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*This space will be featuring different memories from our history each week..*

**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

**April 3, 2011 • Fourth Sunday of Lent**

## Pastor's Column

*Rev. Michael Ratajczak*  
*michaelr@stmoside.org*  
*760-758-4100 x100*

### Lift High the Cross of Christ!

The Cross is the major symbol of Christians. It is on the foundation of the cross that our faith is built.

The Cross and Jesus' approach to it shows us the way in which we are to approach our crosses whatever they may be.

Jesus had a choice. He could either embrace his cross or run away from it. In faith, trusting in the Father, he embraced the cross. He did not fight it, resist it, or run away from it. He surrendered. In that faithful surrender and embrace of the Cross, evil was transformed and changed into Good News—the Resurrection—new life, new hope, and new beginnings for the entire universe!

We human beings spend so much time running away from the crosses that come into our lives. We deny them. We pretend and lie to others that they do not exist. We medicate them. We abandon them. In all these ways, though, they are still there. The suffering, the pain, the illness, the death, or the sin is still very much present. The more we try to ignore or run away from our crosses, the more ill health, physically, emotionally, and spiritually we cause for ourselves and others. It is only in our embrace of the cross that transformation and healing take place.

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**Knights of Columbus Friday Dinners During Lent - 5:30-6:30pm**

**Menu for April 8: Baked Cod**  
*with vegetables, potatoes, coleslaw or tossed salad, and cornbread;*  
**Beverage Bar, plus Bob Wong's Famous Cakes and Pies**

**Adults: \$6; Children: \$4 - Table reservations available; call 760-940-9546**

**Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm**

## 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.

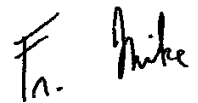
*For further information, see page 10, or call Chris Smith  
at 760-758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org.*

### Pastor's Column *(continued from page 1)*

When we acknowledge and embrace our crosses and lift them high in faith, they become the very instruments that bring new life, new hope, and new beginnings. The instrument of death becomes the instrument of life.

M. Scott Peck writes, "I cannot be any more specific about the methodology of love than to quote these words of an old priest who spent many years in the battle: 'There are dozens of ways to deal with evil and several ways to conquer it. All of them are facets of the truth that the only ultimate way to conquer evil is to let it be smothered within a willing, living human being. When it is absorbed there like blood in a sponge or a spear into one's heart, it loses its power and goes no further.' The healing of evil—scientifically or otherwise—can be accomplished only by the love of individuals. A willing sacrifice is required...I do not know how this occurs. But I know that it does...Whenever this happens there is a slight shift in the balance of power in the world."

Embrace your crosses, unite them to Christ, and lift high the Cross of Christ!



### 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.*

### Food Bank Contributions

Look for the blue barrels on the Plaza at weekend Masses to deposit your contributions for North County Community Services Food Bank in San Marcos. The most needed items include canned meats and protein, pasta and pasta sauce, boxed macaroni and cheese, and canned fruit. Thank you for your support! For more information, contact Ron Briseno at 760-758-4100 x153 or ronb@stmoside.org.

### With Gratitude....

On behalf of the Dorsa Family, we would like to extend our thanks to all of you that have given us support during this difficult time. All your prayers, thoughts, and cards have been comforting. A special "thank you" to our wonderful Bereavement Committee from the very start of planning the Funeral Liturgy, to the very end of the reception and burial service. Thank you for the beautiful worship aids printed, the music, cantor and members of the choir, the Military Guard, the reception—all of that—and all others who attended and/or participated that made that day extra special. We have received many compliments from visiting people who attended the Funeral Mass and said how beautiful and organized everything was. We believe that we gave Larry a beautiful "send off." We are truly blessed to be part of this Parish!

*—Mike and Natalie Provinse*

**Readings for the Week Ahead**

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

**Sunday, April 3 (31)**

*Fourth Sunday of Lent*  
1 Samuel 16:1b,6-7,10-13a  
Psalm 23:1-6  
Ephesians 5:8-14  
John 9:1-41

**Monday, April 4 (244)**

*Isidore, bishop, doctor*  
Isaiah 65:17-21  
Psalm 30:2,4-6,11-13  
John 4:43-54

**Tuesday, April 5 (245)**

*Vincent Ferrer, priest*  
Ezekiel 47:1-9,12  
Psalm 46:2-3,5-6,8-9  
John 5:1-16

