

Our Parish has always had an inspired group of artists who design and fashion our unique liturgical environment. See page 6 for the background on this painting

A Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of San Diego Spirituality † Tradition † Community

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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 24, 2011 • Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of the Lord

## Pastor's Column

## A Little Yeast Has Its Effect All Through the Dough

"Do you not know that a little yeast has its effect all through the dough? Get rid of the old yeast to make of yourselves fresh dough, unleavened loaves, as it were; Christ our Passover has been sacrificed. Let us celebrate the feast not with the old yeast, that of corruption and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth."-1 Corinthians 5:6-8
We are at the end of our Lenten journey for another year.
The call to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving was issued on Ash Wednesday. The next 40 days were to be different, to be special, to be a time of renewal. These days of retreat were meant to help us let go of the people and things that stand in our way of deepening our relationship with "The Holy One." These days were meant to help us grab hold of the people and things that we need in order to deepen our relationship with "The Holy One." Jesus, our Master, taught us to call this "Holy One" Abba, Daddy!

We have a God that we can reach out to with complete trust and confidence, one who will never reject us.
We find ourselves today beginning our celebration of Easter.
For the next 50 days we celebrate the new hope, the new beginnings, and the new life that the Resurrection of Jesus brings. Christ died for you! Christ died for me! Christ died for all humanity and for all life that may be held within the Universe! In Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection, God proclaims how precious each and everyone of us are, that we are loved, that we have a job to do, and that what we do does make a difference!
At times, as we get caught up with the daily routine of life, we may feel insignificant, that our efforts do not make a difference. We may begin to feel useless, irrelevant, and unworthy.
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## Our Mission is to: <br> worship God,

Mass Schedule:
Saturday at 5:00 pm; 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: 8:30 am and 10:30 am 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)

The Seasons of Lent and Easter are meant to shake us and wake us up to God's vision of whom we are. We are God's redeemed and loved ones! We are precious in God's sight! What we do in our own little corner of the world, indeed, does make a difference. A little yeast has its effect all through the dough.
As we begin this Easter Season, let us take stock of our relationships, and our responsibilities. May this be a time of renewed energy and commitment to them.
We do make a difference in the "grand scheme of things." A little yeast has its effect all through the dough!


## Divine Mercy Sunday-May 1

The Second Sunday of Easter is observed throughout the Church as Divine Mercy Sunday. To encourage its celebration with special devotion, this Sunday has been enriched by a plenary indulgence (complete forgiveness of sins and punishment) which is granted to the faithful by the Pope under the usual conditions:

1. Sacramental confession;
2. Eucharistic communion;
3. prayers for the intentions of the Holy Father.

The requirement of sacramental confession is satisfied by all who remain in the state of grace following their Lenten celebration of the Sacrament of Penance. However, for those who wish, confession will be available at St. Thomas More, as usual, on Saturday at $4: 00 \mathrm{pm}$.
The other conditions for the plenary indulgence will be included within all celebrations of the Eucharist in the Parish on Divine Mercy Sunday:

In the Penitential Rite, we will implore the mercy of God to be detached from all affection for sin, even venial sin.
In the General Intercessions, we will pray for the Holy Father and his Intentions and for greater fidelity in our lives to works of charity and mercy, concluding with a devout prayer to our merciful Lord Jesus.
As always, we will pray together the Creed and the Our Father, that as God forgives us we will pardon those who sin against us.
Diocesan Divine Mercy celebrations will take place at Good Shepherd Parish, 8200 Gold Coast Dr., San Diego, at 2:30pm (English) and Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, 345 Anita St., Chula Vista, at 1:00pm (Spanish).

## 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.

## Readings

## for the Week Ahead

Sunday Year A; Weekday Year I
Readings online at www.usccb.org.
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
Monday, April 25 (261)
Acts 2:14,22-33
Psalm 16:1-2a,5,7-11
Matthew 28:8-15
Tuesday, April 26 (262)
Acts 2:36-41
Psalm 33:4-5,18-20,22
John 20:11-18
Wednesday, April 27 (263)
Acts 3:1-10
Psalm 105:1-4,6-9
Luke 24: 13 -35
Thursday, April 28 (264)
Acts 3:11-26
Psalm 8:2ab,5-9
Luke 24:35-48
Friday, April 29 (265)
Acts 4:1-12
Psalm 118:1-2,4,22-27a
John 21:1-14
Saturday, April 30 (266)
Acts 4:13-21
Psalm 118:1,14-15,16-21
Mark 16:9-15
Sunday, May 1 (43)
Second Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday
Acts 2:42-47
Psalm 118:2-4,13-15,22-24
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

