

Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion visit residents of local retirement and convalescent homes each week, and Fr. Mike celebrates Mass each month on a rotating basis at these locations.



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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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 30, 2011 • Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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Nothing Less Than All Of You Is What I Want

This Monday, January 31, 2011 marks the 36th anniversary of my Ordination to the Priesthood. I give thanks to God for the gift of my vocation and God's willingness to allow me to share in the Priesthood of Jesus Christ. I pray for continued strength as I head into "the home stretch."

I am so grateful for the Church of St. Thomas More, this Community of Faith that I have the privilege and joy to pastor.

A Pastor needs to be fed, just as the flock needs to be fed. Please know that I am being fed by you, the Church of St. Thomas More! Your commitment, your desire, and your efforts to live as Disciples of Jesus, and to witness to God's Kingdom in this time and this place mean much to me. You feed me and you strengthen my commitment to be faithful to my promises and vows. Always remember that we need each other. You need a pastor, and, just as importantly, a pastor needs his community.

As I celebrate 36 years of ministry, two phrases come to mind: "permanent commitment" and "humor."

Firstly, the most important charism that is needed for our time is, I believe, "permanent commitment." There are many people in our world today who believe that people cannot make a commitment that lasts "until death." All of us, married, vowed religious, and ordained are called to give to this generation the gift of "permanent commitment."

Our young people, especially, need to see that people can make commitments that last a lifetime. That is what I have chosen to do. No matter what the problem or difficulty, I choose to believe that, with the help of God, it can be worked out.

On January 31, 1975, in Mt. Clemens, Michigan, Bishop Thomas Gumbleton, the Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit, ordained me. I will not walk away from this commitment because I believe that this

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Happy Anniversary Fr. Mike—36 Years!

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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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

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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
at 760-758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org.*

generation needs to see the charism of permanence. People can say "yes," and that "yes" can last until death.

Secondly, what has "saved" me in my ordained ministry over and over again is "humor," the ability to laugh at myself and to laugh, not at others, but with others. Our very existence is Mystery. Continually we face the unknown, and as we face the joy, the turmoil, and the tragedy of life, humor is a vital gift that sees us through.

I give thanks to God that, in my 36 years of ministry, the gift of humor has found its way into my life and ministry. So much of life is unknown, and, at times, may seem meaningless and even absurd! So, in the face of "not knowing" and consciously "living the questions," I choose to laugh, regale, and enjoy the Mystery, and to be in awe of what life places before us, knowing that God walks with us through it all.

I ask that you celebrate with me. I ask that you pray for me in a special way on Monday, January 31. I need your prayerful support! Through your commitment to this Faith Community, help me to be a priest that is faithful until death.

These are the words of my Ordination Prayer Card. I pray this prayer often. Please pray it with your household on Monday, January 31:

*Who is that Figure walking by the waters,
along the shore white, shining, and terrible?
He looks at me with Knowing eyes that hurt.
I think He sees my every fiber with those Eyes...
glowing, blazing, probing, loving Eyes,
dreadful, asking Eyes.
They say straightforward
Nothing less than all of you is what I want.*

I feel that I am giving more of myself to the Lord today than I did 36 years ago, but I still have a long way to go before I am able to give the Lord everything. I encourage you to join me on the journey.

Let us pray that all of us, as Disciples of the Lord Jesus, each day, give a bit more of ourselves to Him until the transformation is total and complete!

F. Mike

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

Readings for the Week Ahead

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

Sunday, January 30 (70)
Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

Zephaniah 2:3;3:12-13
Psalm 146:6-10
1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Matthew 5:1-12a
Monday, January 31 (323)
John Bosco, priest

Hebrews 11:32-40
Psalm 31:20-24
Mark 5:1-20

Tuesday, February 1 (324)
Hebrews 12:1-4
Psalm 22:26b-27,28,30,31-32

Mark 5:21-43
Wednesday, February 2 (524)
The Presentation of the Lord

Malachi 3:1-4
Psalm 24:7-10
Hebrews 2:14-18

Luke 2:22-40
Thursday, February 3 (326)
Blaise, bishop, martyr; Ansgar, bishop

Hebrews 12:18-19,21-24
Psalm 48:2-4,9-11
Mark 6:7-13

Friday, February 4 (327)
Joseph of Leonissa

Hebrews 13:1-8
Psalm 27:1,3,5,8-9
Mark 6:14-29

Saturday, February 5 (328)
Agatha, virgin, martyr

Hebrews 13:15-17,20-21
Psalm 23:1-6
Mark 6:30-34

Sunday, February 6 (73)
Fifth Week in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 58:7-10
Psalm 112:4-9
1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Matthew 5:13-16

