

Our Parish has always had an inspired group of artists who design and fashion our unique liturgical environment. See page 6 for the background on this rose window.



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 25, 2010 • The Nativity of the Lord
December 26, 2010 • The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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Birth—The Visited Planet

The God of power, as he did ride
In his majestick robes of glorie
Resolved to light; and so one day
He did descend, undressing all the way.

—George Herbert

As we begin this Christmas Season, we are mindful that we celebrate the Feast of the Incarnation. Our God, the Creator, in Jesus, has become one with Creation. Heaven and Earth have united in the person of Jesus of Nazareth.

As we grow in our knowledge, understanding, and acceptance of this Mystery, we discover great joy, peace and security.

May these days be filled with celebrations of life, love, family, and faith.

Live confidently. Sleep securely. Love without fear. Share life generously. Die without regrets. Our God, Emmanuel, is with us today and always!

Fr. Mike

Christmas Season Mass Schedule

Parish Office and Blessed Sacrament Chapel Closed
from Wednesday, December 22 at 12:00noon until Tuesday, January 4

CHRISTMAS Saturday, December 25 • 9:30am (NO Mass at 5:00pm)
HOLY FAMILY Sunday, December 26 • 8:30am and 10:30am
MARY, MOTHER OF GOD Friday, December 31 • 5:00pm; Saturday, January 1 • 9:30am
EPIPHANY Saturday, January 1 • 5:00pm; Sunday, January 2 • 8:30am and 10:30am

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.*

Eucharistic Adoration



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

Exposition of the Eucharist on First Fridays.
Next date: Friday, January 7.

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

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.



Facing Surgery or a Serious Illness?

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

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

When a Loved One Dies

Call the Parish Office first, before you call the funeral home.

Call anytime, night or day!

Our Parish has a wonderful Bereavement Team that is available when a loved one dies. They are available to assist the family with many arrangements related to the funeral, which might include meeting with the family to pray, helping to plan the funeral, and providing bereavement support afterwards.

In addition, those who like to plan ahead may meet with a Bereavement Team member to pre-plan preferences and place them on record, which can be a great help for children or other family members when the time comes.

*If you have any questions, call Sr. Maureen at
760-758-4100 x131.*

Facing a Hospital Stay?

If you or someone you know is planning a hospital stay or ends up in the hospital, marking the "Catholic" box on the registration form ensures that the Diocesan Catholic Chaplain assigned to the hospital will know the patient is Catholic. You may also want to request a visit by the Catholic Chaplain. Most hospitals also have teams of ministers from local Parishes who bring Holy Communion to Catholic patients.

Visit the Parish Website—www.stmoside.org

Readings for the Week Ahead

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

Sunday, December 26 (17)

*The Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary, and Joseph*
Sirach 3:2-7,12-14
Psalm 128:1-5
Colossians 3:12-21
Matthew 2:13-15,19-23

Monday, December 27 (697)

John, apostle, evangelist
1 John 1:1-4
Psalm 97:1-2,5-6,11-12
John 20:1a,2-8

Tuesday, December 28 (698)

The Holy Innocents, martyrs
1 John 1:5-2:2
Psalm 124:2-5,7b-8
Matthew 2:13-18

Wednesday, December 29 (202)

Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas
1 John 2:3-11
Psalm 96:1-3,5-6
Luke 2:22-35

Thursday, December 30 (203)

Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas
1 John 2:12-17
Psalm 96:7-10
Luke 2:36-40

Friday, December 31 (204)

*Seventh Day in the
Octave of Christmas*
1 John 2:18-21
Psalm 96:1-2,11-13
John 1:1-18

Saturday, January 1 (18)

Mary, the Mother of God
Numbers 6:22-27
Psalm 67:2-3,5-6,8
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 2:16-21

Sunday, January 2 (20)

The Epiphany of the Lord
Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,10-13
Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6
Matthew 2:1-12

