

The STM Women's Guild has been an active organization and staunch supporter of the Parish throughout our history.

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

February 6, 2011 • Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor's Column

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Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: November 1-15, 2011

In recent years, there has been a return of pilgrims to the Holy Land. Many people are once again considering sharing in the joy and blessing of visiting the land where God's plan for the salvation of the world unfolded.

This will be my sixth pilgrimage to the Holy Land. For me, Israel/Palestine is a place to which I want to return over and over again, because each time that I visit, my faith is deepened and I am more connected to the Scriptures and more centered in the celebration of the Eucharist. When you walk where Jesus walked, you are never the same again!

I am happy to announce that in November of this year (November 1-15), I will be leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

The pilgrimage will be a comfortable, two-week opportunity to grow in faith and to deepen your relationship with God.

Imagine visiting Tel Aviv, the Judean Hill Country, Bethlehem, Ein Karem (the home of John the Baptist), Tiberias, Caesarea and the Mediterranean Coast, Haifa, Mt. Carmel, the Jordan River, Nazareth, Cana, the Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, the Mt. of Beatitudes, Mt. Tabor, the Jezreel Valley, the Jordan Valley, Jerusalem, the Western Wall, Mt. Zion, the Upper Room, Dormition Abbey, the Mt. of Olives, the Garden of Gethsemane, the Old City of Jerusalem, the Pool of Bethesda, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, Bethany, Jericho, the Dead Sea, Qumran, Ein Gedi, and more!

It is a well-planned pilgrimage, and it will be educational and prayerful.

Brochures will be available in a few days and will be available in the Parish Office. If interested, please make a reservation soon. Space is limited.

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Please continue to pray for the success of "Our Journey Into The Future . . . Together" Phase III!

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.*

The brochure is available on our Parish website (www.stmoside.org), as well as a series of reflections and photos taken that I created while on sabbatical in the Holy Land in the year 2000. Just go to the Parish website, click on "Ministries/Pastoral Staff," then click on "Rev. Michael Ratajczak, Pastor," and you will be on the "Pastor's Page" where the information is available.

The land of Israel/Palestine is the Fifth Gospel. To better understand the four Gospels, one must walk the fifth. I hope that you will consider joining me in November.

F. Mike

Heartnotes

Congratulations to our Parishioners who have been certified in CPR

Hector Tusei, Linda Cardona, William Ipsen, Kathryn Bergman, Cheryl Rowland, Eugene Gemperline, Connie Kneisel, Victoria Jeffery, Deborah Kessler, Frank Kawasaki, Ruthie Price, Beth Brewer, and Timothy Wilbur

Recertification

Steve Doering and Debra Ipsen

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

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.

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.**

Readings for the Week Ahead
 Sunday Year A; Weekday Year I
 Readings online at www.usccb.org.

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

Monday, February 7 (329)
 Genesis 1:1-19
 Psalm 104:1-2,5-6,10,12,24,35
 Mark 6:53-56

Tuesday, February 8 (330)
Jerome Emiliani, priest
Josephine Bakhita, virgin
 Genesis 1:20-2:4a
 Psalm 8:4-9
 Mark 7:1-13

Wednesday, February 9 (331)
 Genesis 2:4b-9,15-17
 Psalm 104:1-2,27-30
 Mark 7:14-23

Thursday, February 10 (332)
Scholastica, virgin
 Genesis 2:18-25
 Psalm 128:1-5
 Mark 7:24-30

Friday, February 11 (333)
Our Lady of Lourdes
 Genesis 3:1-8
 Psalm 32:1-2,5-7
 Mark 7:31-37

Saturday, February 12 (334)
 Genesis 3:9-24
 Psalm 90:2-6,12-13
 Mark 8:1-10

Sunday, February 13 (76)
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Sirach 15:15-20
 Psalm 119:1-2,4-5,17-18,33-34
 1 Corinthians 2:6-10
 Matthew 5:17-37