Prayer List

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

Mary Alexander
Laura Allenfort
Lucia Ambriz
Mary Balli
Patricia Barbour
Clarice Bednarz
John Bennici
Regina Bentz
Roseanne Berg
George "Whitey" Betus
Betty Jean Bielich
Carol Bock
Lynda Brady
Monica Broussard
Janet Brown
Phyllis Brown
The Brown Family
Shelby Campbell
Claudia Caplinger
Paul Cassidy
Flor Catap & Family
Lolly Cervantes
Pat Christopherson
Paul Cipowski
Dick Clarke
Dolly Cole
Carl Coleman
James Coleman
The Cope Family
Karen Flaharty Daley
Beverly de Gelder
Judith DiMatteo
Linda Dossman
Kathryn Ernst
Bob & Boo Falconer
The Fiore Family
Peggy & Jack Fischer
Eileen Flood
Ryan Flum
Matthew Foster
Kathryn Franklin
Karla Frankoski
Joe Freire
Carmen Garcia
Rick Gonzalez
Eileen Gough
Jeffrey Guyer
Rosemary Haeffelin
Wim Hage
Bob Hale
Susan Hallahan
The Harker Family
Rita Harnacker
Patsy Hawkins
Lilian Hills
Gabe Holliday
Susan Hori
Iolanda Iacobelli
Max Isaac
Eileen Jones
Paul Kennedy
Debbie Kinney
Helen Kuhn
Lillian Lachance
The Lamelin Family
Bernie Lanzrath
Brandon LeBlanc
The Leue & Clark Families
Ashley Load
Cassandra Loretto
Lauren Loretto
James MacArthur
Lydia Mangahas
Nancy Marley
The McCotter Family
The McMahan & Frost Families
Virginia McWalters
Bob McWilliams

Lorraine Micallef
Carol Michael
Walt & Rita Mikridge
June Mitchell
Nancy Moore
Andy Murchison
Margie Myers
Cosmo Nocida
Eleanor Novosel
Helen O'Connell
Heidi Olson
Helen Pingtella
Reuben & Evi Quinn
Otila Quiroz
The Reaves & DeSimone Families
Jack Riley
Rita Ritchie
Joanne Robinson
Maria Rogers
The Romey & Gonzalez Families
Dorothy Rouse
The Russo Family
Nancy Scali
Linda Schmidt
The Douglas E. Schulte Family
The Schweitzer Family
Bob, Joan, & Julie Shea
Elizabeth Shirzad
Richard Sikora
Jeanne Sisson
Mike Snyder
Nick Softau
Gilda Spiegl
Leah Stevens
Pete Sullivan
Maria Surmenidis
David Sweet
Stephen Toth, Jr.
Laurie Updyke
Barbara Upson
Arnie Velasco
Dominic Vienna, Jr.
Vanessa Vitiello-Koble
Kevin Watson-Graff
John Whitton
Elizabeth & Debbie Winters
Chester Bruno Wojcik

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
2nd LT Robert K. Gervasio, USMC
FCCM Adam Gregory, USN
Lance Corp. Samuel D. Krebs
Staff Sgt. Travis M. Meyers, USAF
Pvt. 2 Jess Phillips, US Army
Sr. Airman Robert Spear, USAF
PVT2 Tyler Timmerman, US Army
LT Billy Turley, USN
Sgt. Charles Watts, USMC

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

Calendar Highlights

Also check the Parish website (www.stmoside.org) for complete calendar information.

