

Founding Pastor Fr. Robert White and Parishioners celebrate the first Mass in December 1985 at Carlsbad High School

*This space will be featuring different memories from our history each week. See page 4 for more details.*

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

September 5, 2010 • Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak  
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### Labor Day

This week we celebrate Labor Day, but how many of us have any idea where the holiday came from or what it celebrates?

The first Labor Day was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882 in New York City and was proposed by the Central Labor Union at a time when American workers were struggling for basic rights such as the eight-hour day.

The CLU moved the "workingman's holiday" to the first Monday in September, 1883 and urged other unions to celebrate the date as well. The movement grew throughout the 1880's with 23 states passing legislation recognizing Labor Day as a holiday. By 1894 Congress followed suit and Labor Day became a national holiday.

On that date, in 1894, most American workers still did not have an eight-hour day, the right to organize, social security, health care, or even a living wage. Child labor was common and there were no health and safety laws. Indeed, just being a unionist could get you fired or even killed in some quarters.

During the Progressive era, union activism began to bring some basic reforms, but it was not until the New Deal era in the 1930's that most of the basic rights we take for granted were won. And even then, many workers in the agricultural and public sectors were left out. It was not until the 1960's that public sector workers got the right to organize at the federal level. That only became true in California's education sector in the 1970's.

For much of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, Labor Day was a real celebration of American workers with parades, picnics, and speeches dedicated to the struggles and triumphs of American unions. The meaning of the holiday has been largely erased from the public memory. People enjoy the weekends, but they have forgotten or never learned about the struggles of the American Labor Movement that made our weekends even possible. We lose this history at our peril.

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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)*

In the midst of our current economic crisis and growing inequality we need to remember the voices that seek to raise everybody up and proclaim that, "An injury to one is an injury to all."

All workers everywhere, union and non-union, deserve a decent job, basic rights, and the dignity that comes with work. We pray, God, that on this Labor Day we may celebrate the gains made to protect people in the workplace, and that those who are hurting during this time of turmoil may feel the presence and support of our Faith Family and Your nearness. We make this prayer through Christ, our Lord. Amen!

*Fa. Mike*

### Rosary

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



### 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.*

### Would You Like to Join JustFaith?

#### Consider JustFaith and Catholic Social Teaching

One of the most notable achievements of the Catholic Church over the past 120 years is the development of its social teaching. Catholic social doctrine has two main concerns:



1. the dignity of the human person, made in God's image, with the rights and duties which protect and enhance this dignity, and
2. the common good. Catholic social doctrine developed from a response to the problems of the Industrial Revolution which resulted in the exploitation of workers which continues today, dealing with the complex issues of technology and its effects, whether in the arms race, environmental destruction, or the widening gap between rich and poor.

*St. Thomas More, together with five North County parishes, will be involved in the national program of JustFaith. JustFaith is an opportunity to grow spiritually by studying the Church's social doctrine in small groups at the homes of parishioners. JustFaith meets once a week from September to May with breaks for the holidays. It is a marvelous community-building experience.*

*—Joe Dillon, St. Thomas More*

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

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

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

**Sunday, September 5 (129)**  
*Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 Wisdom 9:13-18b  
 Psalm 90:3-6,12-17  
 Philemon 9-10,12-17  
 Luke 14:25-33

**Monday, September 6 (437)**  
 1 Corinthians 5:1-8  
 Psalm 5:5-7,12  
 Luke 6:6-11

**Tuesday, September 7 (438)**  
 1 Corinthians 6:1-11  
 Psalm 149:1b-6a,9b  
 Luke 6:12-19

**Wednesday, September 8 (636)**  
*The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
 Micah 5:1-4a or Romans 8:28-30  
 Psalm 13:6a-c  
 Matthew 1:1-16,18-23

**Thursday, September 9 (440)**  
*Peter Claver, priest*  
 1 Corinthians 8:1b-7,11-13  
 Psalm 139:1b-3,13-14b,23-24  
 Luke 6:27-38

**Friday, September 10 (441)**  
 1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22b-27  
 Psalm 84:3-6,12  
 Luke 6:39-42

