

Each year on the First Sunday of Lent, the Catechumens and Candidates in the RCIA programs participate in the Rite of Sending at their own Parishes, then gather with the Bishop for the Rite of Election. It is a large and moving celebration of their journey to full communion.

A Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of San Diego

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

Rev. Michael Ratajczak, Pastor
Deacon Thomas A. Goeltz

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

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

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

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

March 13, 2011 • First Sunday of Lent

Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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Who and What Rules My Life?

During this Season of Lent, we enter into the desert as Jesus did and face, head-on, the demons with which we struggle.

On this First Sunday of Lent, we are reminded that immediately after his Baptism, the Spirit drove Jesus into the desert where he spent 40 days among the wild beasts and the Angels of the Lord ministered to him.

Before Jesus began his public ministry, he had to struggle with his demons. he had to face temptation and conquer it.

His task is our task as well! As his disciples, continuing his mission and ministry, we must deal with and conquer our demons if we are to worthily and responsibly preach the Gospel.

If we take advantage of these Forty Days, through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we are given an opportunity to renew and refresh ourselves in order to be more faithful to our Baptismal Promises.

You are encouraged to take these questions with you into the desert this Lent. May these questions help you live more honestly, responsibly, and worthily as Disciples of the Lord Jesus:

Am I living in the image and likeness of God?

Do I see myself as a daughter, as a son, of God?

Do I think about Jesus on a daily basis?

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Did You Know?

Each year for Christmas and Easter Masses, we provide overflow seating on the Plaza.

We provide a tent over the chairs and heaters in the midst of the chairs to provide greater comfort for those who are worshipping "al fresco."

The cost of these items for Christmas and Easter this year is \$2,420.

Your gift to the "Did You Know?" Campaign will help to defray these costs.

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)*

Do I regard Him as my brother?

What passions rule my life?

In what area(s) of my life, am I living a lie?

What is making me a slave?

*...alcohol, other drugs, food, money, cigarettes, anger,
jealousy, unhealthy relationships, prejudice,
stereotyping and judging groups of people of other
races, religions or different sexual orientation...*

*What do I need to let go of and what do I need to grab hold
of in order to get closer to God?*

*What prevents me from living in the Kingdom of God, right
here, right now?*

*What prevents me from proclaiming the
Kingdom of God, right here, right now?*

If we want to live within God's Reign, we must be willing to struggle with and, trusting in God's grace, be willing to conquer our demons.

Make this Lent a good one. Happy Lentening!

Fr. Mike

Fr. Mike's Health Update

The back surgery was completed on March 8 as planned, and Fr. Mike is now recuperating. Thanks for your continued prayers!

Morning Prayer on Lenten Mondays

During Lent, members of this faith community gather for Morning Prayer each Monday at 8:15 on the lower level. Prayer is powerful...and our prayers of praise, of thanksgiving, of petition, and of intercession are an important part of our Lenten journey. Please join us!



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.

Little Rock Bible Studies

We will be studying the Book of Wisdom for six sessions beginning Wednesday April 13 at 9:00am or Thursday April 14 at 7:00pm This book of the Bible sings the praises of wisdom and extols its excellence. It portrays the lifestyles of the just and the unjust in sharp contrast.

The just follow the way of wisdom which leads to immortality. The author urges his audience to seek wisdom in order to find God. Won't you join us in this search for wisdom? Sign up on the Plaza after weekend Masses or at the Parish Office during office hours.

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

Sunday, March 13 (22)
First Sunday of Lent
 Genesis 2:7-9;3:1-7
 Psalm 51:3-6,12-14,17
 Romans 5:12-19
 Matthew 4:1-11

Monday, March 14 (224)
 Leviticus 19:1-2,11-18
 Psalm 19:8-10,15
 Matthew 25:31-46

Tuesday, March 15 (225)
 Isaiah 55:10-11
 Psalm 34:4-7,16-19
 Matthew 6:7-15

Wednesday, March 16 (226)
 Jonah 3:1-10
 Psalm 51:3-4,12-13,18-19
 Luke 11:29-32

Thursday, March 17 (227)
Patrick, bishop
 Esther C:12,14-16,23-25
 Psalm 138:1-3,7c-8
 Matthew 7:7-12

