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

Rev. Michael Ratajczak, Pastor
Deacon Thomas A. Goeltz

Office Hours: Monday-Friday
8:30am-12:00noon and 12:30-4:00pm

Mass Schedule
Saturday at 5:00pm
Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am
Tuesday-Friday at 8:15am

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

Reconciliation (Confession)
Saturday, 4:00-4:30pm

May 8, 2011 • Third Sunday of Easter

Pastor's Column

*Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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Lent, the Triduum, Resurrection Sunday, and the Great Fifty Days

As most of you know, my Lent was spent at the rectory recovering from back surgery. These weeks were some of the most difficult weeks of my life. It was so because I was attempting to live according to my plans and schedule, and not God's, nor those of the surgeons and the health professionals that were attempting to guide me.

As Lent progressed, I did learn my lessons!

When I "returned" to my duties during Holy Week, the Triduum, it was a most exhilarating and very spiritual experience for me.

Why? Because I saw how everything during this time moved forward without my direct presence in the office and in the Parish.

I was not surprised, but once again, I was amazed and filled with gratitude for this faith-filled community: all of you, the Parishioners, and the Parish Staff!

The word that I use over and over again when describing this Parish to others is "intentionality."

All of you are here because you want to be! You take seriously the responsibilities and duties of being members of this Faith Community.

And each of you, according to your ability, give of your time, talent, and treasure to ensure that St. Thomas More Parish is a vibrant place in which the mission and ministry of Jesus continues for this time and this place!

The details of Lent that came to me from others, and then the Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, and Resurrection Sunday Liturgies that I had the privilege to lead were so meaningful!

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Did You Know?

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

Our Mission is to: worship God,

Mass Schedule:

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

Rite of Reconciliation (Confession):

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

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

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

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

Communion for the Homebound/Hospitalized:

Contact Parish Office at 760-758-4100 x100

Anointing of the Sick: Contact Parish Office

Matrimony:

Contact Parish Office a minimum of nine months in advance

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

teach and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ,

Inquiry into the Catholic Faith:

First and third Thursday evenings

Religious Education for Youth & Children:

Two times a month, September-May, on Sundays

Religious Education for Adults: Various times, September-May

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

Little Rock Scripture Study:

Weekly sessions, morning or evening

High School Youth Ministry: Monday evenings

Middle School Youth Ministry:

Two Monday evenings per month

Preparation for the Sacraments:

Baptism (for infants):

Begins with an appointment with the Pastor

Baptism (7-14 yrs.)/RCIA:

One to two year process with children and parents

Baptism (adults)/RCIA:

One to two year process; weekly sessions

First Reconciliation: In home process begins in Level 1

First Communion:

In home process begins after First Reconciliation

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

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

and serve God's people in word and deed.

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

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

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

So many of you were involved...so many of you did so much to make happen what happened. Please know that I am eternally grateful for each of you, and for what you did.

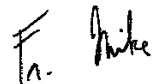
Whatever you may have given in the way of time, talent, and treasure is so appreciated. Know that you warm a Pastor's heart!

As is my custom, I do not mention any names or any committees, organizations, or groups. I have learned over the years when I mention one committee or one name, I miss another committee or name.

You know who you are and what you have done. And I know that you know, that you have done it for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. You have not done what you have done for acknowledgement, glory, praise, or for recognition from the Pastor.

You have given praise and glory to our God. This makes me so proud of you, and it energizes me in my ministry to you.

Let us continue to move through these Great Fifty Days as we celebrate Resurrection Sunday, and look forward to Pentecost!



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*

Another Thank You

Fr. Rusty Shaughnessy sends his sincere appreciation for the hospitality and generosity of the Parishioners of St. Thomas More during our Lenten Mission.

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 Kathleen Bell at 760-758-4100 x110.

Readings for the Week Ahead
 Sunday Year A; Weekday Year I
 Readings online at www.usccb.org.

