



A group of dedicated volunteers hosts a Thanksgiving dinner each year at STM for those whose families are far away, those who don't want to cook, and those who enjoy sharing the holiday with their Parish family.



*Thanksgiving 2009*

*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

**November 21, 2010 • Our Lord Jesus Christ the King**

## Pastor's Column

*Rev. Michael Ratajczak*  
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### How Do We Pledge Allegiance to Our King?

In this month of November, we continue our reflection upon Stewardship. Stewardship is not a program or process, but rather, it is a lifestyle that we freely choose as our way of pledging allegiance to our King.

So often in conversation, we hear the phrase, "Don't just talk the talk; walk the walk." In other words, our internal faith must be externalized through the actions of our everyday lives.

As Disciples of the Lord Jesus, we believe him to be our Lord and Savior, sent from our good and gracious God, as a gift of love to us.

As Disciples of the Lord Jesus, we are members of his Body. We are the Body of Christ for this time and place. We are called to

continue his mission and ministry to the little corner of the world in which we find ourselves.

We do this, not just in word, but also in deed. Our time, talent, and treasure become the external signs of what we internally believe. We give our "first fruits," that biblical tithe, or 10%, of time, talent, and treasure, in order to build up the Body of Christ.

We put the Lord first in our lives, because the Lord has placed us first in his life. When we each do our part and give our tithe, it is amazing all that we can accomplish in the Name of Jesus!

This past weekend, we welcomed Dr. Brad Yates and his wife, Dr. Susan Lagasse, and their children, Timothy and Sydney, as our lay witnesses to share with us their commitment in the living

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### Did You Know?

**Our Parish SDG&E bill for August was \$3,498.86, for September it was \$2,622.34, for October \$2,087.72, and for November \$2,852.26. This is a monthly average of about \$2,800!**

**Your gift to the "Did You Know?" campaign helps us to balance our budget in this very difficult economy.**

## 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)*

out of their Christian Stewardship here at St. Thomas More Parish.

In a very direct way, we were reminded not to let our fears rule, but rather, to rise above them, and to allow God's grace to strengthen us to do what needs to be done to continue the mission and ministry of Jesus for this time and this place.

We thank them for not only "talking the talk," but "walking the walk."

Last weekend a special insert prepared by Chris Smith, our Director of Stewardship and Development, was included in the bulletin. The insert reminded us of the almost 100 ministries that are active here in the Parish and listed the numbers of people needed to make these ministries flourish.

Please take time to review that insert and find a way that you can commit or deepen your commitment to St. Thomas More Parish as we continue the mission and ministry of Jesus for this time and this place.

We are presently at the most exciting moment in the history of our Parish. We are ready to move forward with the build-out of our Parish Campus—our Permanent Church and our Parish Offices. The next two years will be so exciting! But this movement forward will need your commitment of time, talent, and treasure more than ever!

As we continue our reflection on Stewardship, I ask you to dig deep into your souls. There you will find and become aware of how good God is and how God has blessed us.

With that awareness, your stewardship of time, talent, and treasure, on behalf of St. Thomas More Parish, becomes a joy and a celebration!

Let us be mindful of the last words of St. Thomas More as he was beheaded, "The king's good servant, but God's first."

May his words strengthen us in our Christian Stewardship on behalf of our Parish as we embark upon the most exciting moment in the 25-year history of our Church.

*F. Mike*

### Facing Surgery or a Serious Illness?

If you, a family member or close friend is facing surgery or has been diagnosed with a serious illness, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick can be powerful and comforting.

*For more information, call the Parish Office at 760-758-4100.*

### Eucharistic Adoration



*Monday-Friday • 6:30am-7:30pm  
Blessed Sacrament Chapel*

Exposition of the Eucharist on First Fridays.  
Next date: Friday, December 3.