**Saturday, September 11 (442)**  
 1 Corinthians 10:14-22  
 Psalm 116:12-13,17-18  
 Luke 6:43-49

**Sunday, September 12 (132)**  
*Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 Exodus 32:7-11,13-14  
 Psalm 51:3-4,12-13,17,19  
 1 Timothy 1:12-17  
 Luke 15:1-32

Mass Intentions
Saturday, September 4, 5:00pm Frances Hoogestraat ☩
Sunday, September 5, 8:30am Marianne Benjamin ☩ Ralph Ludke ☩
Sunday, September 5, 10:30am Phil Goscienski
Monday, September 6, 8:15am Karel Mazeland ☩
Tuesday, September 7, 8:15am Christine Jensen
Wednesday, September 8, 8:15am Geneve Peer ☩
Thursday, September 9, 8:15am Jean Calderone
Friday, September 10, 8:15am Rosemary Poehlman ☩
Saturday, September 11, 5:00pm Jeff & Philip Lavelle ☩
Sunday, September 12, 8:30am Donna Smith
Sunday, September 12, 10:30am Luci Palmer ☩

**Prayer List**

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

- Mary Alexander
- Laura Allenfort
- Lucia Ambriz
- Patricia Barbour
- Lois Baxter
- Linda Belanger
- John Bennici
- Regina Bentz
- Roseanne Berg
- George "Whitey" Betus
- Tamara Bousquet
- Monica Broussard
- Janet Brown
- Roseanne Burg
- Shelby Campbell
- Claudia Caplinger
- Keaton Cardillo
- Paul Cassidy
- Flor Catap & Family
- Paul Cipowski
- Olivia Cokeley & Family
- Dolly Cole
- Carl Coleman
- James Coleman
- Thomas Cornwell & Family
- Karen Flaharty Daley
- Cecilia DeSimone
- The Diaz & Gillen Families
- The Dorsa Family
- Linda Dossman
- Kathryn Ernst
- Bob & Boo Falconer
- Flora Fallone
- The Fiore Family
- Peggy & Jack Fischer
- Ryan Flum
- Matthew Foster
- Kathryn Franklin
- The Franklin Family
- Joe Freire
- Carmen Garcia
- Cierra Gerardi
- Rick Gonzalez
- Dr. Phil Goscienski
- Eileen Gough
- Robert Gray
- Rosemary Haeffelin
- Anita Hage
- Susan Hallahan
- The Harker Family
- Rita Harnacker
- Dorothy Harrison
- Lillian Hazzard
- Marge Heath
- Lilian Hills
- Rosemary Hodgson
- Joshua Johnston
- Sue Johnston
- Eileen Jones
- Paul Kennedy
- Debbie Kinney
- George Kleekamp
- Sr. Anne Kremenik
- Helen Kuhn
- Lillian Lachance
- The Lamelin Family
- The Langeweg Family
- Bernie Lanzrath
- Rick Laver
- Brandon LeBlanc
- Cassandra Loretto
- Lauren Loretto
- James MacArthur
- The Marie Sterling Family
- Makenna Marlaire & Family
- Nancy Marley
- Virginia McWalters
- Bob McWilliams
- Carol Michael
- June Mitchell
- David Moala
- Shannon Moala
- Nancy Moore
- Margie Myers
- R. Northrup
- Eleanor Novosel
- 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
- The Douglas E. Schulte Family
- Freda Schweitzer
- Elizabeth Shirzad
- Richard Sikora
- Mike Snyder
- Nick Soltau
- Martha Sosa
- Ed Sox
- Gilda Spiegl
- Joan Stringer
- Maria Surmenidis
- The Thompson Family
- Stephen Toth, Jr.
- Barbara Upson
- Arnie Velasco
- Dominic Vienna, Jr.
- Vanessa Vitiello-Koble
- Paul & Mai Vo & Family
- Kevin Watson-Graff
- John Whitton
- Nina Woodard

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

**Calendar Highlights**

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

**The Week Ahead**

- Sep 5 Knights of Columbus Breakfast
- Sep 6 Labor Day Office and Chapel Closed Mass at 8:15am
- Sep 7-8 Restaurant Fundraiser at California Pizza Kitchen
- Sep 7-9 Fall Music Start Up
- Sep 8 *What a Difference a Day Makes!* with Fr. Rich
- Sep 12 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
- Sep 12 RE.A.CH Classes begin