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

Mary Alexander
 Laura Allenfort
 Lucia Ambriz
 Mary Balli
 Clarice Bednarz
 John Bennici
 Regina Bentz
 Roseanne Berg
 The Berry Family
 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
 Bernadette Dean
 Judith DiMatteo
 Vivian Doering
 Linda Dossman
 Kathryn Ernst
 Bob & Boo Falconer
 The Fiore Family
 Peggy & Jack Fischer
 The Flanagan Family
 Eileen Flood
 Ryan Flum
 Matthew Foster
 Kathryn Franklin
 Karla Frankoski
 Joe Freire
 Carmen Garcia
 Maria Elena Gonzalez
 Rick Gonzalez
 Eileen Gough
 Jeffrey Guyer
 Rosemary Haeffelin
 Wim Hage
 Susan Hallahan
 Rita Harnacker
 Patsy Hawkins
 Lilian Hills
 Gabe Holliday
 Susan Hori
 Iolanda Iacobelli
 Max Isaac
 Sue Johnston
 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
 Nancy Marley
 The McCotter Family
 The McMahan & Frost Families
 Virginia McWalters
 Bob McWilliams

Lorraine Micallef
 Carol Michael
 Walt & Rita Mikriddle
 June Mitchell
 Nancy Moore
 Andy Murchison
 Margie Myers
 Cosmo Nocida
 Eleanor Novosel
 Helen O'Connell
 Heidi Olson
 Juanita Matamala Pacheco
 Reuben & Evi Quinn
 Otila Quiroz
 The Reaves & DeSimone Families
 Jack Riley
 Rita Ritchie
 Maria Rogers
 The Romey & Gonzalez Families
 Dorothy Rouse
 The Russo Family
 Nancy Scali
 Linda Schmidt
 The Douglas E. Schulte Family
 The Schweitzer Family
 Peter Shaffer & Family
 Bob, Joan, & Julie Shea
 Elizabeth Shirzad
 Richard Sikora
 Mike Snyder
 Larry Solomon
 Nick Soltau
 Gilda Spiegl
 Jo & George Stephens
 Leah Stevens
 Pete Sullivan
 Maria Surmenidis
 David Sweet
 Jim Thompson
 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
 Lt. Col. Scott Wadle, USMC
 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
 Feb 6 Knights of Columbus Breakfast
 Feb 9 Women's Guild Oceanside Deanery Meeting

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
 March 5 Women's Guild Luncheon Meeting
 Mar 9 Ash Wednesday
 Mar 26-27 Women's Guild Bake Sale
 Apr 4-6 Parish Mission
 May 22 Spring Sing Choral Festival
 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.

Mass Intentions
Saturday, February 5, 5:00pm Mildred Connolly ☩
Sunday, February 6, 8:30am Tara & Duncan O'Toole
Sunday, February 6, 10:30am Deacon Tom Goeltz
Tuesday, February 8, 8:15am Charles Langeweg ☩
Wednesday, February 9, 8:15am Cecelia Ortega ☩
Wednesday, February 9, 9:30am Frank & Eileen Flood <i>Pacific Place</i>
Thursday, February 10, 8:15am Annalee Lilore ☩
Friday, February 11, 8:15am Raymond Staehr ☩
Saturday, February 12, 5:00pm David Wayne ☩
Sunday, February 13, 8:30am John Massina ☩
Sunday, February 13, 10:30am Helen McCullough ☩

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.

February 7 Sr. Luz Divina Medina, DCJ
February 8 Sr. Maria de la Paz Mejia, CVI
February 9 Sr. Natalia Mejia, RJM
February 10 Sr. Martha Mendoza, HMSS
February 11 Sr. Angela Therese Meram, IHM
February 12 Sr. Mary Leonita Metoyer, RSM
February 13 Sr. Juanita Mary Meyer, CSJ

Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioners

Jacob Altmeier

Congratulations to

Dorothy & Carl Coleman (60 years) February 4

Boo & Bob Falconer (65 years) February 9

on their wedding anniversaries.

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

In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Rev. Bill Clancey, who died on January 26. His funeral services will be private. Please keep his stepson, Parishioner David Berry, and the family in your prayers.

Terence Flanagan, who died on January 30. His funeral services will be private. Please keep his mother, Parishioner Norma Flanagan, 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 \$crip 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

Successful Clothing Drive

The Knights of Columbus thank all those who donated so generously to the St. Bonaventure Indian Mission clothing drive. The truck was 80% full, which is outstanding considering the short notice. Our Parish is one of the major clothing contributors to the poor residents of the mission community.



JustFaith

Four groups of St. Thomas More and St. Francis of Assisi Parishioners are completing the first half of the JustFaith program, a spiritual journey into compassion. We have read books, viewed videos, and heard speakers. Joined in prayer, we have reflected on poverty and social issues, such as racism, in the United States and within our immediate community.