*For more information, contact  
the Parish Office at 760-758-4100 x100.*

**Readings for the Week Ahead**

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

**Sunday, November 21** (162)  
*Our Lord Jesus Christ the King*

2 Samuel 5:1-3  
Psalm 122:1-5  
Colossians 1:12-20  
Luke 23:35-43

**Monday, November 22** (503)

*Cecilia, virgin, martyr*  
Revelation 14:1-3,4b-5  
Psalm 24:1-6  
Luke 21:1-4

**Tuesday, November 23** (504)

*Clement I, pope, martyr*  
*Columban, abbot*  
*Miguel Agustín Pro, priest, martyr*  
Revelation 14:14-19  
Psalm 96:10-13  
Luke 21:5-11

**Wednesday, November 24** (505)

*Andrew Ding-Lac, priest, martyr, and his companions, martyrs*  
Revelation 15:1-4  
Psalm 98:1-3b,7-9  
Luke 21:12-19

**Thursday, November 25** (see below)

*Catherine of Alexandria, virgin, martyr*  
*Thanksgiving Day*  
Sirach 50:22-24 (943.2)  
Psalm 138:1-5 (945.3)  
1 Corinthians 1:3-9 (944.1)  
Luke 17:11-19 (947.6)

**Friday, November 26** (507)

Revelation 20:1-4,11-21:2  
Psalm 84:3-6a,8a  
Luke 21:29-33

**Saturday, November 27** (508)

Revelation 22:1-7  
Psalm 95:1-7b  
Luke 21:34-36

Sunday Year A; Weekday Year I

**Sunday, November 28** (1)

*First Sunday of Advent*  
Isaiah 2:1-5  
Psalm 122:1-9  
Romans 13:11-14  
Matthew 24:37-44

**Mass Intentions**

Saturday, November 20, 5:00pm  
Kenneth Fiskén ☩

Sunday, November 21, 8:30am  
Patrick Jones ☩

Sunday, November 21, 10:30am  
Duilia Colucci ☩

Tuesday, November 23, 8:15am  
Illuminada Mandac ☩

Wednesday, November 24, 8:15am  
Leo Grassilli ☩

Thursday, November 25, 8:15am  
Vance ☩ & Freda Schweitzer

Friday, November 26, 8:15am  
The O'Toole Family  
living & deceased

Saturday, November 27, 5:00pm  
Tom & Pat Hannon

Sunday, November 28, 8:30am  
J. C. Gonzalez ☩

Sunday, November 28, 10:30am  
Carol Marie Gross ☩

**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  
The Belanger Family  
The Bell Family  
John Bennici  
Regina Bentz  
Roseanne Berg  
George "Whitey" Betus  
Bruce Bousquet  
Tamara Bousquet  
Lynda Brady  
Monica Broussard  
Janet Brown  
Shelby Campbell  
Claudia Caplinger  
Laura Case  
Paul Cassidy  
Flor Catap & Family  
Simon Cattan  
Pat Christopherson  
Paul Cipowski  
Carl Clark  
Dick Clarke  
Dolly Cole  
Carl Coleman  
James Coleman  
Anthony Comito  
Pat Crafton  
The Dale Family  
Karen Flaharty Daley  
Cecilia DeSimone  
The DiBianca Family  
Judith DiMatteo  
Linda Dossman  
Kathryn Ernst  
Bob & Boo Falconer  
The Fiore Family  
Peggy & Jack Fischer  
Eileen Flood  
Ryan Flum  
Matthew Foster  
Kathryn Franklin  
Joe Freire  
Carmen Garcia  
Rick Gonzalez  
Bill Gough  
Eileen Gough  
Jeffrey Guyer  
Rosemary Haeffelin  
Fr. Kent Hajduk  
Susan Hallahan  
The Harker Family  
Rita Harnacker  
The Harrison Family  
The Heath Family  
Lillian Hills  
The Holub Family  
Max Isaac  
Paul Johansing  
Sue Johnston  
Eileen Jones  
Pat Jones  
Paul Kennedy  
Debbie Kinney  
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  
Heidi Olson  
Lupe Casas Pelletier  
Helen Pingtella  
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  
The Douglas E. Schulte Family  
Freda Schweitzer  
Bob, Joan, & Julie Shea  
Elizabeth Shirzad  
Richard Sikora  
Mike Snyder  
Nick Soltau  
Martha Sosa  
Bill Sparrow  
Gilda Spiegl  
Leah Stevens  
Carl Streling  
The Stringer Family  
Pete Sullivan  
Maria Surmenidis  
David Sweet  
Stephen Toth, Jr.  
Laurie Updyke  
Barbara Upton  
Jo Urrico  
Arnie Velasco  
Dominic Vienna, Jr.  
Vanessa Vitiello-Koble  
Kevin Watson-Graff  
John Whitton

