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A Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of San Diego

Spirituality † Tradition † Community

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

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

December 5, 2010 • Second Sunday of Advent

Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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What Are You Waiting For?

"I'd like to dwell briefly on this suggestive theme of 'waiting,' as it speaks to a profoundly human aspect, in which faith becomes, so to say, one with our flesh and our hearts.

Waiting—standing by—is a dimension that crosses all of our existence: personal, family, and social. This waiting is found in a thousand situations, from those little, everyday ones all the way to the most important things, those which completely, deeply wrap us up.

Among these, let us think of the waiting for a child by a couple; those of a relative or friend who comes to visit us from afar; let us think, for a young person, of the waiting for the result of an important test, or a job interview; in emotional relationships, of

the waiting for one's encounter with their beloved, of the response to a letter, or the acceptance of an apology...

It could be said that man is alive while he waits, that in his heart hope is alive. And from these waitings man comes to know himself: our moral and spiritual 'stature' can be measured by that for which we wait, by that in which we hope.

Each of us, then, especially in this time that prepares us for Christmas, can ask ourselves: what am I waiting for? What, in this moment of my life, reaches out of my heart?

This same question can place itself in the context of family, of community, of nation. What do we wait for, together? What unites our hopes, what do we share?

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Wednesday, December 8 - Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mass at 8:15am and 7:00pm
Please join 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)*

In the time preceding the birth of Jesus, so strong in Israel was the anticipation of the Messiah, of the Sacred One, descendant of King David, who would finally liberate the people from their moral and political slavery and inaugurate the Kingdom of God.

But no one would ever have imagined that the Messiah could be born of a humble girl like Mary, betrothed to the just man Joseph. Neither had she thought of it, though in her heart the waiting for the Savior was so great, her faith and her hope so ardent, that He could find in her a worthy mother.

From the first, God himself prepared her, even from before the ages.

There is a mysterious correspondence between the waiting of God and that of Mary, the creature 'full of grace,' totally transparent to the design of the Most High's love.

Let us learn from her, the Lady of Advent, to live our daily duties with a new spirit, with the sense of a profound waiting, one only the coming of God can quench."

—Pope Benedict XVI
Noontime Angelus, 11/28/10

Fr. Mike

Rosary

A communal Rosary is prayed after every morning Mass (Tuesday-Friday) in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Please join us!



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.



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, 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

Monday, December 6 (181)

Nicholas, bishop
Isaiah 35:1-10
Psalm 85:9-14
Luke 5:17-26

Tuesday, December 7 (182)

Ambrose, bishop, doctor
Isaiah 40:1-11
Psalm 96:1-3,10-13
Matthew 18:12-14

Wednesday, December 8 (689)

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Genesis 3:9-15,20
Psalm 98:1-4
Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12
Luke 1:26-38

Thursday, December 9 (184)

Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin
Isaiah 41:13-20
Psalm 145:1,9-13ab
Matthew 11:11-15

Friday, December 10 (185)

Isaiah 48:17-19
Psalm 1:1-4,6
Matthew 11:16-19

Saturday, December 11 (186)

Damasus I, pope
Sirach 48:1-4,9-11
Psalm 80:2-3,15-16,18-19
Matthew 17:9-13

Sunday, December 12 (7)

Third Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 35:1-6a,10
Psalm 146:6-10
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11

Prayer List

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

Mary Alexander
Laura Allenfort
Lucia Ambriz
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
The Carrothers Family
Laura Case
The Caserta Family
Paul Cassidy
Flor Catap & Family
Simon Cattan
Pat Christopherson
Paul Cipowski
Dick Clarke
Dolly Cole
Carl Coleman
James Coleman
Anthony Comito
Thomas Cornwell & Family
The Dale Family
Karen Flaharty Daley
Cecilia DeSimone
The DiBianca Family
Judith DiMatteo
Joe & Vivian Doering & Family
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
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
R. Northrup
Helen O'Connell
Heidi Olson
Lupe Casas Pelletier
Helen Pingtella
Reuben & Evi Quinn
Otila Quiroz
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
Pete Sullivan
Maria Surmenidis
David Sweet
Stephen Toth, Jr.
Laurie Updyke
Barbara Upson
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.
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

- Dec 5 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
- Dec 5 RE.A.CH classes at church including high school
- Dec 8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mass at 8:15am & 7:00pm
- Dec 10 Gathering of Men
- Dec 12 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
- Dec 12 RE.A.CH classes at church

The Month Ahead

- 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
- Dec 31 Mary, the Mother of God
Mass at 5:00pm

Next Year

- Jan 1 Mary, the Mother of God
Mass at 9:30am
- Jan 8 Adult CPR/AED Class
- Jan 9 Knights of Columbus
Breakfast
- 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

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.