Friday, March 18 (228)
Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop, doctor
 Ezekiel 18:21-28
 Psalm 130:1-8
 Matthew 5:20-26

Saturday, March 19 (543)
Joseph, husband of the Virgin Mary
 2 Samuel 7:4-5a,12-14a,16
 Psalm 89:2-5,27,29
 Romans 4:13,16-18,22
 Matthew 1:16,18-21,24a or
 Luke 2:41-51a

Sunday, March 20 (25)
Second Sunday of Lent
 Genesis 12:1-4a
 Psalm 33:4-5,18-20,22
 2 Timothy 1:8b-10
 Matthew 17:1-9

Mass Intentions	
Saturday, March 12, 5:00pm	Morie Mitchell ☩
Sunday, March 13, 8:30am	<i>Missa pro Populo</i>
Sunday, March 13, 10:30am	Ronald Ianni ☩
Tuesday, March 15, 8:15am	Donn Wilmott ☩
Wednesday, March 16, 8:15am	John Rodriguez ☩
Thursday, March 17, 8:15am	Michael Norton ☩
Friday, March 18, 8:15am	Josephine Hoefner ☩
Saturday, March 19, 5:00pm	Kenneth Fiskens ☩
Sunday, March 20, 8:30am	<i>Missa pro Populo</i>
Sunday, March 13, 10:30am	Duilia Colucci ☩

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

Mary Alexander
 Laura Allenfort
 Lucia Ambriz
 Mary Balli
 Patricia Barbour
 John Bennici
 Regina Bentz
 Roseanne Berg
 George "Whitey" Betus
 Betty Jean Bielich
 Lynda Brady
 Monica Broussard
 Janet Brown
 Pat Burkardt
 Shelby Campbell
 Brianna Campos
 Claudia Caplinger
 Paul Cassidy
 Flor Catap & Family
 Lolly Cervantes
 Pat Christopherson
 Paul Cipowski
 Dick Clarke
 Dolly Cole
 Carl Coleman
 James Coleman
 The Cornwell Family
 Carol Crook
 Karen Flaharty Daley
 Beverly de Gelder
 Judith DiMatteo
 Vivian Doering
 Linda Dossman
 Debbie Edmeier-Gilmore & Family
 Kathryn Ernst
 Bob & Boo Falconer
 The Fiore Family
 Peggy & Jack Fischer
 Eileen Flood
 Ryan Flum
 Matthew Foster
 Kathryn Franklin
 Joe Freire
 Brian Frink
 Carmen Garcia
 Rick Gonzalez
 Eileen Gough
 Jeffrey Guyer
 Rosemary Haeffelin
 Bob Hale
 Susan Hallahan
 Tom Hannon
 The Harker Family
 Rita Harnacker
 Lilian Hills
 Susan Hori
 Iolanda Iacobelli
 Barney Ibbetson
 Max Isaac
 Lorraine Jenkins
 Sue Johnston
 Eileen Jones
 Paul Kennedy
 Debbie Kinney
 Helen Kuhn
 Lillian Lachance
 The Lamelin Family
 Bernie Lanzrath
 Brandon LeBlanc
 Ashley Load
 Cassandra Loretto
 Lauren Loretto
 James MacArthur
 Paige Mansell
 Nancy Marley
 Virginia McWalters
 Bob McWilliams
 Joyce Meehan
 Carol Michael
 Walt & Rita Mikridge

June Mitchell
 Nancy Moore
 Denise Popoff Moors
 Mary Moran
 Andy Murchison
 Margie Myers
 Cosmo Nocida
 Helen O'Connell
 Heidi Olson
 Marilyn Pirkola
 Reuben & Evi Quinn
 Otila Quiroz
 Harvey Raiman
 Jack Riley
 Rita Ritchie
 Joanne Robinson
 Maria Rogers
 Dorothy Rouse
 The Russo Family
 Nancy Scali
 Linda Schmidt
 The Douglas E. Schulte Family
 Bob, Joan, & Julie Shea
 Elizabeth Shirzad
 Richard Sikora
 Donna Smith
 Mike Snyder
 Nick Soitau
 Gilda Spiegl
 Dorothy Staehr
 Leah Stevens
 Pete Sullivan
 Maria Surmenidis
 David Sweet
 Elijah Thorsen
 Stephen Toth, Jr.
 Ngoan Tran
 Laurie Updyke
 Barbara Upson
 Ethel Vanderhagen
 Arnie Velasco
 Dominic Vienna, Jr.
 Vanessa Vitiello-Koble
 Kevin Watson-Graff
 John Whitton
 Robert Wiese
 Zachary Wilbur

