



A visit from the official Town Crier of London in full regalia, flanked by Norm and Marky Shulz.

The visit was arranged by Joan Lewis, a pioneer Parishioner who later moved to Rome and currently hosts a news show about the Vatican through EWTN.



A Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of San Diego

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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 12, 2010 • Third Sunday of Advent

Pastor's Column

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The Future Church—How Ten Trends Are Revolutionizing the Catholic Church

John L. Allen, Jr., is the Vatican correspondent for the National Catholic Reporter and a Vatican analyst for CNN and National Public Radio.

His weekly Internet column, "All Things Catholic," is widely considered the best source of breaking news and analysis of the Catholic Church in the English language.

He is the author of *Conclave*, *All the Pope's Men*, and *Opus Dei*. His latest book is *The Future Church—How Ten Trends Are Revolutionizing the Catholic Church*.

The synopsis of the book from the book jacket: "What will the Catholic Church be like in a hundred years? In *The Future Church*, John L. Allen, Jr., puts forth the ten trends he believes will transform the Church by the twenty-second century. From the influence of Catholics in Africa, Asia, and Latin America on doctrine and practices to the impact of multinational organizations on local and ethical standards, Allen delves into the impact of globalization on the Roman Catholic Church and argues that it must rethink fundamental issues, policies, and ways of doing

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Did You Know?

Christmas Day this year falls on Saturday. When this major feast falls on the weekend, there is often a decline in offertory income. Why? Because Parishioners treat the weekend as one feast, rather than two—Christmas Day, December 25, and the Feast of the Holy Family, December 26.

It is not unusual that there could be up to a \$10,000 DECREASE in the offertory because of these feasts falling together on one weekend. We need to keep our Operations Budget healthy as we prepare to break ground. Using the "Did You Know?" envelope this month will help greatly to lighten the expected shortfall!

Our Mission is to: worship God,

Mass Schedule:

Saturday at 5:00pm; Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am;
Tuesday-Friday at 8:15am;
watch bulletin for holydays

Rite of Reconciliation (Confession):

Saturday from 4:00-4:30pm (or by appointment)

Eucharistic Adoration: Monday-Friday, 6:30am-7:30pm

Liturgical Ministry: Contact Douglas Lynn at 760-758-4100 x140

Music Ministry: Contact Douglas Lynn at 760-758-4100 x140

Communion for the Homebound/Hospitalized:

Contact Parish Office at 760-758-4100 x100

Anointing of the Sick: Contact Parish Office

Matrimony:

Contact Parish Office a minimum of nine months in advance

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teach and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ,

Inquiry into the Catholic Faith:

First and third Thursday evenings

Religious Education for Youth & Children:

Two times a month, September-May, on Sundays

Religious Education for Adults: Various times, September-May

Liturgy of the Word for Children: 8:30am and 10:30am Masses

Little Rock Scripture Study:

Weekly sessions, morning or evening

High School Youth Ministry: Monday evenings

Middle School Youth Ministry:

Two Monday evenings per month

Preparation for the Sacraments:

Baptism (for infants):

Begins with an appointment with the Pastor

Baptism (7-14 yrs.)/RCIA:

One to two year process with children and parents

Baptism (adults)/RCIA:

One to two year process; weekly sessions

First Reconciliation: In home process begins in Level 1

First Communion:

In home process begins after First Reconciliation

Confirmation: Minimum two year process of preparation;
begins in high school

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and serve God's people in word and deed.

There are many groups who serve our Parishioners
and provide outreach to the local community.

*For further information, see page 10, or call Chris Smith
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business. Allen shows that over the next century, the Church will have to respond to changes within the institution itself and in the world as a whole, whether it is contending with biotechnical advances—including cloning and genetic enhancement—facing the reality of an aging Catholic population, or expanding roles of the laity.”

As part of our Adult Faith Formation Program for this year, I will be leading and facilitating a discussion on this book. We will gather in the new year on three Wednesdays at 7:00pm—January 19, February 9, and March 2.

