

Our 25th Anniversary Mass was attended by many of our Pioneer Parishioners with Bishop Robert Brom presiding.



This space will be featuring different memories from our history each week.

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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 24, 2010 • Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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What a Celebration!!!!!!!

The celebration of our 25th Anniversary as St. Thomas More Parish this past Sunday was a grand success!

Even the weather cooperated and we had the feel of an English Countryside Autumn Day in honor of St. Thomas More. (We are a people of faith. Is the glass half empty or half full? For me, it is always half full!)

The Liturgy was prayerful, holy, and full of life and faith. After Mass, Bishop Brom commented how pleased he was with the Liturgy, saying that everything fit together so well, and the participation of the Faithful was very admirable.

The reception afterwards was comfortable with a down-home feeling. The food was great. The entertainment was perfect. The Reception Committee had many last minute changes to make due to the weather. But they handled it so well, and everybody just got a little cozier under the tent. Again Bishop Brom commented how pleased he was with the reception, and the proof of that, from my perspective, was the length of time that he spent with us, visiting every table under the tent at least once. He had a great smile on

his face when he left and again commented on what a wonderful Faith Community the Parish of St. Thomas More is.

I want to personally thank each and everyone one you who made this 25th Anniversary celebration such a very special event, from beginning to end. It took a huge amount of thought, organization, and hard labor by many, many people. You know who you are and what you have done. And I know that all your efforts were for the greater glory of God. Thank You!

The highlight of the day was, of course, the Bishop's announcement that we have his blessing to begin the construction of our Permanent Church AND our Parish Offices. This is a major feat! With these two new buildings, in a sense, we will have a complete "build-out" until we are in a position to build our school. Also this "build-out" with both buildings will give us much, much more space for the Youth of our Parish and will help us to create a Youth Center. I know that Marc Raymundo, our Parish Youth Advocate, is dancing in the streets about this reality!

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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

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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)*

Already on Monday, the day after the Bishop's announcement, I began to make a few phone calls and send a few e-mails to a variety of people so that we can begin this very major project.

The first step will be to have discussions with our Finance Council, Development Council, and Pastoral Council to make sure that we are all "on the same page." This will take place in the next few weeks.

Once this is complete, and when we have major agreement to move forward, the New Construction Committee and the Interior Design Team will reconvene, and work will begin. This will mean creating all the necessary construction documents, before ground breaking. This should take about eight to ten months. After ground breaking, construction of two buildings will also take about twelve to fifteen months. The next two years will be very exciting for us as a Parish. How blessed we are to be a part of this very special and major undertaking on behalf of our Faith!

In the meantime, what to do? First and foremost, we need to make Phase II of our Capital Campaign, "Our Journey Into The Future . . . Together" a success. We are still \$500,000 short of our \$2 million dollar goal. If you have not yet made a pledge or given a gift, please do so now. If you are able to add more to your pledge or give another gift, it would be so appreciated. The \$2 million goal for Phase II is crucial to our success as we move forward.

After the successful completion of Phase II at the end of 2011, we will begin to talk about our "mortgage." You all know what a mortgage is! To build the church and the Parish Offices, we will receive a LOAN from the Diocese for \$5.6 million dollars that we will need to repay within 25 years. We are taking on a mortgage with a monthly payment for which we are responsible.

You, the People of St. Thomas More, have been faith-filled and generous with your time, talent, and treasure. You are real stewards! Now is the time, once again, to step up and be counted. As Bishop Brom said in his homily last Sunday, the love that Jesus proclaimed is a sacrificial love. We give of our time, talent, and treasure until it hurts. Ultimately, it means the cost of our very lives in a variety of ways.

We have come a long way. We still have a long way to go. I have no doubt that we can do this and we will do this...together.

Happy 25th! We have so much to celebrate and for which to praise God.

We look forward to a future filled with hope!

F. Mike

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, click on Contact Us, then click on Scrip
3. Email at 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.