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
 Lcpl Greg Bergman, 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
 LCPL Matthew Rocha
 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**
- Mar 13 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
 - Mar 13 RE.A.CH Classes at Church
 - Mar 14 Morning Prayer
 - Mar 18 Knights of Columbus Lenten Dinner
 - Mar 18 Stations of the Cross
 - Mar 20 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses

- The Month Ahead**
- Mar 21 Morning Prayer
 - Mar 25 Knights of Columbus Lenten Dinner
 - Mar 25 Stations of the Cross
 - Mar 26 Women's Guild Luau
 - Mar 26-27 Women's Guild Bake Sale
 - Mar 27 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
 - Mar 27 RE.A.CH Classes at Church
 - Mar 28 Morning Prayer
 - Mar 31 Project Linus Coffee

- The Year Ahead**
- Apr 4-6 Parish Mission
 - May 22 Spring Sing Choral Festival
 - June 3 STM Golf Classic
 - June 12 Confirmation
 - July 8-10 Parish Campout
 - July 18-22 Vacation Bible Camp
 - Aug 28 Third Annual Pastor's Dinner
 - Oct 1-21 Stewardship Awareness/Renewal

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.

March 14	Sr. Mary Potter, RSM
March 15	Sr. Mary Alice Prieto, DCJ
March 16	Sr. Barbara Quinn, RSCJ
March 17	Sr. M. Krista Ramirez, RSM
March 18	Sr. Norma Alicia Reyes, HCJS
March 19	Sr. Celia Robledo, OLC
March 20	Sr. Virginia Rodee, RSCJ

Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioners

Ryan & Jessica Marbut

In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Larry Dorsa, who died on March 2. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, March 23, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep his family in your prayers.

Don Gilmore, who died on March 3. His funeral will be in Colorado. Please keep his wife Debbie, sister-in-law Parishioner Ginny Cornwell, and the family in your prayers.

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

The “First Easter Bunny” Video

Fr. Rich Lewandowski, who is with us while I recover from back surgery, has created a wonderful children’s story that is meaningful for people of all ages.

Many of you already have the book or the video.

For the next three weeks (March 13-28), the “First Easter Bunny” DVD will be available in the Parish Office or at the Information Table on the Plaza after Masses on the weekends.

Fr. Rich will be very happy to personally autograph copies for you.

If you have not yet seen this magical DVD, I would encourage you to make the purchase. The cost is \$20.

Fr. Rich has authored several children’s stories. Your purchase of this DVD helps him in his creative efforts.

Thank you!

—Fr. Mike Ratajczak, Pastor

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

TRY US NOW! FREE Fundraising.

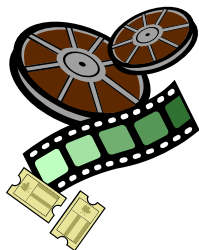
Krikorian Scrip is back! \$8 per ticket!

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

Social Justice Reflection

Lent is upon us and with it our meditations of the Stations of the Cross.

As a member of our Parish Social Justice (PSJ) committee, the Seamless Garment image always seems to draw my attention.

The late Cardinal Bernardin, our champion for justice, coined that phrase, when speaking on the church’s teaching about Life issues.

All the work of our PSJ committee can be compared to the Seamless Garment.

The reason for the decision not to divide that garment of Jesus was the greater value of it remaining “whole”. It has become a strong reminder for all us Catholics to be committed to the work of all Life issues as a “whole”. Dividing it will lose its value and purpose.

Respect Life or Right to Life covers a multitude of issues. All justice issues pertaining to life are the Seamless Garment, and deserve our undivided attention. It is our commitment to address all issues of respect for life: advocating for worker justice, supporting a just immigration program, bringing affordable health service to all people, an end to abortion and capital punishment, working to stop “bullying” in our schools, being involved in promoting a balanced state budget that is not balanced on the back of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers, naming just a few of the commitments and actions of our PSJ committee.

