



We just completed Stewardship Awareness/Renewal month, which has been an annual event at STM for over twelve years.



Stewardship Supporters Committee, 2000

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

A Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of San Diego

Spirituality † Tradition † Community

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Rev. Michael Ratajczak, Pastor
Deacon Thomas A. Goeltz

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 28, 2010 • First Sunday of Advent

Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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Parish Advent Communal Penance Service:

The Sacrament of Reconciliation—God's Unconditional Love for Us!

In recent years, a name change has taken place with the "Sacrament of Confession." We no longer call the act "Confession," but rather "Reconciliation" and/or "Penance."

This name change better reflects what happens in this celebration. We do not go to the priest just to list our sins, have them forgiven, and receive a penance; but rather, and most importantly, we come to the priest to celebrate the forgiveness of God that we experience in our lives. We come to the Sacrament with a sense of joy for what God has already done in our lives and what God continues to do—showering us with unconditional love.

The verbalization of our sins, the verbalization of the words of absolution, and the acceptance of a penance are steps in the

process of celebrating God's forgiveness and unconditional love for us.

If we are open to God's love, we begin to experience the many ways in which God forgives us our sins in the daily occurrences of our lives.

When we ask forgiveness from someone we have offended, our sins are forgiven. When we accept the forgiveness of another, our sins are forgiven. Each time we talk to God in the silence of our hearts and sincerely seek forgiveness from God, our sins are forgiven. Each time we celebrate the Eucharist, we hear the words of the priest shortly before the reception of Holy Communion—

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Join Us for the Parish Advent Communal Reconciliation Service
Sunday, November 28, 4:00pm
Experience God's Unconditional Love for Us!

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)*

"Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world! Happy are we! We are called to His supper!"—our sins are forgiven.

So why go to the priest? We do so in order to celebrate the forgiveness of God we experience in our daily lives, to ritualize it, sacramentalize it and, as in all things, to place our lives and God's involvement in our lives within the context of the Church, the Body of Christ.

The priest "stands in" for the community. As we verbalize our sins, we are mindful that there is no such thing as a personal sin. Our sins, no matter how personal we may think them to be, affect others—"No Man Is an Island." We live in community. Our lives always touch the lives of others.

Telling our sins, hearing ours sins from our own lips, helps us to be real and to acknowledge our weakness and our dependence upon God. It is so easy to rationalize our sinfulness when we talk to ourselves "in our heads." It is an entirely different experience when we hear ourselves verbalize our sinfulness. Those sins become much more real! We become much more aware and sensitive of our responsibilities to others.

The priest "stands in" for Christ. Hearing the words of absolution, the forgiveness of God, from the lips of the priest is indeed comforting. You know how wonderful it feels when a family member or friend says, "I love you!" In the Sacrament of Reconciliation we allow God to say those words to us in and through the person of the priest.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is not something to be feared but to be celebrated with trust and confidence because of God's unconditional love for us.

This weekend, on Sunday, November 28 at 4:00pm our Parish celebrates her Advent Communal Penance Service. In this Parish celebration, a number of our young people will be celebrating this Sacrament for the first time. Your presence will also be a sign of support to them.

Many priest/confessors will be available for you. They will be in Church waiting for you so that through the words of absolution God will once again say to you:

"I forgive you and I love you unconditionally!"

Will you be there to hear God's words?

F. Mike

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 A; Weekday Year I
Readings online at www.usccb.org.

Sunday, November 28 (1)
First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 122:1-9
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:37-44

Monday, November 29 (175)
Isaiah 4:2-6

Psalm 122:1-9
Matthew 8:5-11

Tuesday, November 30 (684)

Andrew, apostle
Romans 10:9-18
Psalm 19:8-11
Matthew 4:18-22

Wednesday, December 1 (177)

Isaiah 25:6-10a
Psalm 23:1-6
Matthew 15:29-37

Thursday, December 2 (178)

Isaiah 26:1-6
Psalm 118:1,8-9,19-21,25-27a
Matthew 7:21,24-27

Friday, December 3 (179)

Fancis Xavier, priest
Isaiah 29:17-24
Psalm 27:1,4,13-14
Matthew 9:27-31

Saturday, December 4 (180)

John of Damascus, priest, doctor
Isaiah 30:19-21,23-26
Psalm 147:1-6
Matthew 9:35-10:1,5a,6-8

Sunday, December 5 (4)

Second Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17
Romans 15:4-9
Matthew 3:1-12

