

Not a golfer? No problem!
You can still join in the annual
Golf Classic fun by playing
miniature golf and/or attending
the evening festivities.
See page 5 for details



*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

May 1, 2011 • Second Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy Sunday

Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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The Wounds of Christ

As we continue to celebrate Resurrection Sunday, as we continue to meditate and reflect upon the various resurrection accounts given to us in Scripture during the "Great Fifty Days," the wounds of Christ still present in Jesus' resurrected body, cry out for attention.

The wounds are a source of intrigue and curiosity. Why are they still there?

In today's Gospel, we are given the account of Doubting Thomas who was not present the first time that the resurrected Jesus appears to the disciples. Thomas responds to the disciples who tell him that they have seen Jesus: "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

A week later, Jesus again appears to the disciples, and this time, Thomas is present as well. Jesus says to Thomas: "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe."

Thomas responds to Jesus: "My Lord and my God!"

To help us in our reflection upon the wounds of Christ, I share with you the words of Philip Yancey, taken from his book, *The Jesus I Never Knew*.

One detail in the Easter stories has always intrigued me:

Why did Jesus keep the scars from his crucifixion? Presumably he could have had any resurrected body he wanted, and yet he chose one identifiable mainly by scars that could be seen and touched. Why?

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Happy Resurrection Sunday!

Consider using this greeting throughout the Easter Season.

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.*

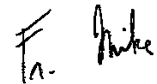
Pastor's Column *(continued from page 1)*

I believe the story of Easter would be incomplete without those scars on the hands, the feet, and the side of Jesus. When human beings fantasize, we dream of pearly straight teeth and wrinkle-free skin and sexy ideal shapes. We dream of an unnatural state: the perfect body. But for Jesus, being confined in a skeleton and human skin was the unnatural state. The scars are, to him, an emblem of life on our planet, a permanent reminder of those days of confinement and suffering.

I take hope in Jesus' scars. From the perspective of heaven, they represent the most horrible event that has ever happened in the history of the universe. Even that event, though, Easter turned into a memory. Because of Easter, I can hope that the tears we shed, the blows we receive, the emotional pain, the heartache over lost friends and loved ones, all these will become memories, like Jesus' scars. Scars never completely go away, but neither do they hurt any longer. We will have re-created bodies, a re-created heaven and earth. We will have a new start, an Easter start.

As we journey through this Feast of the Resurrection, let us take time to reflect upon our wounds and lift them up to the Lord.

Allow them to be an emblem of life on this planet and a sign of future glory!



Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

My heart is filled with gratitude and love for all of you.

Your concern during the time of my surgery and recovery means very much to me.

Thank you to 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.

Also thank you for the many prayers and Masses offered for my brother, Jack, who died on April 2. This has been a real comfort to me and to his family.

Finally, thank you for the Easter Greetings, prayers, and gifts. Know that I truly feel the support that you, the People of St. Thomas More Parish, continually extend to me.

We are now in the Great 50 Days. Let us continue to celebrate Resurrection Sunday throughout these days!

*Sincerely in Christ,
Rev. Michael Ratajczak, Pastor*

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, 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

Monday, May 2 (267)
Athanasius, bishop, doctor
 Acts 4:23-31
 Psalm 2:1-9
 John 3:1-8

Tuesday, May 3 (561)
Philip and James, apostles
 1 Corinthians 15:1-8
 Psalm 19:2-5
 John 14:6-14

Wednesday, May 4 (269)
 Acts 5:17-26
 Psalm 34:2-9
 John 3:16-21

Thursday, May 5 (270)
 Acts 5:27-33
 Psalm 34:2,9,17-20
 John 3:31-36

Friday, May 6 (271)
 Acts 5:34-42
 Psalm 27:1,4,13-14
 John 6:1-15

Saturday, May 7 (272)
 Acts 6:1-7
 Psalm 33:1-2,4-5,18-19
 John 6:16-21

Sunday, May 8 (46)
Third Sunday of Easter
 Acts 2:14,22-33
 Psalm 16:1-2,5,7-11
 1 Peter 1:17-21
 Luke 24:13-35

