



Our Parish hosts receptions twice a year to welcome new members and introduce Parish staff and leadership. Our next new member reception is coming up on January 23.

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

A Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of San Diego

Spirituality † Tradition † Community

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**Office Hours: Monday-Friday**  
8:30am-12:00noon and 12:30-4:00pm

**Mass Schedule**  
Saturday at 5:00pm  
Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am  
Tuesday-Friday at 8:15am

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

**Reconciliation (Confession)**  
Saturday, 4:00-4:30pm

## January 9, 2011 • The Baptism of the Lord

### Pastor's Column

*Rev. Michael Ratajczak*  
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#### Gratitude and Intentionality

This weekend, as we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we close out the Christmas Season.

It is with a heart full of gratitude that I continue to thank God for having the opportunity to celebrate the Advent/Christmas/Epiphany Seasons with you, the Church of St. Thomas More. This was my eighth Christmas with you as your Pastor!

This community is truly an "intentional" community. Everyone who is here truly wants to be here, and desires to enter into the celebration of the Mysteries of our Faith.

That "intentionality" is so evident in all that we do as a community—from active participation "in the pews," to those who serve in various liturgical ministries in the Eucharistic Celebrations, to those who are "in the background" helping to "prepare the space and the ritual" for our celebrations, and to all

who are involved in the over 100 ministries we undertake in order to be faithful members of the Body of Christ in our outreach to each other and to the wider community.

All this takes much effort and sacrifice on the part of many people. Schedules and agendas need to change or to be adjusted in order to make the Faith Community of St. Thomas More a priority. Please know that I am aware of this and know too that, as your Pastor, you strengthen not only my ministry, but also, my Faith, as I see Parishioners "being serious" about their Faith-life.

Your intentionality "feeds" me, as a pastor, as I, hopefully, feed you through leading you in the celebration of the Eucharist and breaking open the Word of God with you through my homilies.

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#### Did You Know?

...that in order to continue our building program, we must be able to maintain what we already have?  
Your contribution to the "Did You Know?" program helps us to keep our operating budget in balance. Thank you!

## 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)*

Of course, in all these efforts, we know that it is the Lord who feeds us. We are God's instruments.

Thank you to each and every one of you who helped to make the celebration of these liturgical seasons once again so prayerful and meaningful. Know that my heart is filled with gratitude.

I will not single out any persons or groups. When that is done, so often, someone is missed. You know who you are and what you have done. I know that the Lord is pleased!

As all of us make the necessary efforts and sacrifices in order to continue to live our community life here prayerfully and meaningfully, be mindful that we do so for the Lord, in order to give our God praise and thanksgiving.

At times, our efforts may be taken for granted or go on noticed. We may be hurt or discouraged at times. Yes, it is nice to be recognized and acknowledged, but that is not the reason that we do what we do. All of our individual efforts come together in a community effort to give our Loving Creator praise and thanksgiving. When we keep that focus, our hurt and discouragement will dissipate.

One of the many challenges that we face as a community is to preserve this sense of intentionality. As we continue to grow in numbers and as we move into our Permanent Church and Parish Offices, we must resolve to make greater efforts in the area of hospitality, welcome, and personal invitation into the life of the community. I know that we can and will do that!

As we are mindful of our Baptismal Promises this weekend, we, once again, "intention" ourselves to follow the Lord Jesus and to be active members of the Body of Christ here at the Church of St. Thomas More.

*F. Mike*

### Opportunity to Help Local Families in Need



North County Solutions for Change women and children's shelter needs volunteers for meal preparation, servers, and donations (food and paper goods). STM has committed to providing one meal per month for this ministry. In this way we answer the call of Jesus to feed the hungry, and this is in our neighborhood. Any help you can provide is welcome!

#### 2011 DATES AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION:

**January 23, February 27, March, 27, April 24, May 22,  
June 26, July 24, August 28, September 25, October 23,  
November 27, and December 25**

Organizations as well as individuals are invited to participate with portions or entire meal preparation, drinks, desserts, and/or monetary contributions to offset the cost for those able to cook. Please prayerfully consider which month(s) you are able to help with this important ministry.

**For more information, contact Paul & Kalei Mendiola at  
760-945-9042 or kaleiann@sbcglobal.net.**

**Readings for the Week Ahead**  
 Sunday Year A; Weekday Year I  
 Readings online at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org).