December 06 Sr. Katharine Heidkamp, MMS
December 07 Sr. Soledad Hernandez, SSP
December 08 Sr. Electa Hevener, OCD
December 09 Sr. Mary Hotz, RSCJ
December 10 Sr. Bernard Ibrahim, DMI
December 11 Sr. Catherine Rose Iverson, SHF
December 12 Sr. Barbara Jackson, OSF

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 4, 5:00pm Bernie Weiler ☩
Sunday, December 5, 8:30am Nicholas Angelucci, Sr. ☩
Sunday, December 5, 10:30am Donn Wilmott ☩
Tuesday, December 7, 8:15am Vanancio Ramos ☩
Wednesday, December 8, 8:15am Michelle Morowe ☩
Wednesday, December 8, 7:00pm Ralph Sommer ☩
Thursday, December 9, 8:15am Alice Sullivan ☩
Friday, December 10, 8:15am Al Smith ☩
Saturday, December 11, 5:00pm Jim & Nell McGlone
Sunday, December 12, 8:30am Dominic Vienna, Sr. ☩
Sunday, December 5, 12:30am Fr. Ted Stone

Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioners

Wendy & Sonia Lino & Family



In Memoriam

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Bill Carrothers, who died this week. His Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, December 7, at 11:00am. Please keep his wife, Karen, and the family in your prayers.

Tony Caserta, who died this week. His Funeral arrangements are pending. Please keep the Caserta family in your prayers.

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

Advent Reconciliation Services at Local Parishes

Date	Time	Parish
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

Morning Prayer During Advent

Remember that each Monday during Advent, deacon-in-training John Fredette is leading Morning Prayer at 8:15am. Join us for this universal prayer of the church on December 6, 13, and 20.

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.

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, 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

A Polish Christmas—Monday, December 13, at 11:00am. You won't want to miss this one! Fr. Mike has shared some of his best Polish recipes, so you will be treated to an authentic, delicious Polish luncheon. Additionally, you will each receive a Polish gift, there will be some Polish (and other) door prizes, and as a special treat, Fr. Mike will be joining our meeting to delight us with stories of Polish traditions. Please be sure to RSVP to Valerie at 760-630-1703 or Mary Coxon at 760-599-8760. We do need to know how much food to prepare, as this promises to be a large turnout.

Christmas Raffle—Raffle tickets and money must be in by December 12. The raffle will be held after the 10:30am Mass on December 19.

Missing Glasses—Did you come home from Game Day with a pair of bifocals that don't quite fit? If so, please call me, as mine disappeared that afternoon. Thank you. Valerie

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

Marriage & Family Life Corner



Marriage Moments—December 6 is St. Nick's Day: The Christmas season is traditionally a "family focused" time and for many people that means focusing on children. For newly married couples, this might be a cozy time of couple bonding—but for couples hoping for a child, it can be a bittersweet time. Pray for those longing for children.

Parenting Pointers—"Children benefit from our 'presence' more than our 'presents.'" —*Raising Kids Who Will Make a Difference*. During this Advent season, ponder the tone you'd like to set for family time during both the next few weeks and the Christmas season.

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

Parish Potluck

Friday, December 17, 6:00pm on 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 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.

Thanksgiving 2010 Collection

\$888

"Did You Know?" Collection for November 2010

\$27,491

Catholic Widows and Widowers of North County

We are a group of Catholic widowed men and women encompassing all of North County. Our general meeting and potluck is held the second Sunday of each month (none in December—next is January 9). On the fourth Sunday of each month, we meet at various Catholic churches in North County for Mass—the next one being at **St. Thomas More on January 23!** followed by brunch at a restaurant. Prospective members are welcome at any of our activities. See the bulletin board on the lower level for our monthly newsletter of activities. Our active calendar of events includes dining, dancing, concerts, golf and several happy hours. For more information, contact Gerri Wilmott at 760-758-9949 or Carol Kope 760-758-4100.

Thank You for Your Generosity!

We donated a record **180 PIES** to Brother Benno’s for their Thanksgiving dinner for the homeless and underprivileged. Thanks to all the pie bakers and buyers!

Spirited Seniors Advent Luncheon

We invited you and your friends to celebrate with luncheon and entertainment on Thursday, December 16, 11:30am-3:00pm on the upper level of the Parish Center. We are thrilled to have the popular Carlsbad Choraleers entertaining us. They are a group of over 20 men and women who will delight us with their wonderful and uplifting voices. They are in great demand throughout San Diego County. A delicious lunch will be catered by the chefs at Chinex Grill. The cost is \$12 for Spirited Senior members and \$14 for non-members. Deadline for reservations is Thursday, December 9.