**The Month Ahead**

- Sep 13 Women's Guild Luncheon
- Sep 19 Liturgy of the word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
- Sep 19 RE.A.CH High School begins
- Sep 24 Aegis Dinner

**The Year Ahead**

- Oct 9 Men's Prayer Breakfast
- Oct 17 STM 25th Anniversary Celebration
- Oct 23-24 Women's Guild Bake Sale
- Nov 6-24 Stewardship Awareness/Renewal
- Nov 6 Treasures 2010
- Nov 7 Towers of Faith Reception
- Nov 11-12 First Annual STM Women's Retreat
- Nov 21 Thanksgiving Concert presented by the Music Ministry

**Next Year**

- Jan 23 New Member Reception

*Questions? Contact Henny at*

**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.

September 6 Sr. Ada Burns, RSCJ
September 7 Sr. M. Joanna Calderon, DCJ
September 8 Sr. Celestine Callaghan, RSM
September 9 Sr. Annice Callahan, RSCJ
September 10 Sr. Irma Leticia Campos, SJS
September 11 Sr. Dolores CarlosCoutu, OLVM
September 12 Sr. Mary Lou Carlson, OSF

## Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioner

Angelo Pugliese  
Julie Wilcox & Family

## Congratulations to

**Dorothy & David Greig (59 years)**

who celebrate their wedding anniversaries this week.

*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 contributions of:

**Jo & Greg Hoogestraat  
Masako & Carl Streling**

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

## Memories from Our History

For our 25th anniversary year, we will be featuring different historical photos and memories on the bulletin cover each week. If you have any photos or memories you would like considered, please email them to [parishoffice@stmoside.org](mailto:parishoffice@stmoside.org) or bring them to the Parish Office.

## Annual Catholic Appeal

**We only need \$365 more to reach our assessment of \$43,000.**

**Thanks to everyone who helped us get to this point!**

Each Parish in the Diocese contributes to the Annual Catholic Appeal, and the funds support Catholic Charities, Catholic Education, and formation for priests and permanent deacons.

If you have not yet responded, please consider a contribution using the envelopes that were attached to the bulletin two weeks ago. Envelopes are also available at the Information Table and the Parish Office.

Any amounts we collect over our assessment will be returned to us and will help our operating budget.

## STM Scrip News

**Scrip is now available for purchase FOUR different ways!**

1. Monday-Friday during business hours in the Parish Office
2. Online Ordering 24/7 by going to:  
[www.stmoside.org](http://www.stmoside.org)  
Click on Contact Us  
then click on Scrip
3. Email Ordering 24/7: [scrip@stmoside.org](mailto:scrip@stmoside.org)
4. Phone Ordering 24/7: 760-758-4100 x150

*Online, Email, and Phone orders may be picked up after Masses on the weekend or at the Parish Office any time after they are ready. Please bring your payment method with you. We accept: Cash, Check, Visa, MasterCard, or Discover.*

**Note: Krikorian Tickets are currently unavailable due to the merchant reviewing their Premiere Fundraising Program.**

## Women's Guild News

MARK THE DATE!! Monday, September 13, the Women's Guild will hold its first meeting of the new season. Meet upstairs for a delightful organ presentation by Sally Fay, our own very talented organist. Come see the person who is behind that organ every Sunday. Besides her obvious talent, Sally is a charming and humorous presenter.. We will meet on the upper level at 11:00am and then move downstairs for a delectable luncheon, door prizes, and raffle. You won't want to miss this one. All women of the Parish and friends are warmly welcomed. Call Valerie Thompson at 760-630-1703 or Mary Coxon at 760-599-8760 for reservations.

## Volunteers Needed for Treasures 2010 Fundraiser



We need 100 plus St. Thomas More Parishioners to step forward with enthusiasm and sign up and be counted on to assist in this opportunity to raise additional funds to build our permanent church! Many hands make light the task! Volunteer for a 3-hour shift and join in the fun of a labor of love for God. "Here on earth God's work must truly be our own." —John F. Kennedy.