**Sunday, January 9 (21)**  
*The Baptism of the Lord*  
 Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7  
 Psalm 29:1-4,9-10  
 Acts 10:34-38  
 Matthew 3:13-17

**Monday, January 10 (305)**  
 Hebrews 1:1-6  
 Psalm 97:1,2b,6,7c,9  
 Mark 1:14-20

**Tuesday, January 11 (306)**  
 Hebrews 2:5-12  
 Psalm 8:2ab,5-9  
 Mark 1:21-28

**Wednesday, January 12 (307)**  
 Hebrews 2:14-18  
 Psalm 105:1-4,6-9  
 Mark 1:29-39

**Thursday, January 13 (308)**  
*Hilary, bishop, doctor*  
 Hebrews 3:7-14  
 Psalm 95:6-11  
 Mark 1:40-45

**Friday, January 14 (309)**  
 Hebrews 4:1-5,11  
 Psalm 78:3,4bc,6c-8  
 Mark 2:1-12

**Saturday, January 15 (310)**  
 Hebrews 4:12-16  
 Psalm 19:8-10,15  
 Mark 2:13-17

**Sunday, January 16 (64)**  
*Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 Isaiah 49:3,5-6  
 Psalm 40:2,4,7-10  
 1 Corinthians 1:1-3  
 John 1:29-34

Mass Intentions
Saturday, January 8, 5:00pm Marjorie Jacobson ☩
Sunday, January 9, 8:30am Joseph Alesi ☩
Sunday, January 9, 10:30am Anthony Ryan ☩
Tuesday, January 11, 8:15am Mercedes Dea
Wednesday, January 12, 8:15am Michael Norton ☩
Wednesday, January 12, 9:00am Frank Hannon <i>Emeritus at Oceanside</i>
Thursday, January 13, 8:15am Steven Dapkus ☩
Friday, January 14, 8:15am Emma Vlachos ☩
Saturday, January 15, 5:00pm Nancy Aguilera ☩
Sunday, January 16, 8:30am John Rodriguez ☩
Sunday, January 16, 10:30am Joe Coccaro ☩

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

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

*All-powerful God, be their constant companion and strength in every adversity. May they experience your faithful presence, gentle love, and compassionate healing.*

**Calendar Highlights**  
 Also check the Parish website ([www.stmoside.org](http://www.stmoside.org)) for complete calendar information.

- The Week Ahead**
- Jan 9 Knights of Columbus Breakfast
  - Jan 9 RE.A.CH High School Classes
  - Jan 10 Women's Guild Luncheon
  - Jan 11-12 Restaurant Fundraiser at Chili's
  - Jan 14 Men's Ministry
  - Jan 15 Adult CPR/AED Class
  - Jan 16 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
  - Jan 16 RE.A.CH Classes at Church, including high school

- The Month Ahead**
- Jan 22 Adult CPR/AED Class
  - Jan 23 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
  - Jan 23 New Member Reception
  - Jan 29 Liturgical Ministers Workshop
  - Jan 29-30 St. Bonaventure Indian Mission Clothing Drive

- Next Year**
- Feb 4 Women's Ministry (new date)
  - Feb 5 Women's Guild Fashion Show (new date)
  - Feb 6 Knights of Columbus Breakfast
  - June 12 Confirmation
  - July 18-22 Vacation Bible Camp
- Questions? Contact Henny at 760-758-4100 x100 [hennyj@stmoside.org](mailto:hennyj@stmoside.org).*

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

January 10 Sr. Katie Lett, CPPS
January 11 Sr. Cecile Ley, RSM
January 12 Sr. Socorro Leyva-Pinal, MFP
January 13 Sr. M. Tarcisius Lim, MC
January 14 Sr. Theresa Lisak, MM
January 15 Sr. Carmel Lohan, RSM
January 16 Sr. Elizabeth (Mel) Loomis, SHCJ

## Congratulations to

**Jo & Bernie Lanzrath**

who celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary on December 29.

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

## Thank You!

Dear Friends and Parishioners,

There are no words to express my gratitude for all the prayers, love, and support shown to my children and myself after the death of my loving husband/best friend Bill.

Your compassion, generosity, and thoughtfulness has been overwhelming. Thank you for the many cards, the delicious food, the Masses, and donations to our Parish Building Fund and to other religious and charitable organizations—all in Bill's name.