Please put your check made out to STM Spirited Seniors in an envelope marked “Spirited Seniors Luncheon,” and return it to the Parish Office Box 12. Please include your name, guest name, telephone number, and number of reservations for members and non-members. For more information, contact Judy and Jerry Buoniconti at 760-758-5113.

STM Vehicle Donation Program

Do you have a vehicle you want to donate?
 The St. Thomas More program is easy!
 Call us, and we’ll have it picked up.
 You get the tax deduction!

All we need is clear title. Non-operational is OK!

Since 2006 we have netted over \$21,000
 from this program. Thank you donors!



For more information, contact the Parish Office:
 760-758-4100 x100 or parishoffice@stmoside.org

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

St. Thomas More, pray for us!

Pledge Statistics as of December 3

		# of Families
	Total Phase II Responses	Responding
Unable to pledge at this time (11 of these families have been adopted)		34
	Under \$100	23
	\$100 and up	207
	\$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	3
	\$50,000 and up	2
Total to Date	\$1,471,702	639
Still Needed	\$528,298	376
Total Goal	\$2,000,000	1,015



† 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
 760-758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org

Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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

FINDING GOD AMID THE MESS

Scripture Themes for December

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

Life is messy! It's messy in the microcosm of our own little world, and it's messy on the grand, macrocosmic scale. Even a cursory glance around will fill our eyes with many miseries. Children are abducted and abused, or worse. Countries are mounting senseless, endless wars. Weapons proliferate, and with them, so do threats against human survival. Famine and disease wreak havoc. Floods, earthquakes, fires and mudslides obliterate homes, businesses, families, and futures. Financial insecurity and unemployment result in foreclosed homes, repossessed cars, and a sense of desperation that things might never be the same. Many of us are sure that our times are the worst of times, but history proves us wrong.

Each of the ancient authors whose sacred texts are proclaimed during this Advent season also had experiences that left them feeling helpless and hopeless. Their world was filled with human suffering and struggle that appeared senseless. Israel and Judah were prime pieces of real estate. Gaining control of them became the impetus for many hostile incursions and extended wars. Often, their untenable political situation was attributed to the less-than-authentic religious and spiritual lives of the people. Like us, they could have looked around and sighed, "Life is messy!"

But their prophets and sages, like Isaiah (Dec. 5, 12, 19) and Jesus ben Sira (Dec. 26), kept before the Israelites the conviction that God knew their mess, and even in the midst of seemingly unresolvable difficulties, God would always be present. God's presence in their midst could make all things new, all things right, all things true, just, and full of peace. God was present in the word that was spoken through the prophets and the psalmists. God was present as well in the beauties and

wonders of the created universe. And God was also perceived as present in the unfolding saga of their journey through life.

God's presence in the mess of their world enabled our ancestors in the faith to hold fast to their hope and place it securely in God's good hands. Through the centuries, this hope alternately flourished and flagged, but it never died. God was aware of their long-cultivated hope, their wish to know God fully and to be known fully by God. So God chose to become ultimately and irrevocably invested in the mess and madness to which human beings can succumb when left to their own desires.

Incarnate in flesh and blood and time and space, the One who was prophesied as Emmanuel, God-with-us, fulfilled that promise in the person of Jesus Christ (Dec. 19). Since Jesus' first coming, the mess of this world has become sanctified by his embrace. That which is broken is made whole in him; the lost are found in him; the blind, the deaf, the lame, and those affected by every other physical, psychological, emotional, and spiritual need find healing and strength in him. The poor are made rich in him and the rich are challenged to look at their wealth and see opportunities for helping others. Jesus has taken the mess we have made of ourselves, our relationships and our world and, through his love, forgiveness, and saving cross, has shown us that there is a way out. That way leads believers to put their faith and trust and hope in God and never let go.

Although it is tempting to look at the mess of our world the way we watch TV, and change the channel when the subject matter is too unsettling, Jesus challenges us to put down the remote-control approach to life and to become invested in it, as he did. His coming into our world has set



the example. A hands-on leader, he continues to call disciples who will cultivate a similar approach to their ministry. By his presence, his service, his witness, Jesus began the process of this world's redemption.

As they envisioned their messy world touched by God's redemptive power, the prophets offered descriptions of a peaceful place where wolves and lambs, leopards and young goats, calves and lions would have no enmity for one another (Dec. 5). They foresaw a world where the feeble would be strong and the blind would see (Dec. 12). All of this would come to pass when a child who would be named Emmanuel was born (Dec. 19).

That child has been born, and with him were born infinite possibilities for peace. As we remember Jesus' birth and celebrate the adult risen Christ whose return we await, it is both our privilege and our responsibility to realize the visions of the prophets in our own messy world. Rather than romanticize peace, we are to focus on the realistic peace that we have been challenged to broker—between the genders and the generations, in families, neighborhoods, communities, countries, and continents. The present and coming Christ compels us to bring his presence to bear on every human mess so that the transformative power of the incarnate God may make it otherwise.