The Week Ahead

Jan 29-30 St. Bonaventure Indian Mission Clothing Drive
Jan 30 RE.A.CH Classes at Church, including high school
Feb 1-2 Restaurant Fundraiser at California Pizza Kitchen
Feb 4 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Feb 4 Women's Ministry
Feb 5 Women's Guild Fashion Show
Feb 6 Knights of Columbus Breakfast
Feb 6 EPIC Middle School Youth
Feb 6 High School RE.A.CH Classes

The Month Ahead

Feb 13 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
Feb 13 RE.A.CH Classes at Church including High School
Feb 17 Spirited Seniors Viejas Trip

The Year Ahead

Mar 9 Ash Wednesday
Mar 26-27 Women's Guild Bake Sale
Apr 4-6 Parish Mission
June 3 STM Golf Classic
June 12 Confirmation
July 18-22 Vacation Bible Camp
Aug 30 Third Annual Pastor's Dinner

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.

January 30	Sr. E. Aileen McCombs, SFCC
January 31	Sr. Jeanette McDermott, MMS
February 1	Sr. Hilda McDonagh, RSM
February 2	Sr. Mary Daniel McGinn, OSB
February 3	Sr. Rosanne McGrath, RSM
February 4	Sr. Eleanor McNally, CPPS
February 5	Sr. Michele McQueeney, OSF

Mass Intentions	
Saturday, January 29, 5:00pm	Mary Baker ☩
Sunday, January 30, 8:30am	Frances Espana ☩
Sunday, January 30, 10:30am	Kenneth Fiskens ☩
Tuesday, February 1, 8:15am	Kevin Cline ☩
Wednesday, February 2, 8:15am	Gene Thompson ☩
Wednesday, February 2, 9:30am	William Dillard ☩ <i>Emeritus at Carlsbad</i>
Thursday, February 3, 8:15am	Nina Franco ☩
Friday, February 4, 8:15am	Donald Kope ☩
Saturday, February 5, 5:00pm	Mildred Connolly ☩
Sunday, February 6, 8:30am	Tara & Duncan O'Toole
Sunday, February 6, 10:30am	Deacon Tom Goeltz

Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioners

John Burgess

Flower Donations

We would like to gratefully acknowledge the contributions of:

Gloria & Eugene Long

whose generosity helped to defray the cost of flowers this weekend in our liturgical environment.

In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Pat Cope, who died on December 22. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, February 4, at 2:00pm at St. Thomas More. Please keep the family in

your prayers.

Irene Nelson, who died on January 19. Her funeral services will be held out of town. Irene was a Parishioner at St. Francis and member of a small church community at St. Thomas More for many years before moving out of the area. Please keep her husband Howard and the family in your prayers.

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

Rosary

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



Parish Financial Report

The annual financial report for fiscal year 2009-2010 is available on the Parish website, www.stmoside.org. Click on *Finance* under *Parish Councils*, then click on *Parish Financial Report July 2009 to June 2010* on the right side.

For those without internet access, copies are available at the Parish Office.

Memories from Our History

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

STM Scrip News

Scrip for TARGET is now available!

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, 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.

Social Ministries/Outreach

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:

**February 27, April 24,
June 26, 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.**

More Christmas Thank You's

On behalf of Casa de Amparo's Board of Directors, Casa Kids, and staff we would like to express our gratitude for your generous donation of toys, two bicycles and gift cards. Without your support, we could not provide shelter, nutritious meals, education, counseling, and the therapeutic services that benefit families and children working toward breaking the cycle of abuse.

Sharon Delphenich, LCSW
Executive Director

Keely Tidrow
Development Manager

A Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe

Virgin of Guadalupe,
Patroness of unborn children,
we implore your intercession
for every child at risk of abortion.
Help expectant parents to welcome from God
the priceless gift of their child's life.
Console parents who have lost that gift through abortion,
and lead them to forgiveness and healing
through the Divine Mercy of your Son.
Teach us to cherish and to care for family and friends
until God calls them home.
Help us never to see others as burdens.
Guide our public officials
to defend each and every human life through just laws.
inspire us all to bring our faith into public life,
to speak for those who have no voice.
We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus
Christ, who is Love and Mercy itself.
Amen.

Parish Events

Women's Guild News

Fashion Show—Tickets are sold out. If you have purchased a ticket and are unable to attend, call Leah Stevens at 760-630-0788 or Vicky Squires at 760-724-7371.