Thank you and God Bless,  
Karen Carrothers and family

## Rosary

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



## Marriage & Family Life Corner

**Marriage Moments**—We all have dreams about the future—where we would like to live, what we would like to be doing, and so on. Why keep these dreams to yourself? Share them with your partner. Talk about your future together and what you would like the coming years to bring. Looking ahead together helps bring you closer as a unit. Discussing your dreams can also enable both of you to try to work together to achieve them.

**Parenting Pointers**—Be consistent. Your rules don't have to be the same ones other parents have, but they do need to be clear and consistent. (Consistent means the rules are the same all the time.) When parents are raising a child, both need to use the same rules. Also, make sure baby-sitters and relatives know (and follow) your family rules. Consistency is key.

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

## STM Scrip News

Thanks to all who support our Parish Building Fund by purchasing Scrip gift cards!

**Remember, Scrip is available for purchase FOUR ways!**

1. Monday-Friday during business hours in the Parish Office
2. Online at [www.stmoside.org](http://www.stmoside.org), click on Contact Us, then click on Scrip
3. Email at [scrip@stmoside.org](mailto:scrip@stmoside.org)
4. Phone at 760-758-4100 x150

*Orders may be picked up after Mass on the weekend or at the Parish Office during the week.*

## 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](mailto:parishoffice@stmoside.org)**

## Little Rock Bible Study

Starting 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.

## St. Bonaventure Clothing Drive

Please save your warm clothing and blankets for our St. Bonaventure collection scheduled for January 29-30! This Navajo reservation in New Mexico is in great need and all things warm are welcomed by them! Thank you.

## Catholic Widows and Widowers of North County

CWWNC meets the fourth Sunday of each month for Mass at various Catholic Parishes in North County—the next is at St. Thomas More on January 23 for the 10:30 Mass, followed by brunch at Mimi's in Oceanside. Prospective members are welcome at any of our activities but an RSVP is recommended. Contact Gerri Wilmott at 760-758-9949 or Carol Kope 760-726-0533 for more information. Our general meeting and potluck is held the second Sunday of each month (next is February 23). See the bulletin board on the lower level of the Parish Center for our monthly newsletter of activities.

## 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.*

## Memories from Our History

For our 25th anniversary year, we will be featuring different historical photos and memories on the bulletin cover each week. If you have any photos or memories you would like considered, please email them to [parishoffice@stmoside.org](mailto:parishoffice@stmoside.org) or bring them to the Parish Office.

## 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. RSVP to Very Bayliss at 760-739-9061.

**February 5 Fashion Show—Presale tickets will be available at the January 10 Chinese Auction. You may buy single tickets or tables of ten.** After that, tickets will be on sale for the following three weekends. Price is still \$35, checks made out to STM Women's Guild. This year's theme is "Hearts and Flowers," with multiple opportunity baskets, many door prizes, and a delicious three-course luncheon. Don't miss out on this one. We all need something fun after the post-holiday letdown!! Anyone wishing to donate an opportunity basket or door prize, please call Vicky Squires at 760-724-7371 or Valerie Thompson at 760-630-1703.

## 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, January 14, in the lower level of the Parish Center. Any questions, please contact John Fredette at 760-758-1973 or [john@fredette-it.com](mailto:john@fredette-it.com).

## 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 January 4

Total Phase II Responses	# of Families Responding
Unable to pledge at this time (12 of these families have been adopted)	35
Under \$100	23
\$100 and up	209
\$1,000 and up	81
\$1,500 and up	134
\$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
<b>Total to Date</b>	<b>\$1,480,151</b>
<b>Still Needed</b>	<b>\$519,849</b>
<b>Total Goal</b>	<b>\$2,000,000</b>
	<b>1,013</b>



† **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 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](http://www.stmoside.org); click on Our New Church.

Chris Smith, Director of Stewardship and Development  
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# Liturgy & Music

Worship God

Douglas Lynn  
Director of Liturgy and Music  
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## ALL ABOARD!

### Scripture themes for January

by Patricia Datchuck  
Sánchez and Rafael  
Sánchez Alonso,  
Celebration  
January 2011.  
By permission.