Volunteers (men and women of all ages and teenagers) are needed in the following areas:

Staffing the tag sale tables, coordinating and installing signs, early morning table set up, take down of tables after event, selling raffle tickets, directing traffic, general helpers, computer people to send out emails, and people to make phone calls.

If you have an interest in any of these areas, please watch for the flyer/sign-up form in next week's bulletin For more information, contact 760-758-4100 x100 or [parishoffice@stmoside.org](mailto:parishoffice@stmoside.org).

Our next organizational and volunteer meeting will be on Sunday, September 19, 4:00-6:00pm in the lower level of the Parish Center. Please attend. Refreshments will be served.

—Jerry & Judy Buoniconti, Co-chairs, Treasures 2010

## Birth Choice of San Marcos Expanding

Birth Choice of San Marcos is a pro-life, Christian-based pregnancy resource center offering free pregnancy tests, ultrasound and options counseling for over 23 years. We will be opening a satellite office in downtown Oceanside at 611 Mission Ave., and we're actively recruiting those who feel called to this ministry to train as volunteer counselors. We're looking to the Christian community to aid us in accomplishing this goal. If you have any questions or interest in volunteering, please contact Mary Rose Stearns, Executive Director, at 760-434-5063 or [mrstearns@birthchoice.net](mailto:mrstearns@birthchoice.net).

## Entertainment Books

The Knights of Columbus are offering Entertainment Books again this year. The books more than pay for themselves with great deals on dining out, travel, shopping services, and entertainment. All proceeds go toward supporting St. Thomas More and various charities. See the Knights on the Plaza after most Masses throughout the remainder of 2010 to purchase your book.



**North County Solutions for Change Open House**

*Saturday, September 25 • 11:00am-3:00pm*

North County Solutions for Change is a Vista-based agency that has an innovative program for achieving a solution to family homelessness. For several years our Parishioners have been taking meals to the intake facility, as well as providing Christmas gifts, school backpacks, books, and clothing for the resident children.



An Open House for St. Thomas More Parishioners is scheduled for Saturday, September 25, from 11:00am to 3:00pm. This is a great opportunity to visit the California Avenue housing facility in Vista to tour the apartments and support building. There will be a complimentary lunch for Parishioners attending. In addition, there will be activities for the kids, including a puppet show, a bounce house, and face painting. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks!

*Questions? Contact Dick & Charlene Belprez at 760-295-1431.*

**Little Rock Bible Study**

Beginning Wednesday, September 15, at 9:00am, or Thursday, September 16, at 7:00pm, you are invited to join us for a six-week session of Little Rock Scripture Study entitled *The Way of Justice and Peace*.



The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines justice as “the cardinal moral virtue which consists in the constant and firm will to give (our) due to God and to neighbor.” Because God is calling each of us to lives of justice, consider being a part of this Bible Study as we discern what God is asking us to do in our world today to follow as God’s disciples.

As we look at our world with its problems, it can become an overwhelming experience. Let us learn together what our response can be to God. For further information, contact Pauline Lapre at 760-727-8339.

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

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SUCCESS**

**Pledge Statistics as of August 24**

Total Phase II Responses	# of Families Responding
Unable to pledge at this time (10 of these families have been adopted)	33
Under \$100	23
\$100 and up	197
\$1,000 and up	80
\$1,500 and up	129
\$2,500 and up	85
\$4,500 and up	31
\$6,000 and up	21
\$10,000 and up	18
\$25,000 and up	2
\$50,000 and up	2
<b>Total to Date</b>	<b>\$1,426,551 621</b>
<b>Still Needed</b>	<b>\$573,449 372</b>
<b>Total Goal</b>	<b>\$2,000,000 993</b>

† **If you can afford \$5 per week (or month) and haven’t responded, we’d love to hear from you. Same thing for \$10 per week or month and so on. Every gift helps!**

† **We have now heard from 62% of the Parish and are over \$1.4 million toward our goal of \$2 million.**

† 372 families have yet to respond. We need to hear from all our households, even if you choose not to donate, but to pray for our success at this time!

† **Thanks to the families who have adopted other families!**

† Please continue to pray for the donations needed to build our new Church.