Sunday, October 24 (150)
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sirach 35:12-14,16-18
Psalm 34:2-3,17-19,23
2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18
Luke 18:9-14

Monday, October 25 (479)
Ephesians 4:32-5:8
Psalm 1:1-4,6
Luke 13:10-17

Tuesday, October 26 (480)
Ephesians 5:21-33
Psalm 128:1-5
Luke 13:18-21

Wednesday, October 27 (481)
Ephesians 6:1-9
Psalm 145:10-14
Luke 13:22-30

Thursday, October 28 (666)
Simon and Jude, apostles
Ephesians 2:19-22
Psalm 19:2-5
Luke 6:12-16

Friday, October 29 (483)
Philippians 1:1-11
Psalm 111:1-6
Luke 14:1-6

Saturday, October 30 (484)
Philippians 1:18b-26
Psalm 42:2-3,5
Luke 14:1,7-11

Sunday, October 31 (153)
Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wisdom 11:22-12:2
Psalm 145:1-2,8-11,13-14
2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2
Luke 19:1-10

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 23, 5:00pm Rita Mazzarella ☩
Sunday, October 24, 8:30am Miriam Layden ☩
Sunday, October 24, 10:30am Luis Cadenas ☩
Tuesday, October 26, 8:15am Jean Crowell ☩
Wednesday, October 27, 8:15am Gerald Polito ☩
Thursday, October 28, 8:15am Angelo Puccini ☩
Friday, October 29, 8:15am Alexadria Rose Howard ☩ Cassandra Hazel Howard ☩
Saturday, October 30, 5:00pm Dolores Murchison ☩
Sunday, October 31, 8:30am Carmen Valdivia ☩
Sunday, October 31, 10:30am Pilar Chavez ☩ Noll Family

Prayer List

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

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

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

- Oct 23-24 Women's Guild Bake Sale
- Oct 24 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
- 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
- Oct 31 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am & 10:30am Masses

The Month Ahead

- Nov 1 All Saints Day—Mass at 8:15am & 7:00pm
- Nov 1 All Souls Day—Mass at 8:15am & 7:00pm
- Nov 6-24 Stewardship Awareness/Renewal
- Nov 6 Treasures 2010 Flea Market
- Nov 7 RE.A.CH classes at church
- 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
- Nov 24 Children of Abraham Prayer Service
- Nov 25 Thanksgiving Dinner at STM

The Year Ahead

- Dec 4 Job Transition Seminar
- Dec 8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass at 8:15am & 7:00pm

Next Year

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 25 Sr. Maria Eugenia Espinoza, MFP
October 26 Sr. Carmen Figueroa, SFCC
October 27 Sr. Anne G. Fitzgerald, CSJ
October 28 Sr. Madeline Fitzgerald, OSC
October 29 Sr. Cecilia Flores, OP
October 30 Sr. Mary Ann (Sis) Flynn, RSCJ
October 31 Sr. Frances Michele Francese, CSJ

Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioners

Francis & Patricia Bailey & Family
Jorge & Laura Castillo
JoAnn McCracken

Announcing the Baptism of

Brady Louis Warren
on October 16, 2010



Our Christian community welcomes you with great joy!

Flower Donations

We would like to gratefully acknowledge the contributions of:

Bill Mazzarella

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



In Memoriam

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Annie L. Gavin, who died on October 9. Her funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, October 26, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep her daughters, Teresa Gavin and Carol Ritter, and the family in your prayers.

Gene Bell, who died on October 14. A Celebration of the Life of Eugene Jerome Bell will be held on Saturday, October 30, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep Gene's wife, Kathleen, and 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.*

Memorial Walk in Honor of Fr. Ken Kieffer

Sponsorships and/or donations to benefit Fraternity House are welcome. This ministry was near and dear to Fr. Ken's heart and used to be an annual event during his lifetime. To donate, please make checks payable to *Fraternity House* and return to Chris Smith, 760-758-4100 x120, before October 31.

Project Linus Coffee

The semiannual Project Linus Coffee will be held on Thursday, October 28, at 10:00am on the lower level of the Parish Center. Blankets for sick or abused children will be donated, sized, and labeled at this time. For more information, call Mary Coxon, 760-599-8760.

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 to either walk or sponsor a walker.

World Mission Collection

Envelopes were attached to the bulletin the first weekend of October 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!

Women's Guild News

November Meeting—Start getting your books ready for our book exchange Monday, November 8. Bring books you have read and enjoyed and you will be able to peruse the tables for books you would like to have. This is a great way to get some free books! Also, you will greatly enjoy hearing our guest speaker. Bridget Poizner will give a presentation on *Save Their Story*, a video biography company. She conducts interviews and preserves the memories of your life for your children and grandchildren. It's a great idea, and you are sure to be entertained by this very creative individual.

