

Fr. Peter McGuine,  
Fr. Ken Kieffer, OFM,  
and Fr. Mike Ratajczak in  
June 2005 on the  
50th anniversary of  
Fr. Ken's ordination  
to the priesthood.

Fr. Ken, a retired Navy chaplain,  
helped out at St. Thomas More  
from 1995 until his death in 2007.  
His birthday is October 5.



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

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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

## October 10, 2010 • Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Where Are the Other Nine?

Whenever I begin feeling like it is time to throw myself a pity party, I go to the New Testament and read today's Gospel—Luke 17:11-19, the healing of the ten lepers.

All of us, from time to time, begin to feel weighed down with doubt, with a certain amount of despair, with feelings of being unwanted or under-appreciated.

We can find ourselves saying, "All that I have done for my family, for the Church, for my friends, for civic organizations, etc. and no one seems to notice. No one has offered a 'Thank You' for all that I have done. Why should I bother? Why should I continue in trying to do good? Why should I be making these sacrifices on behalf of the Gospel?"

The questions continue and the feelings of resentment build, and we find ourselves saying, "Woe is me!"

As Disciples of the Lord Jesus, we live the Gospel and we attempt to do the right things simply because they are the right things to

do. Our sense of fulfillment should be in doing the right thing, not in getting recognition and reward for doing the right thing.

That was the point of last Sunday's Gospel as Jesus said to his Disciples (and to us), "So should it be with you. When you have done all you have been commanded, say 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.'"

We have been given the gift of faith, and as we live out this faith in our daily lives in service to our brothers and sisters, we are giving thanks to God for this gift. The living out of our faith on a daily basis is about gratitude to God, not about looking for a reward!

When we are looking for rewards, we will always be disappointed. Yes, we are human beings. Being thanked, being recognized feels good when it happens. But we should not live the Gospel with that expectation. When it does happen, we should view it as "icing on the cake."

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### Did You Know?

...that in order to continue our building program, we must be able to maintain what we already have?  
Your contribution to the "Did You Know?" program helps us to keep our operating budget in balance. Thank you!

## 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)*

When we need to be reminded of that, we should reflect on today's Gospel. Jesus heals ten lepers, but only one returns to say "Thank you." Jesus received a 10% return for his good work!

If Jesus only received a 10% return, should we expect more? I doubt it!

May the Eucharist on which we feast this Sunday strengthen us to keep doing the right things, simply because they are the right things to do.

Let's not look for rewards and recognition, but when there is that 10% return, let's make sure that we praise God!

*F. Mike*

### World Mission Collection

Envelopes were attached to the bulletin last weekend for this effort which supports the church's missionary work all over the world. You may return the envelopes any time this month. Thank you for your prayers and donations!

### Life Walk '10

Life Perspectives' Life Walk '10 is on Saturday, October 30, 10:30am, at Mission Bay Park, De Anza Cove. The Life Walk is a family-friendly fundraiser that supports life-affirming education and outreach to youth and adults. Register after Mass on the Plaza this weekend or October 23-24 or at [www.LPLifeWalk.com](http://www.LPLifeWalk.com).

## 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 \$18,218  
from this program. Thank you donors!**



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

### STM Scrip News

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

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

*Orders may be picked up after Mass on the weekend or at the Parish Office during the week.*