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
Cindra Bell
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
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
Eileen Gough
Jeffrey Guyer
Rosemary Haeffelin
Anita Hage
Fr. Kent Hajduk
Susan Hallahan
The Harker Family
Rita Harnacker
The Harrison Family
The Heath Family
Lilian Hills
The Holub Family
Max Isaac
Paul Johansing
Sue Johnston
Eileen Jones
Pat Jones
Paul Kennedy
Debbie Kinney
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
Heidi Olson
Lupe Casas Pelletier
Helen Pingtella
Anne Post
Reuben & Evi Quinn
Otila Quiroz
Rita Ritchie
Joanne Robinson
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 Upson
Jo Urrico
Arnie Velasco
Dominic Vienna, Jr.
Vanessa Vitiello-Koble
Paul & Mai Vo & Family
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.
Capt. Sean M. Barnes, USAF
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) for complete calendar information.

The Week Ahead

Nov 28 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
Nov 28 Advent Reconciliation Service at 4:00pm
Nov 28 RE.A.CH High School classes
Dec 4 Job Transition Seminar
Dec 5 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
Dec 5 RE.A.CH classes at church

The Month Ahead

Dec 8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass at 8:15am & 7:00pm
Dec 10 Gathering of Men
Dec 13 Women's Guild Luncheon
Dec 16 Spirited Seniors Advent Luncheon
Dec 17 Parish Potluck
Dec 24 Vigil of Christmas Mass at 4:00pm, 6:00pm, and 10:00pm
Dec 25 Christmas Day Mass at 9:30am (NO Mass at 5:00pm)
Dec 26 Holy Family Mass at 8:30am and 10:30am

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

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 29	Sr. Joyce Hampel, CSJ
November 30	Sr. Celeste Hanigan, OSF
December 1	Sr. Yvonne Hanke, OCD
December 2	Sr. Barbara Hanna, DMI
December 3	Sr. Patricia Hanson, CSJO
December 4	Sr. Yvonne Hawker, OSF
December 5	Sr. Linda Hayward, RSCJ

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 27, 5:00pm	Tom & Pat Hannon
Sunday, November 28, 8:30am	J. C. Gonzalez ☩
Sunday, November 28, 10:30am	Carol Marie Gross ☩
Tuesday, November 30, 8:15am	Lorraine Kauffman ☩
Wednesday, December 1, 8:15am	Hazelle Fox ☩
Wednesday, December 1, 9:30am	Lillian McGray ☩ <i>Emeritus at Carlsbad</i>
Thursday, December 2, 8:15am	Wallace Family
Friday, December 3, 8:15am	Don Mead ☩
Saturday, December 4, 5:00pm	Bernie Weiler ☩
Sunday, December 5, 8:30am	Nicholas Angelucci, Sr. ☩
Sunday, December 5, 10:30am	Donn Wilmott ☩

Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioners

Dennis & Catherine Appel & Family
Francisco & Cherisse Supnet & Family
Dian Pal & Paul West

Announcing the Baptisms of

Carly Bel Boss
Marianne Mihal
Robert Paul Mihal
Marseille John T. Veneracion
on November 27, 2010



Our Christian community welcomes you with great joy!

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
Fri, Dec. 3	7:00pm	Mission San Luis Rey, Oceanside
Mon, Dec. 6	7:00pm	St. Patrick, Carlsbad
Tue, Dec. 14	7:00pm	St. James-St. Leo, Solana Beach
Wed, Dec. 15	7:00pm	Nativity, Rancho Santa Fe
Thu, Dec. 16	7:00pm	St. John, Encinitas
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

Parish Potluck

Friday, December 17, 6:00pm in the lower level of the Parish Center. Bring your favorite dish, your favorite date, and a bottle of wine is always appreciated. This is also a chance to enjoy our friendship and hospitality and meet new friends. For more information, contact Germaine Wilmott at 760-758-9949.

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 Scrip 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, 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.

Women's Guild News

Game Day—Thanks to all who donated gifts, baked and cooked, brought card tables, helped set up and clean up, and all who came and enjoyed the day. It was a great success and a perfect way to spend a rainy Saturday afternoon. All the money we raised will go toward our pledge to the building fund—such a pleasant way to engage in fundraising!

Luncheon Meeting—December 13 will be our next event—a Polish Christmas. Watch for details in the next bulletin.

Board Meeting—December 6 at 10:00am at Valerie's.

Christmas Raffle—Remember to get your raffle tickets in on or before December 12. Raffle will be held after the 10:30am Mass on December 19.

