

Join us for Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 23, at 8:00pm, when we celebrate the history of our faith, the reception of new adult members into our faith community, and the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ!



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

A Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of San Diego

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**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 17, 2011 • Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**

**Pastor's Column**

*Rev. Michael Ratajczak*  
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**My Lenten Journey**

This Season of Lent has been the most difficult, but the most meaningful of my life.

For a variety of reasons, my surgery which should have taken place at the end of January or the beginning of February was postponed until March 8—Mardi Gras, the day before Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. Coincidence? I don't think so...

The doctor told me that I would need some four to six weeks for recuperation. He said it, but I did not "hear" it. Fr. Rich Lewandowski was able to provide Parish coverage for three

weeks. So, in my head, I said that I would be fully healed and ready to get back to the Parish, the day after he left. That would all be very convenient!

The three weeks of recuperation came and went, and I had, with great difficulty, to surrender to the reality that I was nowhere near being recovered and ready for Parish activity.

As this is being written, I am in the fifth week of recuperation, still a week short of what the doctor recommended.

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**Holy Week**

**Thursday, April 21** 6:00pm Mass of The Lord's Supper until 10:00pm • Exposition of the Eucharist

**Saturday, April 23** 8:15am Morning Prayer  
11:00am Blessing of Easter Food  
8:00pm The Easter Vigil

**Friday, April 22** 8:15am Morning Prayer  
12:00pm Good Friday of the Lord's Passion  
3:00pm Stations of the Cross  
7:00pm Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

**Sunday, April 24** 6:30am Easter Sunday Mass  
8:30am Easter Sunday Mass  
10:30am Easter Sunday Mass

## 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)*

I am feeling much like Lazarus from last week's Gospel. I am in the tomb waiting to hear the voice of Jesus saying: "Come out and live again."

But I am not hearing that voice yet, and my Lent may be more than six weeks, and my Easter may come after April 24. God does not follow our calendars. All things are in God's time and in God's ways.

Lent is a time when we often give up things or activities. This Lent I have been forced to surrender to my reality, to give up control, to give up being in charge, to allow others to do for me, and to simply wait quietly for the healing to take place at its own time and pace, not mine.

This has been, and is, very difficult for me. Next week is Holy Week, and I am not sure, at this point, if I have the energy for all the activities it entails. We will see.

To not be with my Parish family for Holy Week would be one of the greatest Lenten sacrifices for me, but in the spirit of Lent and my recuperation it may be necessary.

I hope, this week, to begin celebrating a Mass here and there. We will see.

Though I have not been present for Masses, the administrative work of the Parish has continued. Thanks to our very dedicated and competent Staff, we continue to move forward, thanks to the internet and e-mails that help to provide constant communication as if I was in the Office.

It is very important for you to know that the building program, the construction of our Permanent Worship Space and Parish Offices, continues to move forward. It has not been stalled due to my surgery and recuperation.

The Architect, Renzo Zecchetto, and the Liturgical Consultant, Robert Habiger, are in communication with me and with our New Construction Committee Chairperson, Brian Leahey, and with the Interior Design Team Chairpersons, Phil and Pat Goscienski.

Also, I want to thank each and every one of you for the cards, the gifts, the e-mails, the meals that were provided, and most importantly, the prayers. All is so very much appreciated, and is instrumental in the healing process.

Finally, I ask for your prayers for my brother Jack, and his family. Jack died on April 2.

I am the youngest of my siblings, the last of six. My brother Jack was fifth. Three of my brothers, Ray, Bob, and Jack, have now died. My oldest brother, Jerry, and my sister, Romaine, and I remain.

As we celebrate Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, we begin Holy Week. Let us once again unite our crosses to the cross of Christ. Let us surrender to the realities of our lives, let us let go of those things that take us away from Jesus, and grab hold of those things that will bring us closer.

In the union of our crosses to the Cross of Christ, we find not death, but new life, new hope, and new beginnings!