**Readings for the Week Ahead**

Sunday Year C; Weekday Year II  
 Readings online at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org).  
**Sunday, October 10 (144)**  
*Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 2 Kings 5:14-17  
 Psalm 98  
 2 Timothy 2:8-13  
 Luke 17:11-19  
**Monday, October 11 (467)**  
 Galatians 4:22-24,26-27,31-5:1  
 Psalm 113:1-7  
 Luke 11:29-32  
**Tuesday, October 12 (468)**  
 Galatians 5:1-6  
 Psalm 119:41,43-45,47-48  
 Luke 11:37-41  
**Wednesday, October 13 (469)**  
 Galatians 5:18-25  
 Psalm 1:1-4,6  
 Luke 11:42-46  
**Thursday, October 14 (470)**  
*Callistus I, pope, martyr*  
 Ephesians 1:1-10  
 Psalm 98:1-6  
 Luke 11:47-54  
**Friday, October 15 (471)**  
*Teresa of Jesus, virgin, doctor*  
 Ephesians 1:11-14  
 Psalm 33:1-2,4-5,12-13  
 Luke 12:1-7  
**Saturday, October 16 (472)**  
*Hedwig, religious; Margaret Mary Alacoque, virgin*  
 Ephesians 1:15-23  
 Psalm 8:2-7  
 Luke 12:8-12  
**Sunday, October 17 (147)**  
*Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 Exodus 17:8-13  
 Psalm 121  
 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2  
 Luke 18:1-8  
*25th Anniversary Mass (10:30am)*  
 Isaiah 56:1,6-7  
 Psalm 122  
 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11,16-17  
 Matthew 16:13-19

Mass Intentions
Saturday, October 9, 5:00pm Jim & Nell McGlone
Sunday, October 10, 8:30am Intention of Bob & Pat Wong
Sunday, October 10, 10:30am Larry Dorsa
Tuesday, October 12, 8:15am Elizabeth Nead ☩
Wednesday, October 13, 8:15am Tom McGeary ☩
Wednesday, October 13, 9:30am Teresa Shaffer Pacific Place
Thursday, October 14, 8:15am Robert Belter ☩
Friday, October 15, 8:15am Hazel Bronzan
Saturday, October 16, 5:00pm Eugene Masseth ☩
Sunday, October 17, 8:30am Tom McGeary ☩
Sunday, October 17, 10:30am Nicola Corbisiero ☩

**Prayer List**

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

Saquer Abdou	Helen O'Connell
Mary Alexander	Ethel Opie
Laura Allenfort	The Oravetz Family
Lucia Ambriz	Lupe Casas Pelletier
Patricia Barbour	Darlene Peterson
John Bennici	Helen Pingtella
Regina Bentz	Anne Post
Roseanne Berg	The Prusinskas Family
George "Whitey" Betus	Reuben & Evi Quinn
Tamara Bousquet	Otila Quiroz
Lynda Brady	Janet Raiman
Monica Broussard	Rita Ritchie
Janet Brown	Joanne Robinson
Shelby Campbell	Maria Rogers
Claudia Caplinger	Sr. Loyola Romey
Paul Cassidy	Dorothy Rouse
Flor Catap & Family	The Russo Family
Paul Cipowski	Nancy Scali
Dolly Cole	Linda Schmidt
Carl Coleman	Sherry Schmidt
James Coleman	The Douglas E. Schulte Family
Thomas Cornwell & Family	Freda Schweitzer
Karen Flaharty Daley	Maurine Shaughnessy
Robert Daly	Elizabeth Shirzad
Cecilia DeSimone	Richard Sikora
Linda Dossman	Mike Snyder
Betsy Draper	Nick Softau
Connie Egan	Martha Sosa
Marge Egan	Ed Sox
Kathryn Ernst	Gilda Spiegl
Bob & Boo Falconer	Joan Stringer
The Fiore Family	Pete Sullivan
Peggy & Jack Fischer	Maria Surmenidis
Ryan Flum	Stephen Toth, Jr.
Matthew Foster	Mary Treat
Kathryn Franklin	Laurie Updyke
Joe Freire	Barbara Upson
Carmen Garcia	Arnie Velasco
Rick Gonzalez	Lucy Vienna
Eileen Gough	Dominic Vienna, Jr.
Rosemary Haeffelin	Vanessa Vitiello-Koble
Anita Hage	Paul & Mai Vo & Family
Susan Hallahan	Kevin Watson-Graff
Dorothy Hanratty	John Whitton
The Harker Family	Nina Woodard
Rita Harnacker	
The Harrison Family	
Marge Heath	
Lillian Hills	
Frank Hobbs	
The Hobbs Family	
Sue Johnston	
Eileen Jones	
Joan Jones	
Paul Kennedy	
Debbie Kinney	
George Kleekamp	
Helen Kuhn	
Lillian Lachance	
The Lamelin Family	
Bernie Lanzrath	
Brandon LeBlanc	
The Lemoine & Bernier Families	
Cassandra Loretto	
Lauren Loretto	
James MacArthur	
Nancy Marley	
The McCoy Family	
Bob McWilliams	
Lorraine Micallef	
Carol Michael	
Eric Michael	
June Mitchell	
Nancy Moore	
Margie Myers	
Cosmo Nocida	