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



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

**Aegis Living**  
 at Shadowridge

Wow ~ thanks to all those who signed up for this event! Spaces were all reserved by the last Mass on August 29. We now have a waiting list. A great time is in store!



*Thank you Aegis!*

Our neighbors at Aegis Assisted Living are gifting us with a fantastic fundraiser to benefit STM! Aegis is assuming the entire cost for this evening with 100% of the monies to benefit our church!

**Friday, September 24**

**First Annual St. Thomas More Gala!**

For further information, contact Chris Smith at 760-758-4100 x120 or [chriss@stmoside.org](mailto:chriss@stmoside.org).

# Liturgy & Music

Worship God

Douglas Lynn  
 Director of Liturgy and Music  
 douglasl@stmoside.org; 760-758-4100 x140

## READY! SET! SING! — READY! SET! PLAY!

In churches all over the country, the week after Labor Day marks the beginning of the music program's season. For the next forty or so weeks, choirs, ensembles, praise teams, and assorted soloists will be preparing and presenting music for their congregations.

Choirs with memberships of five to a hundred and five will be learning notes, tuning chords, matching vowels, improving diction, and having a great time together making a "joyful noise to the Lord."

Instrumentalists ranging from a lone guitarist to a fully equipped praise band will be practicing fingerings, tapping out rhythms, and fine-tuning instruments as they work up that "joyful noise."

Directors everywhere will be praying. Will they come back? Will new people show up? Will the music I've been choosing all summer for the year work when the time comes?

At St. Thomas More, on Tuesday night, on Wednesday night, and on Thursday night, we will find out. Have you decided to join us for the first time? Are you coming back, re-energized after the summer break? Are you excited to start something new and get back to old favorites?

Joleen is. Marc is. I am. Are you?

See you soon!

—Douglas



# Fall Start Up for Music Ministry

Shout joyfully to the Lord, ... come before him with joyful song! — Psalm 100

## Adult Praise Team

Contact Joleen Schanzenbach at 760-806-6722

## Youth Praise Team

Contact Marc Raymundo at 760-758-4100 x161

## Children's Christmas Choir

WEDNESDAYS, BEGINNING DECEMBER 1

Grades 2 to 8

Wednesdays, 5:00-6:15pm

Contact Douglas at 760-758-4100 x140

## Handbell Choir

WEDNESDAYS

Grade 9 to adult

Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30pm

Contact Douglas at 760-758-4100 x140

## Sanctuary Choir

THURSDAYS

Grade 9 to adult

Thursdays, 7:00-9:00pm

Contact Douglas at 760-758-4100 x140

## Upcoming Music

SEPTEMBER  
 11/12  
 24th Sunday  
 in Ordinary  
 Time

5:00pm Mass

Praise Teams

8:30am Mass

Handbell Choir

10:30am Mass

Sanctuary Choir

# Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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

## RE.A.CH

Religious Education for Adolescents and Children

Religious Education classes  
begin next Sunday,  
September 12!

9:45-10:20am Open House for PK-8  
Parents and students  
Lower Level

10:30-11:45am Class for 3-, 4-, 5-year olds  
12:30-02:00pm Class for Levels 1-8 or  
05:00-06:30pm Class for Levels 1-8

High School Core Courses  
begin September 19  
6:30-8:30pm

### P<sub>1</sub>

- Phase 1 welcomes high schoolers of all ages who would like to begin the Confirmation process.

### P<sub>2</sub>

- Phase 2 is for those who have completed Phase 1 and are committed to prepare for Confirmation, 2011.

### P<sub>3</sub>

- Phase 3 welcomes:
  - teens already Confirmed, or
  - teens not called to Confirmation at this time for Bible Study in a peer group setting

***For last minute enrollment, contact the  
Faith Formation Office right away***



## Fr. Rich Returns!

### What A Difference A Day Makes!

On the day of our Baptism, we became the "blessed" daughter or son of God. What does that mean and how does it affect the way we think, feel, and, ultimately, live our lives?

Join us, morning or evening, for Fr. Rich's lively reflections:

*Wednesday, September 8  
9:00am or 7:00pm*



## RCIA

If you've been coming to Mass for a while, but are not Catholic, we invite you to look deeper into the Catholic faith. Come meet some faithful Catholics who love the Lord and would consider it a privilege to get to know you.