*F. Mike*

**Readings for the Week Ahead**

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

**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

**Monday, April 18 (257)**  
Isaiah 42:1-7  
Psalm 27:1-3,13-14  
John 12:1-11

**Tuesday, April 19 (258)**  
Isaiah 49:1-6  
Psalm 71:1-4a,5-6ab,15,17  
John 13:21-33,36-38

**Wednesday, April 20 (259)**  
Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Psalm 69:8-10,21-22,31,33-34  
Matthew 26:14-25

**Thursday, April 21 (39)**  
*Mass of the Lord's Supper*  
Exodus 12:1-8,11-14  
Psalm 116:12-13,15-16bc,17-18  
1 Corinthians 11:23-26  
John 13:1-15

**Friday, April 22 (40)**  
*Good Friday of the Lord's Passion*  
Isaiah 52:13-53:12  
Psalm 31:2,6,12-13,15-17,25  
Hebrews 4:14-16;5:7-9  
John 18:1-19:42

**Saturday, April 23 (41)**  
*The Easter Vigil*  
Genesis 1:1-2:2  
Psalm 104:1-2,5-6,10,12-14,34-35  
Genesis 22:1-18  
Exodus 14:15-15:1  
Isaiah 54:5-14  
Isaiah 55:1-11  
Baruch 3:9-15,32-4:4  
Ezekiel 36:16-17a,18-28  
Romans 6:3-11  
Psalm 118:1-2,16-17,22-23  
Matthew 28:1-10

**Sunday, April 24 (42)**  
*Easter Sunday*  
Acts 10:34a,37-43  
Psalm 118:1-2,16-17,22-23  
1 Corinthians 5:6b-8  
John 20:1-9

**Mass Intentions**

Saturday, April 16, 5:00pm Bernie Weiler ☩
Sunday, April 17, 8:30am Lewis Garrett ☩
Sunday, April 17, 10:30am Robert Ratajczak ☩
Tuesday, April 19, 8:15am Natalie Warren
Wednesday, April 20, 8:15am Ron Bush ☩
Thursday, April 21, 6:00pm Charles Langeweg ☩
Sunday, April 24, 6:30am Jess Dagdayan ☩
Sunday, April 24, 8:30am Tom McGeary ☩
Sunday, April 24, 10:30am Al Smith ☩

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

The Aguilar & Garcia Families  
Mary Alexander  
Laura Allenfort  
Lucia Ambriz  
Mary Balli  
Patricia Barbour  
Clarice Bednarz  
Dawn Belprez  
John Bennici  
Regina Bentz  
Roseanne Berg  
George "Whitey" Betus  
Mary Betz  
The Botkin Family  
Lynda Brady  
Ethel Brogan  
Monica Broussard  
George Brown  
Janet Brown  
Jack Bruzas  
The Byrne Family  
Shelby Campbell  
Brianna Campos  
Claudia Caplinger  
Paul Cassidy  
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  
The Doering Family  
The Dorsa Family  
Linda Dossman  
The Ernst Family  
Bob & Boo Falconer  
The Fiore Family  
Peggy & Jack Fischer  
The Flood Family  
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  
Lilian Hills  
Susan Hori  
June Hubner  
Iolanda Iacobelli  
Max Isaac  
Anna Rose Jacobson  
Sue Johnston  
Eileen Jones  
Paul Kennedy  
Nancy Kenry  
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 Mikriddle  
June Mitchell  
Nancy Moore  
The Murchison Family  
Margie Myers  
Nolberto Navarro  
Cosmo Nocida  
Helen O'Connell  
Heidi Olson  
Juanita Matamala Pacheco  
Lupe Casas Pelletier  
Helen Pingtella  
Logan Plant  
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  
Mike Snyder  
Nick Sohtau  
Drew Spangler  
Fred Spiegl  
Gilda Spiegl  
The St. Ours & Rhoades Families  
Jo & George Stephens  
Pete Sullivan  
Maria Surmenidis  
David Sweet  
Elijah Thorsen  
Stephen Toth, Jr.  
Mary Tysko & Family  
Laurie Updyke  
Arnie Velasco  
Theresa Vesci  
Lucy Vienna  
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 Berman  
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

**Calendar Highlights**

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

**The Week Ahead**

**Apr 20 Parish Office and Blessed Sacrament Chapel closed from Noon on April 20 through April 25**  
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

**The Month Ahead**

Apr 25 Parish Office and Blessed Sacrament Chapel closed; reopening on Apr 26  
Apr 30 Morning of Reflection on Immigration

**The Year Ahead**

May 22 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  
Dec 4 Towers of Faith Reception

*Questions? Contact Henny at 760-758-4100 x100*

**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 18 Sr. Martha Cecilia Tovar, CVI
April 19 Sr. Lisa Turay, CSJO
April 20 Sr. Maria Paz Uribe, SJS
April 21 Sr. Maria Luisa Valdez, OLVN
April 22 Sr. Lilia del Carmen Vega Moreno, SJS
April 23 Sr. Fatima Viamontes, RJM
April 24 Sr. Eloisa Vilches, SJS

## In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

**Mingo Aguilar**, who died on April 2. His Funeral Mass was celebrated last week in Los Angeles. Mingo is the cousin of staff member Joe Garcia. Please keep the family in your prayers.