**Wednesday, April 6 (246)**

Isaiah 49:8-15  
Psalm 145:8-9,13c-14,17-18  
John 5:17-30

**Thursday, April 7 (247)**

*John Baptist de la Salle, priest*  
Exodus 32:7-14  
Psalm 106:19-23  
John 5:31-47

**Friday, April 8 (248)**

Wisdom 2:1a,12-22  
Psalm 34:17-21,23  
John 7:1-2,10,25-30

**Saturday, April 9 (249)**

Jeremiah 11:18-20  
Psalm 7:2-3,9b-12  
John 7:40-53

**Sunday, April 10 (34)**

*Fifth Sunday of Lent*  
Ezekiel 37:12-14  
Psalm 130:1-8  
Romans 8:8-11  
John 11:1-45

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

Mary Alexander  
Laura Allenfort  
Lucia Ambriz  
Mary Balli  
Patricia Barbour  
The Cindra Bell Family  
John Bennici  
Regina Bentz  
Roseanne Berg  
George "Whitey" Betus  
Mary Betz  
Betty Jean Bielich  
Bert Botkin  
Lynda Brady  
Monica Broussard  
Janet Brown  
Jack Bruzas  
Pat Burkardt  
The Byrne Family  
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  
Karen Flaharty Daley  
Beverly de Gelder  
Judith DiMatteo  
Vivian Doering  
The Dorsa Family  
Linda Dossman  
Debbie Edmeier-Gilmore  
The Ernst Family  
Bob & Boo Falconer  
The Fiore Family  
Peggy & Jack Fischer  
Eileen Flood  
Ryan Flum  
Matthew Foster  
Kathryn Franklin  
Joe Freire  
Brian Frink  
Carmen Garcia  
The Gilmore & Cornwell Families  
Rick Gonzalez  
Eileen Gough  
Jeffrey Guyer  
Rosemary Haeffelin  
The Hale & Immerso Families  
Susan Hallahan  
The Harker Family  
Rita Harnacker  
Lillian Hills  
Susan Hori  
Iolanda Iacobelli  
Max Isaac  
Lorraine Jenkins  
Sue Johnston  
Eileen Jones  
Paul Kennedy  
Nancy Kenry  
Debbie Kinney  
Bob Kough  
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  
The Murchison Family  
Margie Myers  
Nolberto Navarro  
Cosmo Nocida  
Helen O'Connell  
Heidi Olson  
Juanita Matamala Pacheco  
Marilyn Pirkola  
Reuben & Evi Quinn  
Otila Quiroz  
Harvey Raiman  
James Ransaw  
Jack Riley  
Rita Ritchie  
Maria Rogers  
Dorothy Rouse  
The Russo Family  
Nancy Scali  
Linda Schmidt  
The Douglas E. Schulte Family  
Bob, Joan, & Julie Shea  
Elizabeth Shirzad  
Richard Sikora  
Jeanne Sisson  
Donna Smith  
Mike Snyder  
Nick Softau  
Fred Spiegl  
Gilda Spiegl  
Dorothy Staehr  
Jo & George Stephens  
Leah Stevens  
Pete Sullivan  
Maria Surmenidis  
David Sweet  
Elijah Thorsen  
Stephen Toth, Jr.  
Ngoan Tran  
Mary Tysko & Family  
Laurie Updyke  
Barbara Upson  
Arnie Velasco  
Dominic Vienna, Jr.  
Vanessa Vitiello-Koble  
Kevin Watson-Graff  
John Whitton

**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

**Calendar Highlights**

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

**The Week Ahead**

Apr 3 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass  
Apr 3 RE.A.CH Classes at Church including high school  
Apr 4 Morning Prayer  
Apr 4 Parish Mission  
Apr 5 Parish Mission with Communal Penance Service  
Apr 6 Parish Mission with Mass  
Apr 8 Knights of Columbus Lenten Dinner  
Apr 8 Stations of the Cross  
Apr 8 Men's Ministry  
Apr 10 High School RE.A.CH Classes

**The Month Ahead**

Apr 11 Women's Guild Luncheon  
Apr 12-13 Restaurant Fundraiser at Elephant Bar  
Apr 16-17 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion  
Apr 17 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass  
Apr 17 RE.A.CH Classes at Church  
Apr 21 Holy Thursday  
Apr 22 Good Friday  
Apr 23 Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil  
Apr 24 Easter Sunday  
Apr 30 Morning of Reflection on Immigration