Each year since 1998, the students and faculty at the University of Montevallo in Alabama have convened to consider the value of a liberal arts education in the United States. Their convocation, called the "Life Raft Debate," offers the following scenario as its impetus for discussion:

There has been a nuclear war and the survivors are setting sail to rebuild society from the ground up. A group of academic types are vying to secure a place on the raft, and only one seat remains. Each professor presents an argument as to why his or her discipline would be indispensable to building a new civilization. Because the professors are arguing not only for their field of expertise but for their very survival, the debate is charged with urgency and can become quite heated. When all have presented their arguments, the audience votes and the winner climbs onto the raft, waving goodbye to the others.

At the outset of this new year of 2011, the praying assembly of believers might take a cue from the Montevallo experience. Imagine that we are traveling together into the year ahead as passengers on a life raft crafted by God. Our place on the raft has been secured by Jesus, who has suffered and died and risen from death so that we might live. Unlike the professors at Montevallo, we do not need to argue for a place on the raft; our safe passage is God's gift. Nevertheless, none of us is required to remain; we are free to jump off at any time and face the future on our own.

For those who are wise and humble enough to remain on the raft of grace and salvation, it will soon become clear that the passenger list has been decided by none other than God. As we become acquainted with our travel companions, it will also

become clear that no one has been excluded from that list save those who choose to exclude themselves. Indeed, as the raft sails on and the new year unfolds, the sacred texts will reinforce the inclusivity and universality of the motley crew God has chosen to sail with and to save.

On every Sunday this month, the ancient authors will repeatedly affirm the truth that God's raft of life and salvation has a place for gentiles as well as Jews, for all the nations as well as Israel and Judah. Through the several visions of Isaiah, the vision of Zephaniah and the letters of Paul, we will be reminded that while the Jews were God's chosen ones, the salvation of the rest of humankind was not an afterthought.

Rather, the Jewish people were privileged to be guides and mentors whose sacred traditions prepared them for recognizing Jesus as messiah and for sharing that insight with the rest of the world.

Because this is a lesson that is still being learned and has yet to take hold in every heart, we who call ourselves Christian might take the opportunity of this new year to examine our own attitudes toward those who are different, foreign or otherwise at the fringes of what we might judge as acceptable. If there is sufficient room on God's life raft for all peoples, who are we to withhold our welcome and acceptance?

During his ministry, Jesus reached out to all, despite legislation and traditions that dictated otherwise. Later, but not without struggle, the early church slowly began to wrap their minds around the astonishing concept that "in every nation, whoever is in awe of God and acts justly is acceptable to God" (Acts, Jan. 9). They began to understand and tried to realize the challenge of Paul, that there be no divisions among believers but that all be



united in the same mind and purpose (Jan. 23).

In order to meet these challenges, the early believers in Jesus were invited to cultivate a new spirit and a new mindset. This new way of thinking and being and acting had been recommended by the prophets (Jan. 23, 30) but was fully embraced by only a humble remnant. These had been willing to find their security nowhere else but on God's life raft, to which they clung through many rough seas and threatening storms (infidelity and sin, wars, exile).

When Jesus came among us, he embodied this spirit of humble but bold dependence on God and recommended this spirituality to his followers. He pronounced as blessed the poor, the meek, the merciful, the peacemakers, and the persecuted (Jan. 30). These have learned to rely on God for every breath and every blessing. These are willing to face all that lies ahead this year, content to cling to God's life raft rather than sail first-class on a luxury ocean liner.

How will you navigate the year ahead? All aboard!

### Help Wanted

The Liturgy Office seeks a volunteer to contact people who offer Mass intentions two weeks before the Mass is celebrated to remind them.

Thank you to Judy Buoniconti, who is stepping down after four years of service.

Please contact Douglas (info at top right) if you are interested.

### Upcoming Music

**JANUARY 16**  
**2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**5:00pm Mass**

Cantor & Congregation

**8:30am Mass**

Sanctuary Choir

**10:30am Mass**

Cantor & Congregation

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS WORKSHOP

**Become a Reader or  
Eucharistic Minister**

**Saturday, January 29**

[www.stmoside.org/emhc.htm](http://www.stmoside.org/emhc.htm)  
to register or contact Douglas at  
douglasl@stmoside.org

## Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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



### Celebrate your Baptism

Dear friends in our Catholic Community,

Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. Jesus is baptized and sees the Spirit of God come down and rest upon him. Jesus hears the voice confirming who he is:

*“This is my Son, the Beloved;  
he is my Chosen One.”*

Today we remember our baptisms and are reconfirmed in who we are called to be. Our Father says to each of us:

*“This is my son, my daughter: (insert your name), the beloved;  
my chosen one.”*

In the sacrament of Baptism we are joined to Jesus Christ and we are joined to the Church. We become members of the body of Christ and we share in the mission of Jesus.