Marriage & Family Life Corner



Marriage Moments—It's nice to get a gift on your birthday, Christmas, or perhaps Valentine's Day. An unexpected gift, however, is often even more appreciated since it isn't an obligation. Surprise your honey with a gift sometime soon.

Parenting Pointers—The Friday after Thanksgiving was the biggest buying day of the year. Try buying yourself some time by spending time as a family today—and this doesn't mean shopping. Try a little time travel back to the days of the Pilgrims. See if you and your family can live for a day without electricity or automobiles, much less computers.

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

Job Search and Networking Clinic

Looking for a job or a better job? Come to the workshop on Saturday, December 4, 9:00am-12:00noon for tips on resumé building, interviewing, and networking. Practice with other participants. For more information, call Bob Wojcik at 760-458-0143 or join the facebook group *North County Job Transition Ministry*.

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!

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.

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.

Treasures 2010 Results

Treasures 2010, Mega Flea Market and Plant Sale, was a huge success financially as well as being a real community builder with fun for all!

Special thanks to Jerry and Judy Buoniconti who chaired this very organized event. It was Judy and Jerry who approached me and said they would like to chair this event to raise money for our Parish to help us in our efforts to build our Permanent Church. Obviously, I said "Go for it!"

Special thanks to them, to their committee and to all who helped in any way to make this event so rewarding. I hope that it becomes an annual event!

Below, you will see Jerry and Judy's report as well as the report from the Plant Sale.

Thank you one and all! —*Fr. Mike*

Our thanks to the dedicated Treasures 2010 committee members, volunteer flea market workers, and the Parishioners who generously donated the many items for the Treasures 2010 flea market. We are pleased to announce we raised \$8,700 (\$6,450 from the flea market and \$2,250 from the plant sale), which will help us in the building of our Permanent Church and Parish Offices.

We appreciate the many hours the volunteers and Parishioners contributed to making this event a great success.

If you would like to have your Treasures 2010 donation receipt signed, please put your name on the appropriate form that was in your packet, and place it in box #43 in the Parish Office. You can pick it up from box #43 after it has been signed by Jerry or Judy.

We give thanks to God for the many blessings of this wonderful event. —*Jerry and Judy Buoniconti, Co-Chairs Treasures 2010.*

Thank you to all who purchased flowers, plants, cactus, succulents, and trees at our plant sale. \$2,250 was raised, which will help St. Thomas More in the building of its Permanent Church and Parish Offices.

A special thank you to the 24 nurseries that made it possible with their generous donations. If you need more green or color for your home or garden, they are:

Vista: Muellers Nursery, Progressive Growers, Briggs Nursery, Western Cactus, Sunset Valley Orchids, Green Acres Nursery, Buena Creek Nursery, Silhouettes of the Desert, Apgar Nursery

San Marcos: Altman Nursery, Valley View Nursery, Foothill Tropicals, Tropical Connections, Thompson Rose Company, Buena Creek Gardens

Escondido: Desert Theater Cactus & Succulents

Encinitas: Sunshine Gardens, Andersons La Costa Nursery, Cordova Gardens, Begonia Gardens/Weidners'

Carlsbad: Oasis Nursery/Palms, Rudvalis Orchids

Fallbrook: Palms for Farmers, Roseland Nursery



Thank you, one and all!

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

St. Thomas More, pray for us!

Pledge Statistics as of November 23

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
Total to Date	\$1,446,301
Still Needed	\$553,699
Total Goal	\$2,000,000
	1,014



† 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; 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
douglasl@stmoside.org; 760-758-4100 x140

LORD, LET MY PRAYER RISE UP TO YOU

MORNING PRAYER

When darkness gives way before the sun's light and a new day begins, people of all religions have had their rites of morning: words and songs and gestures with which to pray.

Christians, following the example of their Jewish ancestors, continued to pray at morning: words to praise God for a new morning.

The daily prayers of Christians were fashioned at first from very simple things: the sign of the cross, the Lord's Prayer, a few verses and songs and short psalms, intercessions.

The daily assemblies of Christians gave shape to what became known as the "liturgy of the hours."

These are prayers of the people of God, prompted by the cycle of our day, offered to the one who made us.

Adapted from Ritual Song with permission.