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
 Shelby Campbell
 Brianne 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
 Linda Dossman
 Bob & Boo Falconer
 The Fiore Family
 Peggy & Jack Fischer
 The Flood Family
 Ryan Flum
 Matthew Foster
 Kathryn Franklin
 Joe Freire
 Brian Frink
 The Fuentes Family
 Carmen Garcia
 Rick Gonzalez
 Eileen Gough
 Jeffrey Guyer
 Rosemary Haeffelin
 Susan Hallahan
 The Harker Family
 The Harnacker Famkly
 Lilian Hills
 Susan Hori
 June Hubner
 Iolanda Iacobelli
 Max Isaac
 Anna Rose Jacobson
 Sue Johnston
 Eileen Jones
 Paul Kennedy
 Debbie Kinney
 Sr. Anne Kremenik
 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
 Margie Myers
 Cosmo Nocida
 Helen O'Connell
 Heidi Olson
 Juanita Matamala Pacheco
 The Paolina Family
 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
 Fred Spiegl
 Gilda Spiegl
 Eleanor Martin Spinney
 The St. Ours & Rhoades Families
 Dorothy Staehr
 Jo & George Stephens
 Pete Sullivan
 Maria Surmenidis
 David Sweet
 Elijah Thorsen
 Stephen Toth, Jr.
 Mary Tysko & Family
 Laurie Updyke
 Barbara Upson
 Arnie Velasco
 Theresa Vesce
 Lucy Vienna
 Dominic Vienna, Jr.
 Vanessa Vitiello-Koble
 Paul & Mai Vo & Family
 Kevin Watson-Graff
 John Whitton

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

The Week Ahead
 May 1 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
 May 1 RE.A.CH Classes at Church
 May 7 Women's Prayer Breakfast
 May 8 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses

The Month Ahead
 May 9 Women's Guild Luncheon
 May 15 RE.A.CH Classes at Church
 May 21-22 First Communion
 May 22 Blood Drive
 May 22 Knights of Columbus Breakfast
 May 22 Spring Sing Choral Festival

The Year Ahead
 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
 Oct 14-16 Men's Fellowship Retreat
 Dec 4 Towers of Faith Reception

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

| Mass Intentions |
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| Saturday, April 30, 5:00pm Anna Mae Lavelle ☩ |
| Sunday, May 1, 8:30am Owen Fredette ☩ |
| Sunday, May 1, 10:30am Marjorie Jacobson ☩ |
| Tuesday, May 3, 8:15am Betty Dorsa ☩ |
| Wednesday, May 4, 8:15am Bud Flanagan ☩ |
| Wednesday, May 4, 9:30am Robert Prins ☩ <i>Emeritus at Oceanside</i> |
| Thursday, May 5, 8:15am William Hoogestraat ☩ |
| Friday, May 6, 8:15am Italino Norelli ☩ |
| Saturday, May 7, 5:00pm Jim Benefield |
| Sunday, May 8, 8:30am Kathleen Whitaker ☩ |
| Sunday, May 8, 10:30am Thomas Martin ☩ |

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

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.

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| May 2 Sr. Donna Wencel, OP |
| May 3 Sr. Anne Wentz, RSCJ |
| May 4 Sr. Maria Elena Whitney, SJS |
| May 5 Sr. Helen Louise Williams, CSJ |
| May 6 Sr. Ara Young, OCD |
| May 7 Sr. Jo Ceal Young, RSM |
| May 8 Sr. Adriana Rebeca Zuro, SJS |

Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioners

Eric Casillas & Family
Bryan & Laura Hawkins & Family
Lisa Apolonia Kostecki

In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Bruno Paolina, who died in April. His Funeral Mass was celebrated in Ohio. Please keep his wife Alice and the family in your prayers.

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

Marriage & Family Life Corner

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 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, from 7-9 p.m. 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

The Bishops' Letter on Marriage—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—Ever wish you married a movie star, Miss America, or a sports hero? Don't wait for fame to strike. "Be presidents of each other's fan clubs." (Tony Heath) Fame is fleeting but an in house cheerleader can keep you going even when your ratings falter.

Parenting Pointers—Mother's Day is coming up. Although sometimes spouses honor their wives on this day, let your children take their proper role. If they don't have the money or idea for a gift, husbands/fathers can suggest a guaranteed pleaser—"Top 10 reasons I love my mother."

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

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 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 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

The new evangelization calls for followers of Christ who are unconditionally pro-life: who will acclaim, celebrate, and serve the Gospel of life in every situation. A sign of hope is the increasing recognition that the dignity of human life must never be taken away, even in the case of someone who has done great evil. —Pope John Paul II

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.

Food Bank Contributions

We continue to collect nonperishable food items for the blue barrels in support of the North County Food Bank.

"Did You Know?" Collection for April 2011

\$1,191.00

Restaurant Fundraiser Results for March 2011

El Torito

\$ 342.85

Thank You! (*signature accidentally omitted on April 16-17*)

...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

Parish Events

Women's Guild News

Women's Guild May Luncheon—The theme for this month, being the month of Mary and the month of Mother's Day, is Motherhood. We will have a member of the board of directors of Birth Choice, Gene Villinski, as our speaker. He is the site director of the new Oceanside facility. He will give us a Powerpoint presentation of the new changes that have taken place. These affect the choice of the pregnant women as to whether to abort or keep the baby. There is a big difference in the approach now, and we will hear about it from this dedicated man. Be sure to join us on Monday, May 9, at 11:00am for a stimulating presentation and a delicious lunch. Call Vera Bayliss at 760-739-9061 or Valerie Thompson at 760-630-1703 to RSVP.