Today is therefore a day to celebrate our baptisms as well. Do you know the date of your baptism? We never forget the anniversary of our physical birth each year, but we never remember the anniversary of our spiritual re-birth!

As the beloved of God, our baptism should permeate our lives. . . it is the reason we do what we do. What have we been “chosen” to do for God in 2011?

When faced with the difficult need to change, how does our faith in Jesus strengthen us to begin anew?

What can we do this week to start our day by focusing on God?

*Kathleen*

### Fr. Mike's Bookies

Fr. Mike will lead the discussion on *The Future Church* beginning January 19. Get a copy now and read through page 177. See page 5 for more information.

It is available at the front desk or the Faith Formation Office for \$20.

### PBJ Update

Feed for children at the Emergency Crisis Center



2011 Goal: 365  
Collected to date: 86

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### EPIC

(Encrypting People in Christ)  
Middle School

Beginning tonight we are moving to Sundays  
from 5:00-6:30!

(We will meet on the opposite Sundays from RE.A.CH.)

Come out and have a great time with us, and don't be afraid to bring your friends!

### High School

*Marc*

✦ IGNITE

I can't wait to see you all this week! Man O' Man...we will be meeting tomorrow, **January 10!** Every high school teen is welcomed and encouraged to experience our faith in a whole new way. Let's start the new year off right and go on a journey with God and his love! Bring yourself, bring your high school brothers and sisters, bring your friends, and bring an open heart that wants to laugh and love. See you there!

✦ RESTORED

JANUARY RETREAT - FOR JUNIORS AND SENIORS (THAT ARE CONFIRMED) AND LEAD! IT IS ONLY 2 WEEKS AWAY!

*(these caps mean that I am shouting it in a very loving way!)*

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

**January 21 - 23.**

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, fliers can be found in front of Marc's Office and on the parish website.

✦ LEAD  
Leadership Team

We need LEADers in our parish, community and our world. We will be meeting on **Tuesday, January 11.** 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.

✦ Confirmation Class, 2011

Class/Mass begin this morning at 9:00am . . . all “paperwork” due today.

✦ Core Course 2

Class begins tonight, 6:30-8:30pm, for five consecutive Sundays.

# Stewardship & Development

*Serve God's People*

Chris Smith  
 Director of Stewardship & Development  
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## CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP Will Our Plane Ever Land?

Imagine one day you are flying high above the clouds in a wide-body jet. It has been a pleasant and comfortable trip. Some of the people who have helped make it that way are the crew of flight attendants that we used to call stewards and stewardesses. They have done just what a steward is supposed to do: Take good care of you for a time. But now your flight is about to end.

Some announcements are made; you're asked to tighten your seat belts. Finally you've landed and begin to taxi to the terminal. When the plane comes to a stop, you get out of your seat, reach for your traveling case and head for the exit door. As you reach the door and prepare to exit, suddenly that familiar steward steps in front of you, blocking the door.



You say, "Excuse me, please," but it doesn't help. There he stands in front of the exit door. Arms crossed tightly, body erect, face stern, and he won't budge! As you

try again to get past him, he adds a stern voice to the already stern face and says, "Hold it! You're not going anywhere!" Stunned, you ask what he means. He says, "You must remain on the plane." Then he grabs your arm and with the other hand takes your coat and case. He says, "You belong to me! You are mine! So is that stuff!"

Absolutely incredible! There's no way on God's earth you belong to him. He's just a steward who was supposed to watch out for you and take care of you for a time. Now the time is up! Imagine what your reaction would be. You would be a combination of angry, stunned, and flabbergasted.

*Perhaps those are the emotions God feels when He sees what kind of stewards we are?*

Everything we have ... our lives included, and all we "own" are really just on loan from God. God has made us stewards over them. Somehow we got it all goofed up and act like we own it all.

