

Costumes were required for the annual Renaissance Ball back in the early days.

Lois and Len Garth were creative, using his Halloween costume from the year before and one of Lois' daughters' prom dresses, along with a lampshade for the hat.



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

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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 31, 2010 • Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor's Column

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All Hallows Eve—Halloween

On Sunday, October 31, we celebrate Halloween. On Monday, November 1, we celebrate "All Saints Day." On Tuesday, November 2, we celebrate "All Souls Day."

A little bit of history and background will help us to better understand and celebrate these days:

"Halloween is celebrated annually. But just how and when did this peculiar custom originate? Is it, as some claim, a kind of demon worship? Or is it just a harmless vestige of some ancient pagan ritual?"

The word itself, 'Halloween,' actually has its origins in the Catholic Church. It comes from a contracted corruption of All Hallows Eve. November 1, 'All Hallows Day' (or 'All Saints Day'), is a Catholic day of observance in honor of saints.

But, in the 5th century BC, in Celtic Ireland, summer officially ended on October 31. The holiday was called Samhain (sow-en), the Celtic new year.

One story says that, on that day, the disembodied spirits of all those who had died throughout the preceding year would come back in search of living bodies to possess for the next year. It was believed to be their only hope for the afterlife. The Celts believed all laws of space and time were suspended during this time, allowing the spirit world to intermingle with the living.

Naturally, the still-living did not want to be possessed. So on the night of October 31, villagers would extinguish the fires in their homes, to make them cold and undesirable. They would then dress up in all manner of ghoulish costumes and noisily paraded around the neighborhood, being as destructive as possible in order to frighten away spirits looking for bodies to possess.

Probably a better explanation of why the Celts extinguished their fires was not to discourage spirit possession, but so that all the Celtic tribes could relight their fires from a common

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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

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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
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source, the Druidic fire that was kept burning in the Middle of Ireland, at Usinach.

Some accounts tell of how the Celts would burn someone at the stake who was thought to have already been possessed, as sort of a lesson to the spirits. Other accounts of Celtic history debunk these stories as myth.

The Romans adopted the Celtic practices as their own. But in the first century AD, they abandoned any practice of sacrificing of humans in favor of burning effigies.

The thrust of the practices also changed over time to become more ritualized. As belief in spirit possession waned, the practice of dressing up like hobgoblins, ghosts, and witches took on a more ceremonial role.

The custom of Halloween was brought to America in the 1840's by Irish immigrants fleeing their country's potato famine. At that time, the favorite pranks in New England included tipping over outhouses and unhinging fence gates.

The custom of trick-or-treating is thought to have originated not with the Irish Celts, but with a 9th century AD European custom called souling. On November 2, All Souls Day, early Christians would walk from village to village begging for 'soul cakes,' made out of square pieces of bread with currants. The more soul cakes the beggars would receive, the more prayers they would promise to say on behalf of the dead relatives of the donors.

So, although some cults and Satanists may have adopted Halloween as their favorite 'holiday,' the day itself did not grow out of evil practices. It grew out of the rituals of Celts celebrating a new year, and out of Medieval prayer rituals of Europeans. And today, it is only as evil as one cares to make it."

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Have a great Halloween! Trick or Treat! When I was growing up, the phrase we used as we went "begging" door to door on Halloween was "Help the Poor"!

Please remember that Monday is a Holyday, "The Feast of All Saints."

Tuesday is "The Feast of All Souls."

Masses on both days are at 8:15am and 7:00pm on the upper level of the Parish Center.

Please take time to come to Mass on both days!