We will walk through the book in this fashion:

Wednesday, January 19

The Introduction; Trend One: A World Church; Trend Two: Evangelical Catholicism; Trend Three: Islam; Trend Four: The New Demography

Wednesday, February 9

Trend Five: Expanding Lay Roles; Trend Six: The Biotech Revolution; Trend Seven: Globalization; Trend Eight: Ecology

Wednesday, March 2

Trend Nine: Multipolarism; Trend Ten: Pentecostalism; Trends That Aren't; Catholicism in the Twenty-First Century

I encourage you to purchase the book if you haven't already, and begin reading. The book is available at the Information Table on the Plaza on the weekends and in the Parish Office during the week.

Our discussion of this book promises to create some lively discussion as we look to the future of our Church!

F. Mike

Parish Social Justice Committee Year-End Report

This year the Social Justice Committee has been mindful of the Parish Mission Statement, which reads in part "...to teach and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ and serve God's people in word and deed."

The committee has:

- † With four other North County Parishes promoted and sponsored the *JustFaith* Program. Four groups from St. Thomas More and St. Francis of Assisi meet weekly to reflect on compassion and justice.
- † As members of the Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice (ICWJ), backed community concerns and issues such as the living wage and worker contracts.
- † Supported the Catholic Campaign for Immigration Reform and researched services provided to immigrants by Catholic Charities.
- † As members of FaithWorks, worked with the Oceanside School District to develop anti-bullying and illegal immigration policies.
- † Studied and discussed issues such as health care legislation and immigration.

The Social Justice Committee will continue to study, support, and advise the Parish of social justice issues.

Readings for the Week Ahead

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

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

Monday, December 13 (187)

Lucy, virgin, martyr
Numbers 24:2-7,15-17a
Psalm 25:4-9
Matthew 21:23-27

Tuesday, December 14 (188)

John of the Cross, priest, doctor
Zephaniah 3:1-2,9-13
Psalm 34:2-3,6-7,17-18,19,23
Matthew 21:28-32

Wednesday, December 15 (189)

Isaiah 45:6b-8,18,21b-25
Psalm 85:9-14
Luke 7:18b-23

Thursday, December 16 (190)

Isaiah 54:1-10
Psalm 30:2,4-6,11-13
Luke 7:24-30

Friday, December 17 (191)

Genesis 49:2,8-10
Psalm 72:3-4,7-8,17
Matthew 1:1-17

Saturday, December 18 (192)

Jeremiah 23:5-8
Psalm 72:1,12-13,18-19
Matthew 1:18-25

Sunday, December 19 (10)

Fourth Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 7:10-14
Psalm 24:1-6
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-24

Prayer List

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

Mary Alexander
Laura Allenfort
Lucia Ambriz
Mary Balli
Patricia Barbour
John Bennici
Regina Bentz
Roseanne Berg
George "Whitey" Betus
Bruce Bousquet
Tamara Bousquet
The Bower Family
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
Dolly Cole
Carl Coleman
James Coleman
The Dale Family
Karen Flaharty Daley
Cecilia & Bernard DeSimone
The DiBianca Family
Judith DiMatteo
The Doering Family
Linda Dossman
Kathryn Ernst
Bob & Boo Falconer
Sherry Farquar
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
Anne Post
Reuben & Evi Quinn
Otila Quiroz
Jack Riley
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 Softau
Martha Sosa
Bill Sparrow
Gilda Spiegl
Leah Stevens
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
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
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

Thank you for your prayers for LCpl. Brandon Mann, USMC, who has returned home safely.