*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**

- Oct 10 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
- Oct 10 RE.A.CH classes at church, including high school
- Oct 11 Women's Guild Luncheon
- Oct 12-13 Restaurant Fundraiser at Chili's
- Oct 16 Brother Benno's Auxiliary Luncheon at Camp Pendleton
- Oct 16 Christopher Cross Concert in Vista to benefit North County Solutions for Change
- Oct 17 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
- Oct 17 STM 25th Anniversary Celebration
- Oct 17 RE.A.CH high school classes

**The Month Ahead**

- Oct 23-24 Women's Guild Bake Sale
- Oct 24 RE.A.CH classes at church, including high school
- Oct 28 Project Linus Coffee
- Oct 30 Life Walk 2010 at Mission Bay Park
- Oct 31 Life and Dignity Sunday

**The Year Ahead**

- Nov 6-24 Stewardship Awareness/Renewal
- Nov 6 Treasures 2010 Flea Market
- Nov 7 Towers of Faith Reception
- Nov 9-10 Restaurant Fundraiser at Elephant Bar
- Nov 12-13 First Annual STM Women's Retreat
- Nov 21 Thanksgiving Concert presented by the Music Ministry

**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.

October 11 Sr. Mary Dietz, SSND
October 12 Sr. Carlotta DiLorenzo, CSJ
October 13 Sr. M. Ursula Doherty, RSM
October 14 Sr. Mary Agnes Dombroski, DMML
October 15 Sr. Maria Dowhaniuk, SFCC
October 16 Sr. James Louise Downey, OP
October 17 Sr. Margaret Doyle, SHCJ

**Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioner**

Leslie Aguilar & Family  
 Juan & Paula Cepeda & Family  
 Arthur & Margaret Day  
 Hank & Lisa Myers & Family

**In Memoriam**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:  
 **Vincent Prusinkas**, who died September 3. His funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, October 20, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep the family in your prayers.

**Jeanette Oravetz**, who died October 4. Her funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, October 15, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep her family in your prayers.

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

**Women’s Retreat—Mark Your Calendars!**

Friday evening, November 12, and Saturday, November 13. Watch for details. If you have questions, please contact 760-758-4100 x159 or [womensministry@stmoside.org](mailto:womensministry@stmoside.org).

**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.

**Social Justice**

**Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice (ICWJ)**

**THE COST OF LIVING IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY**

<b>MONTHLY COSTS<sup>a</sup></b>	Adult	Adult + preschooler	2 Adults + infant	2 Adults + infant + preschooler
Housing + Utilities	\$1,117	\$1,355	\$1,355	\$1,355
Child Care	\$0	\$755	\$719	\$1,474
Food	\$234	\$354	\$563	\$663
Transportation	\$236	\$242	\$465	\$465
Health Care <sup>b</sup>	\$107	\$269	\$327	\$339
Miscellaneous	\$169	\$297	\$343	\$430
Taxes <sup>c</sup>	\$425	\$521	\$564	\$633
<b>Monthly Total</b>	<b>\$2,288</b>	<b>\$3,793</b>	<b>\$4,335</b>	<b>\$5,358</b>

<b>SELF-SUFFICIENCY WAGE (in 2010 dollars)<sup>d</sup></b>	Adult	Adult + preschooler	2 Adults + infant	2 Adults + infant + preschooler
Annual Need	\$27,733	\$45,985	\$52,560	\$64,957
<b>Hourly (per adult)<sup>e</sup></b>	<b>\$13.13</b>	<b>\$21.77</b>	<b>\$12.45</b>	<b>\$15.38</b>