**Vivian Doering**, who died on April 6. Her Funeral Mass was celebrated on April 14 in Escondido. Vivian is the mother of Parishioner Steve Doering. Please keep the family in your prayers.

**Eileen Flood**, who died on April 7. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday, April 18, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep her husband, Frank, and the family in your prayers.

**Bert Botkin**, who died on April 11. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 19, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep his wife, Peggy, and the family in your prayers.

**Dolores St. Ours**, who died this week. Her Funeral Mass will be on Thursday, April 28, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Dolores is the mother of Parishioner Nicole Rhoades. 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!

## STM Scrip News

### TRY US NOW! FREE Fundraising.

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

*There will not be a Scrip table after Masses on Palm Sunday, April 16-17 and Easter Sunday, April 23-24. However, orders may be picked up at the Parish Office during office hours.*

*Resuming April 30-May1, 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 recently). 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.

## Culture of Life News

**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.

**Catholic Radio**—Our local Catholic radio station has a program every Thursday evening at 6:00pm, "Live Is Worth Loving," that explores Culture of Life topics. Tune in to AM 1000 or [www.catholicradioofsandiego.com](http://www.catholicradioofsandiego.com).

## Thank You!

...for your expression of love, thoughts, and prayers, during my recent surgeries. I am making great progress in my healing because of your intercessory prayers. I hope to be able to attend the first Mass Fr. Mike presides over after his return from his surgery, if not the second. I am grateful for his recovery and return.

—*Gratefully yours, Masako Streling*

## Marriage & Family Life Corner

**The Bishops' Letter on Marriage—Love and Life on the Divine Plan: The Vocation**—"Become what you are! This might be a great exhortation to newly married couples, especially given the strong tendency nowadays to reduce the love of the marriage bond to only a feeling, perhaps the romantic love of courtship and honeymoon. When that feeling dries up, it may seem to them that they have nothing left and that they have failed. It is at these very times, however, that their vocation as spouses calls them to go further, to 'become what they are,' members of a marital communion defined by the unbreakable spousal love of Christ for his Church." To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

**Marriage Moments**—"...Until death do us part." This alternative wording of the wedding vow is sobering and most couples don't focus on it for long. The crucifixion, however, reminds us of the reality of death. Have you shared with each other your feelings about death?

**Parenting Pointers**—Everybody's got a cross to bear. If your, or your child's, cross is relatively light, be a "Simeon." Look for someone else who needs help carrying their cross today. Perhaps you and your child can do it together.

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.

**Parish Events**

**Women's Guild News**



**Annual Quilt Raffle**—Watch your mailboxes for a letter from the quilters with raffle tickets for the popular Lap N Nap quilts, as well as photos of the beautiful quilts that will be raffled at the June meeting.

**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!



**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 12**

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
<b>Total Pledges/Gifts</b>	<b>\$1,636,080</b>	<b>661</b>
<b>Still Needed</b>	<b>\$363,920</b>	<b>359</b>
<b>Total Goal</b>	<b>\$2,000,000</b>	<b>1,020</b>
<b>Total Collected</b>	<b>\$1,161,085</b>	

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

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



- 🔥 **Evening Festivities at STM ~ dinner, raffles, silent and live auctions, and surprises**  
**Delicious dinner catered by Hunter Steakhouse! Reserve your space now!**
- 🔥 **Golf at Arrowood Golf Club ~ Miniature Golf at Boomers! Vista**
- 🔥 **Pastor's Dinner Signups ~ only 37 spots left! Reserve now for Sunday, August 28!**

**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 onto our upper level area? **Tickets now on sale 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" 14k white gold pendant necklace (1.5k diamond) custom-designed 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.

◆ Photos available beginning Easter Sunday!

◆ **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  
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## 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.