Game Day—See the bulletin insert for details on Game Day. Tickets will be sold the next three week-ends for this event. All are welcome to participate in Game Day with lots of good food, opportunity baskets, and plenty of games!! Tickets are \$10, and just \$30 for a family with children. This day has gained in popularity each year, so you must buy a ticket in advance. If you have questions, call Valerie Thompson at 760-630-1703.

Treasures 2010 Flea Market

Our St. Thomas More Treasures 2010 mega flea market fundraiser scheduled for Saturday, November 6, is a short 15 days away! We are asking for the full support of each able member of our Parish to take responsible action for the success of this fundraiser.

Here on earth God's work must truly be our own.

—John. F. Kennedy

Let each of us take another step forward together by Donating! Volunteering! And Shopping!

Let us each donate 10 or more flea market items from our home and garage. Pick up the envelope packet in the lower level of the Parish Center on the long table in the daily Mass area. This packet has instructions on donating and 10 price tag labels. Ask for more labels if needed.

Let all willing and able Parishioners take action and pick up a volunteer sheet in the lower level of the Parish Center on the long table in the Mass area and select a 2-1/2 hour work shift on Saturday, November 6.

Let us all be early Christmas shoppers on Saturday, November 6, 9:00am-2:00pm and invite our relatives, friends, and neighbors to shop at the flea market with us.

Bishop Brom has given us fantastic news about breaking ground for our permanent church before the end of 2011. However, paying for it is still up to us. Let us all donate, volunteer, and go shopping together and be an active part of this exciting fundraiser.

Christ has no body now on earth but yours. Yours are the only hands with which he can do his work. Yours are the only feet with which he can go about the world. Yours are the only eyes through which his compassion can shine forth upon a troubled world. Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

—Theresa of Avila

Our next organizational and volunteer meeting will be held on Friday, October 29, 7:00-9:00pm in the lower level of the Parish Center. Refreshments will be served.

Let each one of us take action to help make this mega fundraiser the huge success that we all want.

If you have any questions, please call Jerry or Judy Buoniconti at 760-758-5113.

They are remembered...**Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed**

The Church of St. Thomas More cordially invites you to attend our annual Mass to remember and celebrate the lives of our loved ones who have passed through death to new life during this past year. The Mass will be celebrated Tuesday, November 2, at 7:00pm.

During the month of November the church traditionally remembers those who have gone before us to new life. There will be a special book for you to write the names of your loved ones located near the alcove for the statue of Mary. Join us in praying:

Holy Mary, Gentle Mother, cradle within your arms those who have died, and intercede for those who mourn them. Amen.

Thanksgiving Is Coming!

Is your family out of town? Do you always have too much turkey left over? Celebrate Thanksgiving dinner with your St. Thomas More Parish Family! Spread the word, and fill out a reservation form at the Information Table or in the Parish Office!

Thank You to All Who Participated in Our 25th Anniversary Celebration!**Thank you to...**

- Bishop Brom for celebrating our special 25th Anniversary Mass, for giving us news that excited everyone and for spending time with us during our celebration!
- The Liturgy committee for a wonderful 10:30am Mass experience!
- Tommy Thompson and his band for entertaining us with their wonderful music!
- Lyn Leahy for her fun Karaoke music time and her beautiful singing!
- Jim Treat and Sound Systems for making sure we had electricity and sound!
- Casey Oosterbaan and his family for catering our event with delicious Oktoberfest food a plenty!
- Manuel's Landscaping for preparing our dirt lot for parking!
- The Knights of Columbus for being our traffic controllers and for the use of the BBQ and ice chests!
- Ron Ratajczak and Bounce Time for their generosity of the bounce house and slide for the kids to play in!
- Rebecca Eyer for creating the amazingly beautiful and yummy 25th anniversary cake!
- Jeanne Fletes and Team Sports of North County for providing us with the T shirts to commemorate our 25th year as a Parish!
- Fr. Mike and the STM Staff for their patience and help!
- All who donated so generously financially to defray the cost of our celebration!
- The amazing committee that I had the pleasure to work with! Especially the Attardo family for being our overnight security! And to all of those not on the committee that helped before, during, and after the event!

Most of all, thank you to all who came out in the misty weather to celebrate 25 years as a Parish family, especially to the Pioneers who came from near and far! We could not have celebrated without you there!

It has been a pleasure,
Henny Jocelyn, Committee Chair

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

St. Thomas More, pray for us!