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 12 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
Dec 12 RE.A.CH classes at church
Dec 13 Women's Guild Luncheon
Dec 16 Spirited Seniors Advent Luncheon
Dec 17 Parish Potluck
Dec 19 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses

The Month Ahead

Dec 24 Vigil of Christmas
Mass at 4:00pm, 6:00pm, and 10:00pm
Caroling at 9:30pm
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

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

Pray for Women Religious

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

December 13	Sr. Francine Jackson, RSM
December 14	Sr. Teresa Jaramillo, MMS
December 15	Sr. Yesica Jimenez, HCJS
December 16	Sr. Katherine Jobson, MMS
December 17	Sr. Jane Joppa, OCD
December 18	Sr. Mary Magdalene Kalinda, CVI
December 19	Sr. Baouth Kassab, DMI

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 11, 5:00pm	Jim & Nell McGlone
Sunday, December 12, 8:30am	Dominic Vienna, Sr. ☩
Sunday, December 12, 10:30am	Fr. Ted Stone
Tuesday, December 14, 8:15am	Maria D'Acosta ☩
Wednesday, December 15, 8:15am	David Wayne ☩
Wednesday, December 15, 9:30am	Catherine Lechner <i>Pacific Place</i>
Thursday, December 16, 8:15am	Rita Mazzarella ☩
Friday, December 17, 8:15am	Peter Gavin ☩
Saturday, December 18, 5:00pm	Helen McCullough ☩
Sunday, December 19, 8:30am	Rosemarie Rowland ☩
Sunday, December 18, 10:30am	Mari-Jo Porter ☩ Joseph Immerso ☩

In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Joseph Doering, who died on December 2. There will be a visitation and rosary on Thursday, December 16, 5:00-8:00pm at Alhiser-Comer Mortuary in Escondido. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, December 17, at 10:00am at St. Mary Church in Escondido. Please keep his wife Vivian, son Steve, daughter-in-law Lorraine, granddaughter Jennifer, and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Tony Caserta, who died December 1. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, December 18, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep the Caserta family in your prayers.

Don Bower, who died this week. He is the brother of Sr. Annette Bower of our Parish. Sr. Annette and Sr. Maureen Brown are members of the same community, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet.

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
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

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.

Visit the Parish Website—www.stmoside.org

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 for just \$10 each. 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.

January Meeting—Start saving those Chinese Auction items for our meeting January 10. This is always one of the most fun and funniest meetings of the year!

Marriage & Family Life Corner



Marriage Moments—We're half way through Advent—the liturgical season of waiting and anticipation. Do you sometimes get impatient with your spouse? It's hard to wait when you're in a hurry and have lots to do. Give each other a pass the next time you feel irritated at having to wait. It's practice for the long haul of life.

Parenting Pointers—Advent is about waiting—waiting for Jesus to come again into our midst, waiting to be old enough for certain privileges, waiting for dinner, waiting to date. Don't rob your child of the self-discipline of waiting by hurrying Christmas and other things worth waiting for.

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.

Little Rock Bible Study

We will explore the Gospel of Matthew beginning Wednesday, January 12, at 9:00am or Thursday, January 13, at 7:00pm. Please join us for ten sessions as Matthew presents Jesus' story, teaching, and opportunity for Christian discipleship. Sign-up forms are available at the information table on the Plaza after weekend Masses or in the Parish Office during the week.

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.

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. For more information, contact Gerri Wilmott at 760-758-9949 or Carol Kope 760-758-4100.

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. 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.

Christmas Angel Project

Please continue to bring in your gifts and gift certificates this next week if you haven't already. Gifts need to be distributed in time for Christmas parties and Santa workshops. **PLEASE NOTE:** Items for the adopted Camp Pendleton families need to be returned to the Parish this **Tuesday, December 14**. Our beautiful tree has shed its stocking, star, and snowflake ornaments and is now adorned with golden crowns for our annual Birth Choice of San Marcos drive. Baby items will be collected on the weekend of January 1-2, the Feast of the Epiphany.

Now enjoy the rest of the Advent and Christmas Season knowing that you have made a difference for so many local children and families in need. Thank you, St. Thomas More Parishioners!

Heartnotes

Congratulations to our Parishioners who have completed the course in Infant/Child CPR:

Alexandra Mayorga, MyLinh Parsons, Kelly Parsons, Julia Lazo, Theresa Harris, Tom Rinear, Rachel Wilson, and Kathy Wilson

If you have any questions about the St. Thomas More CPR program, contact medical director Dr. Phil Goscienski at drphilg@cox.net or 760-732-1414.