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 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

Monday, November 1 (667)
All Saints

Revelation 7:2-4,9-14
Psalm 24:1-6
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12a

Tuesday, November 2 (668)
Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)

Isaiah 25:6-9
Psalm 25:6-7,17-18,20-21
Philippians 3:20-21
John 14:1-6

Wednesday, November 3 (487)
Martin de Porres, religious

Philippians 2:12-18
Psalm 27:1,4,13-14
Luke 14:25-33

Thursday, November 4 (488)
Charles Borromeo, bishop

Philippians 3:3-8a
Psalm 105:2-7
Luke 15:1-10

Friday, November 5 (489)

Philippians 3:17-4:1
Psalm 122:1-5
Luke 16:1-8

Saturday, November 6 (490)

Philippians 4:10-19
Psalm 112:1b-2,5-6,8a,9
Luke 16:9-15

Sunday, November 7 (156)
Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Maccabees 7:1-2,9-14
Psalm 17:1,5-6,8,15
2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5
Luke 20:27-38

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 30, 5:00pm Dolores Murchison ☩
Sunday, October 31, 8:30am Carmen Valdivia ☩
Sunday, October 31, 10:30am Pilar Chavez ☩ Noll Family
Monday, November 1, 8:15am Rita Shepard
Monday, November 1, 7:00pm <i>for the Youth of our Parish</i>
Tuesday, November 2, 8:15am <i>for the Deceased of Our Parish</i>
Tuesday, November 2, 7:00pm <i>for the Deceased of Our Parish</i>
Wednesday, November 3, 8:15am Marie Iwanowski ☩
Wednesday, November 3, 9:30am William Keenan ☩ <i>Emeritus at Oceanside</i>
Thursday, November 4, 8:15am Joseph Iwanowski
Friday, November 5, 8:15am Nona Miller ☩
Saturday, November 6, 5:00pm Ann Couture ☩
Sunday, November 7, 8:30am Ann Puppington ☩
Sunday, November 7, 10:30am Berry & Schweitzer Families

Prayer List

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

- Mary Alexander
- Laura Allenfort
- Lucia Ambriz
- Brianna Balestreri
- Mary Balli
- Patricia Barbour
- Cindra Bell
- The Bell Family
- John Bennici
- Regina Bentz
- Roseanne Berg
- George "Whitey" Betus
- Tamara Bousquet
- Lynda Brady
- Monica Broussard
- Janet Brown
- Shelby Campbell
- Claudia Caplinger
- Paul Cassidy
- Flor Catap & Family
- Paul Cipowski
- Carl Clark
- Dick Clarke
- Dolly Cole
- Carl Coleman
- James Coleman
- Thomas Cornwell & Family
- Pat Crafton
- The Dale Family
- Karen Flaharty Daley
- Robert Daly
- Cecilia DeSimone
- Linda Dossman
- Connie Egan
- Kathryn Ernst
- Bob & Boo Falconer
- The Fiore Family
- Peggy & Jack Fischer
- Ryan Flum
- Matthew Foster
- Kathryn Franklin
- Joe Freire
- Carmen Garcia
- The Gavin & Ritter Families
- Rick Gonzalez
- Bill Gough
- Eileen Gough
- Rosemary Haeffelin
- Susan Hallahan
- Dorothy Hanratty
- The Harker Family
- Rita Harnacker
- Marge Heath
- Lillian Hills
- 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
- Cassandra Loretto
- Lauren Loretto
- James MacArthur
- Nancy Marley
- Bob McWilliams
- Lorraine Micallef
- Carol Michael
- June Mitchell
- Nancy Moore
- Margie Myers
- Cosmo Nocida
- Terri Northcutt
- R. Northrup
- Helen O'Connell
- The Oravetz Family
- Lupe Casas Pelletier
- Helen Pingtella
- Anne Post
- Reuben & Evi Quinn
- Otila Quiroz
- Janet Raiman
- Rita Ritchie
- Joanne Robinson
- Maria Rogers
- Sr. Loyola Romey
- Dorothy Rouse
- The Russo Family
- Nancy Scali
- Linda Schmidt
- Sherry Schmidt
- The Douglas E. Schulte Family
- Freda Schweitzer
- Bob, Joan, & Julie Shea
- Elizabeth Shirzad
- Richard Sikora
- Mike Snyder
- Nick Soltau
- Martha Sosa
- Gilda Spiegl
- Carl Streling
- The Stringer Family
- Pete Sullivan
- Maria Surmenidis
- David Sweet
- Stephen Toth, Jr.
- Mary Treat
- Laurie Updyke
- Barbara Upson
- Arnie Velasco
- Dominic Vienna, Jr.
- Vanessa Vitiello-Koble
- Paul & Mai Vo & Family
- Kevin Watson-Graff
- John Whitton