May our meditation on the Stations of the Cross this Lent have a special meaning and calling for all of us to “act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly before our God.” (*Micah 6:8*)

—Evi Quinn, member of PSJ committee

Get On the Bus—How You Can Help

Get On the Bus can only take place through the generosity of individuals and groups who have a heart for this special event. Here are some ways that you can help:



- **Be an Event Sponsor** and contribute \$1,500 (send by April 1 and get your company’s logo on the Event Day T-shirt!)**
- **Be a Bus Sponsor** and contribute \$500 (send by April 1 and get your name on the Event Day T-shirt!)**
- **Be a family sponsor** and contribute \$300.
- **Be a Child Sponsor** and contribute \$75.
- **Make a donation** of any amount to help fund buses, food, travel bags, and teddy bears.
- **Sponsor an activity** in your faith center, school, or organization to raise money and awareness.
(*Send directly to: *Get On the Bus: 5411 Camellia Avenue, North Hollywood, CA 91601*. Place all other offerings in the envelope that was attached to our bulletin.)

*“I appreciate all the love and support to have a wonderful day with my Dad. It was almost 2 years since we saw each other but thanks to **Get On the Bus** I got to see him.” —Daniela, age 11.*

—Excerpts from *Get On The Bus Brochure, 2009*

For more information, contact Glory Hartdegen at 760-630-0651.

Parish Events

Women’s Guild Bake Sale

The ladies of St. Thomas More Women’s Guild will be calling Parishioners whose last names begin with the letters A through H requesting donations of home made baked goods for the bake sale on March 26-27. Please bring your baked goods when you come to Mass and drop them off at the designated tables. Please note if the items contain nuts. Also, please nothing that needs refrigeration. Your support is greatly appreciated. For further information, call Pat Wong at 760-806-1310 or Nancy Wozniak at 760-729-0782.

Women’s Guild Luau Luncheon

Remember to sign up for the luncheon. Reservations **MUST** be made ahead of time by March 20. Come enjoy a luau meal, dancing, singing, ukeleles, and an afternoon of fun. We always have an array of door prizes and lucky winners for split the pot. We appreciate all donations of door prizes and suggest a value of \$10 or more. Call Vera Bayliss at 760-739-9061 or Valerie Thompson at 760-630-1703 to make your reservations now while seating is still available. Mahalo!

Knights of Columbus Lenten Dinners

Come join us every Friday during Lent at 5:30pm for a delicious fish or pasta dinner, complete with Bob Wong’s famous dessert bar. Cost is \$6 for 1 fish, \$7 for 2 fish, \$6 for pasta dinner, and \$4 for children. For more information, contact Mike at 760-940-9546.

Our Journey Into The Future . . . Together!
Phase II ~ Working to Break Ground

St. Thomas More, pray for us!

Pledge Statistics as of March 8

		# of Families
	Total Phase II Responses	Responding
Unable to pledge at this time (16 of these families have been adopted)		35
	Under \$100	23
	\$100 and up	219
	\$1,000 and up	83
	\$1,500 and up	130
	\$2,500 and up	90
	\$4,500 and up	30
	\$6,000 and up	20
	\$10,000 and up	20
	\$25,000 and up	3
	\$50,000 and up	4
Total Pledges/Gifts	\$1,620,219	657
Still Needed	\$379,781	362
Total Goal	\$2,000,000	1,019
Total Collected	\$1,050,588	

Chris Smith, Director of Stewardship and Development
760-758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org

12th Anniversary Golf Classic ~ Friday, June 3

Social event of the year! Enjoy fun, fellowship, and exciting events with friends and family!



- Golf at Arrowood Golf Club ~ foursomes and singles**
- Miniature Golf at *Boomers!* ~ foursomes and singles**
- Evening Festivities at STM ~ dinner, raffles, silent and live auctions, and surprises**

Golf Classic information table on the plaza before and after all Masses!

Please submit registration/payments at Golf table, offertory basket or to the Parish Office.

Helicopter Ball Drop Contest

- Will your ball land closest to the pin when it is dropped from the helicopter? Balls go on sale April 2-3 at \$10/ball or \$100 for 15. Join us on the Plaza June 3 at 4:30pm!



- **Grand Prize:**
\$1,000 Scrip Gift Certificate
- **Second Prize:**
\$500 Scrip Gift Certificate
- **Third Prize:**
\$250 Scrip Gift Certificate

Champagne Diamond Event!