Aloha!!—Our March luncheon will be held Saturday, March 5, with Hawaiian buffet, Hawaiian dancers, and island setting. Mark your calendars. More information to follow.

Board Meeting—Monday, February 7, at 10:00am at Valerie's.

Spirited Seniors Plan Trip to Viejas Casino

St. Thomas More Spirited Seniors have planned a trip to Viejas Casino and Outlet Mall on Thursday, February 17. Transportation is by coach provided by Viejas if we have 40 or more riders. The best part? This is at no cost to us! We will depart St. Thomas More parking lot at 10:00am and return to the lot at 5:30pm (departing Viejas at 4:30pm). All riders will receive the Viejas Club Card and Casino Fun Book with coupons for \$5 off at one of three Casino Restaurants. Reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. This trip is open to all Spirited Senior members, guests and other St. Thomas More and St. Francis Parishioners. **We must have a minimum of 40 riders for this trip to be held.** We may have as many as 49 riders. All riders must present a picture ID prior to boarding the bus.

The deadline to RSVP is Thursday, February 10. Please call Nancy Gayvert at 760-295-0645.

STM Women's Ministry

Starting on Friday, February 4, we will be getting together on the first Friday of every month from 7:00-8:30pm at the Parish Center. Please come join us to renew your spirit and fellowship with the women of our Parish. Many of you joined us for our kick-off retreat in November. Please invite your friends. We look forward to seeing you all again! For more information, contact womensministry@stmoside.org or 760-806-6722.

Marriage & Family Life Corner

Marriage Moments—When something great happens to you or your spouse, remember to celebrate. Promotions at work, securing the house of your dreams—all are cause to treat yourselves, have fun, and do something memorable. Life is full of ups and downs, so make the most of the special times in your married life. You don't know how long it will be before the next one comes along.

Parenting Pointers—Being a parent can be a joy, but it's also a tough job. No parent is perfect. Everyone makes mistakes. Even loving parents sometimes do things they don't mean to do, such as yell at a child. But if you think you're having trouble controlling yourself, get help so a pattern of abuse doesn't start...and remember to tell your children everyday: "I love you. You're special to me."

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

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

St. Thomas More, pray for us!

Pledge Statistics as of January 25

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	214
\$1,000 and up	81
\$1,500 and up	132
\$2,500 and up	89
\$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	\$1,485,591
Still Needed	\$514,409
Total Goal	\$2,000,000
	1,011



† **All gifts are welcome and needed** to reach our goal by December 2011, which is only 11 months away! New commitments are entered on a regular basis, as well as adjustments to existing pledges—both increases and decreases, due to individual household circumstances.

† **If you can afford \$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!

† Our future at St. Thomas More is a bright one, and we look forward to celebrating our liturgies in our new permanent Church!

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

MANY THE PEOPLE...

In the Gospel of Matthew, we hear Jesus condense God's law into two commandments: "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your spirit," and "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:37, 39).

The word "liturgy," from the Greek word *leitourgia* or *leitourgia*, originally meant a "public work" or a service in the name of the people. In the Catholic tradition, liturgy is considered to mean the participation of the people of God in the work of God (*Catechism* 1069).

At St. Thomas More, the "work of the people" can be seen as our practical way of obeying God's commandments. Through this godly work, we express our love of God through our expressive praise during worship, AND we demonstrate our love of neighbor (both within our community and in the world that surrounds us, near and far) through our ongoing prayers and the extraordinary efforts taking place in more than 100 ministries in which we are involved.

Our worship is a big part of the mission and ministry of St. Thomas More. Here we praise God and build community. The numbers are impressive.

416 The number of liturgical events we celebrated in 2010, including weekend and daily Masses, Holy Week and Christmas

Eve liturgies, Masses at retirement and convalescent homes, reconciliation services, weddings, funerals, Morning Prayer, and Eucharistic exposition.

250 The number of ministers that serve at these liturgies as altar servers, Eucharistic ministers, greeters, hospitality ministers, ministers of the Word (Readers), and weekend and daily sacristans. We need 75 ministers every weekend for our three Sunday Masses. And many of these do double duty—our Eucharistic ministers, for example, serve at Parish Masses, at Tri-City Hospital, in people's homes, and at five nearby retirement communities.