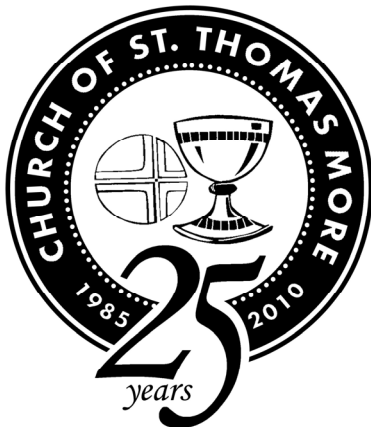
  

<b>Federal Poverty Line<sup>f</sup></b>	Adult	Adult + preschooler	2 Adults + infant	2 Adults + infant + preschooler
	\$11,161	\$14,787	\$17,268	\$21,756

(a) Monthly costs were calculated in 2008. (b) Health care costs assume that an employer pays 85% of the insurance premium for the employee and 77% of the insurance premium for a family. (c) Taxes include applicable Earned Income Tax Credits, Child Care Tax Credits, and Child Tax Credit. (d) Wages needed for self-sufficiency were updated using the Consumer Price Index (West)—Urban. (e) Hourly wages needed for self-sufficiency were calculated assuming 8 hours of work per day and 22 working days a month. (f) U.S. Census Bureau, Federal Poverty Level 2009.

**STM 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION ~ OKTOBERFEST ~ SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17**

🍷 Enjoy fun, fellowship, great food, and music with family & friends! 🍷



- 🍷 Mass at 10:30am with Bishop Brom
- 🍷 Festivities in the STM parking lot – shade, tables & chairs will be set up
- 🍷 Celebrate from 12:00-4:00pm; food service from 1:00-3:00pm
- 🍷 Tickets: Adults-\$10 and Children under 12-\$5; Maximum-\$30 for a family; On sale after weekend Masses and weekdays in the Parish Office
- 🍷 Bratwurst or hot dog, German potato salad, green salad, and fruit salad with chips, veggie tray, and dessert
- 🍷 Beer, wine, soda, and water will be available for donation
- 🍷 Bounce house for the kids
- 🍷 LIVE Oktoberfest music provided by the Tommy Thompson band
- 🍷 Karaoke entertainment provided by Lynn Leahy with sound provided by Jim Treat

**STM 25<sup>TH</sup> COMMEMORATIVE T-SHIRTS ~ Maroon Crew and Navy V-necks available**

🍷 Anniversary t-shirts ~ Maroon Crew neck \$10 & Navy V-neck \$12 🍷  
**T-shirts for sale after all Masses at the ticket table on the Plaza**

🍷 **TICKETS WILL NOT BE SOLD AT EVENT** 🍷  
**Last Day to buy tickets ~ October 10 after 10:30 Mass**

For more information, contact Henny Jocelyn at 760-758-4100 x100 or [hennyj@stmoside.org](mailto:hennyj@stmoside.org)

## Women's Guild News

**Halloween Bingo!**—I hope you are not spooked, but you will see a few pumpkins and such at our Women's Guild meeting Monday, October 12. Be prepared to exercise those fingers moving our sliding tray bingo cards and enjoy some good food and fellowship, plus a few laughs, as always. I hope to see you there.

**Mark Your Calendars**—Saturday, November 20 is Game Day. We will have the same good food, lots of games, opportunity baskets, and more. Watch for further details.

## Women's Guild Bake Sale

The ladies of St. Thomas More Women's Guild will be calling Parishioners whose last names begin with the letters I through Z requesting donations of home made baked goods for the bake sale on October 23-24. Please bring your baked goods when you come to Mass and drop them off at the designated tables. Please mark items containing nuts. Please, no items that need refrigeration. Your support is greatly appreciated. For more information, call Pat Wong at 760-806-1310 or Nancy Wozniak at 760-729-0782.