**The Year Ahead**

May 14 Blood Drive  
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

**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.

April 4 Sr. Mariacruz Serrano Mier, MGSps
April 5 Sr. Patricia Shaffer, RSCJ
April 6 Sr. Madeline Shayota, DMI
April 7 Sr. Regina Shin, RSCJ
April 8 Sr. Paula Smith, MMM
April 9 Sr. Suzanne Snyder, SHCJ
April 10 Sr. Margaret Spence, CSN

**Mass Intentions**

Saturday, April 2, 5:00pm Eileen Kehoe ☩
Sunday, April 3, 8:30am <i>Missa pro Populo</i>
Sunday, April 3, 10:30am Theresa Burns ☩
Tuesday, April 5, 8:15am Ramona Meinsen
Wednesday, April 6, 8:15am Brendan Kane
Wednesday, April 6, 7:00pm <i>Missa pro Populo</i>
Thursday, April 7, 8:15am Judith Nichols ☩
Friday, April 8, 8:15am Helen McCullough ☩
Saturday, April 9, 5:00pm Ann Schmitt ☩
Sunday, April 10, 8:30am <i>Missa pro Populo</i>
Sunday, April 10, 10:30am Anita Nevins ☩

## In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

**Andy Murchison**, who died on March 21. His funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, April 7, at 11:00am. Please keep his son, Andy, Jr., and the family in your prayers.

**Freda Schweitzer**, who died on January 10. Her Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, April 9, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep her family in your prayers.

**Robert Hale**, who died on March 7. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, April 15, at 10:00am at St. Thomas More. He is the stepfather of Mari-Jo Porter, who predeceased him in 2009. Please keep his wife, Josephine Immerso, 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.*

## Japan Disaster Relief

Envelopes are attached to the bulletin this week for contributions toward relief for the Japan earthquake victims. Please make checks payable to Church of St. Thomas More. Proceeds will be sent on to Catholic Relief Services. Thank you!

## Annual Lenten Collection

This month has been designated for the 2011 Annual Lenten Collection. Envelopes were attached to the bulletin last week. This collection supports the works of Catholic Relief Services, the Church in Latin America, and the Church in Africa. You may designate your contribution to the causes listed on the envelope. The envelopes may be returned any time during the month of April. Thank you for your generosity!

## Morning Prayer on Lenten Mondays

During Lent, members of this faith community gather for Morning Prayer each Monday at 8:15am 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!



## STM \$scrip News

**TRY US NOW! FREE Fundraising.**

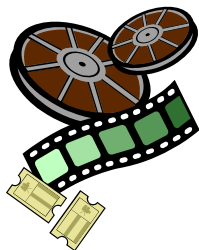
***Krikorian Scrip is back! \$8 per ticket!***

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](http://www.stmoside.org), click on Contact Us, then click on Scrip
3. Email at [scrip@stmoside.org](mailto:scrip@stmoside.org)
4. Phone at 760-758-4100 x150

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



## Social Ministries/Outreach

### A Morning of Reflection on Immigration: Your Story, Your Family's Story, The Whole Story

Saturday, April 30, 8:30am-12:30pm at St. Thomas More

Who in your family first came to the USA? Each of us has a story to tell about this great journey and the experience of trying to succeed here.

Please join us for this interfaith experience to:

- ✠ Learn about the human reality of immigration
- ✠ Examine this subject through the lens of faith

For preregistration, call: 760-758-4100 x158

### Culture of Life Baby Food Drive

The annual Baby Food Drive to benefit Birth Choice, our local Pregnancy Resource Center, will be the weekend of May 7-8 at all Masses. Share the joy of Mother's Day with some well-deserving moms. Any type of baby food or formula will be appreciated. For more information, please call Jane Kelleher at 760-822-7041.

### Marriage & Family Life Corner

**Marriage Moments**—"No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends." (John 15:13) During Lent remember the sacrifice that true love demands.

**Parenting Pointers**—April is Child Protection Month. Does your child know the basic rules of emotional safety. (If it feels wrong or uncomfortable tell your parent.) Do your schools, churches, and youth organizations follow respected child protection policies? If you don't know; find out.

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

### 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.

### Little Books for Easter

The Little White Books are now available. Continue the prayerful pattern you have set up during Lent of setting aside six minutes a day to reflect on the Scriptures using the Little Black Books. This year we are looking at the Scriptures from the Sundays of Easter.