As an "immersion experience" we visited Brother Benno's Center in Oceanside. Brother Benno's Center provides not only food but clothing, furniture, household items, and social services such as a secure mailing address, shower facilities, and abuse counseling. At one with those served, we stood in line and were served lunch by volunteers—some, members of our Parish, and shared the meal hearing the stories of the men, women, and children who were fellow guests.

Attending a meeting of Interfaith Communities for Worker Justice, we learned that volunteers from many faiths work together to support low income workers in an effort to improve labor conditions and solve other community problems through legislation, contract negotiations, and community awareness campaigns.

Most recently the JustFaith curriculum has focused on how we use and misuse the world in which we live. We have considered our culture of goods consumption and have become more aware of the need to simplify our lives so others may simply live.

In coming weeks the JustFaith program will focus on an examination of the causes, the extent, and consequences of poverty throughout the world.



Parish Events

Women's Guild News

Meeting, Mass, and Luncheon—We will be hosting the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women—Oceanside Deanery meeting on Wednesday, February 9. Please join us! For more information, contact Germaine Wilmott at 760-758-9949.

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.

Eucharistic Adoration



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

Exposition of the Eucharist on First Fridays.
Next date: Friday, March 4.

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

Marriage & Family Life Corner

Marriage Moments—(Black History Month) Not all injustices are black or white. Often there's a lot of gray when trying to figure out who is right in an argument. Before digging in your heels and insisting on having your way, try to get in your spouse's skin. Look at the problem through his/her eyes.

Parenting Pointers—Kids can be mean—to each other and even to you. Perhaps your child has said, "I hate you!" A natural reaction is to respond defensively. "You don't understand." or "I'm just trying to protect you." True as this may be, consider that your first words might be to seek to understand and to acknowledge their anger. "So, you hate it when I treat you like a baby." Or "You feel furious because I won't let you eat more candy, stay up later, have the cell phone..." Let the child vent if necessary, but don't cave if your reason still stands.

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 February 1

Total Phase II Responses	# of Families Responding
Unable to pledge at this time (14 of these families have been adopted)	35
Under \$100	23
\$100 and up	214
\$1,000 and up	82
\$1,500 and up	132
\$2,500 and up	88
\$4,500 and up	30
\$6,000 and up	21
\$10,000 and up	20
\$25,000 and up	3
\$50,000 and up	2
Total to Date	\$1,490,916
Still Needed	\$509,084
Total Goal	\$2,000,000
	1,013



† **Payments and donations received to date on Phase II are \$975,330!** Steady progress is being made and all is much appreciated!

† **Don't feel comfortable pledging?** Please consider making a one-time gift donation, or donating as it is possible for you. ALL gifts are needed and appreciated.

† 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!

† **Only eleven months to go to reach \$2 million for Phase II!**

Packets are available after all Masses, at the Parish Office, and on our website:

www.stmoside.org; click on Our New Church.

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Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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

DARE TO BE CHRISTIAN

Scripture Themes for February

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

Each of the Gospels for this cold month of February puts us in touch, yet again, with the cold, hard facts of what it means to be a Christian. Like harsh medicine that needs to be meted out in small doses so it does not overwhelm us, each Gospel will remind preachers and people in the pews that living as a Christian in this world puts believers in direct conflict with much of the wisdom our contemporary culture espouses. Each Gospel will clearly and unequivocally speak the truth of the Matthean Jesus' Great Sermon. Each will test our mettle and challenge any excuse we may have for not taking Jesus seriously. Will we align ourselves with those who dismiss the sermon's challenges as passé or highly impractical, and therefore impossible to maintain? Or will we embrace the ethic put forth here, and thereby become authentic disciples whose words and works fulfill humankind's urgent need for salt and light?

Salt preserves life and prevents decay. Being salt means stemming the evils of poverty, injustice, and need while keeping alive hope and joy. Light generates life and dispels the darkness that threatens wholesome human existence. However, in order to be truly effective, both salt and light must be consumed. For believers, being salt and light means being willing to let others use us through our giving, our caring, our service. A good parent understands this quality of selflessness, as does a loving spouse or a devoted friend whose whole self exists to give to the other. Paul called it *kenosis* or self-emptying. Jesus called it being salt and light to serve the needs of all. Do we dare to take Jesus at his word?

