

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, which is April 16-17 this year. This special time continues with Triduum—Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday with Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday. Please join us. See page 3 for time details.

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

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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 10, 2011 • Fifth Sunday of Lent

Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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Hospitality—A Way of Life

Many wonderful comments were made regarding Fr. Rusty Shaughnessy's Parish Mission this past week.

Fr. Rusty also had many very positive comments regarding life here at St. Thomas More, especially recognizing the great spirit of STM hospitality. This reminded me of a previous Pastor's Column that I had written, and thought it would bear repeating:

Here at St. Thomas More, a hallmark of our weekend liturgies is hospitality. The climate is one of care, concern, and a desire to know one another, especially the newcomer, the guest.

This spirit of hospitality does not just happen. It takes concerted effort and a commitment to do things differently—to be deliberate in our interaction with each other.

As a Faith Community, when we gather to celebrate, we commit ourselves to be welcoming to the stranger in our midst, to the one who may be with us for the first time.

Also, we dedicate ourselves to each other, who come week after week. We commit ourselves to getting to know each other, to sharing our stories, and to supporting each other on life's journey.

Hospitality is a hallmark of a Christian, an attitude that we are to carry with us in all the situations of our everyday lives.

I share with you some thoughts about hospitality from Fr. Henri Nouwen. These words are taken from his book, **Reaching Out**:

Hospitality means primarily the creation of a free space where the stranger can enter and become a friend instead of an enemy. Hospitality is not to change people, but to offer them space where change can take place. It is not to bring men and women over to our side, but to offer freedom not disturbed by dividing lines.

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Did You Know?

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

Our Mission is to: worship God,

Mass Schedule:

Saturday at 5:00pm; Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am;
Tuesday-Friday at 8:15am;
watch bulletin for holydays

Rite of Reconciliation (Confession):

Saturday from 4:00-4:30pm (or by appointment)

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

Liturgical Ministry: Contact Douglas Lynn at 760-758-4100 x140

Music Ministry: Contact Douglas Lynn at 760-758-4100 x140

Communion for the Homebound/Hospitalized:

Contact Parish Office at 760-758-4100 x100

Anointing of the Sick: Contact Parish Office

Matrimony:

Contact Parish Office a minimum of nine months in advance

*For further information, call Rev. Michael Ratajczak
at 760-758-4100 x100 or michaelr@stmoside.org.*

teach and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ,

Inquiry into the Catholic Faith:

First and third Thursday evenings

Religious Education for Youth & Children:

Two times a month, September-May, on Sundays

Religious Education for Adults: Various times, September-May

Liturgy of the Word for Children: 8:30am and 10:30am Masses

Little Rock Scripture Study:

Weekly sessions, morning or evening

High School Youth Ministry: Monday evenings

Middle School Youth Ministry:

Two Monday evenings per month

Preparation for the Sacraments:

Baptism (for infants):

Begins with an appointment with the Pastor

Baptism (7-14 yrs.)/RCIA:

One to two year process with children and parents

Baptism (adults)/RCIA:

One to two year process; weekly sessions

First Reconciliation: In home process begins in Level 1

First Communion:

In home process begins after First Reconciliation

Confirmation: Minimum two year process of preparation;
begins in high school

*For further information, call Kathleen Bell
at 760-758-4100 x110 or kathleenb@stmoside.org.*

and serve God's people in word and deed.

There are many groups who serve our Parishioners
and provide outreach to the local community.

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

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

It is not to lead our neighbor into a corner where there are no alternatives left, but to open a wide spectrum of options for choice and commitment. It is not an educated intimidation with good books, good stories, and good works, but the liberation of fearful hearts so that words can find roots and bear ample fruit.

It is not a method of making our God and our way into the criteria of happiness, but the opening of an opportunity to others to find their God and their way.

The paradox of hospitality is that it wants to create emptiness, not a fearful emptiness, but a friendly emptiness where strangers can enter and discover themselves as created free; free to sing their own songs, speak their own languages, dance their own dances; free also to leave and follow their own vocations.

Hospitality is not a subtle invitation to adopt the life style of the host, but the gift of a chance for the guest to find his own.