**Deployed Military**

*As a faith community let us pray for all who serve our country in these troubled times. We pray especially for those connected to our Parish who have been deployed:*

Gunnery Sgt. Fernando Andrade, Jr.  
1st Lt. Jeffrey Bauer, USMC  
Major Robert Bechtold, USMC  
PFC John Brandone  
PFC Jonathan Chasteler  
Corp. Willie Deel  
Lance Corp. Brandon Doyle, USMC  
SSGT Julian Fyffe, USMC  
MSGT Steve Gallegos, USMC  
BM2 Bobby Hartdegen, US Navy  
LCpl. Brandon Mann, USMC  
Staff Sgt. Travis M. Meyers, USAF  
Pvt. 2 Jess Phillips, US Army  
Sr. Airman Robert Spear, USAF  
PVT2 Tyler Timmerman, US Army  
LT Billy Turley, USN  
Sgt. Charles Watts, USMC

*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**

Nov 21 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses  
Nov 21 Stewardship Ministry Fair  
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  
Nov 28 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses  
Nov 28 Advent Reconciliation Service  
Nov 28 RE.A.CH High School classes

**The Month Ahead**

Dec 4 Job Transition Seminar  
Dec 8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Gathering of Men  
Dec 10 Mass at 8:15am & 7:00pm  
Dec 13 Women's Guild Luncheon

**Next Year**

Jan 8 Adult CPR/AED Class  
Jan 10 Women's Guild Luncheon  
Jan 15 Adult CPR/AED Class  
Jan 22 Adult CPR/AED Class  
Jan 23 New Member Reception  
Feb 12 Women's Guild Fashion Show

*Questions? Contact Henny at 760-758-4100 x100 [hennyj@stmoside.org](mailto: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 22	Sr. Trinidad Guerrero, HMSS
November 23	Sr. Luz Eugenia Guitron, SJS
November 24	Sr. Charlotte Gulban, FDC
November 25	Sr. Blanca Patricia Gutierrez, SJS
November 26	Sr. Ana Maria Guzman, SJS
November 27	Sr. Maria Javier Guzman, DCJ
November 28	Sr. Margaret Hama, DMI

## Congratulations to

**Anne & Richard Cline (43 years)**

**Betsy & Bill Draper (53 years)**

**Spring & Richard Hardy (36 years)**

**Kathy & Chuck Salter (50 years)**

who celebrated their wedding anniversaries recently.

*May God continue to bless your marriage, and may you be an inspiration to other married couples.*

## Flower Donations

We would like to gratefully acknowledge the contributions of:

**Anne & Richard Cline**

**Betsy & Bill Draper**

**Anne & Robert Fallone**

**Delores Fisken**

**Pat & John Jones**

**Kathy & Chuck Salter**

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

## Advent Reconciliation Services at Local Parishes

Date	Time	Parish
Sun, Nov. 28	4:00pm	St. Thomas More, Oceanside
Mon, Nov. 29	7:00pm	St. Margaret, Oceanside
Tue, Nov. 30	6:00pm	St. Mary Star of the Sea, Oceanside
Thu, Dec. 2	7:00pm	St. Francis, Vista
Mon, Dec. 6	7:00pm	St. Patrick, Carlsbad
Tue, Dec. 7	7:00pm	Mission San Luis Rey, Oceanside
Tue, Dec. 14	7:00pm	St. James-St. Leo, Solana Beach
Wed, Dec. 15	7:00pm	St. John, Encinitas
Thu, Dec. 16	7:00pm	Nativity, Rancho Santa Fe
Fri, Dec. 17	7:00pm	St. Elizabeth Seton, Carlsbad
Mon, Dec. 20	6:30pm	St. Mark, San Marcos
Tue, Dec. 21	6:00pm	St. Peter, Fallbrook

## Attention Altar Servers

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, December 4, 12:00-2:00pm, for a holiday cookie decorating event. All are welcome!



## STM \$crip News

Reduce your holiday stress—shop Scrip!

A percentage of every Scrip purchase is donated to St. Thomas More to help us build our Permanent Church and Parish Offices.

**Remember, Scrip is available for purchase FOUR 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.*

## Women's Guild News

**Next Luncheon Meeting**—Mark your calendars for Monday, December 13, for the next luncheon meeting and watch for details.

## Treasures 2010 Results

Watch the bulletin next week for a report on the Treasures 2010 Mega Flea Market results, and thanks to all the donors, volunteers, and shoppers who contributed to its success!

## Last Call for T-Shirts!

STM 25th anniversary t-shirts are on final sale at a whopping \$5 each! This is BELOW cost for high quality shirts. Only adult small and children's medium and large shirts are still available on the Plaza after Masses and in the Parish Office during the week. Get a terrific shirt and support your Parish at the same time!

For information or to reserve a shirt, please contact Chris Smith, 760-758-4100 x120 or [chriss@stmoside.org](mailto:chriss@stmoside.org).

## Christmas Angel Project

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. 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 [4johnnysangel@cox.net](mailto:4johnnysangel@cox.net)*



## Food Bank Contributions

Look for the blue barrels on the Plaza at weekend Masses to deposit your contributions for North County Community Services Food Bank in San Marcos. The most needed items include canned meats and protein, pasta and pasta sauce, boxed macaroni and cheese, and canned fruit.

Thank you for your support! For more information, contact Ron Briseno at 760-758-4100 x153 or [ronb@stmoside.org](mailto:ronb@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.

## Looking for Information on the Catholic Faith?

Are you interested in learning more about Catholicism, becoming a Catholic, or returning to the Catholic Church after being away? You're invited to Inquiry Sessions, which meet on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 7:00pm at the Parish Center.

*For information, call Jim Treat at 760-598-3602.*

**Marriage & Family Life Corner**



**Marriage Moments**—Those of a certain age remember where they were on November 22, 1963—the day Kennedy was assassinated. His famous words, “Ask not what your country can do for you—ask what you can do for your country” can be applied to marriage also. “Ask not what your beloved can do for you—ask what you can do for your beloved.” Answer the question today.

**Parenting Pointers**—Thanksgiving is a family holiday, but sometimes not everyone can make it home. If you have far flung children, consider mailing them a memory...perhaps a photo of a past Thanksgiving or a favorite family recipe. Give them a piece of home for the holidays.

For more information, visit [www.diocese-sdiego.org](http://www.diocese-sdiego.org) and click on Ministries, Marriage & Family Life or contact Jen Frost at 760-758-4100 x100.

**Thank You!**

The STM Women’s Ministry would like to thank our Parish family who recently participated in our First Annual Women’s Retreat. We would like to especially thank Fr. Mike, who believed in us from the beginning, all the Parish Staff, who provided guidance during our planning stages, and the very wonderful kitchen help who served through out the weekend with happy faces and loving hearts. Special thanks to our retreat sponsors, La Provence Bakery and Joyce McClellan from CatholicNotes.com.