| Mass Intentions |
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| Sunday, April 24, 6:30am Jess Dagdayan $\}$ |
| Sunday, April 24, 8:30am Tom McGeary ${ }^{\text {t }}$ |
| Sunday, April 24, 10:30am Al Smith $\}$ |
| Tuesday, April 26, 8:15am Dale Pulver $\ddagger$ |
| Wednesday, April 27, 8:15am Anthony Masseth $ఔ$ |
| Thursday, April 28, 8:15am Freda $\ddagger$ and the Schweitzer Famil |
| Friday, April 29, 8:15am Rosemarie Rowland $\ddagger$ |
| Saturday, April 30, 5:00pm Anna Mae Lavelle $\}$ |
| Sunday, May 1, 8:30am Owen Fredette $\}$ |
| Sunday, May 1, 10:30am Marjorie Jacobson $\ddagger$ |

Thank you for your prayers for Capt. Sean M. Barnes, USAF, who has returned home safely.

Prayer List (Call 760-758-4100 x102 to add a name for four weeks.)
The Aguilar \& Garcia Families
Mary Alexander
Walt \& Rita Mikridge
June Mitchell
Nancy Moore
The Murchison Family
Margie Myers
Cosmo Nocida
R. Northrup

Helen O'Connell
Heidi Olson
Juanita Matamala Pacheco
Lupe Casas Pelletier
Helen Pingtella
Logan Plant
Reuben \& Evi Quinn
Otila Quiroz
The Ratajczak Family
Jack Riley
Clinton Ritchie
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 Soltau
Drew Spangler
Gilda Spiegl
Eleanor Martin Spinney
The St. Ours \& Rhoades Families
Jo \& George Stephens
Pete Sullivan
Maria Surmenidis
David Sweet
Elijah Thorsen
Stephen Toth, Jr.
Mary Tysko \& Family
Laurie Updyke
Barbara Upson
Arnie Velasco
Theresa Vesci
Lucy Vienna
Dominic Vienna, Jr.
Vanessa Vitiello-Koble
Paul \& Mai Vo \& Family
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.
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
Sgt. Charles Watts, USMC

## Calendar Highlights

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

## The Week Ahead

Apr 24 Easter Sunday
Masses at 6:30am,
8:30am, and 10:30am
Apr 24 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
Apr $25 \quad$ Parish Office and Blessed Sacrament Chapel closed; reopening on Apr 26
Apr 30 Morning of Reflection on Immigration

## The Month Ahead

May 1 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
May $1 \quad$ RE.A.CH Classes at Church
May $7 \quad$ Women's Prayer Breakfast
May 15 RE.A.CH Classes at Church
May $22 \quad$ Blood Drive
May 22 Knights of Columbus Breakfast
May 22 Spring Sing Choral Festival

## The Year Ahead

June $3 \quad$ 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
Oct 14-16 Men's Fellowship Retreat
Dec 4 Towers of Faith Reception

## Questions? Contact Henny at 760-758-4100 x100 hennyj@stmoside.org.

## Pray for Women Religious

Please join us in praying for the women religious who serve in the Diocese of San Diego. They have been assigned to days of the year in alphabetical order.

| April 25 |
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| Sr. Joanne Wagenbrenner, CHS |
| April 26 |
| Sr. Elizabeth Walsh, RSCJ |
| April 27 |
| Sr. Kathleen Walsh, RSM |
| April 28 |
| Sr. Alyce Waters, RSM |
| April 29 |
| Sr. Cora Weismantel, SSND |
| April 30 |
| Sr. Elizabeth Ann Wekall, RSM |
| May 01 |
| Sr. Patricia Weldon, OSF |

## Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioners

Josh \& Gabriele Sullivan \& Family (soon)

## Flower Donations

We would like to gratefully acknowledge the contributions of all those whose generosity helped to defray the cost of flowers in our Easter Season liturgical environment.

## In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the soul of:
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 her soul 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!