Prayer List

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

Mary Alexander	June Mitchell
Laura Allenfort	The Molony Family
The Allison Family	Nancy Moore
Lucia Ambriz	Margie Myers
Mary Balli	Cosmo Nocida
Patricia Barbour	R. Northrup
John Bennici	Helen O'Connell
Regina Bentz	Heidi Olson
Roseanne Berg	Lupe Casas Pelletier
George "Whitey" Betus	Helen Pingtella
Bruce Bousquet	Anne Post
Tamara Bousquet	Reuben & Evi Quinn
The Bower Family	Otila Quiroz
Lynda Brady	Jack Riley
Monica Broussard	Rita Ritchie
Janet Brown	Joanne Robinson
Shelby Campbell	Maria Rogers
Claudia Caplinger	Sr. Loyola Romey
The Carrothers Family	Dorothy Rouse
The Caserta Family	The Russo Family
Paul Cassidy	Nancy Scali
Flor Catap & Family	Linda Schmidt
Lolly Cervantes	The Douglas E. Schulte Family
Pat Christopherson	Freda Schweitzer
Paul Cipowski	Bob, Joan, & Julie Shea
Dick Clarke	Elizabeth Shirzad
Lee Coccaro	Richard Sikora
Dolly Cole	Mike Snyder
Carl Coleman	Nick Soltau
James Coleman	Martha Sosa
Pat Cope	Gilda Spiegl
Thomas Cornwell & Family	Leah Stevens
Karen Flaharty Daley	The Stringer Family
Cecilia & Bernard DeSimone	Pete Sullivan
Judith DiMatteo	Maria Surmenidis
The Doering Family	David Sweet
Linda Dossman	Stephen Toth, Jr.
Kathryn Ernst	Laurie Updyke
Bob & Boo Falconer	Barbara Upson
The Fiore Family	Arnie Velasco
Peggy & Jack Fischer	Dominic Vienna, Jr.
Eileen Flood	Vanessa Vitiello-Koble
Ryan Flum	Kevin Watson-Graff
The Fonseca Family	John Whitton
Matthew Foster	
Kathryn Franklin	
Joe Freire	
Carmen Garcia	
Rick Gonzalez	
Eileen Gough	
Jeffrey Guyer	
Rosemary Haeffelin	
Anita Hage	
Susan Hallahan	
The Harker Family	
Rita Harnacker	
Lilian Hills	
Vickie Hitchcock	
Max Isaac	
Sue Johnston	
Eileen 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	
Harold & Barbara Miller	

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 26	Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph Mass at 8:30am and 10:30am
Dec 26	Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
Dec 31	Mary, the Mother of God Mass at 5:00pm
Jan 1	Mary, the Mother of God Mass at 9:30am
Jan 1	Epiphany of the Lord Mass at 5:00pm
Jan 2	Epiphany of the Lord Masses at 8:30am and 10:30am
Jan 2	Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses

The Month Ahead

Jan 7	Eucharistic Exposition
Jan 8	Adult CPR/AED Class
Jan 9	Knights of Columbus Breakfast
Jan 9	RE.A.CH High School Classes
Jan 10	Women's Guild Luncheon
Jan 15	Adult CPR/AED Class
Jan 16	RE.A.CH Classes at Church, including high school
Jan 22	Adult CPR/AED Class
Jan 23	New Member Reception
Jan 29	Liturgical Min9isters Workshop

Next Year

Feb 4	Women's Ministry (new date)
Feb 5	Women's Guild Fashion Show (new date)

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 27
Sr. Mary Kiely, OSF
December 28
Sr. Justina Kim, OCD
December 29
Sr. Joan King, OSB
December 30
Sr. Alice Kole, OP
December 31
Sr. Joan Kowalski, OP
January 01
Sr. Maxine Kraemer, RSCJ
January 02
Sr. Gerarda Labonville, SFCC

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 25, 9:30am
Luigi & Anna Luce ☩

Sunday, December 26, 8:30am
Raymond Staehr ☩

Sunday, December 26, 10:30am
Cairo Salvatierra ☩

Tuesday, December 28, 8:15am
Mary Lou Aritha Conwill ☩

Wednesday, December 29, 8:15am
Thomas Doyal ☩

Thursday, December 30, 8:15am
Mary Clifford ☩

Friday, December 31, 5:00pm
Nick Visciglio ☩

Saturday, January 1, 9:30am
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Messina