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

Monday, May 9 (273)
 Acts 6:8-15
 Psalm 119:23-24,26-27-29-30
 John 6:22-29

Tuesday, May 10 (274)
Damien Joseph de Veuster of Moloka'i, priest
 Acts 7:51-8:1a
 Psalm 31:3-4,6-8,17,21ab
 John 6:30-35

Wednesday, May 11 (275)
 Acts 8:1b-8
 Psalm 66:1-3a,4-7a
 John 6:35-40

Thursday, May 12 (276)
Nereus and Achilleus, martyrs; Pancras, martyr
 Acts 8:26-40
 Psalm 66:8-9,16-17,20
 John 6:44-51

Friday, May 13 (277)
Our Lady of Fatima
 Acts 9:1-20
 Psalm 117:1-2
 John 6:52-59

Saturday, May 14 (564)
Matthias, apostle
 Acts 1:15-17,20-26
 Psalm 113:1-8
 John 15:9-17

Sunday, May 15 (49)
Fourth Sunday of Easter
 Acts 2:14a,36-41
 Psalm 23:1-6
 1 Peter 2:20b-25
 John 10:1-10

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

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| The Aguilar & Garcia Families | June Mitchell |
| Mary Alexander | Nancy Moore |
| Laura Allenfort | Margie Myers |
| Lucia Ambriz | Cosmo Nocida |
| Mary Balli | R. Northrup |
| Patricia Barbour | Helen O'Connell |
| Clarice Bednarz | Heidi Olson |
| Dawn Belprez | Juanita Matamala Pacheco |
| John Bennici | Lupe Casas Pelletier |
| Regina Bentz | Helen Pingtella |
| Roseanne Berg | Logan Plant |
| George "Whitey" Betus | Reuben & Evi Quinn |
| Mary Betz | Otila Quiroz |
| The Botkin Family | The Ratajczak Family |
| Lynda Brady | Jack Riley |
| Ethel Brogan | Clinton Ritchie |
| Monica Broussard | Rita Ritchie |
| George Brown | Joanne Robinson |
| Janet Brown | Maria Rogers |
| Shelby Campbell | Dorothy Rouse |
| Brianne Campos | The Russo Family |
| Claudia Caplinger | Nancy Scali |
| Paul Cassidy | Linda Schmidt |
| Lolly Cervantes | The Douglas E. Schulte Family |
| Pat Christopherson | Bob, Joan, & Julie Shea |
| Paul Cipowski | Elizabeth Shirzad |
| Dick Clarke | Richard Sikora |
| Dolly Cole | Jeanne Sisson |
| Carl Coleman | Mike Snyder |
| James Coleman | Nick Soltau |
| Thomas Cornwall & Family | Drew Spangler |
| Pat Crafton | Fred Spiegl |
| Karen Flaharty Daley | Gilda Spiegl |
| Beverly de Gelder | Eleanor Martin Spinney |
| Judith DiMatteo | The St. Ours & Rhoades Families |
| The Doering Family | Dorothy Staehr |
| Linda Dossman | Jo & George Stephens |
| Bob & Boo Falconer | Pete Sullivan |
| The Fiore Family | Maria Surmenidis |
| Peggy & Jack Fischer | David Sweet |
| The Flood Family | Elijah Thorsen |
| Ryan Flum | The Toth Family |
| Matthew Foster | Stephen Toth, Jr. |
| Kathryn Franklin | Mary Tysko & Family |
| Joe Freire | Laurie Updyke |
| Brian Frink | Barbara Upson |
| The Fuentes Family | Arnie Velasco |
| Carmen Garcia | Theresa Vesci |
| Rick Gonzalez | Lucy Vienna |
| Eileen Gough | Dominic Vienna, Jr. |
| Jeffrey Guyer | Vanessa Vitiello-Koble |
| Rosemary Haeffelin | Kevin Watson-Graff |
| Susan Hallahan | John Whitton |

Calendar Highlights

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

The Week Ahead

- May 8 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
- May 9 Women's Guild Luncheon
- May 15 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
- May 15 RE.A.CH Classes at Church

The Month Ahead

- 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 8 Treasures 2011 Flea Market
- 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
Saturday, May 7, 5:00pm Jim Benefield
Sunday, May 8, 8:30am Kathleen Whitaker ☩
Sunday, May 8, 10:30am Thomas Martin ☩
Tuesday, May 10, 8:15am <i>Mothers Day Triduum</i>
Wednesday, May 11, 8:15am <i>Mothers Day Triduum</i>
Thursday, May 12, 8:15am <i>Mothers Day Triduum</i>
Friday, May 13, 8:15am Frances Hoogestraat ☩
Saturday, May 14, 5:00pm Kenneth Fiske ☩
Sunday, May 15, 8:30am Mary & Steve Montella ☩
Sunday, May 15, 10:30am Duilia Colucci ☩

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
- Lt. 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.