Pledge Statistics as of October 11

Total Phase II Responses	# of Families Responding
Unable to pledge at this time (10 of these families have been adopted)	34
Under \$100	23
\$100 and up	204
\$1,000 and up	80
\$1,500 and up	130
\$2,500 and up	86
\$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
Total to Date	\$1,436,595 631
Still Needed	\$563,405 377
Total Goal	\$2,000,000 1,008



† **WOW! We have permission to build and save money in the process due to the economy. We still need to make our goal in this Phase, so please respond if you haven't already! Every gift helps!**

† If you can afford \$5 per week (or month) we'd love to hear from you. Same thing for \$10 per week or month, \$25, \$50, and so on.

† **Thanks to all of our donors! We need to hear from all our households, even if you are unable 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; click on Our New Church.

Chris Smith, Director of Stewardship and Development
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Liturgy & Music

Worship God

Douglas Lynn
 Director of Liturgy and Music
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GOOD ENOUGH FOR...

Almost every time the bishop visits, someone remarks, “Should we clean the [insert liturgical item here]? We want to make a good impression.”

When this happens, I have to smile, because this sort of comment indicates to me that we might have the whole worship thing backward. Think about it...if the server robes and candlesticks aren't clean enough for the bishop at this week's liturgy, were they really clean enough for *God* at last week's liturgy?

In today's Gospel, Jesus presents two worshipers with very different approaches—one, a path to emulate and one, a path to avoid. One who bases his worthiness by comparing himself to others, and one who simply searches his own heart.

When we worship God, whether individually or corporately, in our personal practice or amongst our friends and families at Mass, it is important to remind ourselves that worship concerns our relationship with God. It isn't about how we stack up against our friends and neighbors, and it certainly isn't about the implements.

We come to Mass to affirm that all we have is God's and all we do is in fulfillment of Jesus' two great commandments—love God and love neighbor.

In our fast-paced culture, however, repetition can lead to a dullness of the experience. Coffeehouses, for example, always seem to be introducing new options for our caffeine intake, since 16 ounces of black coffee couldn't possibly be interesting enough week after week.

In this cultural atmosphere, it is easy to lose sight of the purpose, the *raison d'être* for coming together each week. The faith community we call St. Thomas More Parish meets each Sunday, and many mornings in between, to worship God. As

Fr. Mike put it in a homily earlier this year, we gather to hear the word of God and to respond to it by *receiving* and then *becoming* Eucharist—for this Parish, our local community, and the world.

In his 2004 letter on the Year of the Eucharist, Pope John Paul II wrote, “By our mutual love and, in particular, by our concern for those in need, we will be recognized as true followers of Christ. This will be the criterion by which our Eucharistic celebrations will be judged.”

I understand and admire the desire to keep the vestments wrinkle-free and the brass super-shiny. There are good reasons to keep the implements looking their best each week—out of respect for God's house, for instance. [And if you would like to help with keeping God's house in order or the implements nice and shiny, contact me.]

But what really matters (as demonstrated by the tax collector in this week's Gospel) is the intention of our hearts.

Each week, with the bishop or with the usual guys, on the great feast of Easter or the Sunday after Christmas, our faith community gathers to worship God, expressing our love of God and re-committing ourselves to love of neighbor.

God knows that we are a scuffed up, slightly wrinkled people. God loves us anyway. And so does the bishop.



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Upcoming Music

OCTOBER 30/31
31st Sunday
 in Ordinary
 Time

5:00pm Mass

Cantor &
 Congregation

8:30am Mass

Cantor &
 Congregation

10:30am Mass

Cantor &
 Congregation

NOVEMBER 1
All Saints

8:15am Mass

Cantor &
 Congregation

7:00pm Mass

Sanctuary Choir

NOVEMBER 2
All Souls

8:15am Mass

Cantor &
 Congregation

7:00pm Mass

Sanctuary Choir

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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



Little Rock Bible Study

Starts Wednesday, October 27, at 9:00am or
Thursday, October 28, at 7:00pm

We will be studying the Infancy Narratives of Jesus for four weeks to prepare us for the Advent Season. The study focuses on the connection between the Old and New Testaments. Come deepen your longing for the Messiah's coming again and ask God to be with us in our daily lives along our journey. Sign up on the Plaza after weekend Masses or at the Parish Office during office hours.