Saturday, January 1, 5:00pm
Helen Troiano ☩

Sunday, January 2, 8:30am
Kathleen Whitaker ☩

Sunday, January 2, 10:30am
Terry Adams ☩

Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioners

Sean & Alicia McMahon & Family

Flower Donations

We would like to gratefully acknowledge the contributions of:

Larry Dorsa
Tom & Pat Hannon
Natalie Provinse
Chris Smith
Carl & Masako Streling
Lucy Vienna
Wanda Walsh
Bob & Pat Wong

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

Retirement Fund for Religious

Envelopes were attached to the bulletin at the beginning of December for this annual collection to help support priests and religious who are retired. The envelopes may be returned any time during the month of December. Thank you for your generosity.

Rosary

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



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.

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.

STM Scrip News

The "Scrip Store" at the Parish Office will be closed from Wednesday, December 22 until Tuesday, January 4.

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

January Chinese Auction—Start collecting those items you have and never use, things you have won or been given that don't quite work with your décor, and keep an eye out for that odd Christmas gift from Aunt Agatha. Bring them January 10 to our annual Chinese auction and watch the fun as our dynamic duo of Nancy Wozniak and Elaine Weiler try to figure out what everything is as they draw the winning numbers. All this and a great luncheon for just \$8.

February 5 Fashion Show and Luncheon—Mark this date for our fashion show at Shadowridge Country Club. Details later.

Marriage & Family Life Corner

Marriage Moments—As the song goes, "On the third day of Christmas my true love gave to me... three French hens." I'm not sure what is special about a French hen, but I do know that sometimes three can be a crowd. Find a time (an evening, an hour, 10 minutes) that you and your beloved can cozy up and just focus on each other during this busy season.

Parenting Pointers—This past year has been a contentious one for our nation and our world. Perhaps all years are. For some, the strife has been more within the family circle than the world at large. Are there any fences you need to mend to start the new year with a clean slate? Forgive someone today.

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

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.

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**

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 (next is January 9 at a member's home in Oceanside). 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 Mimi's. 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.

Christmas Angel Project

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!

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

John L. Allen, Jr., author, 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.

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 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 dialogue as we look to the future of our Church!

—Fr. Mike

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

St. Thomas More, pray for us!

Pledge Statistics as of December 20

		# of Families Responding
Total Phase II Responses		
Unable to pledge at this time (12 of these families have been adopted)		34
Under \$100		22
\$100 and up		209
\$1,000 and up		82
\$1,500 and up		133
\$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	\$1,478,521	641
Still Needed	\$521,479	372
Total Goal	\$2,000,000	1,013



† **All gifts are welcome and needed** to reach our goal by December 2011. This campaign was infused with positive energy with the joyous news from the Bishop on October 17 that we would be given a loan for our build out! We rejoice and continue to pray for everyone to come aboard to ensure our success!

† **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!

† **Won't it be great to celebrate Christmas Mass in our new permanent Church?! And all other Masses as well!!!**

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 chrisr@stmoside.org

Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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

CHRISTMAS: A SENSE OF THE SEASON

Glory in heaven and peace on earth, now and forever. Amen.

The Liturgical color for Christmas is White, the color of joy, holiness, and light. When the world is over the celebration, we Catholics are just beginning the remembering and reveling of the Nativity of our Lord! Our church celebrates right up to the Baptism of our Lord! The purple and pink of the advent wreath is replaced with the white Christ Candle much like a birthday candle!

Using acrylic on canvas, liturgical artist, Mary Castle, created a beautiful rose window for our focus this season. The rose window operates on many levels; spiritual, meditative, and emotional. There are many paths to reach the divine, simply following the tracery with

the eye, and taking in the path can be calming and meditative—very much like prayer. The motif Mary used, the rose of Sharon, and the colors she chose to depict the roses mean grace, and gratitude. The inspiration for this painting came from a 14th century rose window in the nave of the Cathedral of Our Lady Strasbourg, Alsace, France. The stretcher frame was custom made by Bob Jacobson of More's Workers.