Board Meeting—Monday, May 2, 10:00am at Valerie's.

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.

Next Restaurant Fundraiser
Dave's Famous BBQ
Tuesday, May 10, and Wednesday, May 11
Watch for the flyer in next week's bulletin!

Knights of Columbus Breakfast
Sunday, May 22
Watch for more details in future bulletins

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

St. Thomas More, pray for us!

Pledge Statistics as of April 26

| 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 | \$363,920 362 |
| Total Goal | \$2,000,000 1,023 |
| Total Collected | \$1,177,900 |

Chris Smith, Director of Stewardship and Development
 760-758-4100 x120 or chriss@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!**

Item donations, registrations, and payments DUE BY MAY 23 at Golf table, in offertory collection, by 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/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 (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 on sale NOW!**



Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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

THE DYNAMIC OF DISCIPLESHIP

Scripture Themes for May

by Patricia Datchuck
Sánchez and Rafael
Sánchez Alonso,
Celebration
May 2011
with permission

How can I give what I do not have? How can I ask someone else to share in the fullness I have found if I allow myself to become empty? How can I excite another person when my own enthusiasm has faded? How can I witness to a Gospel that I do not take seriously or read only selectively? How can I proclaim with authenticity the One with whom I am no longer intimate? How can I whet other people's appetites for God's wondrous gifts if I have begun to take them for granted? How can I be true to the challenge of being salt and light for others if my inner resources have grown depleted? How can I stoke the fires of faith in others if the embers of my soul are suffering from burnout?

As the above series of questions makes clear, service must always be supported by spiritual renewal; this is intrinsic to the dynamic of discipleship. We are at our best when our lives follow a holy and healthy rhythm, when we gather regularly to be fed, to be graced, to be taught and inspired so that our witness is not false and our service is not sterile.

Throughout the year, our lives are a blessed harmony of liturgy in the holy place, which enables us to carry grace and holiness into every other place. Some may liken Sunday's gatherings to an oasis where hungers are fed, thirsts are quenched, and appetites are whetted for even greater service. Others may regard these liturgical pauses as pit stops in the rat race of life. However we approach and appreciate them, these planned times of liturgical renewal are necessary punctuation points in

the ongoing conversation of life. For most of us, these moments of renewal are a weekly gift, and a welcome one. However, because the challenge of discipleship is often daunting, the church in its wisdom has provided for an extended period of renewal each year during the season of Easter.

During the weeks following the feast of Jesus' resurrection, the praying assembly is invited to a family reunion. We return to our roots in Jesus crucified and risen from the dead. As we are renewed in the mystery of the Christ-event, we are also reacquainted with those who first committed themselves to Jesus. We will see that they found their strength in shared prayer, shared possessions, shared lives (May 1). We will remember with wonder how Jesus transformed their lives such that they became bold preachers and courageous witnesses to him (May 8, 15). We will listen and try to emulate their willingness to adapt themselves to the growing and changing needs of the community (May 22). We will be inspired by their willingness to leave their homes to preach the Gospel and bring Christ's healing to the rest of the then known world (May 29).

As we recall the fervor and daring of those early Christians, we are challenged to move beyond awe and admiration of them, and to act, to emulate their example. In order to do so, we look, as they did, to the risen Christ, who continues to breathe Spirit into us (May 1). We look to him who continues to be made known to us in the breaking of the bread and in the Word (May 8). We cling to him who assures us that



he is still looking out for us, as a good shepherd loves and guards his sheep (May 15). We look with hope to him who has promised that when our service here in his name is concluded, he will gather us in to rest with him in the place he has prepared for us (May 22).

Until that time beyond time, our focus is to remain on the mission at hand. There are the poor who require our care, the marginalized who need to be defended and the helpless who are to be protected. There are injustices to be made right and sins to repent. There is good news to preach and hope to be stoked; faith to be shared and blessings to celebrate. All the while, at every turn, the Spirit of Jesus is with us (May 29).

Through the power of this Spirit, we continue to serve; through the movement of that same Spirit, we regularly come together to pray, to be renewed and to be strengthened. This brings us full circle to the question: How can I give what I do not have? Our answer to that question keeps us coming back to him who is the source of all our hope, the substance of our faith and the cause of our joy.

Upcoming Music

MAY 7/8
3rd Sunday
of Easter

5:00pm Mass

Cantor &
Congregation

8:30am Mass

Cantor &
Congregation

10:30am Mass

Cantor &
Congregation

Friday, May 6 ♦ 8:45am - 7:30pm ♦ Eucharistic Exposition

FEAST OF STS. MARIAN AND JAMES

We pray...that we will be faithful to the mission of Jesus.