Our Parish offers a set of sessions called "Inquiry" to share with others the truths of the Catholic faith and the fellowship of our church family.

We invite you to learn what Catholics believe in an open and welcoming environment. These sessions also are opportunities for you to ask those perplexing and difficult questions you may have about the Church.

Sessions are always held on the first and third Thursdays of the month at 7:00pm.

The next session is September 16 on the lower level. Feel free to come on any first or third Thursday.

If you have questions or would like further information, please contact us at 760-758-4100 x110 or [kathleenb@stmoside.org](mailto:kathleenb@stmoside.org).

## PBJ Update

### Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center

2010 GOAL: 365 jars  
Collected to date: 470 jars

# Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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

## Christian Stewardship

*Virtues of the Disciple and Christian Steward*

### Responsibility

*Well done good and faithful servant.* —Matthew 25:19

To be responsible is to first understand that we are not our own masters. Neither are we the owners of all that we possess. We belong to God, and all that we possess is a gift from God. Every gift comes with a responsibility. How do we use it? More importantly how do we share it? One day God will require an accounting of the use each person has made of the particular gifts entrusted to him or her.

### Gratitude

*A grateful heart silences a complaining voice.* —Bishop Eugene Gerber

Being a Christian steward means living each day in gratitude, not envy. It is hard to always be wanting more when you have a grateful heart. The secret to happiness is not found in having what you want, but in wanting what you have. Good stewards count their blessings.

### Simplicity

*Live simply so that others may simply live.* —Blessed Mother Teresa

Embracing a simpler lifestyle enables us to live more generously. Simple living is also the antidote for “influenza,” the social disease caused by rampant consumerism and materialism.

**A Prayer for Simplicity: Lord, grant me the grace to be free from the excesses of this life. Let me not get caught up with the desire for wealth. Keep my heart and mind free to love and serve you. Amen.**

### Mercy

*Go and learn what the Scriptures mean when they say, ‘Instead of offering sacrifices to me, I want you to be merciful to others.’ I didn’t come to invite good people to be my followers. I came to invite sinners.* —Matthew 9:12-14

One of the greatest measures of mercy is a commitment to be compassionate towards everyone we meet. We pray that we will always be a community that welcomes all people with love and compassion.

### Perseverance

*My life is like a drink offering being poured out on the altar. I have fought well. I have finished the race, and I have been faithful.* —2 Timothy 4:6-7.

Discipleship and stewardship is a joyful and rewarding way of life, while at the same time being challenging and sometimes difficult. Be persistent, patient and persevere! It has its rewards both in this life and in the life to come.

—Dan Potvin, Archdiocese of Winnipeg,  
ICSC August Parish Newsletter; with permission

### Generosity

*We covered that in last week’s bulletin piece!* —C.S.

*Everything we have is a gift from God.*

## STM Vehicle Donation Program

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## Restaurant Fundraisers

**We received \$318.29 from the Claim Jumper for August.**

Thanks to everyone who participates in our monthly restaurant fundraisers. Supporting STM never tasted so good! Grab the flyer in this week’s bulletin for California Pizza Kitchen on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 7-8. See you there!

## “Did You Know?” Collection for August 2010

**\$2,485**

### Collection for Week of August 28/29, 2010

Number of Registered Households		993
Offertory*	\$	6,013.89
Offertory (Loose Collection)		1,181.00
Children's envelopes		1.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,195.89</b>

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

## Ways to Help Support Your Parish

We offer a variety of options for easier giving. In addition to the extra “mail-back” envelopes included in your packet, we offer automatic credit card withdrawal (Visa, MC, or Discover) and automatic checking/savings account deduction. For more information, contact the Parish Office at 760-758-4100 x100 or [parishoffice@stmoside.org](mailto:parishoffice@stmoside.org).

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## News from the Larger Church

**Young Adult Ministry Activities in San Diego County**—Visit [www.yamsd.org](http://www.yamsd.org) for complete information on events for young adults.