100 The number of musicians that serve our Parish. These include the Children's Choir, the Praise Teams, our LEAD musicians, the Handbell Choir, the Sanctuary Choir, and the Paschal Choir, which serves at funerals.

In addition to all of these people who serve "in front of the curtain" there are also many who are never seen during our liturgical events. These include the people who take care of our altar linens and vestments, the artists and helpers on the Art and Environment committee, and those who manage our Parish's Eucharistic adoration and exposition.

Keeping an eye on all things liturgical is our Parish's Liturgy Committee, which is comprised of twenty one people who represent and coordinate all aspects of our liturgical endeavors.

Love God. Love neighbor. The liturgical ministries are one place among many at St. Thomas More where God's commandments translate into concrete action.

Do you feel the call?



Upcoming Music

FEBRUARY 6
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm Mass
Sanctuary Choir

8:30am Mass
Praise Team

10:30am Mass
Handbell Choir

Friday, February 4 ♦ 8:45am - 7:30pm

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH OF LEONISSA

We pray...that we will rejoice in God's closeness..

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

Please complete your half of the Progress Report and return it today~

FAITH:

THE ROAD FOR LIFE

Adult Faith Formation—Upcoming Events

- **FR. MIKE'S BOOKIES**
 - Are you reading *The Future Church*? Challenge yourself to this meaningful exploration of the 21st century, and get ready to share your insights with other parishioners and be expanded by the insights of others.
 - Copies are available at a discount at the Parish Office. . .also on Kindle.
- **PARISH MISSION**
 - It's not too early to put April 4-6 on your calendar (or in your phone!)
 - Fr. Rusty Shaughnessy will lead us through three evening sessions on *Re-Discovering Hope*:
"A hope that will not disappoint us. . ." Romans 5:4
- **BASIC CATECHIST FORMATION COURSE**
 - A great opportunity for those who are, or would like to be involved in the teaching ministry of our parish.
 - It begins February 1 at St. Mary, Star of the Sea School in Oceanside and involves Tuesday evenings from 6:00-9:00pm and five Saturdays from 9:00am-3:00pm.
 - To register or for more information call Susan Ferraris at 760-945-8012.

PBJ Update

Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center

2011 Goal: 365
Collected to date: 121

Some donations come with messages like:

"in thanksgiving for an item found"
"In gratitude for a prayer answered"

There are two ways to live your life.
One is as though nothing is a miracle.
The other is as though everything is a miracle.

—Albert Einstein

YOUTH MINISTRY

Middle School

✦ **EPIC**

(Encrypting People in Christ)

Next meeting is February 6, 5:00-6:30pm

Let's play a game and focus on the reason why we have all come together, JESUS!!!! It is a great night to have fun, meet new friends and bring your friends. Come out and have a great time with us! Also, I am looking for parents to help with food and snacks for this group, if you are interested in helping, please contact me at my church extension, or meet with me for more information.

High School

✦ **IGNITE**

Blessed are you who...come to youth group!!! I know it takes a lot to be here, so I promise you will have a great time, meet new people and build great friendships over time. Bring yourself, bring your high school brothers and sisters, bring your friends. We have seen many good things come out of this night, so let this night energize your week. See you there!

✦ **LEAD**

We need LEADers in our Parish, community and our world. We can all use the help, if you feel called or just curious, we meet every Tuesday. I need leaders with a variety of skills and talents, even those that just want to laugh and have fun. 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.


Marc Raymundo
Youth Advocate

Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Everything We Do After We Say, "I Believe."

The well-known Bible teacher, Keith Brooks, had just finished speaking to a large class of businessmen on the Christian's responsibility to be a "light" to the world. He emphasized that believers are to reflect the Light of the World, the Lord Jesus.

After the class, one of the members related to him an experience he had in his home, which had impressed upon him this truth.

He said when he went into his basement he made an interesting discovery. Some potatoes had sprouted in the darkest corner of the room. At first he couldn't figure out how they had gotten enough light to grow. Then he noticed that the cook had hung a copper kettle from the ceiling near a cellar window. She kept it so brightly polished that it reflected the rays of the sun onto the potatoes.