MagnifiKid brings the Mass and prayer closer to the lives of children (especially ages 6-12)

Check their website for a preview: www.magnificat.com

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To be included in the Parish order, please submit form below and payment by **October 25, 2010.**

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(January through December 2011 Subscription)

Name: _____

E mail: _____

of subscriptions: _____ Amount enclosed: _____

Checks are payable to St. Thomas More

PBJ Update Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center
2010 GOAL: 365 jars Collected to date: 513 jars

Youth Ministry

IGNITE

High School

Thank you to all who came to Believe; you are all amazing, and I hope you received a great message that weekend. Monday night youth group has been amazing, and we will continue to grow and learn together. Bring friends—let's have fun and play games (don't worry, we won't be falling off chairs). God Bless and see you there!

On November 1, we will be meeting at Mass at 7:00pm.

EPIC

(Encrypting People in Christ)
Middle School

I hope and pray that you are all doing well, and it was fun to see all of you last week. Next week (November 1), youth group will start at 7:00pm and we will be attending Mass. Then two weeks from then, we will be back on schedule at 5:00pm! Bring someone new and get ready to have some fun.



Phase 2: Confirmation Candidates

Hope you remembered to attend the 10:30am Mass today, October 24, as you begin to formally announce to the church your preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation.

Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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

Christian Stewardship Necessities and Priorities

October is a month filled with sporting events, from school athletic fields to professional sports stadiums across the country and world. We see athletes honored and praised for the God-given gifts they've cultivated and displayed, whether it be in newspaper headlines, on television screens, or by appearing on sports apparel.

In today's second reading, St. Paul uses the sporting metaphor to reflect on his gift of faith and how he has used his gifts to give testimony to Jesus Christ. God has endowed each of us with unique gifts as well, beginning with the gift of faith.

How well have we cultivated and displayed our own God-given gifts? As stewards of God's abundant gifts:

- ✚ Have we "competed well" for the Lord?
- ✚ Are we "running the race" for God?
- ✚ Are we keeping and sharing our faith in Jesus Christ?

It is very easy to live completely "in the moment" by placing our main focus on sports, entertainment, job responsibilities, and so on. To a point this is understandable.

God's challenge is to recognize that "point" and realize that God has made all these things possible in the first place.

More and more often the point is driven home to me (now that I work for the Church) that we do not know the day nor the hour when God will call us home. Contrary to popular belief, age is not the main determining factor of when we are called home to the Lord.

With sports and extra-curricular activities being so much in the forefront these days, it is wise to pull back from so many "worldly" activities and focus on putting God's work first in our lives. Then, *after that*, give your leftovers to the "worldly" pursuits. When you do things in that order, you'll be surprised how well things will go. Proper balance is key.

Living Stewardship Together

Both parents and children can be involved in decisions about when family gifts to their Church or favorite charity are made. After making their contributions to the Church, a family may decide what charitable organization will be the beneficiary of their gift in any given month.

Another alternative might be to save those remaining funds designated for charities after the Church contributions are made throughout the year.

Then, during the Advent or Christmas season, or perhaps on Christmas Eve, make a decision about which charities those remaining funds will be allocated. It's not only good stewardship, but also provides a great focus for the Christmas season.

—partially excerpted from ICSC Parish Newsletter and
 Scot Bader, October 2010, with permission

"The King's good servant, but God's first."

—St. Thomas More

TOWERS OF FAITH Future Support & Estate Planning Options

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

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



Examples of the various future planning vehicles are:

Designated Beneficiary Accounts,
 Last Will and Testament, Living Trust, Life Insurance, Stocks
 and Bonds, Real Estate, and Endowments.

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

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

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

Collection for Week of October 16/17, 2010

Number of Registered Households		1,010
Offertory*	\$	13,457.15
Offertory (Loose Collection)		870.00
Children's envelopes		0.00
Total	\$	14,327.15

* 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.

St. Francis and St. Thomas More Offertory Envelopes

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

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News from the Larger Church

Young Adult Ministry Activities in San Diego County—Visit www.yamsd.org for complete information on events for young adults, including 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

San Diego Catholic Worker Annual Dinner and Silent Auction—Saturday, October 30, 6:00-10:00pm, St. Mary Magdalene Church Hall, 1945 Illion St., San Diego. Donations \$20. For more information, contact 858-552-0817.

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. *Christian Spirituality as a Way of Living Publicly*, presented by Philip Sheldrake, Ph.D., is on Thursday, November 4, 7:30-9:00pm. For details, visit www.sandiego.edu/ccs or contact 619-260-4784 or ccs@sandiego.edu.