**Mondays
in
Advent
8:15am**

**Join us for
the prayers of
the People of
God offered
by the
Church!**

**St. Thomas
More's
Deacon-in-
Training
John Fredette
will lead us
on this prayer
journey.**



ADVENT

Upcoming Music

**DECEMBER 5
Second Sunday
of Advent**

5:00pm Mass

Sanctuary Choir

8:30am Mass

Praise Team

10:30am Mass

Handbell Choir

**DECEMBER 8
Immaculate
Conception of
the Blessed
Virgin Mary**

8:15am Mass

Cantor &
Congregation

7:00pm Mass

Sanctuary Choir

ADVENT: A SENSE OF THE SEASON

The liturgical color for Advent is a deep violet favoring blue which reflects the royalty of Jesus as the Messiah King.

During the second week of Advent we hear the Prophet Isaiah looking forward to "that day" when a future king will be faithful to God's covenant promises and faithfulness. The story of the Jesse Tree unfolds.

Our environment expresses this season with a new backdrop created by Charlene Buhlert and a copper mixed media sculpture constructed by Bob Wong. The Advent wreath helps us count the weeks until Christ's coming by lighting a candle each week.

Our preparation, our waiting, our joyful hope of Christ's incarnation, the church, too, holds its breath in anticipation! O come! O come! Flower of Jesse's root!

—Kathy Arciero
Liturgy Committee Chairman

Friday, December 3 ♦ 8:45am - 7:30pm

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

We pray...for all missionaries.



**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!!!

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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

Today Is a Good Day to Think About FORGIVENESS

Today is our Parish's communal celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation at 4:00pm. All Parishioners are strongly encouraged to attend, not only for our own experience of the forgiveness of our loving God, but also to bear witness and celebrate with our children who approach this Sacrament for the first time.



- Silver Aguilar
- Dominic Peter Barela
- Charlotte Ann Boss
- Wade Allen Breier
- John Fanner Cadieux
- Makena Marie Crimaldi
- Nathaniel Ross Davidson
- Paige Marie Dimler
- Jacob Fletes
- Mason Raymond
- La'Nay Makayla Hazzard
- Mason Gary Headrick
- Shane William Hopkins
- Allie Isabel Lorton
- Paige Elizabeth Mansell
- Ryan Andrew Martinez
- Gianna Paulina Mendiola
- Jake David Myers
- Adam Anthony Oliva
- Carissa Eva Ortiz
- Braeden Thomas Pato
- Emily Ann Pocina
- Stephanie Pauline Porter
- Ryan Logan Potts
- Nicholas Romero Rich
- Magen Maruyama
- Jessica Maria Rosas
- Brenna Michele Schnedar
- Mark Angelo F. Veneracion
- Mikaela Anne Veneracion
- Grace Elisabet Williams

Youth Ministry

I hope and pray you all had an amazing Thanksgiving.

Marc

IGNITE High School

It was such a blessing to share last Monday with you all. This week we are going to prepare ourselves for Advent and the coming of our dear Lord baby Jesus. Bring new people and friends as we begin to get closer to Jesus this season!

EPIC

(Encrypting People in Christ)

Middle School

I am excited to see you this week, for we are going to prepare ourselves for this holiday season. There are so many blessing that are in our lives, and we tend to not see those blessings, so we will explore these beautiful gifts in our lives.

Today is a RE.A.CH day at Home

Home Session:	Nov. 28*
Church Session:	Dec. 5
Church Session:	Dec. 12
Home Session:	Dec. 19*
Home Session:	Dec. 26*
Home Session:	Jan. 2*
Home Session:	Jan. 9*
Church Session:	Jan. 16

**Check your Annual Plan for each week's lesson.*

The PBJ Story



In Advent 2005, I received a call from Catholic Charities, asking if we could sponsor a collection of peanut butter and jelly from the children of our Parish to the children of our community. By the end of Advent we had collected 215 jars.

When we delivered the PBJ to the Food Crisis Center, they were thrilled. One man was picking up food for a family with three children and asked for some jars: "It's hard to know what food to bring for kids, but you can't go wrong with peanut butter and jelly!" he said.

Though the drive was technically over, I realized these children are hungry more than at Christmas time, and so I promised to continue delivering PBJ as long as it arrives in my office, and also keep you updated on the goal (a jar a day!)

When parents take children to the grocery store, they are often bombarded with "I want that, I want that!" My hope is that parents will create a sensitivity in their children to the needs of children in our own community that go hungry, and that when they see a jar of peanut butter or jelly in the grocery store, they may see with new eyes and say: "I want that for the children that are hungry!"