May 9 Sr. Elizabeth Abajo, SJS
May 10 Sr. Laura Abat, OSF
May 11 Sr. Ana Rosa Aceves, SJS
May 12 Sr. Ampelia Acuna, RJM
May 13 Sr. Marie Carmen Aguilar, UCSC
May 14 Sr. Luz Alicia Alvarez, SJS
May 15 Sr. Elizabeth of the Trinity Amabile, MC

Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioners

Larry & Addie Moneymaker
Kodi Moneymaker

In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Marie Elizabeth Toth, who died on April 19. Her funeral services were held in Houston, Texas. Please keep her son, Parishioner Steve Toth, and her family in your prayers.

Lorraine Jenkins, who died on April 19. Her funeral services will be private. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Rita Harnacker, who died on April 26. Her funeral services were held at Mission San Fernando Rey in Los Angeles. Please keep her husband Bill and the family in your prayers..

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

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.

2011 Annual Lenten Collection

\$2,829.28

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

Culture of Life News

Remember, this weekend is the Baby Food Drive for Birth Choice of San Marcos, our local pregnancy resource center. Donations of baby food and formula will be appreciated. Happy Mothers Day!

Food Bank Contributions

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

**FILL A GROCERY BAG
FOR A HUNGRY FAMILY**



Marriage & Family Life Corner

Widowed, Divorced, or Separated? This is the time to make a reservation for the Beginning Experience Weekend to be held July 15-17, at the Prince of Peace Abbey in Oceanside. The weekend interactive retreat is for widowed, divorced, and separated men and women who are ready to move beyond their grief. If you are ready to put your feelings of grief behind you and are seeking a new beginning, this weekend may be for you. For more information call Maureen Schultz at 619-447 0622 or Cathy Savel at 619-222 9093 or email Mymom54@aol.com.

The Bishops' Letter on Marriage—God Always Present: “[Married couples] are to foster this gospel faith among themselves and within their children through their teaching and example. Likewise, they live in hope of God’s kindness, mercy, and generosity. In the midst of the inevitable trials and hardships, they trust that God is graciously watching over them and their family. They trust that the Father’s love will never abandon them, but that, in union with Jesus, they will always remain in his presence.” To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

Marriage Moments—(Mother’s Day) Husbands, your wife is not your mother, but your mother probably set a tone for how you regard women. If it was a healthy model, thank your mother. If it wasn’t, don’t live in the past. Change it.

Parenting Pointers—“A life focused on what I own will always be a poor substitute for one focused on knowing who I am.” (Raising Kids Who Will Make a Difference) Help your child know him/herself better this week. Help them identify a strength and an area for growth.

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

Parish Events

Women's Guild News

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.

Annual Quilt Raffle—Please return your raffle tickets and money for the popular Lap N Nap quilts, as well as photos of the beautiful quilts that will be raffled at the June meeting.

Knights of Columbus Breakfast

Come join us on Sunday, May 22, 9:00-10:30am for a delicious breakfast of pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee/juice, and fresh fruit.

Adults: \$6, Child: \$4 (age 5 and under are free). Families with two or more children: \$15 max.

Table reservations are available for large groups by calling Mike at 760-940-9546.

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
Still Needed	\$363,920
Total Goal	\$2,000,000
Total Collected	\$1,188,336

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.
- ◆ **Tickets on sale NOW!**



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

Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN AGAIN!

Here we go again!

This is a common refrain of those who prepare liturgies. Day after day, Sunday following Sunday, season by season, year after year, our faith community gathers to nourish our souls, to celebrate the mystery, to worship our God. It doesn't stop.