- ◆ Will you be the lucky winner of a gorgeous “Circle of Diamonds” white gold pendant necklace made especially for our event?
- ◆ A sparkling touch of class accompanied by a glass of champagne or sparkling cider!
- ◆ Detailed description of the necklace and photos available soon!
- ◆ Don’t miss out on this terrific opportunity!



For more information, contact Skip Wilson at 760-330-3293 or ripit@pacbell.net

Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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

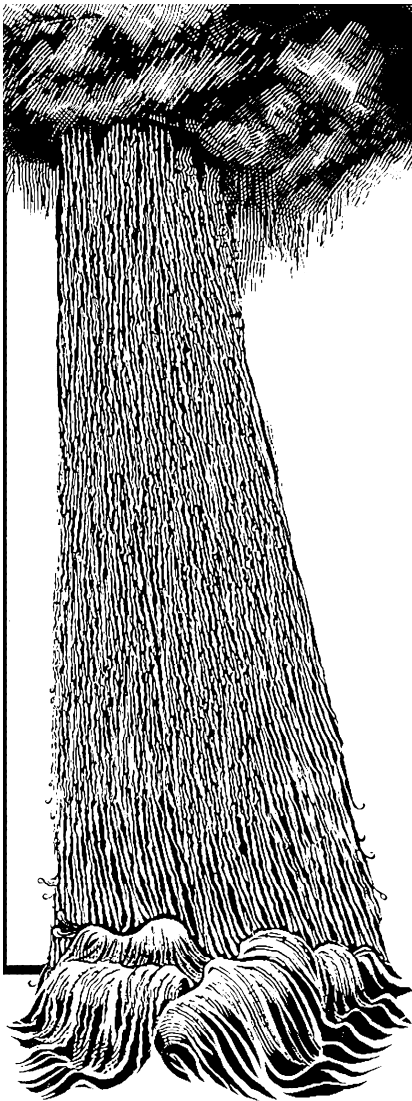
THE SIGNS OF BAPTISM

The Mass of the Easter Vigil is divided into four parts: a Service of Light, the Liturgy of the Word, the Liturgy of Baptism, and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

During the third part of the Vigil, the Liturgy of Baptism, specific meaningful signs are incorporated into the rite. In preparation for this year's Easter Vigil, we will offer a brief meditation on these signs and symbols throughout Lent.



WATER



It was spring in the Midwest. The hoped-for rains came, softening the earth, preparing it to receive the seed that would provide food for a nation. The rains went, the seed was planted. The earth burst forth, green with life. And the rains never returned. Crops died. The earth cracked. Farmers went broke.

Another spring. The hoped-for rains came. The drought was broken at last. The earth became soft again, healed of its fractures. But the rains never left. Streams overran their banks, rivers burst through levees. Cars and cattle were washed away. Homes and fields and entire towns were flooded. When the waters subsided, everything was covered with a thick layer of mud.

The next spring, the gentle rains came and went. The earth, wearing a new coat of fertile soil and holding reserves of water deep beneath its surface, brought forth a great bounty.

The waters of baptism, like the Midwest's rains and rivers, cannot be tamed and controlled. They bring both life and death, destruction and growth, fertility and barrenness. And always they show the power of God.

Springs of water, bless the Lord.

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Upcoming Music

MARCH 20
2nd Sunday
of Lent

5:00pm Mass

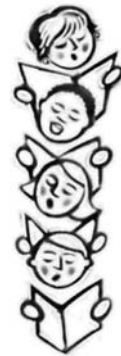
Handbell Choir

8:30am Mass

Sanctuary Choir

10:30am Mass

Praise Team



Children's Easter Choir

The Children's Choir
returns for Easter!

All children, grades 2-8 are
invited to sing in the
Children's Easter Choir.

REHEARSALS

Wednesdays
March 30, April 6 and 13
5:00-6:15pm

Tuesday, April 19
7:00-8:00pm
(with the combined choirs)

EASTER DAY

Sunday, April 24
10:30am Mass

JOIN US!!!