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 31 Life and Dignity Sunday
- Oct 31 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am & 10:30am Masses
- Nov 1 All Saints Day—Mass at 8:15am & 7:00pm
- Nov 2 All Souls Day—Mass at 8:15am & 7:00pm
- Nov 6-24 Stewardship Awareness/Renewal
- Nov 6 Treasures 2010 Flea Market
- Nov 7 R.E.A.CH classes at church
- Nov 7 Towers of Faith Reception

The Month Ahead

- 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 Mass 9:00am
- 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

- Jan 23 New Member Reception

Questions? Contact Henny at 760-758-4100 x100 hennyj@stmoside.org.

Pray for Women Religious

Please join us in praying for the women religious who serve in the Diocese of San Diego. They have been assigned to days of the year in alphabetical order.

November 01 Sr. Claire Frawley, SFCC
November 02 Sr. Sally Furay, RSCJ
November 03 Sr. Patricia Gage, CSJ
November 04 Sr. Margarita Galardo-Rodriguez, SJS
November 05 Sr. Mary Gallagher, RSM
November 06 Sr. Gloria Galvan, SFCC
November 07 Sr. Ruth Garbani, CSJ



In Memoriam

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Joan Stringer, who died on October 25. Her Funeral Mass was celebrated on October 27 at St. Francis Church. Please keep her husband Steve and daughters, Margaret, Kathryn, Alex, and Emma (who is in the STM confirmation program) and the family in your prayers.

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

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: Envelopes submitted with the names of loved ones will also be placed on the altar during the month.

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

Treasures 2010 Flea Market

Our St. Thomas More Treasures 2010 mega flea market fundraiser scheduled for Saturday, November 6, is a short 7 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! 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.

Volunteering! 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.

Shopping! 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.

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.

Women's Guild News

Board Meeting—Monday, November 1, 10:00am at Valerie's.

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. Call Vera Bayliss at 760-739-9061 or Mary Coxon at 760-599-8760 for reservations.

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.

Women's Guild Bake Sale Results

A great big "Thank You" to everyone who participated in the Bake Sale last weekend, from callers, to bakers, buyers, and donors. Because of your generosity, we raised over \$1,100!

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 by November 1.

Christmas Angel Time Is Coming!

We invite all interested parishioners to join us in this wonderful ministry that serves children at several local charities during Christmas and the New Year. Our next planning meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 10 at 7:00pm at the Parish Center.

We need volunteers of all ages to prepare the tree, man the table on the plaza, organize toys, and stuff stockings and gift bags on Saturday, December 11. We look forward to seeing you.

For more information please contact Marti or John Harper at 760-724-1181 or 4johnnyangel@cox.net

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!

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 or bring them to the Parish Office.

We salute our 25 Year Pioneers!

The Church of St. Thomas More was established as a Parish in Carlsbad on September 1, 1985, to ease the overcrowding at St. Patrick Church. Sunday Masses were celebrated in the Eternal Hills Mortuary Chapel, while daily and special Feast Day Masses were held in various Parishioner homes.

A number of years later, the Eastern boundary of our Parish was extended to Lake Blvd. to include the residents of Ocean Hills (formerly Leisure Village), and the celebration of Mass was moved to the Shadowridge area.

Many of the original Pioneers found it difficult to travel from Carlsbad to Shadowridge over Highway 78 and returned to St. Patrick Parish.

We're grateful for the dedication of our original Parishioners and salute them! You will recognize them throughout the year by the "STM Pioneer" ribbons they are wearing. Please share a smile and a thank you to each of them. Their dedication to our Parish was instrumental in our bright history!

