring the child to the catechist on the lower level at 10:20am and pick the child up when Mass is over. The children are involved in age-appropriate activities based on the Gospel of the day.

Ages 6-13 (Elementary and Middle School)

There are two sessions of RE.A.CH for this age level on two Sundays a month from 12:30-2:00pm or 5:00-6:30pm, September through May.

For details on how to get involved, contact the Faith Formation Office.

PBJ Update



Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center

2010 GOAL:	365 jars
Collected to date:	385 jars

Information for Growth

36—Answer

The Church teaches that Christian hope is

- C) desiring and expecting God will enable you to participate in eternal life. (CCC 1817)



37—Question

What is a virtue?

- A) doing a good deed
- B) doing what comes naturally to us
- C) an official Church law
- D) a habit or firm disposition of doing good



Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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

Christian Stewardship During Hard Times

Prayer and asking for God's mercy are key elements in today's readings. There are certainly those times in life when hard times seem overwhelming. Good times happen as well. Prayer should be a staple of life, but our tendency is to focus more on the power of prayer only during difficult times.

The "Our Father" has always given me pause to think about all the words and the exact implications. When we pray in this way, we committing to do the will of God. This is not always easy, just as life is not always easy, but life goes better with prayer.

The following prayer* is especially meaningful for all those who are going through challenging times, and many in our parish, diocese, and world are going through those right now.

*Lord, help me to be grateful
for all the small things you give to me,
especially when life is challenging.*

*Help me to be grateful
for all the great, majestic things you give me,
especially when life is so busy.*

*Help me to be grateful
for all the beautiful things you give me,
especially when life seems dark and gloomy.*

*Help me to be grateful
for all the sufferings you give me,
especially when my life seems
separated from you.*

*Help me to be grateful
for all the understandings you give me,
especially when life seems so
difficult to comprehend.*

*Help me to be grateful
for all the love you give me,
especially when life seems so hard.*

*Lord, help me to trust you
through this dark time to the Light.
Amen.*

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God never gives us more than we can handle. Life happens and we live more peaceful lives by always putting God first. God is here for each of us 24 hours a day, seven days a week, forever. Life goes better with gratitude for everything we are and have.

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Collection for Week of July 17/18, 2010

Number of Registered Households		997
Offertory*	\$	9,281.84
Offertory (Loose Collection)		1,006.00
Children's envelopes		1.00
Total	\$	10,288.84

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

Special thanks to our young donors using the Children's offertory envelopes for their Christian Stewardship efforts.

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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 August, training for young adult ministry teams and leaders, and more!

Volunteer Opportunities for the Semi-Retired and Retired—The Jesuit-sponsored Ignatian Volunteer Corps may be for you! Volunteer opportunities are available one or two days per week. Serve the needs of local people who are poor, work for a more just society, and grow deeper in faith through reflection and prayer. All backgrounds are needed, particularly attorneys. Contact Margie Carroll, Regional Director at 619-881-9509 or mcarroll@ivcusa.org. Visit www.ivcusa.org.

Medieval Church History Lectures at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside—Thursdays through August 19, 10:00am or 7:00pm, with Fr. Tom Herbst, OFM. For more information, contact 760-757-3659 or www.sanluisrey.org.

Glory Immersion Encounter with God in Escondido—Tuesday, July 27, 7:00pm, Church of St. Timothy, Escondido. Immerse yourself in His wonderful presence and be blessed in just the way that you need. For more information, call Julie Axlund at 760-741-1134.

Healing Mass in Solana Beach—July 28, 7:00pm, St. James Parish, 625 S. Nardo Ave., Solana Beach. For more information, contact 858-481-6911.

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, August 4, 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.

Mother of Life Conference in San Diego—Saturday, August 14, Viejas Arena at San Diego State University. Tickets are \$35 until July 15, then \$45. Featured speakers are Fr. Mitch Pacwa,

Fr. Thomas Euteneuer, Callista and Newt Gingrich, and Lila Rose. Check the flyer in this bulletin or visit www.motheroflifeconference.com.

Dancing in the Courtyard at Aegis Living at Shadowridge—The popular summer series continues on Thursday August 19, 6:00-8:00pm, with *The Caravans*. Enjoy complimentary wine, hors d’oeuvres, live music, and dancing. RSVP by Monday, August 16, to 760-806-3600.

Elizabeth Hospice Summer Volunteer Training in Escondido—August 24, 25, and 26, 8:30am-3:00pm, at the Escondido Chamber of Commerce, 720 N. Broadway, Escondido. Elizabeth Hospice provides hospice and bereavement support to all of North County. Graduates of this training will be invited to volunteer for the Elizabeth Hospice in a variety of ways including Patient care, complementary therapies, support services, transitions, and transportation. For more information, contact Denise at 760-737-2050 or 800-797-2050.

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.

Separated/Divorced Support Group in Solana Beach—If you are in pain from a separation or divorce, please consider joining our support group. We meet 10:15am Sunday mornings at St. James Catholic Church Ministry Center Offices, 625 S. Nardo, Solana Beach. \$20 for DivorceCare workbook. New support group forming September 12. For additional information please contact Frank Grant at 760-533-1520 or fwgrant@earthlink.net.

Retreat for Widowed, Divorced, and Separated Persons at Prince of Peace Abbey in Oceanside—November 12-14 or 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.

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