## Memories from Our History

For our 25th anniversary year, we will be featuring different historical photos and memories on the bulletin cover each week. If you have any photos or memories you would like considered, please email them to parishoffice@stmoside.org or bring them to the Parish Office.

## STM \$crip News

## 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, click on Contact Us, then click on Scrip
3. Email at scrip@stmoside.org
4. Phone at 760-758-4100 x 150

There will not be a Scrip table after Masses on Easter Sunday, April 23-24. However, orders may be picked up at the Parish Office during office hours.
Resuming April 30-May 1, 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.

## We Will Rise!-Above and Beyond Politics when we share our "pilgrimage" (i.e., immigration 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 multi-congregation interfaith experience to:
§ Learn about the human reality of immigration
§ Examine this subject through the lens of faith
Presented by the San Diego Organizing Project, a faith-based community organization.
For preregistration, call: 760-758-4100 x158.

## 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.

## Opportunity to Help Local Families in Need



North County Solutions for Change women and children's shelter needs volunteers for meal preparation, servers, and donations (food and paper goods). STM has committed to providing one meal per month for this ministry. In this way we answer the call of Jesus to feed the hungry, and this is in our neighborhood. Any help you can provide is welcome!

## 2011 DATES AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION:

June 26, August 28, September 25, October 23
Organizations as well as individuals are invited to participate with portions or entire meal preparation, drinks, desserts, and/or monetary contributions to offset the cost for those able to cook. Please prayerfully consider which month(s) you are able to help with this important ministry.

For more information, contact Paul \& Kalei Mendiola at 760-945-9042 or kaleiann@sbcglobal.net.

## 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.

## Spirited Seniors to Visit Stone Brewing Company

If you reserved a spot for this outing on April 27, remember to meet in the STM parking lot at 9:00am to coordinate carpools. For more information, contact Ron Danielson at 760-945-7640 or Jerry Buoniconti at 760-758-5113.

## Thank You from Knights of Columbus

On behalf of the Knights of Columbus Council \#11439, I would like to thank the parishioners and their friends and neighbors who supported the Friday Night Lenten Dinners held here at St. Thomas More from March 11 through April 15.
Your attendance and generosity made this year's Lenten Program an outstanding success.

Mike Caligiuri, Chairman Lenten Dinners and Sunday Breakfasts

## Marriage \& Family Life Corner

The Bishops' Letter on Marriage-Love and Life on the Divine Plan: Growing Together in Virtues- "There is another way to look at growth in marriage: namely, as growth in virtue. As a couple grows in virtue, they grow in holiness. In other words, the couple acquires, by prayer and discipline, those interior qualities that open them to God's love and allow them to share in his love more deeply. Couples instinctively understand this when they speak about their marriage being a means of leading each other to heaven." To read the document go to http:// www.usccb.org/loveandlife/.
Marriage Moments-Celebrate new life today! Recall a hardship in your marriage that is now history. Rejoice that you've weathered it together. Remember this, and Jesus' resurrection, in future tough times.
Parenting Pointers-Lent is over. One of the unintended side effects of "giving something up" for Lent is the renewed pleasure in indulging in the sacrificed treats. Chocolate can taste so much better if you've refrained from it for awhile. Enjoy.
For more information, visit www.diocese-sdiego.org and click on Ministries, Marriage \& Family Life or contact Jen Frost at 760-758-4100 x100.

## Pope's Intentions for April

General: That through its compelling preaching of the Gospel, the Church may give young people new reasons for life and hope.
Mission: That by proclamation of the Gospel and the witness of their lives, missionaries may bring Christ to those who do not yet know him.

## 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
P Pastor's Dinner Signups ~ only 37 spots left! Reserve now for Sunday, August 28!
Please submit registration/payments at Golf table, offertory basket, mail, 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 $\$ 10 / b a l l$ 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 (total karat weight is 1.5) 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 if present on June 3.
- The Diamond Pendant is about the size of a quarter.
- Ticket sales begin May 1!