June Barmasse	Helen Kuhn
Elaine & Jim Berquist	Georgiana Lapp
Michael Bosak	Ruth & John Laub
William Brincko	Katherine & Hank Ley
Hazel Bronzan	Jeanette Marriott
Mary Jo & Ron Cap	Raymond McNay
Pat & Marv Cap	Jan & Mike McGurk
Peg Chambers	Barbara & Claude Miller
Tom Connors	Beverley Miller
Mary Rita DePietro	Jeanne Morrow
Lorraine & Steve Doering	Edith & Tom Noel
Jan & Anthony Fajardo	Marion Piepmeyer
Theresa Farrell	Evi & Reuben Quinn
Melanie & Frank Flanagan	Maria Elena Quiroz
Norma Flanagan	Doris & Charles Rutz
Pernetta Franklin	Kathy & Paul Santy
Lois & Len Garth	Maurine Shaughnessy
Marge & Jack Gillen	Norm Shultz
Pat & Phil Goscienski	Freda Schweitzer
Pat & Milt Gray	Kathleen & Larry Slagal
Marge & Roy Heath	Theresa & Bob Stevenson
Justin Hickey	Pat & Dave Sweet
Mary Hughes	Francine & Tom Teer
Bette & Paul Johansing	Ginger & Tommy Thompson
Georgene & Jim Kamphuis	Ethel & Bob Vanderhagen
Paula Kaspar	Esther Woodard
Paul Kennedy	Nancy & Richard Wozniak
Mary Lou & Bob Kranz, Sr.	Alice Zemenick
Jan Kremenik	

These are the Pioneers we have recorded who joined the Parish between the years of 1985 and 1990 and are living in this area. If you know someone who joined STM during this period, please let us know. We would like to recognize all of our Pioneers, living and deceased, during the course of our 25th Anniversary Year.

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

St. Thomas More, pray for us!

Pledge Statistics as of October 26

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	203
\$1,000 and up	81
\$1,500 and up	131
\$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	\$1,436,283
Still Needed	\$563,717
Total Goal	\$2,000,000
	1,009



† **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. Adjustments are ongoing on existing pledges due to the economy.

† **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.

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Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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GOD IS WAITING

Those who go before us will point the way home.

by Melissa Musick
Nussbaum,
Celebration
October 2010.
By permission.

Ritual surrounds us, and the best rituals often happen outside of churches. My cousin's mother-in-law died in June. I had known her for over 40 years, a woman quick to laugh, to help, to forgive. During her final illness, Juanita had surgery to remove a gangrenous big toe. I cautioned her to be sure and get a discount the next time she went for a pedicure. "And not just 10 percent," I told her. "After all, they took the big toe. You should hold out for 20."

She laughed. She had the blessing G.K. Chesterton asks for the whole body of Christ:

*Sow in our souls, like living grass,
the laughter of all lowly things.*

When I got the call that Juanita realized it was "time to go home," I drove out to the hospital. I opened the door to her room and she smiled and held out her hand to me. "Melissa," she said, "I knew you'd come."

And then she said, "In my Father's house, there are many mansions. If it were not so, I would have told you."

I cannot remember when I first heard that scripture, John 14:2. I know I heard it long before I could read it. But I've always heard it in church, from the pastor. It is Church Talk, the words of Jesus, printed in red. I had never heard those words from a dying woman lying upon her deathbed.

Jesus' words were broken open for me there, the shell of familiarity

pierced to reveal the pulsing life beneath. They were no longer the beginning of "The Last Supper Discourses" or the memory verse for which I'd win a ribbon, but a simple statement of the simple truth from a woman who had no time for anything less than the truth.

Juanita knew where she was going. And because she knew I would follow her there, she was showing me the path, giving me directions, from one traveler to another. We are on the way to our Father's house. It has been made ready for us. God is waiting. If it were not so, Juanita—a woman I knew to tell and live the truth—would have told me.