## 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.

## Treasures 2010 Flea Market—Please Help!

If you are planning to donate items for the flea market, pick up a packet at the table on the Plaza after Mass or the Parish Office during the week and return the donation form by October 17. If you are able to volunteer for a 2-1/2 hour shift between 6:30am-3:30pm on November 6, please pick up a volunteer form and submit that by October 17.

In addition to the flea market items, there will also be a large plant sale and wonderful raffle items. All will be cash and carry. We are unable to pick up, store, or deliver items.

Our next organizational and volunteer meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 12, 7:00-9:00pm in the lower level of the Parish Center. Refreshments will be served.

If you have any questions, please call Jerry or Judy Buoniconti at 760-748-5113.

## Spirited Seniors Outing

The Spirited Seniors present "Curtains," a musical comedy whodunit play from the creators of "Cabaret" and "Chicago." on Sunday, October 31, 12:00noon at the Avo Playhouse in Vista. Ticket price is \$16.50 per person, with thirty tickets available. Deadline for reservations is Wednesday, October 20. Lunch is on your own. Carpooling will be available. Please make your check out to "STM Spirited Seniors" and either include the registration form or note your name, phone number, name of guest, number of reservations, and whether you can drive or need a ride, place the check and information in an envelope marked "Spirited Seniors Avo Play" and return it to the offertory collection or Parish Office box 12. For more information, contact Judy and Jerry Buoniconti at 760-758-5113.

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

### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SUCCESS

#### Pledge Statistics as of September 29

		# of Families Responding
Total Phase II Responses		
Unable to pledge at this time (10 of these families have been adopted)		33
Under \$100		23
\$100 and up		201
\$1,000 and up		79
\$1,500 and up		131
\$2,500 and up		85
\$4,500 and up		31
\$6,000 and up		20
\$10,000 and up		19
\$25,000 and up		2
\$50,000 and up		2
<b>Total to Date</b>	<b>\$1,434,350</b>	<b>626</b>
<b>Still Needed</b>	<b>\$565,650</b>	<b>376</b>
<b>Total Goal</b>	<b>\$2,000,000</b>	<b>1,002</b>

† We continue to add new commitments, and also to adjust existing pledges as necessary.

† 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.

† **Thanks to all of our donors! We need to hear from all our households, even if you choose not to donate, but to pray for our success at this time!**

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)

# Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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

## CHARACTERS TO REMEMBER AND EMULATE

### Scripture Themes for October

by Patricia Datchuck  
 Sánchez and Rafael  
 Sánchez Alonso,  
 Celebration  
 October 2010.  
 By permission.

Years ago, each issue of *Reader's Digest* included a piece called "My Most Unforgettable Character," in which various contributors shared their experiences of someone who had made a difference in their lives. Some of those featured were known personally by the contributing authors; others were persons they had come to admire only from afar but who nevertheless had made an impact so remarkable that it begged to be shared.

Most of us also have had the chance to meet and to know similarly unforgettable characters who have entered into our lives, for a little or a long while, and who in their leaving have left indelible footprints that have helped us to find our way.

In this month's sacred texts, the praying assembly is introduced or reintroduced to several memorable characters, all of whom have experiences to share and wisdom to offer to those who welcome them into their hearts. These characters will speak to us from both sides of the Christ-event, hoping that their unique chapter in our shared story of salvation will enable us to learn from their missteps and to emulate the moments in which grace enabled them to shine.

Moses shines on Oct. 17 with his example of complete reliance on God. His hands upraised in prayer attest to this trust. Even though the odds were not in his favor, he entrusted his own and Israel's future to God without question. Despite the courage Moses showed against the Amalekites, he had not come willingly to the dance of discipleship.

Nor did Habakkuk (Oct 3), who, according to a tradition preserved in Daniel (14:32ff), had to be carried by the hair of his head to the place where he was to serve God. In those instances when God's challenges leave us wanting to run kicking and

screaming away from the struggle, Moses and Habakkuk encourage our perseverance and courage.