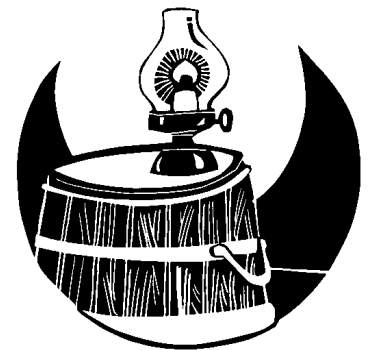
Eberhard Arnold has challenged believers not to approach Jesus' words in the Great Sermon as a new set of laws that replace the old law,

but to understand them as the revelation of God's real power in human life (*Salt and Light: Living the Sermon on the Mount*, The Plough Pub. Co, Farmington, Pa.: 1998). When we surrender to this revelation and believe it and begin to live it, then there will be nothing that can stop us—not fear, not ridicule, not rejection, not violence, not hatred. To believe and to live these demands is to reach beyond the limits of the law to that realm where

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love, forgiveness, mercy, and stalwart determination in the face of daunting obstacles become a chosen way of life.

In calling others to dare to live this way of life, the Matthean Jesus offered a series of antitheses regarding the law: "You have heard it said, but I say to you..." These antitheses lead believers beyond mere observance of the law to that place of mind and heart and being where we have been gripped by the love of God made known in Christ Jesus. Within the grip of God's love,



a new justice can emerge; this new "justice of the warmly pulsing heart replaces the stony tablets of the law" (Eberhard Arnold, op. cit.).

Daring to be Christian, daring to be gripped by God's love, daring to be salt and light, daring to bring about the new justice based on love and mercy—all this daring is but the first step, which must be followed up by many graced and deliberately chosen steps in the process of becoming Christian.

Of course, there are some who have taken the demands of Jesus seriously. These are the saints of every generation whose holiness often seems unattainable to most of us. Joining these saints as modern, authentic witnesses to Christ are Mother Teresa of Calcutta, Sr. Thea Bowman, Dorothy Day, Peter Maurin, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Edith Stein, and Martin Luther King Jr., among others. There are also people whose lives reflect Gospel values even if their religious affiliation does not, those such as Gandhi and the Dalai Lama. But the few whose attempts at Christian living continue to inspire us are too often the exception rather than the rule of Christianity. For that reason, Jesus dares us in each Gospel this month to take his words to heart, to embrace the ethic that will bring forth justice and peace and to dare, daily and deliberately, to be Christian in all we are, in all we say, in all we do.

Do you dare?

Upcoming Music

FEBRUARY 13
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm Mass

Handbell Choir

8:30am Mass

Sanctuary Choir

10:30am Mass

Praise Team

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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

Today is a RE.A.CH day at Home

Our Parish Family Grows!

It is with great joy that we welcomed two more members into our RCIA process last Sunday and three more into the Inquiry stage this week!

Courtney Krebs is newly married and looks forward to having her future family united in the Catholic Faith. Her husband is a Marine deployed to Afghanistan shortly after their marriage, and we pray for Sam's safe return in several months. Courtney is now a Catechumen and is preparing for Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

Sarah Gervasio is a Marine stationed at Camp Pendleton and is recently married to a Marine now deployed in Afghanistan. We pray for Robert's safe return as well. Sarah is a Candidate preparing for Confirmation and Eucharist.

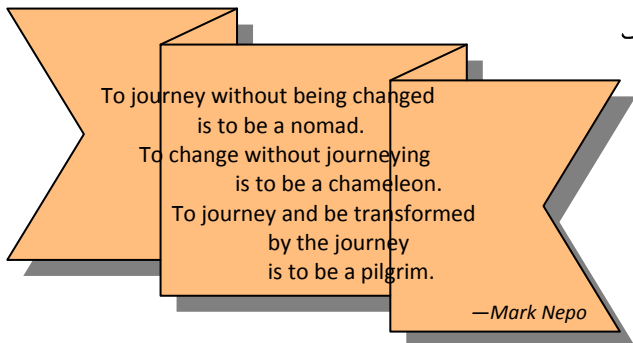
We welcome these courageous young women into our Parish family and offer them our prayerful support as they journey in faith with our St. Thomas More community.