For those of you who evangelize by sending copies to family and friends, the books are now available.

We appreciate a \$2 donation to cover the cost of the book.

**Parish Events**

**Women's Guild News**

**Bake Sale Results:** A great big "Thank You" to everyone who participated in the Bake Sale last weekend, from callers to bakers, buyers, and donators. Because of your generosity, we raised over \$1,030!

**Cupcakes and Roses!!** Come join the Women's Guild on Monday, April 11, as our own Rebecca Eyer will be the featured speaker. She will bake cupcakes ahead of time, and then demonstrate how to make beautiful roses out of dark chocolate or pastel fondant. She will then help us all to decorate our own cupcake, so we will be making our own dessert! Armed with this instruction, we can then create cupcakes for children and grandchildren and make special Easter treats! Come at 11:00am and enjoy lunch, Rebecca's presentation, and fun creating cupcake flowers. Please call Vera Bayliss at 760-739-9061 or Valerie Thompson at 760-630-1703 to make reservations. It will help Rebecca know how many cupcakes to bake and how much fondant to prepare.

**Board Meeting:** Monday, April 4, at 10:00am at Valerie's house.

**Knights of Columbus Lenten Dinners**

Come join us every Friday during Lent at 5:30pm for a delicious dinner, complete with Bob Wong's famous dessert bar. Menu varies by week. See front page for next week's menu. For more information, contact Mike at 760-940-9546.

**"Did You Know?" Collection for March 2011**  
**\$1,817.68**

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

**St. Thomas More, pray for us!**

**Pledge Statistics as of March 29**

Total Phase II Responses	# of Families Responding
Unable to pledge at this time (16 of these families have been adopted)	35
Under \$100	23
\$100 and up	221
\$1,000 and up	81
\$1,500 and up	132
\$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
<b>Total Pledges/Gifts</b>	<b>\$1,633,700</b>
<b>Still Needed</b>	<b>\$366,300</b>
<b>Total Goal</b>	<b>\$2,000,000</b>
<b>Total Collected</b>	<b>\$1,073,798</b>

Chris Smith, Director of Stewardship and Development  
 760-758-4100 x120 or [chriss@stmoside.org](mailto:chriss@stmoside.org)

**12th Anniversary Golf Classic ~ Friday, June 3**

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



- 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 dropped from the helicopter? **Tickets on sale now for \$10/ball or \$100 for 15.** Don't miss out on this terrific opportunity!



- **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!
- ◆ **Ticket sales begin May 1!**



**For more information, contact Skip Wilson at 760-330-3293 or [ripit@pacbell.net](mailto: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 Liturgy of Baptism celebrated during the Easter Vigil incorporates specific meaningful signs and symbols. As we prepare for this year's Easter Vigil, we continue with our brief meditation on these signs and symbols.

### OIL



"Your engine's frozen up," the guy in the overalls said.

"What do you mean 'frozen'?" the kid exclaimed with a mixture of surprise and sarcasm. "It's 95 degrees out!"

The older guy answered patiently, "You've got a bad oil leak. There's nothing left to lubricate the engine. Without the oil, the moving parts got too hot and they expanded. They couldn't move anymore. Your engine is all locked up, jammed up, frozen up. This car isn't going anywhere."

When we are baptized and confirmed, we are anointed on our heads with chrism, a fragrant oil. Monarchs and priests are also anointed, as are altars and churches when they are consecrated for their sacred purposes. In every case, the meaning is the same: We call upon the Holy Spirit to be present and active in this person's life, through this person's ministry, in this sacred place. Oil is used because it is an ancient custom, a sacramental sign that has many symbolic meanings. But perhaps for us car-dependent folks the clearest meaning is this: Without the Holy Spirit, we are all locked up, jammed up, and frozen up.

One translation of the Pentecost sequence puts it this way: "Light most blessed, shine on the hearts of your faithful—even in their darkest corners; for without your aid we can do nothing good, and everything is sinful."



### HANDBELL CHOIR RINGS AT FESTIVAL NEXT WEEK!

Are you interested in hearing lots and lots of handbells being rung at the same time? Musically?

Our Handbell Choir will join with a dozen other choirs as we participate at a local Spring Ring festival next weekend.

Join us at the end of the day when the hundreds of ringers ring together for a final concert.