At least 11 of this month's unforgettable characters were lepers (Oct. 10); their illness numbered them among the living dead for whom there was no hope, no future, no place at the communal table. Nevertheless, they speak to us of God's penchant for making the weak, the sick, the disadvantaged, and the outcasts the special venues for revealing the love and the caring that we are to emulate. It is those in whom the divine image seems most difficult to discern that God is so wonderfully and powerfully present. Remembering the experience of those ancient lepers reminds us that our own illnesses, whether they be physical, mental, spiritual, or emotional, can be an opportunity for us to learn to lean on God. Healing may come or not. Either way, in sickness and in health, God, who knows every beat of our heart and every ache, is not restricted by visiting hours. Always present, always powerful is God.

On Oct. 17, the Lucan Jesus shares the story of the widow whose perseverance won her justice. Though she is unnamed, her character is well-defined. She was irrepressible in a world that considered her of no account. Her tenacity inspires others to take hold of a principle, however unpopular or controversial, and refuse to let it go until truth and justice prevail. How might she have pleaded the cause of the unborn? The undocumented immigrant? The poor? Do you think she would have kept quiet about the abuses perpetrated on the helpless? From her, we learn that no situation is so hopeless that it cannot be reversed by the strength of a good person who refuses to give up. Her strength is an example of the tenacity with which believers are to find



support for their efforts in prayer and grace.

The tax collector Zacchaeus was also tenacious in a seemingly hopeless circumstance (Oct. 31). Curiosity led him to seek out Jesus, but the grace of conversion empowered him to change. Zacchaeus is held forth as living testimony that no matter how far one has traveled in the wrong direction, the way home to God is hastened and eased by the sure promise of loving forgiveness. Zacchaeus continues to be a memorable character for believers, not because he collected taxes, was short, or climbed a tree, but because he recognized that Jesus could turn his life around. This same grace continues to be available to us all.

Memorable for different reasons are the two who are featured in Jesus' parable on Oct. 24. They were an odd couple, these two on whose prayer we have eavesdropped through the centuries—one arrogant, one humble; they remind us of our better and lesser selves. None of us is all pride or all humility, but we are a sorry mixture of the two. Too often we inform God of how great and deserving we are; too seldom do we hang back in repentance and allow God's good mercies to make us clean and new. Nevertheless, we are God's beloved. The memorable characters in whose experience we share this month remind us to be just who we are before God so that God can lead us into clearer truth, truer goodness and ever deeper love.

### Upcoming Music

**OCTOBER 16/17**  
**29th Sunday**  
**in Ordinary**  
**Time**

**5:00pm Mass**

Cantor &  
 Congregation

**8:30am Mass**

Cantor &  
 Congregation

**OCTOBER 17**  
**25th**

**Anniversary**  
**Celebration**

**10:30am Mass**

Handbell Choir  
 Praise Teams  
 Sanctuary Choir

# Faith Formation

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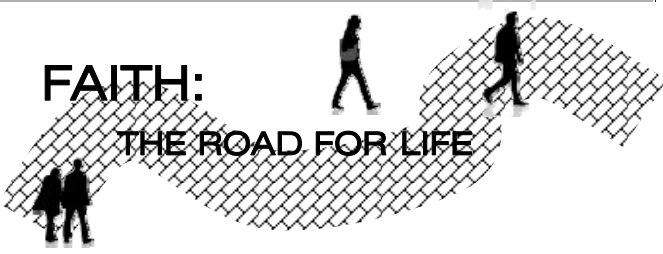
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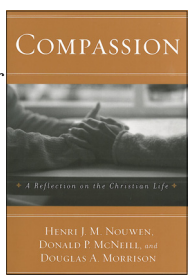
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## Fr. Mike's Bookies

Wednesday, October 19,  
9:00 AM or 7:00PM

The perspective presented (in this book) is based on the words of Jesus: "Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate," and is offered in the deep conviction that through compassion our humanity grows into its fullness. (p. 7)



You still have time to read the book and join in the discussion with Regina Aulizio facilitating a great conversation . . . Join us!