Let us continue to challenge each other to make hospitality a way of life here at St. Thomas More!

F. n. Mike

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.

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.

Readings for the Week Ahead

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

Sunday, April 10 (34)
Fifth Sunday of Lent
Ezekiel 37:12-14
Psalm 130:1-8
Romans 8:8-11
John 11:1-45
Monday, April 11 (251)
Daniel 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62
Psalm 23:1-6
John 8:1-11
Tuesday, April 12 (252)
Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm 102:2-3,16-21
John 8:21-30
Wednesday, April 13 (253)
Martin I, pope, martyr
Daniel 3:14-20,91-92,95
Daniel 3:52-56 (Psalm)
John 8:31-42
Thursday, April 14 (254)
Genesis 17:3-9
Psalm 105:4-9
John 8:51-59
Friday, April 15 (255)
Jeremiah 20:10-13
Psalm 18:2-7
John 10:31-42
Saturday, April 16 (256)
Exodus 37:21-28
Jeremiah 31:10-13 (Psalm)
John 11:45-56
Sunday, April 17 (37, 38)
Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
Matthew 21:1-11 (Procession)
Isaiah 50:4-7
Psalm 22:8-9,17-20,23-24
Philippians 2:6-11
Matthew 26:14-27:66

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

Mary Alexander
Laura Allenfort
Lucia Ambriz
Mary Balli
Patricia Barbour
Clarice Bednarz
John Bennici
Regina Bentz
Roseanne Berg
George "Whitey" Betus
Mary Betz
Betty Jean Bielich
Bert Botkin
Lynda Brady
Monica Broussard
Janet Brown
Jack Bruzas
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
Thomas Cornwell & Family
Pat Crafton
Karen Flaharty Daley
Beverly de Gelder
Judith DiMatteo
Vivian Doering
The Dorsa Family
Linda Dossman
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
June Hubner
Iolanda Iacobelli
Max Isaac
Anna Rose Jacobson
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
Helen Pingtella
Marilyn Pirkola
Reuben & Evi Quinn
Otila Quiroz
James Ransaw
The Ratajczak Family
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
Jeanne Sisson
Donna Smith
Mike Snyder
Nick Soltau
Fred & Gilda Spiegl
Dorothy Staehr
Jo & George Stephens
Leah Stevens
Pete Sullivan
Maria Surmenidis
David Sweet
Elijah Thorsen
Stephen Toth, Jr.
Mary Tysko & Family
Laurie Updyke
Barbara Upson
Arnie Velasco
Dominic Vienna, Jr.
Vanessa Vitiello-Koble
Kevin Watson-Graff
John Whitton

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 9, 5:00pm Ann Schmitt ☩
Sunday, April 10, 8:30am <i>Missa pro Populo</i>
Sunday, April 10, 10:30am Anita Nevins ☩
Tuesday, April 12, 8:15am Leora Messina
Wednesday, April 13, 8:15am Maria Elena Gonzalez
Wednesday, April 13, 9:30am All living relatives of Raymond J. O'Toole, Jr. <i>Pacific Place</i>
Thursday, April 14, 8:15am Bill Cracknell ☩
Friday, April 15, 8:15am George Kleekamp ☩
Saturday, April 16, 5:00pm Bernie Weiler ☩
Sunday, April 17, 8:30am Lewis Garrett ☩
Sunday, April 10, 10:30am Robert Ratajczak ☩

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
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

*Thank you for your prayers for
Lcpl Greg Bergman, USMC
who has returned home safely*

Calendar Highlights

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

The Week Ahead

Apr 10 High School RE.A.CH Classes
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

The Month Ahead

Apr 21 Holy Thursday
Mass at 6:00pm
Apr 22 Good Friday
Morning Prayer at 8:15am
Liturgy at 12:00pm
Stations at 3:00pm
Liturgy at 7:00pm
Apr 23 Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil
Morning Prayer at 8:15am
Food Blessing at 11:00am
Easter Vigil at 8:00pm
Apr 24 Easter Sunday
Masses at 6:30am, 8:30am, and 10:30am
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
Oct 1-21 Stewardship Awareness/Renewal

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 11 Sr. Virginia (Gloria) Sturgeon, SSND
April 12 Sr. Columba Joseph Sullivan, CSN
April 13 Sr. Adrienne Taitano, SSND
April 14 Sr. Mary Maselina Tevaga, CSN
April 15 Sr. Joyce Anne Thomas, CSJO
April 16 Sr. Maria Thomas, OCD
April 17 Sr. Zita Toto, OLC

Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioners

James & Lisette Hay & Family
Todd & Terri Novacek & Family

In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

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.