**Saturday, April 9**

**6:00pm**

**Hope Lutheran Church**

**29141 Vallejo Avenue**

**Temecula, CA 92592-2319**

### Upcoming Music

**APRIL 10**  
**5th Sunday**  
**of Lent**

**5:00pm Mass**

Cantor &  
Congregation

**8:30am Mass**

Sanctuary Choir

**10:30am Mass**

Praise Team

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**Join the Sanctuary Choir for Easter!**  
**Three rehearsals beginning Thursday, April 7 at 7:00pm. Contact Douglas for more info!**

## 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  
(Two in a Row!)

### STM Parish Mission Is Here!



#### *Navigating Life's Whitewater Moments*

with Fr. Rusty Shaughnessey, ofm

**MONDAY**                      7:00pm                      Faith 101  
Trusting "The River of Life" Rev 22:1-2  
"God comes to us disguised as our own life" —Paula D'Arcy

**TUESDAY**                      7:00pm                      Hope 101  
Making Peace with Change  
"I have come to bring you a peace the world cannot" —John 6:20  
(Includes Communal Penance Service)

**WEDNESDAY**                      7:00pm                      Grace 101  
Surviving Gravity  
"The waiter tasted the water now made wine" —John 2:9  
(Includes Mass)

This is a great opportunity for local evangelization!  
Reach out to your neighbors and friends,  
and invite them to come with you to our Parish Mission.

### PBJ Update

Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center

2011 Goal:                      365  
Collected to date:        208



## YOUTH MINISTRY

### Middle School

#### ✦ EPIC

(Encrypting People in Christ)

Our next meeting is Sunday, April 10—tell everyone you know—this night will be exciting because YOU are a part of it. We will explore through games, deep conversation, and small groups. I will be contacting parents this week about our Mom Squad for food for our middle school teens. More parent help is welcome!

### High School

#### ✦ IGNITE

Now that we have been fed physically by Dinner time, we are going to feed ourselves spiritually. Next Monday IGNITE will join with our Parish in the Parish Mission, called *Navigating Life's White Water Moments*. We will meet in the upper level at 7:00pm. We will be sitting in the "teen section" of the raft. 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

Do something that responds to God's love for you and the people in your life. Come join us in this service, for a generation that needs your help. If you are Confirmed, I openly welcome you to come and help us. We are building and fostering an environment that is in love with God. Be the salt of the earth.

We meet on **Thursday** evenings at 7:00pm.

### Steubenville San Diego 2011!!!

I know you are all excited to see this!!! Steubenville San Diego is an amazing weekend filled with faith, music, dynamic speakers, Catholic teens, Our Lord, and the one thing that will make it better is YOU! Let's make this one to remember, bring everyone you know! It is July 29-31 and will be at San Diego State University. The cost is \$200 per person, which includes EVERYTHING (room, food, and shirts). I will also be needing adult chaperones for this weekend; please let me know if you are interested. Pick up a registration form from my office. Payment plans will be accepted. Forms and \$50 deposit due no later than May 1.

*Marc*  
Marc Raymundo  
Youth Advocate

# Stewardship & Development

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## CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

### Am I in Need of a Gratitude Adjustment?

As we become old enough to drive and can afford the luxury of owning an automobile, most of us will encounter the need to periodically align and rebalance the tires. Typically, this will result from normal driving habits, wear and tear, and most likely some contact with curbs or other objects that sometimes get in the way of our journey. The rebalance and alignment becomes necessary to preserve the life of the tires and to smooth out the ride.

The same applies to God's gift of life to each of us. Regularly, we should prayerfully reflect upon how thankful we are for life and all of God's grace and giftedness. This reflection will hopefully result in some realignment and rebalancing of the manner in which we are sharing our giftedness, thus smoothing out our journey and the hope of achieving the gift of eternal life in Heaven. Where am I in this journey? How well is it aligned and balanced?

God's grace and giftedness encompasses all that I am, all that I have, and all that I ever will be. Where am I in the process of recognizing, receiving, accepting, and sharing (generously, sacrificially, and proportionately) of my God-given giftedness in love of God and neighbor?

What obstacles may be getting in the way? Where are my priorities? What is the level of my commitment to and practice of my Faith? Am I allowing our secular culture of numerous destructive "isms" (individualism, consumerism, materialism, egoism, relativism, etc.) to unbalance my attitude of gratitude journey? If necessary, a rebalancing and realignment process will involve that of reevaluating one's basic Baptismal call to discipleship and that of being called forth in action to carry it out in the Sacrament of Confirmation.