Imagine how we must look? Arms crossed, body erect, face stern, voice sterner as we say, "Sorry, Lord! It's all mine! It belongs to me." We act as if our plane is never going to land!

Just in case we think being stewards is all that painful, that it is bread off our table, bills going unpaid, that God really cannot provide for those who trust him to keep promises, that "no one who puts their trust in me shall be put to shame...", consider the story about the widow's mite. This story from Mark's Gospel is about a number of things, but one thing it is certainly about is money. It is about our money and how we use it. Our Lord is using the widow as an example to teach us what is expected of us: to return to God some of what God has given us.

—Stewardship, January 2011, with permission

**Our Baptism, like the Lord's, is a consecration to service.**

## A WAY TO GIVE ~ A WAY TO RECEIVE



### DESIGNATED BANK ACCOUNTS, WILLS, LIVING TRUSTS, STOCKS, LIFE INSURANCE, MUTUAL FUNDS, REAL ESTATE

Planned Giving is a generic term that covers the many ways an individual can give to a charity while, in many cases avoiding taxes. A few examples of Planned Giving are: Designated Beneficiary Accounts, Wills, Living Trusts, Stocks, Life Insurance, Mutual Funds, Endowments, and Real Estate.

This program is one way of helping the Parish raise the resources necessary to continue our campus build out and also help plan for our future needs (i.e., Tower of Faith participants). Gifts of this nature are beneficial and much appreciated by St. Thomas More.

**For more information please contact:**  
 Chris Smith at 758-4100 x120 or [chriss@stmoside.org](mailto:chriss@stmoside.org).

*"Our Journey Into The Future . . . Together"*  
 includes our Faith journey as well as the  
 build out of our Parish Campus.

## Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God \$1,343.50

### Collection for Week of January 1/2, 2011

Number of Registered Households		1,010
Offertory*	\$	18,755.99
Offertory (Loose Collection)		976.00
Children's envelopes		1.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>19,732.99</b>

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

## Ways to Help Support Your Parish

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

### St. Francis and St. Thomas More Offertory Envelopes

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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](http://www.stpaddys.org).

**Retreats and Presentations at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside**—For more information, contact 760-757-3659 or [www.sanluisrey.org](http://www.sanluisrey.org).

**Young Adult Ministry Activities in San Diego County**—Visit [www.yamsd.org](http://www.yamsd.org) for complete information on events for young adults, including a *Theology on Tap* series in January.

**God's Healing Love Retreat in Van Nuys**—Saturday, January 22, 10:00am-4:00pm, at St. Bridget of Sweden Parish Hall, 16711 Gault St., Van Nuys, CA. Presented by Fr. Paul Griesgraber, Fr. John Hampsch, CMF, and Dominic Berardino. Sponsored by Southern California Renewal Communities. For more information, contact 818-771-1361 or [www.screc.org](http://www.screc.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](http://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 7:00-8:15pm, and on Third Saturdays after the 5:00 pm Mass. The next Healing Mass is scheduled for Wednesday, January 26, at 7:00pm, preceded by music and testimony at 6:30pm. All are welcome.

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

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

**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](mailto:barfive@cox.net) or 866-473-7730.

**The Treasure Box Grocery Plan in North County**—is an economic meal program that provides a 21-25 lb. pre-assembled box of frozen food for \$30 (a savings of up to 65% off grocery store prices). For more information, including locations in your area, please visit [www.thetreasurebox.org](http://www.thetreasurebox.org).

**Lunch Served for Seniors in Oceanside**—The Salvation Army Senior Dining and Social Center, 3935 Lake Blvd., Oceanside (near Emeritus at Oceanside and Pacific Place) serves lunch for \$3 at noon, Monday-Friday, for any seniors 60 and over. For more information and reservations, call 760-631-8279.

**Ongoing Diocesan Workshops**—Various topics related to religious education. For details, contact [www.diocese-sdiego.org/](http://www.diocese-sdiego.org/)

## News from St. Francis Church—Our Neighbor



Enjoy something more than 'just lunch'  
St. Francis Catholic School

Celebrate Catholic Schools Week with us  
January 31 – February 4

Morning tours Monday through Thursday  
Evening Open House Thursday February 3,  
4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.



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:

- Parishioner priority for enrollment at St. Francis School,
- Financial aid opportunities, and
- Equal tuition rates,
- Fundraising support.



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