MORNING PRAYER

Mondays in
Advent
8:15am

Upcoming Music

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

8:15am Mass

Cantor &
Congregation

7:00pm Mass

Sanctuary Choir

DECEMBER 12
**Third Sunday
of Advent**

5:00pm Mass

Cantor &
Congregation

8:30am Mass

Cantor &
Congregation

10:30am Mass

Cantor &
Congregation

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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

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

Church Session:	Dec 5
Church Session:	Dec 12
<i>Home Session:</i>	Dec 19
<i>Home Session:</i>	Dec 26
<i>Home Session:</i>	Jan 2
<i>Home Session:</i>	Jan 9
Church Session:	Jan 16

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

Advent is a great time for cleaning shelves
so that we can
help the homeless help themselves

Books for Change

- Drop off useable books, CDs, and DVDs at the Faith Formation Office.
- We will get them to North County Solutions for Change.
- There the moms (who are recovering from homelessness) will inventory and process them for resale on Amazon.
- This gives the moms something meaningful and purposeful to do while they build the foundation for their new life as productive and healthy citizens.

*One used book, CD or DVD =
One Homeless Child's Life Changed for One Day*

www.solutionsforchange.org

PBJ Update

Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center

2011 Goal:	365
Collected to date:	14



Youth Ministry

IGNITE High School

It is time to make changes if you aren't excited for the coming of Christ. This week we are going to continue to prepare ourselves in this season of Advent for the coming of our dear Lord baby Jesus. Bring new people and friends as we begin to get closer to Jesus this season! Let's challenge ourselves to BE the gift to the people around us this holiday season.

EPIC

(Encrypting People in Christ)
Middle School



I pray that your changes have begun to really prepare you for this holiday season and the coming of Christ. You are all in my prayers until next week, December 13, when we meet again. Where have you seen Christ in your life this week? See you next week and bring a friend!

LEAD Leadership Team

If you want to get involved and make a difference in our community, if you are confirmed, come join us on Tuesday at 7:00pm for LEAD where we take our faith to a deeper level and bring it alive in our daily lives. Do not be afraid!

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Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

Chris Smith
Director of Stewardship & Development
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CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP Where to Use the Gift of Our Skills

Each of us has something we can do to help others. It doesn't matter how rich or poor we are, how smart, educated, or famous we might be. Each of us has been given at least one gift that we can use on behalf of the rest of humanity. For every skill you possess, there is a need somewhere in your family, your parish, your child's school, or your community.

Each of us can and should make a contribution if we answer "yes" as God's stewards. Denial of our God-given talents is not a virtue. Our abilities should be recognized, cherished, and shared.

I spoke with someone last weekend who felt there was no place in any ministry for her. It took less than two minutes to suggest bringing a salad or dessert for funeral receptions, or making calls to people who volunteer to bring food. There was sincere delight when these simple acts were pointed out to be ministerial.

If you doubt that there is a place for your talents, prayerfully contemplate the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. Somewhere in them you are sure to find something that makes you say, "Yes, that works!" Start there, and you will soon recognize new ways to use your skills in fulfilling ways.

Corporal Works of Mercy

- Feeding the hungry
- Giving drink to the thirsty
- Clothing the naked
- Visiting the imprisoned
- Sheltering the homeless
- Visiting the sick
- Burying the dead

Spiritual Works of Mercy

- Counseling the doubtful
- Instructing the ignorant
- Admonishing sinners
- Comforting the afflicted
- Forgiving offenses
- Bearing wrongs patiently
- Praying for the living and the dead

Opportunity Knocks!

Hospitality Ministers (previously known as Ushers)

- † Shortest distance between two people? A smile :-)
- † You are already coming to Mass ~ why not greet fellow Parishioners as they arrive and later as they leave.
- † Hand out worship aids/collect them after Mass.
- † Help with the Offertory Collection.
- † Assist those in need.

To be a vital part of our welcome spirit at STM please contact:
Douglas Lynn, 760-758-4100 x140 or douglasl@stmoside.org

Come Grow With Us!

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 27/28, 2010

Number of Registered Households		1,015
Offertory*	\$	7,027.63
Offertory (Loose Collection)		1,401.00
Children's envelopes		0.00
Total	\$	8,428.63

* 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

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

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News from the Larger Church

Volunteer Tutors Needed—Young African immigrant woman needs help in math and science for college entrance qualification. To volunteer, call Sr. Jean or Sr. Sheila at 760-917-2058.

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.

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.

Young Adult Ministry Activities in San Diego County—Visit www.yamsd.org for complete information on events for young adults, including a New Year's Eve celebration on December 31.

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.

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.

News from St. Francis Church—Our Neighbor

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