Let each of us set aside time in prayer to discern what the necessary rebalancing and realignment areas are in our daily lives. Then seek to develop and facilitate, in committed action, that attitude of gratitude in thanksgiving for God's grace and giftedness. For it is only in this way that we will have a smooth journey, balanced and

properly aligned, thus achieving that ultimate and cherished gift of eternal life in Heaven.

—Dan Loughman, *The Catholic Steward*, March 2011 (with permission)

**Life is not a dress rehearsal ~**

## STM Vehicle Donation Program

Do you have a vehicle you want to donate?

The St. Thomas More program is easy!

Call us, and we'll have it picked up.

**You get the tax deduction!**

All we need is clear title. Non-operational is OK!

**Since 2006 we have netted over \$21,000 from this program. Thank you donors!**



**For more information, contact the Parish Office:  
 760-758-4100 x100 or [parishoffice@stmoside.org](mailto:parishoffice@stmoside.org)**

## 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: \$26,456**

**Number of families contributing: 201**

The ten acres of land on which our Parish Campus is being built was a gift from the Diocese of San Diego. Please pray for our "sister Parishes" and consider making a pledge/gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Thank you!

## Collection for Week of March 26/27, 2011

Number of Registered Households		1,019
Offertory*	\$	6,714.04
Offertory (Loose Collection)		1,104.00
Children's envelopes		1.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,819.04</b>

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

## Ways to Help Support Your Parish

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

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

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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](http://www.birthchoice.net).

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

**Award-winning Christian Film from Russia, *The Island (Ostrov)*, Coming to Carlsbad**—Sunday, April 3, 3:00pm, Carlsbad Village Theatre, 2822 State St., Carlsbad. For more information contact Christopher Hetrick at 858-t92-5572 or [cbhetrick@htomail.com](mailto:cbhetrick@htomail.com). Watch the trailer at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c4eOwnQZhSw>.

**Vocation Retreat Day for Young Women in San Diego**—Sunday, April 3, 9:00am-2:30pm, Nazareth House, 6333 Rancho Mission Rd., San Diego. For more information, contact Sr. Fintan at 310-614-9570, Sr. Margaret at 619-624-9215, or [sfintan@nazarethhouse.org](mailto:sfintan@nazarethhouse.org).

**Healing Mass in Carlsbad**—Thursday, April 14, 9:30am, St. Elizabeth Seton Parish Hall, 6628 Santa Isabel, Carlsbad, with Fr. Mike Barry. On-site childcare is available. For more information, call Angie at 760-436-3875.

**Summer Camp for Kids in Descanso**—Weekly sessions during July and August. Open House on Sunday, June 26, 1:00-4:00pm. Owned by the Sisters of Social Service; in operation for 60 years. For information and online registration, visit [www.campoliver.com](http://www.campoliver.com) or [facebook.com/campoliver](http://facebook.com/campoliver) or call 619-445-5945.

**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 5:00pm Mass. All are welcome. For more information, call 888-590-5095.

### Lenten Communal Penance Services in the Area

Date	Time	Parish
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.

**Alumni Needed**—St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School in Vista is seeking to establish contact with all school alumni in preparation for the school's 50th anniversary to be celebrated in the Fall. All former school staff and alumni are asked to contact the school office at 760-630-7960 or email [info@sfs-vista.org](mailto:info@sfs-vista.org). Alumni are also encouraged to visit and join the St. Francis of Assisi Parish School (Vista) Alumni Facebook page.

**Annual Auction and Casino Night**—Saturday, June 4, at Fr. Ullman and St. Clare Halls. There will be priceless auction items handcrafted by St. Francis School students, autographed memorabilia, entertainment opportunities in San Diego, and fun activities for your child. For more information, contact the school office at 760-630-7960.



### Ms. Libby Caplinger Preschool Teacher

Ms. Libby is one of the five dedicated preschool teachers at St. Francis Preschool. She has been a teacher for 30 years, with 19 of those years at St. Francis Preschool.

Growing up, Ms. Libby often helped the Kindergarten teachers at her elementary school and began to take child development classes in high school.

Ms. Libby is most excited to have the opportunity to teach religion in the classroom. Her #1 goal in teaching the children is for her students to leave preschool with the love of God in their hearts.

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