Rosary

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



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

St. Thomas More, pray for us!

Pledge Statistics as of December 7

Total Phase II Responses	# of Families 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
Still Needed	\$528,298
Total Goal	\$2,000,000
	1,012



† 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



O COME, EMMANUEL!!!

Advent is a difficult season for me. It is one of my favorite parts of the church calendar, but it is fraught with the potential for decidedly not-appropriate-for-Advent-much-less-Christmas feelings.

We are asked to “prepare” during these four weeks, but there doesn’t seem to be enough time.

The friends I want to share a meal with have only a few openings in their busy schedules to accommodate the few openings in my busy schedule!

The home beautifully adorned with Christmas decorations isn’t, yet. And somebody (!) has to make time to remedy that!

The grumpiness buds...

We are asked to “wait” during these four weeks, but nobody else seems to be waiting.

The Christmas décor has been up in the stores since Halloween (though I saw one place, God bless them, that invited us back the day after Thanksgiving to see their Christmas windows because they prefer “to celebrate one holiday at a time”).

The concerts celebrating the season we are await are filled with great music I want to hear, but are too closely spaced together on the calendar. And their nerve, scheduling multiple concerts on the same day!

The grumpiness blossoms...

We are asked to “hope” during these four weeks, but my hope loses focus and turns to self-directed needs.

I hope that the choirs will be able to learn the songs we will sing and ring during Advent, and Christmas too.

I hope that my family will be able to cope with this first Christmas without my mother-in-law, and with her birthday on Christmas Eve.

The grumpiness blooms...

The world around us isn’t conducive to Advent, and it takes a lot of effort on my part to go against the stream. The logical conclusion? It seems I don’t like being counter-cultural. And Advent is *very* counter-cultural.

Preparing, waiting, and hoping are not what I want to be about right now. I want joy in my world! I want to sing glory to the king! I want all the faithful to be joyful and triumphant! And, above all, I want all to be calm.

Fortunately, God understands and the prophet reminds me this week of my part in the preparation:

*Strengthen the hands
that are feeble,
make firm the knees that are weak,
say to those who are frightened:*

Be strong, fear not!

*Those whom the Lord has
ransomed will return, ...
crowned with everlasting joy;
they will meet
with joy and gladness,
sorrow and mourning will flee.*

So, two weeks to go...

Time to recommit myself to Advent and be strong! Time to remember the joy of *this* season and fear not! Time to let God do God’s thing so I can do my thing and meet our newborn King on Christmas Day with joy and gladness, certain that sorrow and mourning, grumpiness and all those other not-appropriate-for-Advent-much-less-Christmas feelings will flee.

O come Emmanuel! I continue to prepare and I *can* wait a little longer.

I hope.



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.*

Mondays in Advent

8:15am

Upcoming Music

DECEMBER 19
Fourth Sunday
of Advent

5:00pm Mass
Handbell Choir

8:30am Mass
Sanctuary Choir

10:30am Mass
Praise Team

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. 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.

One used book, CD, or DVD

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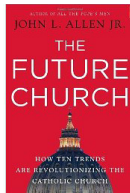
One Homeless Child's Life
Changed for One Day

Drop off useable books, CD's, DVD's at the Faith Formation Office while you're out Christmas shopping for new ones.

(Pick up some gift certificates
while you're here!)

Fr. Mike's Bookies

Fr. Mike will lead the discussion on *The Future Church* over three months beginning January 19. It is an interesting read, but it takes time to digest and absorb it.



It is available outside the Faith Formation Office for \$20. Consider reading it for your own broader perspective on the Catholic Church: where it has come from and where it is going.

PBJ Update

Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center

2011 Goal: 365
Collected to date: 31

Youth Ministry

EPIC

(Encrypting People in Christ)
Middle School

Are you ready for Christmas Break? Are you ready for some amazing presents? Have we seen all the presents our Lord has given us? As we begin to open our eyes more to these blessings, it truly shows us the love of God. We meet this Monday, December 13, at 5:00pm . . . bring a friend.