Worship—sung, spoken, or silent—is meant to be ongoing, never-ending. Our worship is like that of the four living creatures in the Book of Revelation (4:8),

*Day and night
 they do not stop exclaiming:*

*Holy, holy, holy
 is the Lord God almighty,
 who was, and who is,
 and who is to come.*

And then there are the “elders” who, every time they hear the creatures giving glory and honor and thanks, fall down before the throne and exclaim:

*Worthy are you, Lord our God,
 to receive glory
 and honor and power,
 for you created all things;
 because of your will
 they came to be
 and were created.*

Note, that the creatures never stop. This would mean that the “elders” never get to stop either. Nor do we!

I know a number of colleagues who work in the academic world of music, who are not at all comfortable in a church or synagogue setting. For them, the ongoing requirement of preparing a worthy piece of choir music and presenting it seven days after the last piece is too stressful. They are perfectly capable of putting together a ninety-minute concert every ten weeks. Four or five minutes every week is another story.

So when one of my colleagues inquires about the lull after Easter, I reply, “What lull?” The Great Fifty Days of Easter are upon us. Our worship, and our song, continues!

This season the Sanctuary Choir is singing “Christ the Lord Is Risen Again” by John Rutter. Catherine Winkworth's translation of this powerful text intrigues me because it is one of the few times I see the word “again” rather than the more common “today” found in most Easter hymns.

*Christ the Lord is risen again;
 Christ hath broken every chain;
 Hark, the angels shout for joy,
 Singing evermore on high,
 Alleluia!*

*He who gave for us his life,
 Who for us endured the strife,
 Is our Paschal Lamb today!
 We too sing for joy and say
 Alleluia!*

*He who bore all pain and loss
 Comfortless upon the cross,
 Lives in glory now on high,
 Pleads for us, and hears our cry.
 Alleluia!*

*Now He bids tell abroad
 How the lost may be restored,
 How the penitent forgiv'n,
 How we too may enter heav'n.
 Alleluia!*

*Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed,
 Christ, today thy people feed;
 Take our sins and guilt away,
 That we all may sing for ay,
 Alleluia!*

The word “again” in the first line reminds me of our ongoing mandate to worship continuously, day after day, Sunday following Sunday, season by season, year after year.

This Easter season is not the first time we have celebrated Christ's resurrection, nor will it be the last. Thanks be to God!



SPRING SING

Church Choir Festival
 Concert

Sunday, May 22
 4:00pm

with Classic Brass

FREE-WILL OFFERING

Bring a canned food item (or 3)
 for the food pantry at
 Interfaith Community Services!

HELPING PEOPLE HELP THEMSELVES

interfaith
 community services

Upcoming Music

MAY 15
 4th Sunday
 of Easter

5:00pm Mass

Handbell Choir

8:30am Mass

Sanctuary Choir

10:30am Mass

Praise Team

Faith Formation

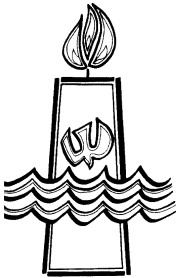
Teach and Live the Gospel

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

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

With Resurrection joy!

The Parish community warmly welcomes
the newly initiated members
of the Church of St. Thomas More



Laura Hawkins



Bryan Hawkins



Cheryl Rowland

PBJ Update

Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center

2011 Goal: 365
Collected to date: 260



YOUTH MINISTRY

Thank you to all the members of LEAD for your participation at Holy Thursday Mass. Thank you to the Parish of St. Thomas More, as it was an honor and privilege to be part of the procession of the Eucharist, the source and summit of our faith. To lead our Parishioners into adoration that evening was a blessing and a highly regarded responsibility that brought joy to the LEAD team. For LEAD, the Eucharist is where we gain our strength, confidence, and energy, and also where we lay down our lives, hopes, and dreams, that they may be all part of God's will for us.

Proudly wearing our charcoal shirts with our new LEAD logo, we concluded that evening



with a commissioning of our LEAD team, profoundly aware of the blessing it is for us to bring teens closer to Christ. We do not take our mission for this Parish lightly, for we believe that the youth of our community need to hear of our God and God's love for them. Thank you to the Parish of St. Thomas More for your support, love, and prayers.

High School

✦ IGNITE

Always fighting with family? Brothers and sisters are annoying you? Tonight we will analyze these relationships and learn to build stronger ones. Come and bring more people to this family, let's share our faith with the people closest to us.