The businessman said to Brooks, "When I saw that, I thought, I may not be a preacher or a teacher with ability to expound on scripture, but at least I can be a copper kettle catching the rays of the Son and reflecting His light to someone in a dark corner."

The Gift of Time ~

Scripture encourages us, "choose this day whom you will serve." We can use our gift of time in self-service. Or, we can take the higher road and use the gift of time in service to others and to our church.

When we take that higher road, our light will shine before all people. Stay on that road, although sometimes rocky and steep. Be committed in such a way, that all who you will meet will see the glory of God reflected in your good works.

—Parish Stewardship, January 2011 (with permission)



Opportunity Knocks!

Calling on those who love to write!

- † Write articles for our Parish newsletter, the STM Tower ~ involves interviewing members for articles that highlight our ministries in greater depth than the weekly bulletin.
- † Share ideas for upcoming newsletters.
- † Our newsletter is published twice a year, giving one the advantage of ample time management!



To help with this very important ministry, please contact: Chris Smith, 760-758-4100x120 or chriss@stmoside.org.

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

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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:

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

Collection for Week of January 22/23, 2011

Number of Registered Households		1,011
Offertory*	\$	8,988.59
Offertory (Loose Collection)		1,156.00
Children's envelopes		1.00
Total	\$	10,145.59

* 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

Pregnancy Resource Center in San Marcos—Birth Choice of San Marcos, 760-744-1313 or www.birthchoice.net.

Young Adult Ministry Activities in San Diego County—Visit www.yamsd.org for complete information on events for young adults.

After-Abortion Healing Retreat in Escondido—February 4-6 at St. Mary's Retreat Center by Rachel's Hope. Confidentiality maintained. For information/registration, contact Leslie Brunolli at 760-743-3160 or LBrunolli@yahoo.com or visit www.RachelsHope.org. Sponsored by the Diocese of San Diego.

Women's Group Meeting in San Diego—Central San Diego Magnificat will meet on Saturday, February 5, 9:30am at the Mission Valley Sheraton. Maureen Scanlon will share her inspiring "resurrection" experience. RSVP by January 28 to 858-578-1256.

2011 Diocesan Revival in San Diego—The 2011 Diocesan Revival will be held on February 7, 8, and 9 at Christ the King Parish (29 N. 32nd St., San Diego) at 7:00pm each evening. This year's theme is *Discipleship Is a Christian Journey* and Father Thulani D. Magwaza will be the preacher. The Revival is sponsored by the Diocesan Commission for African American Catholics. There is no charge and all are welcome to attend.

Retreats and Presentations at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside—Join Father Larry Dolan, OFM at Mission San Luis Rey on February 16 from 10:00am-1:00pm for his "Obedience of Faith" retreat. What does this mean in today's church? Is there conflict between obedience and reason? How can a thinking modern person give faithful assent? Please register by February 2. For more information, contact 760-757-3659 or www.sanluisrey.org.

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.

News from St. Francis Church—Our Neighbor

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

Come find out what St. Francis School is about!—You are invited to St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School during National Catholic Schools Week


to learn about the many programs and opportunities available to students Preschool through Grade Eight. Call 760-630-7960 for the schedule of tours and activities.

The school offers a comprehensive, challenging curriculum and a variety of programs to include competitive sports, choir, art, music, and band, before school and after school care, scouting opportunities, student council, and much more. St. Francis School is sanctioned by the Diocese of San Diego, and fully accredited by WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges) and WCEA (Western Catholic Education Association). All teachers at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School possess a valid state teaching credential.


eRecycling Event January 30, 9:00am-4:00pm—St. Francis School is hosting a drive-through and drop-off of electronics for recycling. There is no cost to the public. The school raises money based on the number of pounds of electronics recycled. Let your neighbors and employers know! The more 'junk' we collect, the more money earned by the school!

Here's what you can bring: TVs (all kinds, shapes and sizes), computer monitors, hard drives, keyboards, electrical cords, etc., laptops, phones (all kinds including cell phones), cables, wires, and cords.


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