### Upcoming Music

APRIL 20  
Holy Thursday

6:00pm Mass

Handbell Choir  
Sanctuary Choir

APRIL 21  
Good Friday  
Liturgies

12:00pm

Cantor &  
Congregation

3:00pm  
Stations of the  
Cross

Congregation

7:00pm

Sanctuary Choir

APRIL 22  
Easter Vigil

8:00pm Mass

Handbell Choir  
Praise Team  
Sanctuary Choir

APRIL 23  
Easter Sunday

6:30am Mass

Cantor &  
Congregation

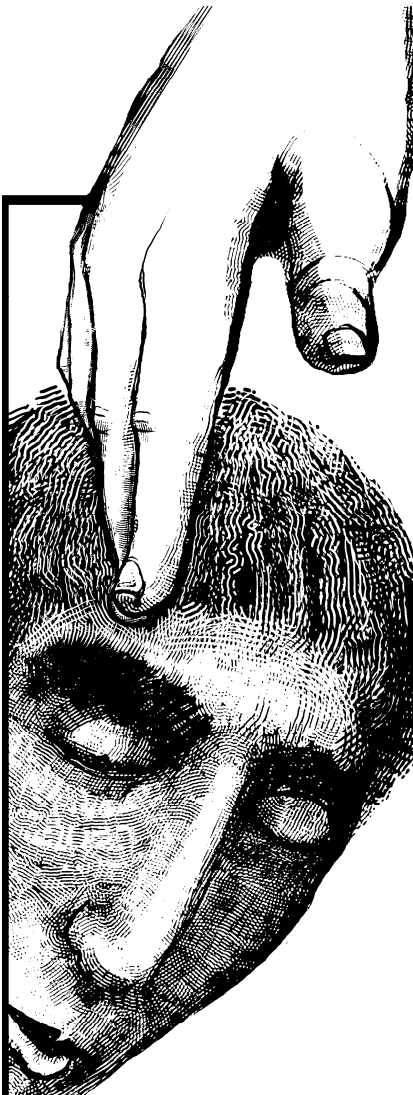
8:30am Mass

Handbell Choir  
Sanctuary Choir

10:30am Mass

Children's Choir  
Praise Team  
Sanctuary Choir

## LAYING ON OF HANDS



Sometimes there simply are no words. Before deep sorrow, ecstatic joy, profound awe, or intense love, ordinary words give way to poetry and song, and sometimes even these must give way to music, to dance, to silence. We sit with a loved one near death, or grieve with a friend in her loss, and all we can do is silently touch a hand. A mother gazes quietly into the eyes of the contented baby she holds in her arms, and it is enough. Lovers linger in a silent embrace, listening only to each other's heartbeats, and time stops.

In our sacred rituals, there are times when words cannot convey the deep mystery being celebrated. At those moments, the ritual often prescribes the laying on of hands, a slow, deliberate placing of the presider's hands on the top of the head of the person on whom our prayers are focused. The touch that humans naturally use to soothe and forgive becomes a symbol of God's of healing and forgiveness in our sacramental rites. The welcoming embrace and fond touch of the face become the touch of the hand prescribed at baptism and confirmation, and at the same time it is the touch of God's Holy Spirit, transforming and empowering all that is touched.

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### JOIN US!!! HOLY WEEK & THE EASTER VIGIL

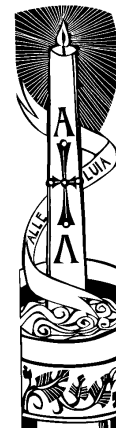
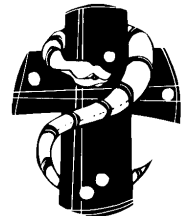
Holy Thursday

We celebrate the institution of the  
Eucharist and Christ's  
commandment of love.



Good Friday

We celebrate  
the Lord's  
passion and  
death.



The Easter Vigil

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  
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Today is a **RE.A.CH** day at **CHURCH**

## Sign-Up Today

for 2011-2012 **RE.A.CH**

Religious Education for Adolescents and Children

- ◆ If your family is currently enrolled in St. Thomas More's Religious Education program (including high school),  
OR
- ◆ If you have children between ages 3 and 17 and would like to partner with your parish in their faith formation, please
- ◆ Pick up and complete your enrollment packet **TODAY** between 9:45am-2:00pm or 4:00-6:30pm outside the Faith Formation Office on the lower level.

Tuition is \$80 for the first child and \$40 for each additional child to a maximum of \$200 per family. This would be a great use for your tax refund! If you are not able to pay the tuition at this time, we are happy to work out a Payment Plan over the next few months.

Please sign up soon so we can plan our classes for September. Please don't wait until you have the money. We'd like to be able to "count you in" and know that the tuition will follow when it works in your family budget.

Please let me know if you have questions or concerns.

*Kathleen Bell*

Director of Faith Formation

## Women's Prayer Breakfast—May 7

Wholly Holy Women of God  
with Dotti Hulbert

How do we live a life that is "wholly holy"? Using scripture and our Catholic spiritual traditions, we will explore the hidden graces and invitations to be attentive to the presence of God in our everyday lives, to truly say "In Him we live and move and have our being!"



## PBJ Update

Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center

2011 Goal: 365  
Collected to date: 233

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### Middle School

#### ✦ EPIC

(Encrypting People in Christ)

We will be meeting Sunday May 22. We are currently creating events and nights that will challenge and keep you engaged in your faith. It is our hope that as you meet your daily struggles you will recognize Christ as the light.