**Natural Family Planning (NFP) Classes in San Diego**—Sympto-thermal method (99.6% effective). For more information or to register, contact Dave & Cheryl Ross at 619-303-5053 or [davidandcheryl@cox.net](mailto:davidandcheryl@cox.net).

**Dancing in the Courtyard at Aegis Living at Shadowridge**—The popular summer series continues on Thursday September 9, 6:00-8:00pm, with *Smokestaxx*. Enjoy complimentary wine, hors d'oeuvres, live music, and dancing. RSVP by Monday, August 16, to 760-806-3600.

**Marriage Encounter**—Kids are back in school...time for you two! September 10-12. For more information or to registers, contact Mike and Anita Barletta at 866-473-7730 or [barfive@cox.net](mailto:barfive@cox.net).

**Learning to Let Go and Live in the Here and Now Presentation at Aegis at Shadowridge**—Wednesday, September 15, 1:00-3:30pm. Presented by dementia specialist Teepa Snow. When a person is developing dementia, his or her ability to behave, react, and interact is changing. Learn skills and techniques that provide the highest probability of success in helping your loved one be successful and engaged in activities and interactions. Please RSVP by September 10 to 760-806-3600.

**St. Pio of Petrelcina Feast Day Mass in Spring Valley**—Sunday, September 26, 4:00pm, at Santa Sophia Parish. Starting at 1:30pm, there will be a documentary on the life of St. Pio, Holy Hour and Benediction, and an inspiration talk. For more information, call 619-697-5958.

**Culture of Life Family Services (COLFS) Gala in San Diego**—Saturday evening, October 2, at the Hilton San Diego Resort and Spa. COLFS is a life-saving ministry offering Christ-centered crisis pregnancy services as well as ethical family medical care. Features speakers will be Tim Staples, Jason Jones, and Steve Breen. For more information, visit [www.colfs.org](http://www.colfs.org).

**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. For additional information please contact Frank Grant at 760-533-1520 or [fwgrant@earthlink.net](mailto: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.

## Lango Baya Mission Project Update (Many STM Parishioners signed up last year to support this mission)

Dear Friends of Lango Baya Mission,

It is late on Saturday afternoon, the sun is getting low and the light softens into a yellow diffusion of color painting the Kenyan sky and land with a lazy golden haze. I sit at my little wooden desk bathed in this golden light, quiet and alone in my room in Lango Baya village. It is a sharp contrast to the rest of this day spent with ninety teenagers at the monthly youth meeting for our Catholic Youth gathering held at Kakoneni village church. The youth are a strong force in our six sister churches here in the Lango Baya Catholic Mission. They make up the choirs and lead the singing, they are the altar boys, they are the lectors, they are the cantors and they make up a large part of our "Love Your Neighbor" hut building projects. It was a joy to come home today saturated with their energy, the sound of their music, the vision and dream of a better future as they struggle to overcome the huge barrier of extreme poverty, and best of all, the sound of young teen girls incessantly chattering and laughing in the back seat all the way home.

They came away from today's youth meeting with a large dose of encouragement. Maria Fungomele, whom I met here last year, spoke to them about her life growing up in Malanga village, where her mother died when she was a young teen. She was the oldest and had a very uncertain future as she struggled to help her father support the younger siblings. Through faith and



perseverance she finished secondary school with good marks and got to attend a university with the support of government loans. Maria now works for an NGO supported community based development project. She inspired the youth to identify their challenges but not to see them as barriers and at the same time to identify their systems of support and strength, like a tree which has some strong roots, a supporting trunk and fruitful branches. The presentation lasted two and a half hours, but as is typical of Africans, they didn't notice the time and were very much inspired by the success story of a "local girl".

The support you are providing them through this Mission Project is a big part of their vision and dream for a better future. Children who in the past had little hope of rising above the poverty of their surroundings now see themselves as the future leaders of their families and communities: educated, employed, some of them self-starters who are moving into a more certain future filled with opportunity and a strong Christian faith. I see it with my own eyes as I witness these changes taking place over the past three years.

You are our "sending partners" in this great work of the Lord. Greetings to you from Fr. Pedro, Fr. Benjamin, and Fr. Arturo (Fraternity of the Missionaries of Mary).

*Blessings to you from Kenya—Doug Boggs*



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