**Attention STM Men!**

There will be a “gathering of men” on the second Friday of each month from 7:00-8:30pm. Men, please join us for the next “gathering of men” which will be Friday, December 10, in the lower level of the Parish Center.

Any questions, please contact John Fredette at 760-758-1973 or [john@fredette-it.com](mailto:john@fredette-it.com).

**Pies! Pies! Pies!**

Every year Brother Benno’s throws a Thanksgiving feast for the homeless and underprivileged. In good times they feed as few as 400 and in bad times as many as 800 people. St. Thomas More is the sole provider of home-baked apple and pumpkin pies for this special meal. Please help again this year and deliver apple or pumpkin pies to the Parish Office by 11:00am on Wednesday, November 24. Last year we donated over 100 pies—let’s see what we can do this year. Thanks!



**Collection for National Needs**

Envelopes were attached to the bulletin at the beginning of the month for the 2010 Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection. *Fight Poverty in America, Defend Human Dignity* is this year’s theme. The envelopes may be returned any time during November. Thank you!

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

**St. Thomas More, pray for us!**

**Pledge Statistics as of November 19**

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	205
\$1,000 and up	82
\$1,500 and up	132
\$2,500 and up	86
\$4,500 and up	31
\$6,000 and up	19
\$10,000 and up	20
\$25,000 and up	2
\$50,000 and up	2
<b>Total to Date</b>	<b>\$1,446,301 636</b>
<b>Still Needed</b>	<b>\$553,699 376</b>
<b>Total Goal</b>	<b>\$2,000,000 1,012</b>



† This campaign did not end with the joyous news from the Bishop on October 17! This is a critical time for us to keep up the good work we have started and to get as many people on board to help as possible.

† We need to reach our goal and only have 13+ months to go to achieve that. We want to break ground!

† **If you can afford \$1, \$5, \$10, \$15, or more, per week or per month, please submit this to help with this effort! When everyone does something, progress is made. EVERY gift is important and none is too small.**

† **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!

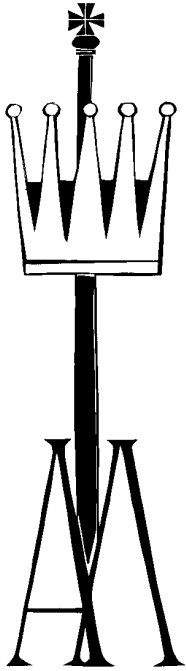
Packets are available after all Masses, at the Parish Office, and on our website:

[www.stmoside.org](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*



**THE MANY OPPORTUNITIES AHEAD FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE!**

**MORNING  
PRAYER**

**Mondays in Advent  
8:15am**

**Join us for the Church's prayers  
of the People of God!  
John Fredette will lead us!**

**PARISH NOVENA TO  
OUR LADY OF  
GUADALUPE**

**beginning  
Wednesday, November 24**

On December 12, we customarily celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas. Although the feast day will not be celebrated this year because it falls on a Sunday and the Church celebrates the Third Sunday of Advent, the Parish will pray a novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe beginning this Wednesday, November 24.

The novena will take place at the end of the daily morning Mass and continue at subsequent morning Masses on November 24, 26, 30, and December 1, 2, 3, 7, 9, and 10. We will not pray the novena on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.



**We pray that all may respect  
life: "The measure of love is to  
love without measure."**



**Children's  
Christmas Choir**

**The Children's Choir  
returns for the  
Christmas season!**

**All children, grades 2-8,  
are invited to sing in the  
Children's Christmas Choir.**

**REHEARSALS**

**Wednesdays  
December 1, 8, and 15  
5:00-6:15pm**

**Thursday  
December 23  
7:00-7:45pm  
(with the combined choirs)**

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

**Friday  
December 24  
4:00pm Mass**

**JOIN US!!!**

**GIVING THANKS...  
AND PRAISE!**

St. Thomas More's  
**SANCTUARY CHOIR &  
HANDBELL CHOIR**

**to benefit  
Interfaith Community Services**

**Sunday, November 21  
4:00pm**

This Sunday, the Sanctuary Choir and the Handbell Choir will present St. Thomas More's fifth annual benefit concert for the food pantry at Interfaith Community Services.