This desire has expanded to the child in each of us, and STM Parishioners have contributed:

2005	215	2008	501
2006	543	2009	649
2007	513	2010	573

Thanks to each of you for your participation. Everyone in the Parish is welcome and encouraged to add to the box on the lower level. Special thanks to Richard Kahl for taking up the weekly delivery to Catholic Charities.

Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP Gift of the Magi

Have you ever noticed the people who return to God a truly grateful portion of their income, in thanksgiving for all the blessings that God gives them, seem almost always to be happy or content?

The reason why is illustrated beautifully in O. Henry's famous Christmas story, "The Gift of the Magi," in which the husband and wife each sacrifice their most precious possession for the sake of the other.

The wife sells her beautiful hair to buy her husband a watch fob, while he sells his watch to buy her an expensive comb.

Each gift, then, is materially useless; but the couple is exuberantly happy because they realize that each one's gift represents an act of truly unselfish love.

Our gift of money to God represents our love for him; and when we sacrifice, or give of ourselves, we more fully appreciate the many blessings God has bestowed upon us.

It is this appreciation, this feeling of love and trust, that shows in the person who returns to God the first portion.



Think of the different things in life that make you happy: an entertaining motion picture, for example, a good book, a child uttering his or hers first words, a birthday celebration, or a family wedding.

These occasions give us joy because we project ourselves into them or become a part of them.

The experience of sacrificial giving is much like this, but with one tremendous difference.

Material pleasures are temporary.

Giving is permanent.

The giver's joy does not end with the last chapter of the book or the final scene of the movie. It stimulates a lasting joy because good steward constantly give of themselves in deep appreciation of what God has given them.

We realize that the joy of sacrificial giving then is love. In spite of trial and tribulation, love emerges as the factor in the individual's happiness.

It is the inner glow that distinguishes those people who become good stewards of their money from others. It is the joy of sacrificial giving.
—Stewardship, December 2010 with permission

**Each should give from the heart, not reluctantly
or out of compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.**

—2 Corinthians 9:7

HELPFUL YEAR-END PLANNING TIPS GOT DEDUCTIONS?

2010 YEAR-END CHECKLIST

- ◆ **BE SURE TO COMPLETE** all gifts by December 31 to qualify for tax savings on this year's tax return. **Advance planning with the Parish Office is essential, since we will be closed from December 22 at noon-January 3, 2011. Gifts received in the offertory at Masses the weekend of December 25/26 will be credited for year ending 2010.**
- ◆ **Annual Catholic Appeal payments?** Any parishioners with a balance due on their pledges made to this year's ACA are requested to conclude their payments before December 31, 2010. Thank you to all who have already fulfilled their pledges! (*Tithing families, remember that your tithe covers your ACA contribution.*)
- ◆ Keep all gift receipts and acknowledgment letters, especially for gifts of \$250 or more.
- ◆ If you sold securities this year and will owe capital gains tax, remember that gifts of cash or other securities may partially or fully offset any tax on your gains.
- ◆ 2010 is drawing to a close. As you review your financial situation for your IRS returns, you may have an opportunity for greater charitable giving before the end of this year. If so, now is the time to check out those options!

For further information, please contact:
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All gifts to St. Thomas More are deeply appreciated!

Collection for Week of November 20/21, 2010

Number of Registered Households		1,014
Offertory*	\$	9,305.02
Offertory (Loose Collection)		1,004.00
Children's envelopes		1.00
Total	\$	10,310.02

* 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.

St. Francis and St. Thomas More Offertory Envelopes

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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.

Retreats and Presentations at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside—For more information, contact 760-757-3659 or www.sanluisrey.org.

Young Adult Ministry Activities in San Diego County—Visit 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.

Advent Choral Concert in San Diego—Sunday, December 5, 7:00pm, First United Methodist Church, 2111 Camino del Rio S., San Diego. Featuring the Chancel Choir, the Masterwork Chorale, and members of St. Paul's Cathedral Choristers, performing Vivaldi's *Magnificat*, Britten's *St. Nicolas*, and Rutter's *Carols*. For more information, contact 619-297-4366 or www.fumcsd.org.

Lessons & Carols Christmas Presentation in Oceanside—Friday, December 10, 7:00pm, St. Margaret Church, 4300 Oceanside Blvd., Oceanside. Presented by the St. Margaret Singers. For more information, contact 760-941-5560 or www.oceanside4christ.com.

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.

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.

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. For further information, call Cathy at 619-222-9093 or Maureen at 619-447-0622.

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