Jack Ratajczak, who died on April 2. Jack is the brother of Fr. Mike Ratajczak. Funeral services will be private. Please keep 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 were attached to the bulletin last 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 previously. 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.

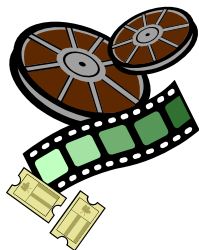
Krikorian Scrip is back! \$8 per ticket!

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, 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

Get On the Bus—How You Can Help

We are still accepting items for the bus trip (listed on the flyer in the bulletin last week). New, inexpensive backpacks are especially appreciated. You may bring items to the Parish Office during the week.



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

Project Linus: Happy, Happy, Happy!

The Project Linus Coffee was beautifully supported by the STM Quilters who sized and sewed labels in forty-three hand-made blankets. The quilted, knitted, and crocheted blankets provide security for sick, abused, or needy children. Three volunteers attended the Annual Altrusa Fashion Show fundraiser in San Diego on April 2. Altrusa International sponsors Project Linus in San Diego County. If you are interested in supporting Project Linus, please contact Mary Coxon at 760-599-8760.

Holy Thursday Dinners on April 21 at 7:45pm

Our Parish has a tradition on Holy Thursday to have dinners in Parishioners' homes after the liturgy. Loaves of bread and bottles of wine are blessed at Mass for consumption at these dinners. We need "Hosts" who provide the setup and main dish in their home, and "Guests" who will be assigned to those homes and bring a dish to share. Host families determine the number of Guests they can accommodate and if their home is suitable for children. This is a random assignment of Guests to Host homes, meant as a way to meet new fellow Parishioners as well as extend the blessings and meaning of this holy night.

If you would like to organize your own gathering with friends on this day, please feel free to let us know the numbers of guests participating and we will include you in our numbers and offer you blessed bread and wine to take home after Mass.

Deadline for signups: Tuesday, April 12. For more information, contact Henny at 760-758-4100 x100.

Marriage & Family Life Corner

The Bishops' Letter on Marriage—Love and Life In The Divine Plan: Marriage and the Community—"The marital vocation is not a private or merely personal affair. Yes, marriage is a deeply personal union and relationship, but it is also for the good of the Church and the entire community." To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

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 and click on Ministries, Marriage & Family Life or contact Jen Frost at 760-758-4100 x100.

Parish Events

Women's Guild News

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. The nominating committee will present their proposed slate of officers at this meeting. 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.

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. The menu for April 15 features Baked Cod. For more information, contact Mike at 760-940-9546.

Spirited Seniors to Visit Stone Brewing Company

Join us on Wednesday, April 27, for a tour, free samples, and lunch (menu range \$13-21). Carpooling available. The group is limited to the first 25 people who respond. Deadline to register is April 20. For more information, contact Ron Danielson at 760-945-7640 or Jerry Buoniconti at 760-758-5113.

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

St. Thomas More, pray for us!

Pledge Statistics as of April 5

Total Phase II Responses	# of Families Responding	
Unable to pledge at this time (16 of these families have been adopted)		36
	Under \$100	23
	\$100 and up	222
	\$1,000 and up	81
	\$1,500 and up	132
	\$2,500 and up	90
	\$4,500 and up	29
	\$6,000 and up	21
	\$10,000 and up	20
	\$25,000 and up	3
	\$50,000 and up	4
Total Pledges/Gifts	\$1,636,080	661
Still Needed	\$363,920	360
Total Goal	\$2,000,000	1,021
Total Collected	\$1,095,378	

Chris Smith, Director of Stewardship and Development
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12th Anniversary Golf Classic ~ Friday, June 3



- 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**

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.** Join us on the Plaza June 3 at 4:30pm for this EXCITING event!