When you light your candles, say the prayer of the angels: Glory in heaven and peace on earth, now and forever. Amen.

—Kathy Arciero
Liturgy Committee Chairman



CHRISTMASTIME

Upcoming Music

JANUARY 1
Mary, the Mother of God

5:00pm Mass
(Friday)

Cantor &
Congregation

9:30am Mass

Cantor &
Congregation

JANUARY 2
Epiphany

5:00pm Mass

Cantor &
Congregation

8:30am Mass

Handbell Choir

10:30am Mass

Sanctuary Choir



FOCUS ON THE LITURGICAL ENVIRONMENT

Just as a circle has only one center, so everything in the universe is subordinated to the one Creator, as the very word “universe” itself implies (“turned to one”). Christ is at the center of the rose window as the source of all Divine energy, purification, and wisdom. Also in the rose windows, suspended between earth and heaven, we find the ultimate expression of nature’s purpose: love and sacrifice, beauty and metamorphosis. When the rose dies it leaves seeds for renewal, contained in the chalice-like rosehip. The seeds of God’s Presence are dispersed across the entire “rose of the cosmos” to all mankind and all nature.

—Mary Castle

CALLED TO SERVE THE EUCHARIST? TO PROCLAIM THE WORD?

LITURGICAL MINISTERS WORKSHOP

Required to become a Eucharistic Minister and Reader

Saturday, January 29, 9:00am - 3:30pm, at St. Thomas More Church

Look for information and registration form in January's bulletins

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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

Come Home for Christmas!

This is an invitation extended to all who worship with us this Christmas weekend. If you are visiting family, if you live in the area, you are invited to get to know your Catholic faith in an updated and deeper way.

Many of us drift away from our faith or have difficulty with how we understand some of the teachings of the Church. Come home to your Church this Christmas, even if it involves some forgiveness—perhaps in both directions.

No home, no Church is perfect. It is simply a place where imperfect people treat each other with a kindness that no one has to earn.

*Continue to worship with us on Sundays. Consider refreshing your knowledge and understanding of the teachings of the Catholic Church by signing up for **CATHOLICISM 101** ~ an opportunity for a new and updated “look.” The sign up brochure is available on the Parish website and at the Information Table.*

Please feel free to be in touch if I can help open the door to welcome you home.

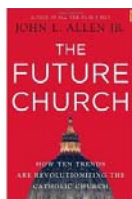
Christmas blessings!

Kathleen



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 is available at the front desk or 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. See page 5 also.



PBJ Update

Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center

2011 Goal: 365
Collected to date: 84

Special thanks to the BUNCO group that made PBJ their special project and doubled our count this week!

Youth Ministry

EPIC

(Encrypting People in Christ)
Middle School

Beginning in the new year, January 9, EPIC is moving to Sunday Nights from 5:00-6:30pm. (We will meet on the opposite Sundays from RE.A.CH.)

Put this on your calendar and tell your parents! Come out and have a great time with us, and don't be afraid to bring your friends!

I hope and pray you all had a wonderful Christmas and a great time opening up presents.

High School

✠ IGNITE

I hope that you are really enjoying your Christmas break and a little time to rest from studying, and I hope you got some awesome presents. You all have truly been a gift to me this year, and it was nice seeing you all last week, including our visiting friends from school. We will be meeting again after the new year, which will be **January 3, 2011!** Every high school teen is welcome and encouraged to experience our faith in a whole new way.

✠ RESTORED

If you need a retreat opportunity to get back into your faith, or for some time away to discover your relationship with God, here it is! 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.

January 21 - 23, 2011

We are sponsoring a special weekend retreat for juniors and seniors in high school who have been Confirmed. Sign up NOW! Sign up forms are available in front of the Youth Ministry Office and on the Parish website. Call Marc for more information.

✠ LEAD

Leadership Team

We will be meeting at the start of the new year on **January 4, 2011.** If you want to get involved and make a difference in our community, if you are Confirmed, if you are a young adult, if you are in college and have the desire to do more with your faith, come join us on Tuesday at 7:00pm for LEAD. We are building and fostering an environment that is in love with God, let's do something amazing. Do not be afraid!