They join in the Catechumenate with Robert Boss, Cheryl Rowland, Laura Hawkins, Bryan Hawkins, (and, of course, baby Nicholas).

We have an RCIA team of 18 parishioners who coordinate the formation of our newest members. We give thanks to God for the dedication and ministry of these folks.

YOU are an essential part of RCIA formation as well, for every Parishioner at St. Thomas More, through prayer and example, offers welcome and shows by example what it means to be a pilgrim on a faith journey.

May we each be faithful to our part in the Body of Christ~



Kathleen

Kathleen Bell
 RCIA Coordinator

PBJ Update

Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center

2011 Goal: 365
 Collected to date: 136



YOUTH MINISTRY

**Final Class for Core Course 2
 moved to February 13**



Middle School

✦ **EPIC**

(Encrypting People in Christ)

NO EPIC TONIGHT

I realized that today is Super Bowl and there are many family parties this evening, so Middle School youth group will be **cancelled for tonight!** I know, I was looking forward to seeing you all and spending time with you. So I will see you in two weeks on February 20.

I am looking for parents to help with food and snacks for this group; if you are interested in helping, please contact me at 760-758-4100 x161, or meet with me for more information.

High School

✦ **IGNITE**

You are salt of the earth and light of the world!!! 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, our 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.

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CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

What Is Our Motivation?

Why do you perform good deeds? Is your goal the glory of God, or are you looking for human praise? The motivation behind our service is important to God, according to our Lord Jesus Christ.

In a few weeks, on Ash Wednesday, we'll hear Jesus' teaching from a later portion of the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 6), where he tells us to "not let your left hand know what your right is doing, so that your almsgiving may be secret."

But in today's Gospel from Matthew 5, he instructs us "your light must shine before others that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." So are our good deeds to be secret or to be open? The answer depends on our motivation.

If we are searching for praise, we are seeking our own glory, not God's. But that's not the approach Christians are supposed to take. As St. Peter wrote, whatever we do should be done in such a way "that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 4:11). In other words, not every good deed we perform has to be hidden. However, we should do them in such a way that any praise that results is given to God rather than to us.

Worry about motivation must not, however, serve as an excuse for not performing good works. We can't say that our motives may not be pure, so we won't serve others until we know we aren't doing them to seek praise. Developing pure motives is a lifelong task for most of us anyway. Simply obeying Jesus' command to perform good deeds is an important first step.

We are called to serve others in the name of our heavenly Father, without any excuse. The prophet Isaiah lists some of the things we are charged to do: "Share your bread...shelter the homeless... clothe the naked..." (Isaiah 58). God is a God of love and compassion, and when we serve others for his sake, he is glorified, and we discover we receive our spiritual reward.



It's easy to find the stewardship applications in today's readings. Compassionate care of those in need requires gifts from our treasure and gifts of our talents in service. The gift of our time in prayer and worship is also called for, to develop our spiritual awareness that God's glory, and not ours, should be the goal of our service. It's only "the power of God" St. Paul mentions in the reading from 1 Corinthians 2 that enables us to do good, and to do it for God's glory and not our own.

But then, we're called upon to make a difference, to be "the salt of the earth... the light of the world."

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Collection for Week of January 29/30, 2011

Number of Registered Households		1,013
Offertory*	\$	9,673.39
Offertory (Loose Collection)		1,036.00
Children's envelopes		1.00
Total	\$	10,710.39

* 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

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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.

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.

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—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.

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.

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/evangelization.htm or 858-490-8230.

Marriage Encounter Weekends—For more information, contact daveandcheryl@cost.net or 619-303-5053.

Volunteers Needed for Advocates for Foster Children—Become a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) and make a lasting difference in the life of a foster child. Much more than just a mentor, you can give hope to a child who has none. For more information, call Voices for Children at 858-598-2235 or visit www.speakupnow.org.

News from St. Francis Church—Our Neighbor

Vocations Support Group-Dinner & Meeting—This support group is for men and women discerning their vocation as they share with others, reflecting on God's call in their lives. Our next gathering is Wednesday, February 9, in the Rectory beginning with prayer and dinner at 6:00pm, followed by reflection, discussion, and prayer. Please be prompt and be sure to register by calling the Church of St. Francis of Assisi at 760-945 8040.



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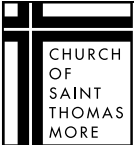
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