### High School

#### ✦ IGNITE

"Momma said what???" We will look at all the things we have learned from our mothers tonight! This will be a night to share and find out more about each other. Who will you bring? Who needs God in their lives? And who do you wish would come here with you? We have seen many good things come out of this night! See you there!

#### ✦ LEAD

Hearts for service and cause, this is who we are called to be. Find your way to Christ, through everyone you encounter in this ministry. If you are Confirmed, I openly welcome you to come and help us on Thursdays at 7:00pm. We are building and fostering an environment that is in love with God; be the salt of the earth.

## Steubenville San Diego 2011!!!

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 at San Diego State University. The cost is \$200 per person, which includes EVERYTHING (room, food, and shirts). Adult chaperones are needed for this weekend; please let me know if you are interested. Pick up a registration form. Payment plans will be accepted. Forms and \$50 deposit due May 1.

*Marc*  
Marc Raymundo  
Youth Advocate

# Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

Chris Smith  
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## CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP Stewardship Prayer for April



### Christ Our Savior,

As our Lenten journey brings us closer to Easter, we see with a deeper awareness our world's desperate need to experience the healing power of your justice and peace.

Make us sacraments of your mercy and instruments of your compassion.

Show us how to be better stewards of your people; through our families, our brothers and sisters with whom we share your Eucharist, our neighbors, and the stranger.

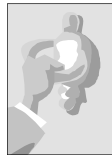
Show us how to carry the cross so that by dying to ourselves, we may give new life to others.

And strengthen our faith, so that we may proclaim your Easter triumph more confidently, every day, in word and deed.

**Amen.**

*ICSC Parish Newsletter, April 2011, (with permission)*

## Opportunity Knocks! Chair Set-Up Ministry



- † Volunteers help to set up chairs on the upper level for Mass, usually once a month.
- † This “behind the scenes” ministry enables us to worship in a comfortable, well-arranged space each weekend at Mass.
- † This usually takes place at 8:45am on Saturdays. It only takes about 30-45 minutes, leaving the rest of your day free!

To help with this very important ministry, please contact:  
Lorraine Doering, 760-758-4100 x102  
or [lorrained@stmoside.org](mailto:lorrained@stmoside.org)

## 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: \$37,035**

**Number of families contributing: 340**

This week's figures include our tithing families, who have committed to contribute 8% of their income to the Parish. The Parish then allocates a portion of their tithes to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Thank you!

## Collection for Week of April 9/10, 2011

Number of Registered Households		1,020
Offertory*	\$	8,364.45
Offertory (Loose Collection)		995.00
Children's envelopes		0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>9,359.45</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

Any St. Francis Offertory Envelopes given to the offertory collection at St. Thomas More will be returned to St. Francis.

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*Have a blessed Holy Week ~*



## 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](http://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](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.

**St. Thomas More: A Man for This Season Presentation in Escondido**—Sunday, May 1, 7:00pm, St. Mary Catholic Church,

1160 S. Broadway, Escondido. Charles LiMandri tells the story of a popular and witty saint who faced many of the same challenges we face today. For more information, call 760-453-8866.

### RECIPE FOR A FOOD PANTRY

**serving size 3800 people for one month**

Prayer ■ 14 tons of food donations ■ Volunteers

Start with prayer. (*Prayers of thanksgiving for abundance are always good to start with*). Add 13 tons of food (*donated from food banks, grocery stores, schools and churches*). Mix with volunteers and add more prayers of thanksgiving. Add another ton of donations and 34 additional volunteers. Stir the volunteers and donation mixture until you have enough people and food to cover 40 shifts and 36 deliveries. Top with a heaping dose of prayer (*Thank you Lord for those with a passion to serve be it their time, their talent or their treasure*).

This March Catholic Charities Food Resource Center, Vista, provided food for more than 3800 people and helped 56 households apply for food stamps. If you would like to be part of this recipe for helping others please call Lisa at (760) 631-4792.

### Lenten Communal Penance Services in the Area

Date	Time	Parish
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.



### Mrs. Christine Witowich Kindergarten Teacher



Mrs. Witowich has called St. Francis School Kindergarten her home for 17 years, where the joy of learning and love of school begins. Come play with Mrs. Witowich and discover your inner child!

Mrs. Witowich is the proud parent of  
4 St. Francis School alumni.

**NOW ENROLLING!**

**St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School**

760-630-7960

[www.sfs-vista.org](http://www.sfs-vista.org)



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