Renee Bondi in Concert—Saturday, November 6, 7:00pm at Church of the Nativity in Rancho Santa Fe. Proceeds to benefit Stand Up for Kids and Welcome Home Ministries. For more information, contact 858-367-0114, nativityconcert@yahoo.com, or www.tinyurl.com/nov6concert.

Tattoos on the Heart Presentation and Book Signing—Sunday, November 7, 12:30pm, Immaculata Church at the University of San Diego. Author Greg Boyle, SJ, will speak and be available to sign copies of his book. Fr. Greg is founder of Homeboy Industries, Inc. in Los Angeles, the largest gang intervention agency in the U.S. Sponsored by the Ignatian Volunteer Corps. For more information, contact 619-881-9509 or mcarroll@ivcusa.org.

Magnificat Women's Group Breakfast Meeting—Saturday, November 13, 9:30am, Mission Valley Sheraton. The speaker will

be Mother Antonia, known for her ministry to prisoners in Tijuana. For more information, contact 858-578-1256.

Healing Mass in Escondido—Tuesday, November 16, 6:45pm, St. Timothy Church, 2960 Canyon Rd., Escondido. For more information, contact 760-741-0866.

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.

STM Vehicle Donation Program

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News from St. Francis Church—Our Neighbor

Attention St. Francis School Alumni! You're on Facebook!

St. Francis School Alumni has had a Facebook page for almost two years, and at last count, has 279 members. It's a great opportunity for past students and faculty to reconnect and keep in touch with the school. Some great photos have been posted. Check it out! Tell your friends.



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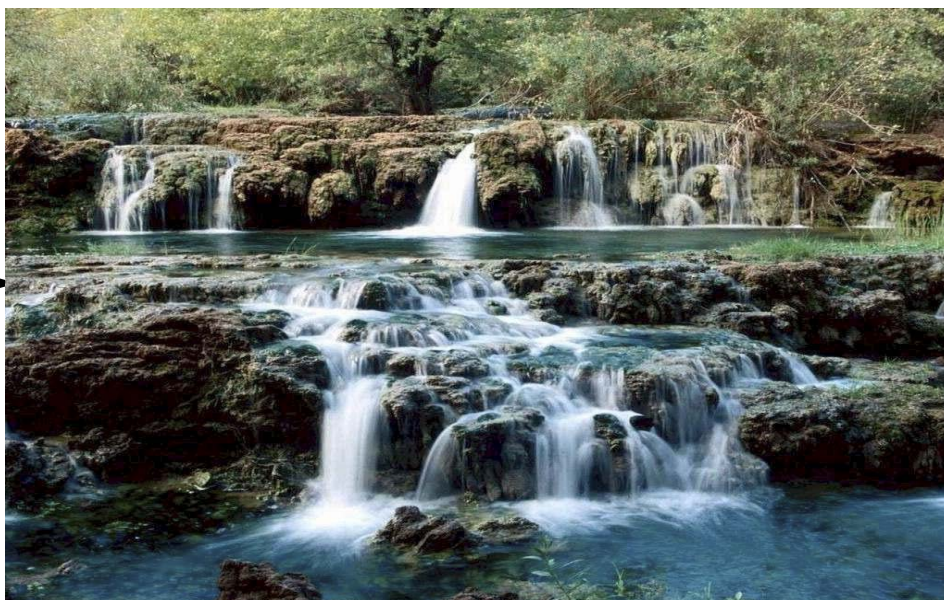
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Living Water

Retreat Details:

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Location:

Church of St. Thomas More
1450 S. Melrose ~ Oceanside

Schedule:

Friday November 12

6:30-7:00pm Registration
7:00-9:30pm Retreat

Saturday November 13

8:30am-5:00pm Retreat
5:00pm Mass

6:30pm Dinner (families
welcome

to join, small fee required)

Cost:

\$50 before November 1
\$60 after November 1

Registration:

www.stmoside.org/women

Questions:

760.758.4100 x159
womensministry@stmoside.org

St. Thomas More Women's Ministry invites all women to come and be refreshed by God's *Living Water* at our 1st Annual Women's Retreat on November 12 and 13, 2010, at the Church of St. Thomas More.

Our retreat features well-known dynamic national speaker, *Tammy Evevard*, and worship music lead by *Love, Resonate*. Register by November 1st to take advantage of early-bird prices.



St. Thomas More Women's Ministry Presents: "Living Water"

November 12 and 13
Church of St. Thomas More

\$50 before November 1, 2010
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Oct.30 & 31

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Nov.13 & 14

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