Bring a canned good or three—the green leafy stuff will also be accepted—and join us for an hour of musical thanksgiving and praise!



**Upcoming  
Music**

**NOVEMBER 21**

**Thanksgiving  
Concert  
4:00pm**

Handbell Choir  
Sanctuary Choir

**NOVEMBER 25**  
**Thanksgiving**

**9:00am Mass**

Cantor &  
Congregation

**NOVEMBER 28**  
**First Sunday  
of Advent**

**5:00pm Mass**

Cantor &  
Congregation

**8:30am Mass**

Handbell Choir

**10:30am Mass**

Sanctuary Choir

# Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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

# Children of Abraham

## Interfaith Prayer Service



### Wednesday, November 24 • 7:00pm

A reception will follow at 8:00pm

Bring friends to share in this time of blessing.

Sponsored by



Rabbi Ben Leinow  
Congregation B'nai Tikvah



Reverend Michael Ratajczak  
St. Thomas More Catholic Church



Brother Nader Dehaini (l.)  
Brother Usman Khan (r.)  
Masjid Al-Ittehad

Clergy representing the Jewish, Christian, and Islamic Faiths will come together to lead the assembly in prayer and thanksgiving.

In this present moment in the history of our global village, it is important that people of good will come together, rise above differences, rejoice in diversity, and seek and celebrate that which we have in common, realizing that we are all sisters and brothers sharing time together, only for a while, on this Planet Earth.

*Religion should bring people together, not keep us apart!*

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

### PBJ Update

2010 GOAL: 365 jars  
Final 2010 count: 573 jars

Parents,

Keep in mind that the second half of November and the second half of December are not "vacations from Religious Education." Check the Annual Plan—there are Home Sessions for each of those four weeks. Please be faithful to them. Our next Church Session is December 5.

Plan to join us for the Parish Reconciliation Service on November 28 at 4:00pm.

Thank you  
for another fruitful year  
of feeding hungry children  
in our local community.

# Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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## CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP Returning God's Gifts With Gratitude

Last weekend we listened intently to the humble and straightforward lay witness testimony of Susan and Brad. Their talk included their sharing of son Tim's and daughter Sydney's various stewardship experiences as well.

Two points that stood out to me from their sharing were:

1. Facing the "fear" of involvement
2. Feeling "unworthy" to witness, because they didn't feel they did as much as several others at our Parish.

As Susan came to realize, however, it is not about *how much* one does; but rather the fact that everyone does "something." Many hands make God's work flow much more smoothly and give each of us a chance to return our special gifts.

**Brad shared**, "Fear and faith seem to be opposing forces. I have seen my own and others fear responses undermine faith and participation in faith communities. Whenever I override these fears and participate in even the smallest of ways, I often feel a powerful sense of connectedness and community.

Following the Lord's prayer, the Priest says, 'In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety.' For years I thought that was simply to relieve us of discomfort but now I believe its meaning is to protect us from the anxiety that may otherwise undermine our engagement in our faith community."



**Susan shared**, "As we minister to each other and create a living, sustaining community, we are doing the work of God's mission and his love for us. My involvement here has brought me far more than I've given. I encourage all of you to find your place, devote your talents, calm your

fears, and give of yourself as part of the body of Christ.

Be God's hands by reaching out and touching others and being a part of building and nurturing this sacred space. No task is too small and no talent too insignificant. We are the living stones of this sacred space. Only upon us, in God's Will, is this Parish built, this community sustained."

**Sincere thanks** to the Lagasse-Yates family for sharing their story with us. Public sharing is not in many people's comfort zone, but they said "Yes" to help the mission of Jesus at STM!

Each of us has something we can do to help continue the work of Jesus. It doesn't matter how much money we make, how smart or educated we are, or how much experience we have. Our abilities should be recognized, cherished, and shared.