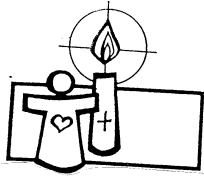
Faith Formation

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

*When those preparing for initiation,
and our community
are seen together as two dimensions of the initiation
process, then we are emerging into the true model
called for in our renewed church.
ALL of us must be actively involved
in this time of initiation.*



Be a Prayer Partner

Select as many names as you like after Mass today or from the bulletin board on the lower level.

Pray for the members of our community that you select. You can use the prayer on the back of the name card, or any form of prayer. This creates a spiritual bond between you and this child or adult. Through your prayer ask God to strengthen and support your partner through the final stage of preparation to receive the Sacrament.

**Sacraments of Initiation will be celebrated
at the Easter Vigil on April 23**

First Communion will be celebrated on May 21-22

Confirmation will be celebrated on June 12

Being a Prayer Partner is a spiritual relationship, so we ask that no material gifts be given. Spiritual gifts are welcome...that might be a card or letter of support and congratulations. Some like to share their experience of receiving the Sacrament for the first time or another special memory with their Prayer Partner in a written note.

These spiritual gifts may be left at the Faith Formation Office any time between now and the above dates. They are delivered at the time of reception.

**Thank you for being a mentoring member
of the St. Thomas More community!**

PBJ Update

Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center

2011 Goal: 365
Collected to date: 195



YOUTH MINISTRY

Middle School

✘ EPIC

(Encrypting People in Christ)

How are your pieces of yarn doing? How have you kept up with your Lenten promises? If it hasn't worked out yet, keep trying and you will be able to do it by the end! Remember, if we mess up, the Easter Bunny won't come. See you next week! We have a few parents helping with food, but can definitely use a couple more 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

Tomorrow night will be the FIRST official night of IGNITE! It is going to be amazing and we have worked hard to make this night come alive for you. Meet your small group leader and members there; keep living the fourth! We are bringing a whole new experience, and we want you to be a part of it. Bring yourself, bring your high school brothers and sisters, bring your friends. We have seen many good things come out of this night! See you there!

✘ LEAD

Great Job this weekend! Now it is time to put our faith into action. It is also a community of believers that want to make a difference in the world! 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. We are building and fostering an environment that is in love with God; be the salt of the earth.

**These meetings are NOW
on Thursday evenings at 7:00pm.**

Confirmation 2011

Thank you all for making a commitment to be on Retreat this weekend. I hope and pray that you have begun a new relationship with our Lord. Keep your faith going despite the obstacles that life may throw at you by coming to IGNITE! You are all in my prayers as we approach the sacrament of Confirmation.

Marc

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Almsgiving: An Expression of Gratitude

When we look at the three traditional “disciplines” of Lent, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we know that almsgiving gets the least attention. Yet, the Bible places emphasis firmly on almsgiving: “Prayer and fasting are good, but better than either is almsgiving accompanied by righteousness . . . It is better to give alms than to store up gold; for almsgiving saves one from death and expiates every sin. Those who regularly give alms shall enjoy a full life” (*Tobit 12:8-9*).



Almsgiving is an expression of our gratitude for all that God has given us, and a realization that as a member of a community of faith, it is never just “me and God.” For disciples of the Lord, almsgiving means much more than simply throwing a little change in the poor box. It is an attitude of generosity. It challenges us to examine how we are using our time, abilities and money to better the lives of those around us. (*Matthew 5:3*)

Almsgiving opens our hearts to the realization that God blesses us through those we serve. It is here that we find the great mystery of Christian service. In turn, we will receive Christ’s blessing, a blessing we need to receive.

Almsgiving Ideas for Lent

- † Show an act of kindness to someone you don’t speak to often.
- † Visit an elderly person who may be lonely.
- † Reflect on the regular contributions you make to the Parish. Could you do more?
- † Do an extra weekly chore for your parents during Lent.
- † Go through your closet and find some clothes in good shape to give away to other children who are in need of clothes.
- † Buy some cans of food to give to a food bank or soup kitchen.
- † Talk with your family about eating one simple meal each week of Lent and putting the money you save in the Operation Rice Bowl box.
- † Donate personal possessions, such as clothes, books, or shoes to people in need.
- † Volunteer to clean the yard, wash windows, and/or reach books and magazines for an elderly person in your neighborhood.
- † Prepare a meal or some baked goods for the soup kitchen or homeless shelter.
- † Make a gift to the diocesan annual appeal.
- † Volunteer to tutor children.
- † Donate diapers, formula, baby clothing, baby furniture, and maternity clothing to a local crisis pregnancy center.