- **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 ticket for \$20; each is accompanied by a glass of champagne or sparkling cider on June 3.
- ◆ 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

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.

VOWS

For most people, the word vow conjures up the phrase "for better, for worse, in sickness or health, forsaking all others, till death do us part."

Unlike a contract, which specifies exactly what is expected—I will fix your roof by a certain date; you will pay me a certain amount of money—a vow is an absolute commitment, a sign that you have entered into a special kind of relationship called a "covenant." When a couple marries, each one vows to be faithful to the other no matter what circumstances arise. The decision is made. They have only to live by it. It sounds simple, but the community of parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles and friends witnesses to the fact that it is not easy—but it is worth it.

When we celebrate the sacrament of baptism, we forsake all others—Satan, his empty works, his empty promises—and profess faith; that is, we commit ourselves to live in covenant with the one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for now and for

always, no matter what comes. Saint Paul says that nothing can separate us baptized from the love of Christ: not trial, distress, persecution, hunger, nakedness, or danger, not even death (Romans 8:37-39). Being faithful is not always easy, but the saints and martyrs and all the blessed ones who have gone before us and the ones who walk among us attest that it is worth it. And we know that God will always be faithful to the covenant, as promised to Noah when God spread the first rainbow over the earth and vowed never again would all be lost (Genesis 9:14).

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A SENSE OF THE SEASON

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Palm Sunday is the Sunday of Holy Week within the Lenten Season. The liturgical color is deep scarlet red, the color of blood, indicating Christ's supreme redemptive sacrifice. We come together for this solemn celebration as Christ enters his own city to complete his work as our Savior, to suffer, to die, to rise again.

The palm branch is a symbol of triumph and victory, while the crown of thorns symbolizes the passion of Christ. We gather to process with our blessed palm branches and hear the singing of the Passion of our Lord. We stand with Christ in his suffering.

*Kathy Arciero
 Liturgy Committee Chairman*

Upcoming Music

APRIL 17
Palm Sunday
of the
Lord's Passion
5:00pm Mass

Cantor &
 Congregation

8:30am Mass

Cantor &
 Congregation

10:30am Mass

Cantor &
 Congregation

JOIN US FOR THE CELEBRATION!!! HOLY WEEK AND THE EASTER VIGIL

Palm Sunday—On this day we celebrate Christ's entrance into Jerusalem to accomplish his paschal mystery.

Holy Thursday—On this day we celebrate the institution of the Eucharist and Christ's commandment of love.

Good Friday—On this day we celebrate the Lord's Passion and death.

The Easter Vigil—On this night we proclaim Christ's resurrection, meditate on the wonderful things God has done for us, baptize new members of the Church, and accept the call to the table which the Lord has prepared for his people through his death and resurrection.

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

Prayer Partners

Almost 70 members of our parish family are preparing to celebrate Sacraments during the upcoming Easter Season. Every parishioner bears responsibility to participate in this formation. A very real way of doing this is through prayer.

On the First Sunday of Lent prayer partner cards were offered at all the Masses so that each of us can pray specifically for a member of our family that is depending on us. If you did not get a prayer partner, there are more cards on the lower level, outside the Faith Formation Office.



Please 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.

Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving

YES! Spring is in the air!

- Do you still have bookshelves that need cleaning off?
- How 'bout those CD's and DVD's you're never going to listen to or watch again?

Thanks for continuing to bring them to the Faith Formation Office so we can get them to North County Solutions for Change. Remember, this form of almsgiving:

*One book, CD or DVD =
One Homeless Child's Life Changed for One Day*

PBJ Update

Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center

2011 Goal: 365
Collected to date: 226



YOUTH MINISTRY

Middle School

✘ EPIC

(Encrypting People in Christ)

Meeting Sunday, April 10—tell everyone you know—this night will be exciting because YOU are a part of it. Everyone has something and a gift to offer the group. I hope you will consider to grow with each other in this community. 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

It is time to look at "Hand me downs!", this night will be filled with laughter and games. Things from our heritage and families are rich and bring meaning to our lives. This will be a night to share and find out more about each other. Who would you bring? Who needs God in their lives? And who do you wish would come with you here? We have seen many good things come out of this night! See you there!