For more information, contact Skip Wilson at 760-330-3293 or ripit@pacbell.net, or www.stmoside.org/golf

# Liturgy \& Music 

## The Fifty Days of Easter

## A Sense of the Season

An invitation to new life and call to conversion-from the blazing Easter fire, the retelling of our ancient stories of creation and salvation, to the transforming waters of Baptism, we celebrate the Solemnity of Solemnities-the principal feast of our Liturgical year.
This is our most ancient observance, these fifty days of Easter-we find hope and joy not by forgetting our sorrows but by knowing that Christ is with us... always. Rejoice! He is risen!
The Liturgical color for Easter is white. Our Liturgical environment centers on the beautiful oil painting of the Tomb created by liturgical artist, Mary Castle. Many thanks to our vibrant Art and Environment Team members: Mary Castle,

Sondra Parks, Charlene and Joe Buhlert, Mike Provinse, Dean McCoy, Beth Brewer, Kathy Quinn, Carol and Larry Thompson, and Kathy and Tony Arciero. We appreciate the staff support from Joe Garcia.

As you relive in your heart the miracle of that first Easter, may you feel God's powerful spirit of hope and love.

This is the day the LORD has made;
 EASTERTIME

Upcoming Music

MAY 1 2nd Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday
5:00pm Mass
Cantor \& Congregation
8:30am Mass
Cantor \& Congregation
10:30am Mass
Cantor \& Congregation


## Focus on the

 Liturgical EnvironmentIn the painting "In His Steps," the "Going down the steps" and the "Going up the steps" symbolizes the believer's identification with the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. "Therefore, we are buried with Him by baptism into death; that like us Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of Life (Romans 6:4).
The doorway in the painting symbolizes the Light of Christ as the creative principle and Mediator between all things in heaven and on earth. God's Truth blazing as the sun through the geometry of light!
During Holy Week, we embarked on a magnificent evocation of the path to illumination by the renewal of the Spirit and rebirth in the Light of Jesus Christ. Let us receive the light, becoming one with that which is holy, and drawing from it a new energy and generosity.

-Mary Castle<br>Liturgical Artist

## Today is a RE.A.CH day at HOME

## YOUTH MINISTRY

## Middle School

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* EPIC <br> (Encrypting People in Christ)
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Enrollment is underway for our religious education classes that begin in September for ages 3 through 17.

I appreciate the families that picked up their packets last Sunday, and look forward to their return at our next class, May 1.

Families not currently enrolled are welcome to sign up at this time as well. Just stop by the Faith Formation Office.

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## Women's Prayer Breakfast

 May 7, 8:00-10:30am
## Wholly Holy Women of God



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!"

Sign up at the Information table or call the Faith Formation Office. All women are welcome...bring friends and neighbors!

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## Little Books for Easter

The Little White Books are available in order to assist you in continuing your prayerful pattern from Lent. These six minute meditations are based on the Scriptures from the Sundays of Easter .

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

Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center


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Have you ever seen a teen moved by the love of Christ? Do you remember when Christ moved in your heart? 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!!!

 I NEED YOUR REGISTRATION SLIPS!!! ONE WEEK LEFT! 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 $\$ \mathbf{5 0}$ deposit due by May 1.


Marc Raymundo Youth Advocate

# Stewardship \& Development 

## CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP <br> We Are Christ's Joy and Instruments of His Peace.

Once again, it is time to rejoice in the risen Lord! We are saved by God's generosity and love. Eternal life is in our reach. How can we say "Thank you" to God for His goodness?

Let us be generous with gifts we can give to others: time, good example, acceptance, seeing the best in people, self-esteem, selfdisclosure, helping someone learn something new, listening, fun, letting others give to you.
Our Church is made up of many people. They come in all sizes and shapes. Some are tall-others short. Some are big-others small. All of them are important!
You have put many picture puzzles together. Whether the puzzles had 500 pieces or 1,000 or more, none of them were complete
 until every piece was in its place. If even one piece was missing, the picture was not finished. A vacant place was left to be filled.
It is the same way with the work of our Church. As a part of the membership of your Church, you have a place to fill. The work can never be complete until your place is filled.
How do you fit into the work of your faith community? Some of you fill places of leadership while others assist in other ways. A beautiful picture of God working through the ministry of your Parish can be formed if each of us works on the puzzle. If even one person fails to fill their place, something is going to be left undone-and a need unfulfilled.