Some weeks later I had lunch with a neighbor, this woman a full generation younger than Juanita. Some of our children—her seven, my five—had grown up together. Naeda had breast cancer many years ago. Now the cancer is back, and it has metastasized. Her youngest daughter is weeks away from delivering twin boys. My neighbor wants to see the babies born. She longs to watch them grow up. She said she "hopes to buy some time." But Naeda is a hospice nurse and she knows. She knows.

She wanted, she told me, to say some things. Naeda put her hand on my arm. When she spoke, she told a story. It was a story of gratitude. She began to thank me, for Christmas cookies and affection for her children, for all the small acts that weave a neighborhood and its neighbors together.

I can remember my mother making divinity candy and chocolate-dipped cherries for our neighbors long before I learned to cook. Those gestures, what "was done, is done," were broken open for me there, the shell of convention pierced to reveal the pulsing life beneath. Naeda remembered kindnesses I had



forgotten, kindnesses I may well have begrudged at the time, lamenting my over-filled and over-taxed days.

Naeda stored those kindnesses against the days to come, and they have fed her, feed her still. She is a woman who gathers goodness, and it keeps her, even on this hard way.

"In my Father's house there are many mansions." I know the shed in which I store my memories of losses and wounds. I can close my eyes and see them hanging, rusty cans filled with an assortment of hurts, nailed to the rough, unfinished walls. It is dark in there, the air rank and close with the smell of spilled gasoline and leaking pesticides.

Then I think of the houses Juanita and Naeda have furnished, where each delight is welcomed and given a place, the windows opened, the doors wide. This is what Naeda means to do in the weeks ahead: ride her horse in the mountains, throw a party, kiss her grandsons, and learn "what the Lord has for me."

I know what the Lord has for her. "In my Father's house, there are many mansions." If it were not so, Juanita would have told us.

Friday, November 5 ♦ 8:45am - 7:30pm

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
FEAST OF VENERABLE SOLANUS CASEY

We pray...for the grace of humility.

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

Kathleen Bell
Director of Faith Formation
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Dear members of my Parish family,

I don't know how to begin to express my gratitude for your overwhelming support as I learn to live without my Beloved.

Gene's death was sudden and unexpected, but he lived life to the full up to his very last day, and for that I am grateful.

Fr. Mike, Sr. Maureen, the Parish staff, the catechists, and all our Parish friends have shown me such gentle kindness and understanding that I really feel surrounded by family and lifted up to move forward.

Keep the prayers coming however . . . and if you feel you need to do something for me, a jar of peanut butter or jelly is welcome!

With a broken but grateful heart~

Kathleen Bell

The Glory Man

This world premiere, performed by Lamb's Players in Coronado until November 14, is one of the most powerful dramas I have ever witnessed. The message of Jesus is so clear and presented with such gutsy passion, that I hope you would try to see it if you possibly can.

The Glory Man is the epic story of Clarence Jordan and the birthplace of Habitat for Humanity. This sweeping American story features a multi-talented cast of 17, bringing to life over 40 characters in a charged Southern landscape. Clarence Jordan, author of "The Cotton Patch Gospel," started Koinonia Farm, an unconventional racially-integrated community in the 1940s whose legacy includes the start of Habitat for Humanity.

www.lambplayers.org

Youth Ministry

Monday, November 1, **EPIC** (middle school) and **IGNITE** (high school) will meet at 7:00pm to worship together at the All Saints Day Mass.

Sit with your families or look for me in the Youth Ministry section . . . let's fill the church!

Marc



Today is a **RE.A.CH** day at Home

PBJ Update

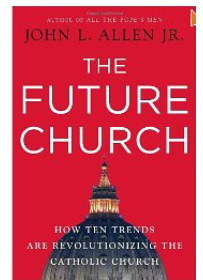
Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center

2010 GOAL:	365 jars
Collected to date:	532 jars



Fr. Mike's Bookies

Fr. Mike will lead our next Bookies event. We are processing this book over three months, January, February, and March. It is an interesting read, but it takes time to digest and absorb it.