✘ LEAD

Creativity and working for a cause! We want you here with us and can always use the 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, 2011 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.

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CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

There is still time to give up something for Lent!

Try one of the following:

- Give up complaining focus on gratitude.
- Give up cynicism become an optimist.
- Give up harsh judgments think kindly thoughts.
- Give up worry trust in the Lord.
- Give up discouragement become more hopeful.
- Give up bitterness turn to forgiveness.
- Give up resentment cultivate some humility.
- Give up negativism be more positive.
- Give up anger be more patient.
- Give up pettiness become mature.
- Give up gloom learn to smile.
- Give up jealousy adopt a generous attitude.
- Give up gossiping control your tongue.
- Give up tension find more humor.
- Give up giving up be persistent in prayer!



A fresh opportunity to integrate stewardship practice into life — at home, work, school, on-the-road, with friends and neighbors... everywhere. Let us strive to rethink, recommit, and rededicate our daily living with focus and determination to reflect caring discipleship and service throughout the year.

—Suzanne Erpenbach, ICSC Parish Stewardship, April 2011, with permission

Yes, Lord, I am here to do your will.

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:
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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: \$28,121

Number of families contributing: 221

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 April 2/3, 2011

Number of Registered Households		1,021
Offertory*	\$	16,173.54
Offertory (Loose Collection)		1,089.00
Children's envelopes		0.00
Total	\$	17,262.54

* 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.

St. Francis and St. Thomas More Offertory Envelopes

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News from the Larger Church

Catholic Radio in San Diego—Includes Catholic Answers, interviews and discussions by Diocesan staff, youth programs, and more. Visit www.catholicradioofsandiego.com for details.

Palm Sunday Concert in Rancho Bernardo—*Who Do You Say That I Am?* Sunday, April 17, 3:00pm, San Rafael Catholic Church, 17252 Bernardo Center Drive, Rancho Bernardo. A Palm Sunday work by contemporary composer Lloyd Larson, performed by the Parish Choir. For more information, call 858-587-4314.

Workshop for Divorced and Separated in El Cajon—*The Divorce Healing Ministry* of St. Luke's Parish invites those going through a separation and divorce to a 12-week program of recovery entitled, *The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide*. Our support group meets on the first and third Tuesdays, 7:00-9:00pm at the Church of St. Luke, 1980 Hillsdale Rd., El Cajon. You can start and end the series at any time. No charge. Seating limited; call to reserve your place with us: 619-401-6445.

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.

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 or facebook.com/campoliver or call 619-445-5945.

Weekly Rosary in Carlsbad—A group of North County parishioners meets every Monday from 10:00-10:30am to peacefully pray the rosary in front of the Carlsbad Planned Parenthood Clinic. The clinic is located at 1820 Marron Road, in the shopping center just west of Plaza Camino Real Mall. Please join us in our prayers to promote a culture of life. For more information, please call Richard Hodges at 760-439-3415 or Jahna White at 760-586-6356.

Lenten Communal Penance Services in the Area

Date	Time	Parish
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.

School Golf Tournament—Monday, May 9, at Vista Valley Country Club in Vista. \$125 entry fee includes golf, 20 raffle tickets, Closest to the Pin Contest, and BBQ lunch. Hole sponsorships: \$100. For more information, call the school at 760-630-7960.

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. Katie Marley 3rd Grade Teacher

This is Ms. Marley's 6th year at St. Francis School and 3rd year as 3rd grade teacher. Ms.

Marley received her degree in Psychology from UC Riverside where she discovered her passion for working with children.

An alumni of St. Francis School, she is currently a parishioner at St. Thomas More Church.

Ms. Marley especially enjoys watching her students get excited about what they are learning. Recess Duty is Ms. Marley's favorite part of the week as she gets to watch her students' personalities flourish in a social setting.

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