## Catholicism 101

When you sign up for a 101 course, you expect a good solid introduction to the heart of the subject, and that's just what we have to offer you about Catholicism.

Perhaps it has been a long time since you've formally taken a look at what the Church teaches and you'd like to see how Catholicism is presented in 2010 and check out your beliefs (in case they are oh so "last century!")

A group of catechists will be offering you this opportunity with Jim and Marilyn Day coordinating the class. It will be held from January to May, 2011, only eleven classes.

If you are over 18 and have not celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation, this is for you especially.

Stay tuned for more information. *Kathleen*

## Youth Ministry

I know that you all have so much homework and extra-curricular activities, but squeeze in a couple of hours for Youth Group!!! Take the chance to laugh and explore your faith in a whole new way!

## High School!

This coming weekend on October 16, we will be attending BELIEVE at Resurrection Parish in Escondido. This event will be put on by the same people who do Steubenville San Diego. Cost is \$35 per person! It will be a great event, and I want you all to be a part of it. Come talk to me for more information.

## EPIC

(Encrypting People in Christ)  
**Middle School**

We will see you next on Monday, October 18, 5:00-6:30pm!

Bring a friend and be evangelizers of our faith! Let's have fun and can't wait to see you in a couple of weeks.

*Manc*

## PBJ Update

Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center

2010 GOAL: 365 jars  
Collected to date: 498 jars

# Stewardship & Development

*Serve God's People*

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 Director of Stewardship & Development  
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## Christian Stewardship

### *Through the Stained Glass . . .*

For the past few years, we have been preoccupied on the subject of what is wrong with the Church. Generally, there has been a negative approach.

In so expending our best energies, we have lost something. Not only have we tended to splinter, but the Church has appeared to have had less impact on its communicants. It is certainly easier to be defensive and negative about something in which we do not invest of ourselves; on the other hand, we tend to work creatively where our investments are!

I know of no way to help turn the tide more effectively than by investing the best of ourselves in the church, thereby giving evidence of our positive belief in God.

If God's Church is to have meaning to us or to others, then our commitment must be clear and decisive and, I might say, it must cost us something. It has been said that there is no "cheap grace."

Pledging to the church is one very specific way in which we give ourselves or prove our belief. If the investment is made grudgingly and represents only that which can be worked in conveniently, then this tells the story of our faith in God's primary instrument for His life and work on this earth, namely, His Church. If it costs something worthwhile, then the investment is clearly a weighed and weighty one.

A new sense of commitment through giving (and the trust it represents) is crucial to us all, not because of the dollars represented, but because it will be a creative conversion movement for your Church and for you.

God bless you in your giving.

—*Stewardship, October 2010 (with permission)*



Today's Gospel points out that out of ten lepers who were healed by Jesus, only one came back to say thank you. That is ten percent, which stands out to me.

How often do we pray for God's gifts and grace and then forget to give thanks?

Starting and ending each day with prayers of gratitude is an essential piece of life as Christians. All that we have and all that we are is pure gift, including our time, talents and resources. Those things weren't bestowed on us by ourselves, but were gifted by God. Do we respond accordingly or join the nine percent in the Gospel story who simply went about life without gratitude?

**What we are is God's gift to us.  
 What we make of ourselves, is our Gift to God.**

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

**For more information please contact:**  
 Chris Smith at 758-4100 x120 or [chriss@stmoside.org](mailto: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 October 2/3, 2010

Number of Registered Households		1,003
Offertory*	\$	15,662.16
Offertory (Loose Collection)		1,004.00
Children's envelopes		0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>16,666.16</b>

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

## Ways to Help Support Your Parish

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

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## News from the Larger Church

### Catholic High School Information

**Academy of Our Lady of Peace** (for young women) For more information, contact 619-725-9118 or [www.aolp.org](http://www.aolp.org).

**Cathedral Catholic High School** Open House on Saturday, October 16, 10:00am-2:00pm, 5555 Del Mar Heights Rd., San Diego. Prospective students and their families are invited to tour the campus, meet the faculty, administration, and coaches, as well as see classrooms and learn about CCHS. For more information, contact 858-423-4000 or [www.cathedralcatholic.org](http://www.cathedralcatholic.org).