✠ Confirmation Class, 2011

Are you working on the information due January 9?

Marc

Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

Chris Smith
Director of Stewardship & Development
chriss@stmoside.org; 758-4100 x120

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Example of the Holy Family

The Gospel selection we hear today leaves out the account of the horrible event that precipitated the Flight of the Holy Family into Egypt and the slaughter of the children of Bethlehem by Herod.

The important lesson for the Christian steward is to be found in Joseph's willingness to follow God's leading to protect his family. An angel told him in a dream to flee with his wife and the infant Jesus to Egypt and then to return with them to Israel after Herod's death. He could have dismissed the messages the angels delivered as just dreams. However, he had enough spiritual awareness to perceive that they were different from ordinary dreams—and having had that insight, he acted upon it.

We also should seek to discern how and when to follow God's leading. He may not speak to us in a form we would call an angel in a dream, although he may. But he also may give us a message through an inspiration that comes to us in prayer, by counsel during a confession, or from a challenge offered during a homily.

The trouble is, we often react by thinking, "That's an interesting idea. I'll give it further consideration when it's convenient," when what's called for is obedience.

On this feast of the Holy Family, we can learn another lesson in addition to the need to obey God and to do so on his timetable. That lesson is that we are called to care for our family, even when it causes personal inconvenience or worse.

And the amazing thing is that Paul tells us *not* to bear with our family members and forgive them as grudging duties. We're not even to take a disruption to our lives like a flight by night to a foreign land with resentment. As he wrote in Colossians 3, we're to "be thankful," as amazing as it sounds.

The attitude of thanksgiving is the foundation of stewardship, as we respond to God's love. And so it is with family life and the demands family life makes on our own plans and desires. We're called to live with the attitude that "whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." When we live that way, we experience the joy that comes from living in accordance with God's will for us, even in the midst of the duties of daily life.

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Opportunity Knocks!

Epiphany Gifts for North County Infants

Friendly reminder to bring your gifts for Birth Choice of San Marcos next weekend on Epiphany. These items are a tremendous help to mothers who have chosen life over abortion. These gifts are very much appreciated by both moms and babies. Let's help get them off to a good start!

† **Saturday and Sunday Masses, January 1 and 2, 2011**

† **Suggested items include: bottles, formula, blankets, clothing, diapers, and/or monetary donations!**

Contact: Jane Kelleher, 760-822-7041, shepkell1@sbcglobal.net



Merry Christmas!

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 the office 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 by December 31, 2010. Thanks to all who have fulfilled their pledges! (*Tithing families, know that your tithe covers your ACA contribution.*)
- ♦ **Envelopes POSTMARKED by Friday, December 31, 2010 will be counted toward this tax year.**
- ♦ 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.
- ♦ As 2010 draws to a close, and you review your financial situation for you IRS returns, you may have an opportunity for greater charitable giving before the end of this year.

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 18/19, 2010

Number of Registered Households		1,013
Offertory*	\$	9,198.43
Offertory (Loose Collection)		1,048.50
Children's envelopes		0.00
Total	\$	10,246.93

* 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.

EWTN Global Catholic Network—will carry live Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses from Rome and Washington, DC, plus the Pope's blessing and message to the world. For more information or to locate EWTN in our area, go to www.ewtn.com.

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.

Women's Retreat at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside—Join Fr. Larry Dolan, OFM, on Saturday, January 8, 10:00am-1:00pm for a Women's Spiritual Day of Reflection. At the beginning of a new year, we will contemplate the tension between the old and the new, the issues of conservative and progressive in the Church and the world today. \$20 includes lunch. For more information, contact 760-757-3659 or visit www.sanluisrey.org.

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. 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.

Marriage Encounter Program in San Diego—January 28-30. Resolving to have a better relationship in the new year? Choose a Marriage Encounter weekend to start that process! For more information, contact barfive@cox.net or 866-473-7730.

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**



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