There are so many opportunities for you to serve God through ministry. Here are just some suggestions (more on page 10):
Religious Education: The religious education program needs your attendance and assistance. There are many spots to be filled.
Music Program: We have a wonderful music program, that always welcomes newcomers.
Weekly Liturgies: When we gather for Mass, the congregation isn't complete if your place is empty.
Christian Stewardship: All we have has been given to us by God, including the Resurrection. Returning our gifts of time, talent, and resources, with gratitude, is an honor and a joy!
A picture puzzle is not complete until every piece is in its place. Let's continue to work together to on the beautiful picture of what God accomplishes through the ministries at St. Thomas More. Let's see if every piece of that picture can find and fill its place! Each of you are to be commended for ALL you do!
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## 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 $\times 100$ or 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: $\$ 40,665$
Number of families contributing: 327
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 tithe to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Thank you!

| Collection for Week of April 16/17, 2011 |  |  |
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| Number of Registered Households |  | 1,021 |
| Offertory* | \$ | 6,749.23 |
| Offertory (Loose Collection) |  | 1,185.00 |
| Children's envelopes |  | 1.00 |
| Total | \$ | 7,935.23 |
| * 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 parish office@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.
Any St. Thomas More Offertory Envelopes given to the offertory collection at St. Francis will be returned to St. Thomas More.

## 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.
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.
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 including May’s Theology on Tap series in Hillcrest.
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.

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.
Mother Daughter Retreat at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside-May 6-8, 4050 Mission Ave., Oceanside. Mothers and daughters of all generations are invited to share a special

Mother's Day weekend. Take time with the significant women in your life to explore the many ways God's Goodness manifests itself. For more information, call 760-757-3659.
Central San Diego Magnificat Women's Group-Saturday, May 14, 9:30am, Mission Valley Sheraton. Speaker Samia Mary Zumout will share her exciting testimony-one that your will never forget! Don’t miss it. RSVP 858-342-9022
Beginning Experience Weekend for Widowed, Divorced, and Separated Men and Women in Oceanside-July 15-17 at the Prince of Peace Abbey in Oceanside. The weekend interactive retreat is for those who are ready to move beyond their grief. For more information, contact Maureen Shultz at 619-447-0622 or Cathy Savel at 619-222-9093 or Mymom54@aol.com.
Volunteers Needed as Advocates for Foster ChildrenBecome a child advocate and make a lasting difference in the life of a foster child. More than just a mentor, you can give hope to a child who has none. For upcoming information session dates, contact www.speakupnow.org or 858-569-2019.

## Catholic Charities

"Shopportunity" Thrift Store, 917 E. Vista Way, Vista
The thrift store's proceeds support the food program. We offer low prices on gently used clothes, books, jewelry, furniture, TV's, appliances, antiques and collectibles. We are in need of gently used furniture and household item donations. Applications for volunteers available also. Please call for more information. 760-631-2819

Be an Angel, Recycle Your Treasures

## 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.

Yom Hashoah Observance—St. Francis Parish School cordially invites you to the sixth annual Yom Hashoah observance at St. Francis Church.

It has been almost 60 years since the atrocities of the Holocaust were first revealed. Many of the people who survived to tell the world of the horrors, have since died and the number of survivors is dwindling every day. We feel that we must now be the "witnesses," as this is probably the last generation to be able to meet or hear a survivor speak.

Join us at $1: 30$ pm or $6: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ on May 11 at St. Francis Church, 525 W. Vista Way, Vista, for a prayer service remembering the six million Jews who were slaughtered in the Holocaust.
Please RSVP by May 4 to glavoice@sfs-vista.org, koconnell@sfs -vista.org, or 760-630-7960.


Jog-a-Thon Raises Funds for Parent Teacher GroupParticipants in an all-school jog-a-thon on April 14 ran a combined total of 6,701 laps $=418$ miles! Pledges supporting the runners totaled $\$ 12,500$. Thanks to all who pledged and paid. Payments are still being accepted.