Say "Yes" to the call of Jesus. St. Thomas More is brimming with ways to share your gifts. Check out page 10 of this bulletin!

Have you returned your  
Christian Stewardship Opportunities Response Form yet?

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## 2010 World Mission Sunday Collection The Propagation of the Faith

\$1,565.32

## Collection for Week of November 13/14, 2010

Number of Registered Households		1,012
Offertory*	\$	6,927.45
Offertory (Loose Collection)		813.00
Children's envelopes		0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,740.45</b>

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

## Ways to Help Support Your Parish

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

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## News from the Larger Church

**St. Patrick Catholic School in Carlsbad**—accepting applications for the 2011-2012 academic year (kindergarten-eighth grade). For more information, contact 760-729-1333 x105 or [www.stpaddys.org](http://www.stpaddys.org).

**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).

**Worldwide Vigil for All Nascent Human Life**—Saturday, November 27, 7:00pm, St. Brigid Church, Pacific Beach. Bishop Brom will preside at Evening Prayer and Benediction as churches all over the world hold vigils coinciding with Pope Benedict's Vigil Service at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.

**Vocation Retreat Day for Young Women**—Sunday, November 28, 9:00am-2:30pm, at Nazareth House, 6363 Rancho Mission Rd., San Diego. For more information, contact Sr. Fintan at 310-614-9570 or [sfintan@nazarethhouse.org](mailto:sfintan@nazarethhouse.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 the *Theology on Tap* series in November, a Christmas Party on December 4, and a New Year's Eve celebration on December 31.

**Casa de Molina & Friends of the Poor to Sponsor Children's Christmas Party**—Saturday, December 11, 12:00-2:00pm. Parishioner Vicky Molina and her family host a Christmas party with gifts for underprivileged children each year and are looking for volunteers to help with planning, preparation, etc. For more information, contact Vicky at [motherv5@cox.net](mailto:motherv5@cox.net).

**Christmas Concert in Rancho Bernardo**—Sunday, December 12, 4:00pm, San Rafael Church, 17252 Bernardo Center Dr., Rancho Bernardo. Variety of Christmas favorites and

special selections, including "sing-a-long." For more information, call 858-487-4314.

**Serenity Retreat with Fr. Tom Weston, SJ, at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside**—January 28-30, for men and women in recovery from alcoholism and addiction. For more information, contact 760-757-3659 or [www.sanluisrey.org](http://www.sanluisrey.org).

**Retreat for Widowed, Divorced, and Separated Persons at Prince of Peace Abbey in Oceanside**—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.

**Healing Ministry in Solana Beach**—St. James Healing Ministry offers Healing Prayer in either the Adoration Chapel or the Church at the following times: Every Sunday after the 9:00am Mass; First Mondays from 9:00-10:00am.; Second Tuesdays from 6:00-7:15pm, and on Third Saturdays after the 5:00 pm Mass. The next Healing Mass is scheduled for Wednesday, January 26, at 7:00pm, preceded by music and testimony at 6:30pm. All are welcome.

**Separated/Divorced Support Group in Solana Beach**—If you are in pain from a separation or divorce, please consider joining our support group. We meet 10:15am Sunday mornings at St. James Catholic Church Ministry Center Offices, 625 S. Nardo, Solana Beach. For additional information please contact Frank Grant at 760-533-1520 or [fwgrant@earthlink.net](mailto:fwgrant@earthlink.net).

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

## News from St. Francis Church—Our Neighbor

### Veterans Day at St. Francis School

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School students participated in a special blessing and dedication of the new Church flag pole, presented by the Knights of Columbus #3589. Fr. Bernie Rapp celebrated Mass with the children and then led the special blessing of the flagpole. The 8th grade students presented some prayers, songs, words, and a skit, about the importance and significance of Veteran's Day, with special guest Colonel Joe Bove in attendance.



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