IGNITE

High School

I pray and hope that you have really begun to prepare your heart for this Advent season. As we become the new hope, we can offer our messy society a moment of joy. Bring new people and friends as we begin to get closer to Jesus this season! See you Monday at 7:00pm.

HIGH SCHOOL MALL HUNT AND SLEEPOVER!

This is going to be crazy and so much fun. It is from Friday, December 18 at 6:00pm to Saturday, December 19 at 10:00am. We will be having a scavenger hunt at the North County Fair Mall, then head back to the Parish Center for a sleepover filled with games, food, and ministry. We do need adults for this event to chaperone, so if you are interested, let me know! If you have any questions, call Marc at 760.758.4100 x161. Fliers and sign-up forms are available.

SENIOR RETREAT!

If you need the opportunity to get back into your faith, or for some time away to discover your relationship with God, here it is! We will be having a special retreat for high school seniors January 21-23, 2011. Parishioners and friends who are seniors are welcome. This retreat will draw you closer to our Lord and allow you to see your faith in a whole new way before you leave for college or that next step after high school. Call Marc to sign up or for more information.

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. We are on a new mission for our youth and our community—let's do something amazing. Do not be afraid!

Marc

Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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A CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP PRAYER FOR ADVENT

Dear God, help us to be good stewards
of these Advent days.

In this precious time of hope-filled waiting,
help us to seek you more intentionally
and more often.

Teach us to look for you in the faces
of the needy we will be invited to help
and the lonely ones we may be called to accompany
in new and unexpected ways.

Help us to be still now and then,
even in the midst of our busyness,
and see you in the beauty of your creation—
in the shimmer of sunlight on snow
or the crystal blue of the desert sky.

Each morning, may we wake,
knowing that you love us,
and rejoice that you have given us another day
in which to share our lives and our blessings.

And each night, before we close our eyes,
may we remember to thank you
for the gifts and graces of the day.

Make us mindful of your presence, Lord,
as we wait in joyful hope
for the coming of your Son.

In his holy Name, we pray, Amen.

—ICSC Parish Stewardship, December 2010, with permission

Opportunity Knocks! Altar Servers



Assist the priest and deacon during liturgies ~

- † Setting the Eucharistic table
- † Carrying the cross and candles in processions
- † Holding the liturgical books
- † Fourth graders and up all welcome

To assist with this vital part of our liturgies, please contact:
Douglas Lynn, 760-758-4100 x140 or douglasl@stmoside.org

**The smallest act of kindness is greater than
the biggest and best intentions.**

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

All gifts to St. Thomas More are deeply appreciated!

Collection for Week of December 4/5, 2010

Number of Registered Households		1,012
Offertory*	\$	16,919.44
Offertory (Loose Collection)		919.00
Children's envelopes		1.00
Total	\$	17,839.44

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

Ways to Help Support Your Parish

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

St. Francis and St. Thomas More Offertory Envelopes

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

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News from the Larger Church

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.

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.

North County Solutions for Change on TV—*Finding Our Way Home*, a documentary about how Solutions University is helping people solve their homelessness, will air on San Diego Channel 6 at the following dates and times: December 12 at 10:30pm, December 19 at 6:30pm and on December 26 at 7:00pm. Mark your calendar and be sure to see this firsthand, personal look at what’s being accomplished.

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.

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.

News from St. Francis Church—Our Neighbor

Offering beyond the basics St. Francis Catholic School

While providing students with the opportunity to grow in faith and academics, St. Francis School also offers a variety of programs to enrich individual student development in areas beyond the classroom.

**Celebrate Catholic Schools Week with us.
January 31 – February 4, 2010**

Call today 760-630-7960 or visit www.sfs-vista.org.



St. Francis School is now our Parish School. St. Thomas More Parishioners are extended the same benefits and rewards as a St. Francis Parishioner, including:

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- Financial aid opportunities, and
- Equal tuition rates,
- Fundraising support.



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