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## Pastoral Council Committees


Parish Organizations \& Events......... Lisa \& Pat Attardo 760-940-1505 Golf Classic.............................................. Skip Wilson 760-330-3293 Historian. $\qquad$ . Available Knights of Columbus .................................. Matt Perun 760-734-1934 Spirited Seniors...................... Judy \& Jerry Buoniconti 760-758-5113 Women's Guild................................Valerie Thompson 760-630-1703

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## Pastoral Staff



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# Our Permanent Church and Parish Offices Progress Report 

Easter Sunday—The Resurrection of the Lord-April 24, 2011

## Events Are Unfolding Quickly in Our Building Program. Here Is the Latest Update:

§ T.B. Penick \& Sons, Inc. has been engaged by the New Construction Committee as our Contractor for the Design Assist Phase of the project. This century-old company has built numerous well-known church facilities in the San Diego area. Working with our Architect, Renzo Zecchetto, this partnership will ensure the efficient use of our funds.
§ In March, Fr. Mike Ratajczak, our Pastor; Douglas Lynn, our Director of Liturgy and
 Music; Brian Leahey, Chairperson of the New Construction Committee; Phil \& Pat Goscienski, Chairpersons of the Interior Design Team; our Architect, Renzo Zecchetto; and our Liturgical Consultant, Robert Habiger, met with the Diocesan Art and Architecture Committee and are now incorporating their initial suggestions into the design schematics.

巴 The New Construction Committee continues its work with our Architect, Renzo Zecchetto, who is preparing drawings that will reflect more details of the appearance of our Permanent Church and Parish Offices. These are preliminary to the final Construction Drawings.
§ Robert Habiger, our Liturgical Consultant, continues to meet with the Interior Design Team to discuss the furnishings that support our interior liturgical design, reflecting the traditions of our Faith Community.
§ Phase II of our Capital Campaign continues with gifts and pledges from new Parishioners and payments from everyone who has pledged. See the box at right for a detailed update.
§ A meeting of the New Construction Committee and the Interior Design Team with our Architect, Renzo Zecchetto, and our Liturgical Consultant, Robert Habiger, will take place in early May. We will be given a "walk-through," via computer software, of our new

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| Pledge Statistics as of April 21 |  |  |
| \# of Families |  |  |
| Total Phase II Responses | Responding |  |
| Total Pledges/Gifts | $\$ 1,636,080$ | 661 |
| Still Needed | $\$ 363,920$ | $\mathbf{3 6 0}$ |
| Total Goal | $\$ 2,000,000$ | $\mathbf{1 , 0 2 1}$ |
| Total Collected | $\$ 1,166,505$ |  |
|  |  |  | Permanent Church and Parish Offices.

\# Watch for more regular updates, either in the Bulletin or on our Parish website, www.stmoside.org. Our goal is to keep our Faith Community fully informed about the progress of our New Permanent Church and Parish Offices.

# We Are Looking Forward to Groundbreaking! St. Thomas More, pray for us. 

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 2nd Sunday of <br> Easter/ Divine Mercy <br> Sunday <br> 8:30 AM-Mass/RCIALLOWC <br> 9:00 AM-Confirmation Prep <br> 10:20 AM-R.A.CH <br> 10:30 AM-M.Mss <br> 11:30 AM-RCIA Meeting <br> 1:30 PM-RE.A.CH <br> 12:30 PM-First Reconciliation <br> and Eucharist Parent <br> Meeting <br> 5:00 PM-RE.A.CH | 6:30 PM-Golf Classic Committee Meeting 7:00 PM-IGNITE/High School | 8:15 AM-Mass <br> 9:00 AM-Donuts and Coffee <br> 5:00 PM-VBS Planning Meeting <br> 7:00 PM-Praise Team Rehearsal <br> 7:00 PM-Knights of Columbus | 8:15 AM-Mass <br> 9:00 AM-Scripture Study <br> 9:30 AM-Mass (Emeritus @ Oceanside) <br> 1:30 PM-Spirited Senior Board Meeting <br> 6:30 PM-Handbell Choir <br> 7:00 PM-Finance Council Meeting <br> 7:00 PM-RCIA | 8:15 AM-Mass <br> 9:00 AM-Donuts and Coffee 10:00 AM-Women's Guild Quilters <br> 1:00 PM-Centering Prayer <br> 7:00 PM-Scripture Study <br> 7:00 PM-Sanctuary Choir <br> 7:00 PM-Youth Ministry LEAD <br> 7:00 PM-Inquiry | 8:15 AM-Mass <br> 9:00 AM-Exposition of the Eucharist <br> 7:30 PM-Reposition of the Eucharist | Baby Food Drive for Birth Choice 8:00 AM-Women's Prayer Breakfast 4:00 PM-Reconciliation <br> 3rd Sunday of Easter 5:00 PM-Mass |
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