Steubenville San Diego 2011

Thank you all for who registered to come with us to Steubenville San Diego!!! With this approaching, we will have meetings to prepare for this great event! Participants that have registered, can pay the full amount by July 1, 2011 or pay by installments up until that date. Please let me know which payment you would prefer.

Middle School

✦ EPIC

(Encrypting People in Christ)

We will be meeting Sunday, May 22. Enjoy Mother's Day and I pray you have done something for your mothers. See you in a couple weeks, I know it has been a while, and I am excited to meet with you all.

Marc
Marc Raymundo
Youth Advocate

Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

Chris Smith
Director of Stewardship & Development
chriss@stmoside.org; 758-4100 x120

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Ideas for the Month of May

- † Plan an outing with your family.
- † Introduce yourself to a fellow Parishioner with whom you are unfamiliar.
- † Pray for peace on Memorial Day.
- † Help a neighbor who is physically unable clean their yard.
- † Invite someone to attend a weekend liturgy with you.
- † Make a blood donation.
- † Show genuine hospitality to visitors at your church.
- † Don't text when you drive.
- † Reduce your stress by getting outside and getting some exercise.
- † Drive courteously.
- † Make contact with a relative you haven't seen in a long time.
- † Take time to pray each day.
- † Treat your family or loved one to a day at the museum.
- † Volunteer to participate in a community cleanup effort.
- † Make a gift to your diocesan annual appeal.

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Opportunity Knocks!

Hospitality Ministers (a.k.a. Ushers)

- † Greet fellow worshipers as they arrive and later as they as they leave.
- † Hand out worship aides/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, 760-758-4100x140 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: \$46,000

Number of families contributing: 342

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 Week of April 30/May 1, 2011

Number of Registered Households		1,025
Offertory*	\$	8,902.76
Offertory (Loose Collection)		1,348.50
Children's envelopes		1.00
Total	\$	10,252.26

* 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

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

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Happy Resurrection Sunday!

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.

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

Choral Concert in San Diego—Sunday, May 15, 7:00pm, First United Methodist Church of San Diego, 2111 Camino Del Rio S., Mission Valley. Felix Mendelssohn's *St. Paul: An Oratorio* will be presented by the Chancel Choir, the Masterwork Chorale, the Pacem Singers, and members of the San Diego Symphony. Pre-concert lecture by Robert Plimpton at 6:20pm. For more information, contact 619-297-4366 or www.fumcsd.org.

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.

Women's Christian Fellowship Luncheon in Carlsbad—Thursday, May 26, 9:30am-1:30pm, Hilton Garden Inn, Carlsbad. Fr. Donald Calloway will recount his conversion story. Cost is \$25 and includes lunch. For more information and reservations, call Ellie at 760-930-4014.

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.

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

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

Healing Ministry in Solana Beach—St. James Healing Ministry offers Healing Prayer in either the Adoration Chapel or the Church at the following times: Every Sunday after the 9:00am

Mass, First Mondays from 9:00-10:00am, Second Tuesdays from 7:00-8:15pm, and on Third Saturdays after the 5:00pm Mass. All are welcome. For more information, call 888-590-5095.

Separated/Divorced Support Group in Solana Beach—If you are in pain from a separation or divorce, please consider joining our support group. We meet 10:15am Sunday mornings at St. James Catholic Church Ministry Center Offices, 625 S. Nardo, Solana Beach. For additional information please contact Frank Grant at 760-533-1520 or fwgrant@earthlink.net.

Natural Family Planning (NFP) Classes in San Diego—Sympto-thermal method (99.6% effective). For more information or to register, contact Dave & Cheryl Ross at 619-303-5053 or davidandcheryl@cox.net.

Marriage Encounter Program in San Diego—Resolving to have a better relationship? Choose a Marriage Encounter weekend to start that process! For more information, contact barfive@cox.net or 866-473-7730.

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

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:

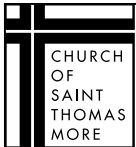
- Parishioner priority for enrollment at St. Francis School,
- Equal tuition rates,
- Financial aid opportunities, and
- Fundraising support.

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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