**Mater Dei High School**, Chula Vista. For more information, contact 619-423-2121 or [materdeicatholic.org](http://materdeicatholic.org).

**St. Augustine High School** (for young men) Open House on Sunday, November 7, 1:00-4:00pm, 3266 Nutmeg St., San Diego. For more information, contact 619-282-2184, or [www.sahs.org](http://www.sahs.org).

**Young Adult Ministry Activities in San Diego County**—Visit [www.yamsd.org](http://www.yamsd.org) for complete information on events for young adults, including *Theology on Tap* series in October and the *Wide Awake Conference* in November.

**Retreats and Presentations at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside**—For more information, contact 760-757-3659 or [www.sanluisrey.org](http://www.sanluisrey.org)

**Choir and Orchestra Performance in Rancho Bernardo**—Sunday, October 10, 4:00pm, at San Rafael Catholic Church, 17252 Bernardo Center Drive, Rancho Bernardo. Enjoy *Messe Solennelle de Sainte-Cecile (Mass of St. Cecilia)* by Charles Gounod, performed by members of the Festival Choir and Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Dr. Angela Yeung. For more information, contact 858-487-4314.

**Junior High Chastity Education Programs in San Diego**—Sunday, October 10, 1:00-4:30pm, for fathers and sons, and Sunday, October 17, 1:00-4:30pm, for mothers and daughters. These programs will present God's plan for love, sexuality, dating, fertility, and the virtue of chastity to junior high students and their parents. For more information, contact Betty at 619-448-0467.

**Carmelite Sister to Speak in Carlsbad**—*Nurturing a Friendship with God*, by Sr. Carmelina of the Most Sacred Heart of Los Angeles; Monday, October 11, 10:00am at St. Elizabeth Seton Parish Center. For more information, contact Jan Feiner at 760-603-9103.

**Brother Benno's Auxiliary Annual Fall Luncheon**—Saturday, October 16, at Camp Pendleton South Mesa Club. This year, our theme is "A Salute to Service," and The Harmonettes, a female trio, will sing songs of the 40's and perform skits. In addition, there will be raffles and a silent auction. For more information and tickets, please call Vicky Squires at 760-724-7371.

**Christopher Cross Benefit Concert in Vista**—Saturday, October 16, 6:00pm at Moonlight Amphitheatre, 1200 Vale Terrace Dr., Vista. Tickets range from \$26-61 and can be purchased online at [www.vistixonline.com](http://www.vistixonline.com). Proceeds will benefit the "Finding our Way Home" program at North County Solutions for Change.

**Course and Lectures on Spirituality in San Diego**—University of San Diego's Center for Christian Spirituality has a series of lectures and workshops each year. For details, visit [www.sandiego.edu/ccs](http://www.sandiego.edu/ccs) or contact 169-260-4784 or [ccs@sandiego.edu](mailto:ccs@sandiego.edu).

## News from St. Francis Church—Our Neighbor

### eWaste Recycling Is Coming!

Saturday and Sunday, January 29 and 30, St. Francis School will host an eWaste recycling event. Please hold on to those old monitors, cell phones, printers, fax machines, keyboards, and the like. The school will receive a per pound contribution for all eWaste collected by the community. Thank you!

### Chili Cook Off at St. Francis School

Join St. Francis Catholic School for a fun-filled family event on Friday, October 15 from 5:00-8:00pm. Enjoy some real down-home country entertainment while sampling a svariety of chili dishes. A beer garden will also be available. Have your own recipe? Turn in your registration today! For more information, contact the St. Francis Parent Teacher Group at [ptg@sfs-vista.org](mailto:ptg@sfs-vista.org)



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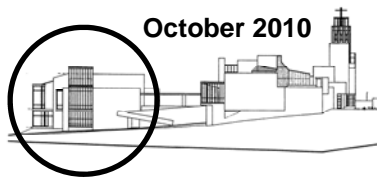
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