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Annual Catholic Appeal—Paying It Forward

The Diocese has assisted us greatly in helping to develop our Parish, and now we have the opportunity, and obligation, to help our “sister Parishes in the Diocese.” Responses so far:

Total pledges to date: \$10,601

Number of families contributing: 89

Keep those envelopes coming—thank you!

80% of all money over our “fair share assessment” of \$48,000 will come back to STM towards our Operations Budget.

Collection for Week of March 5/6, 2011

Number of Registered Households		1,016
Offertory*	\$	16,298.70
Offertory (Loose Collection)		1,009.00
Children's envelopes		0.00
Total	\$	17,307.70

* 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 parishoffice@stmoside.org.

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News from the Larger Church

Lenten Retreat at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside—A *Lenten Pilgrimage of the Heart*, Wednesday mornings, April 6, 13, and 20, presented by Barbara Hughes. For more information, contact 760-757-3659.

Volunteer Opportunities at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside—Weekend shifts available at the museum and related departments. For more information, contact 760-757-3651 x148.

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.

Whispering Winds Catholic Camp Open House in Julian—Sunday, March 13, 17606 Harrison Park Road, Julian. Tour the new Founders Hall Building and the new Prayer Chapel. For more information, visit www.whisperingwinds.org.

Braille Institute Open House in San Diego—Friday, March 25, 9:00am-1:00pm, 4555 Executive Dr., San Diego. Learn about the free services available. For more information, contact 858-452-1111.

Women's Retreat in Carlsbad—Friday evening, April 1, and Saturday morning, April 2, Carlsbad Community Church. *Lifeway Women's Going Beyond: Life Interrupted Simulcast* by Priscilla Shirer, female Christian author and speaker. For more information, contact Debbie Galvan at 760-721-0829.

Mainly Mozart Concert Series in Carlsbad—St. Elizabeth Seton will sponsor the annual Mainly Mozart concerts at 6628

Santa Isabel St., Carlsbad, featuring world-class artists performing in a brilliant acoustics venue. Tickets are sold either separately or as a series and may be purchased with a credit card by calling 619-239-0100 or online at www.mainlymozart.org. Concerts are held at 2:00pm on the following Sundays: March 27 and May 1. Tickets are \$25, or the series can be purchased as a package for \$65; student tickets, \$10 each.

Lenten Communal Penance Services in the Area

Date	Time	Parish
Tue, Mar. 15	6:00pm	Mary Star of the Sea, Oceanside
Wed, Mar. 16	7:00pm	St. Margaret, Oceanside
Tue, Mar. 29	7:00pm	Mission San Luis Rey, Oceanside
Wed, Mar. 30	7:00pm	St. Francis, Vista
Mon, Apr. 4	7:00pm	St. Elizabeth Seton, Carlsbad
Tue, Apr. 5	7:30pm	St. Thomas More, Oceanside
Wed, Apr. 6	6:00pm	St. James-St. Leo, Solana Beach
Mon, Apr. 11	7:00pm	Nativity, Rancho Santa Fe
Tue, Apr. 12	7:00pm	St. Patrick, Carlsbad
Wed, Apr. 13	7:00pm	St. John, Encinitas
Mon, Apr. 18	6:30pm	St. Mark, San Marcos
Tue, Apr. 19	11:00am	St. Peter, Fallbrook
Tue, Apr. 19	6:00pm	St. Peter, Fallbrook

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.

eRecycle Success!—Thank you to everyone who recently brought in your electronic waste to St. Francis School during our eRecycle event. You contributed a total of 25,411 pounds of eligible electronics and earned the school \$1,300. Your support of our school is sincerely appreciated! Start saving your old electronics for next year!

St. Francis Women's Retreat in Ramona—April 1, 2, and 3 at the Oakbridge Christian Conference Center in Ramona, sponsored by the St. Francis Women's Ministry. This year's them is *Trust, Hope, Peace, Strength*. The weekend will include speakers, seminars, and activities. For more information, contact Candy at 760-310-8109, Rita at 760-622-2354, or www.stfrancis-women.org.



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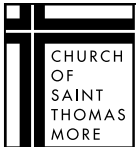
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