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

Kathleen Bell
Director of Faith Formation
kathleenb@stmoside.org; 760-758-4100 x110

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

Remember to return

- your 2011-2012 enrollment packet
- your Rice Bowl

RICE BOWL



It is time to return our alms gathered from our Lenten sacrifices...the money we saved by simplifying our meals or giving up that extra treat.

Please return the contents of your Rice Bowl today. It is helpful to us if you change the contents into a check (payable to STM), and we will put all our alms together and send it off to Catholic Relief Services.

Women's Prayer Breakfast Saturday, May 7 8:00-10:30am

*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!"*

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



RE.A.CH 2011-2012

Enrollment is underway for our religious education classes that begin in September for ages 3 through 17.

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

PBJ Update

Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center

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|--------------------|-----|
| 2011 Goal: | 365 |
| Collected to date: | 247 |



YOUTH MINISTRY

Middle School

✘ EPIC

(Encrypting People in Christ)

We will be meeting Sunday, May 22. I hope and pray that your Easter joy brings you closer to the Risen Christ. Be new life for your friends and family!

High School

✘ IGNITE

Have you ever felt lost? Or lonely? Do you feel you are just going through life? Tonight is going to be REAL and HONEST. You will not want to miss this. Come and bring more people to this family; let's share our faith with the people closest to us.

✘ LEAD

Feel that you have a story to share? Feel that you are a great witness of your faith? 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!!! 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 Sunday, May 1! Please talk to me if you have any questions or concerns!

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CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

All We Have Is Gift ~

Life is something God has given us to take care of. Everything comes from God. We may use our talent or ability to achieve material goods, but these are gifts from God to begin with!

No matter who you are or what you do—no matter how meaningless you consider your life's work—you can achieve greatness in the eyes of God by doing your work to the best of your ability and offering it up to God.

St. Paul says it very well, "I have learned to manage on whatever I have. I know how to be poor and how to be rich . . . There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the one who gives me strength."

Vote with Your Faith!



If I give *nothing* . . . I cast a vote in favor of closing my church.

If I give *only to local support* . . . I vote to stop missionary activity in this hour of great world need.

If I give *grudgingly* . . . I shall find no joy, nor receive the blessing of the Lord.

If I give *proportionately* . . . I shall give something, even if of necessity, mine must be small.

If I give *systematically* . . . I make it possible for my church to plan in advance and make it easier for myself.

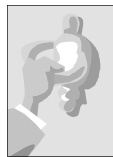
If I give *sacrificially* . . . I shall testify to the high value I place upon Christ and the church in ministering to the physical and the spiritual needs of suffering humanity.

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Opportunity Knocks!

Hospitality Ministers (a.k.a. Ushers)

- † Greet fellow worshippers as they arrive and later as they as they leave.
- † Hand out worship aids/collect them after Mass.
- † Help with the Offertory Collection.
- † Assist with seating, directions to restrooms, etc.
- † Distribute bulletins at the end of Mass.



To be a vital part of our welcome spirit at STM please contact:
Douglas Lynn, 760-758-4100 x140 or douglasl@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

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: \$45,700

Number of families contributing: 340

Our assessment for 2011 is \$48,000. 80% of any amount over \$48,000 will be returned to St. Thomas More to help with our Operating Budget. Thank you!

Collection for April 21-24, 2011

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| Number of Registered Households: | 1,023 |
| Holy Thursday | \$1,241.56 |
| Good Friday (<i>designated for the Holy Land</i>) | \$1,368.00 |
| Easter Sunday | \$34,072.67 |

* 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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Rejoice in the Resurrection!

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.

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.

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 you will never forget! Don't miss it. RSVP 858-342-9022

Sung Contemplative Rosary in Rancho Bernardo—Friday, May 20, 7:00pm, San Rafael Catholic Church, 17252 Bernardo Center Dr., San Diego. Incorporates Easter Season/Pentecost themes of the Glorious Mysteries through song and display of icons. For more information, call 858-487-4314.

Generational Healing Workshop in Solana Beach—Saturday, May 21, 9:00am-12:00pm, St. James Church. Includes presentation, testimonies, song, and a Healing Mass. For more information, call 888-590-5095.

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 Children—Become 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 Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive

On Saturday, May 14, the post office will host the nation's largest single-day food drive. You can help by placing non perishable food items next to your mailbox. Your letter carrier will pick them up and deliver them to local food banks. Catholic Charities will receive all food donated in Vista. Volunteers are needed to help sort the food between 12:00-4:00pm Saturday, May 14, at the Catholic Charities food pantry. For more information, please call Lisa at 760-631-4792.

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 1:30pm or 6:30pm 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.





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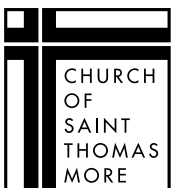
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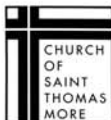
Sunday, May 22, 2011

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