It is available outside the Faith Formation Office for \$20. I would encourage everyone to consider reading it for your own broader perspective on the Catholic Church: where it has come from and where it is going. Think about getting started soon on the reading since the holidays ahead tend to take up all that "free time" you have for reading!

John Allen, Jr., a long time "Vatican watcher and objective reporter," asks the question: **"What will the Catholic Church be like in a hundred years?"**

In his book, *The Future Church*, he examines ten global trends that will transform the Catholic Church by the twenty-second century.

In our set of three sessions, we will discuss these global trends and encourage conversation regarding the impact of these trends on the Catholic Church.

Congratulations!

We are delighted to announce the birth of
Nicholas Steven Hawkins,
son of Catechumens Laura and Bryan Hawkins!

Nicholas was born October 22 and is 6 lb. 12 oz.

Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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Christian Stewardship What Shall I Give?

We are called to give thanks to God by returning the gifts we are given. The question becomes how much and what gifts. We know that all things we have in this lifetime are generous gifts from God. So, be sure to 'tune in' to what God is telling you.

Many times I find myself swimming against the tide of life, simply because of pure stubbornness. It is embarrassing to admit the number of times I've spent an incredible amount of time and energy trying to make things work 'my way' when Jesus has put neon signs out there pointing me in another direction.

Don't let that happen to you! The little story below illustrates this point pretty clearly:

A Mere Colt

"I have so much to offer God," my pride calls from within. I can see a vision of what God can do with me, with my life, and I am excited. Day after day I have waited in expectation. Surely the time has come for me to be of great service.

I have heard the Lord will be passing this way today. So, patiently, I wait a little longer. And then I see two men nearing. I stand a little taller because I know these men are sent from God. But as I stand there, they bypass me and go to my donkey . . . a mere colt.

"Why are you doing this?" I ask.

"The Lord needs it and we'll send it back here shortly," the men answer. Then they walk away.

"My donkey?" I mutter. God wants my donkey? What about my talents, abilities, and availability? What about that, Lord?

Then I see a crowd forming. Many are waving palm branches and crying out, Hosanna in the highest!"

I squeeze my way through the jumble of arms and branches, and I see him! There is my Lord! My eyes tear. There is my donkey. The Lord is riding on my donkey.

I drop to my knees. "Dear Jesus," my soul cries. "Forgive me my pride. You have used what I have considered the least, yet you are elevated. May this always be so."

"Continue to use me, Lord," I pray. "What I consider my best, may not be what you need from me at all. But now I understand, Jesus. What you need most is my open arms, and my willingness to serve in any way you ask." I look up from my place on the crowded road, and I look into his eyes as he passes by. It is truly then I know that my small gift is monumental, historical.

—Parish Stewardship, October 2010, with permission



Thank you, Lord, for your patience and guidance.

TOWERS OF FAITH

Future Support & Estate Planning Options

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!

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.



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.

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

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

—St. Thomas More

Collection for Week of October 23/24, 2010

Number of Registered Households		1,009
Offertory*	\$	5,698.20
Offertory (Loose Collection)		801.50
Children's envelopes		0.00
Total	\$	6,499.70

* 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

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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.

Healing Mass in Carlsbad—Women's Christian Fellowship cordially invites everyone to a healing Mass with Fr. Mike Barry on Thursday, November 4, 9:30am-12:00noon at St. Elizabeth Seton Parish Hall, 6628 Santa Isabel St., Carlsbad. On-site childcare is available. For information, please contact Angie at 760-436-3875.

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.

Presentation at Aegis of Shadowridge—All are welcome to attend a presentation on Tuesday, November 9, 9:30am by Ellen Anne Geisel, author of *Apron and Kitchen Linens*. For more information, contact 760-806-3600.

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.

STM Vehicle Donation Program

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For more information, contact the Parish Office:
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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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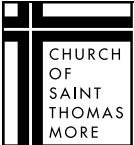
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