

**Ricardo Juárez Frausto, CJM
Seminarist of the
Congregation of Jesus and Mary**

...will be learning more about Parish life during his time at St. Thomas More. See page 2 for more details.

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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 15, 2011 • Fourth Sunday of Easter

Pastor's Column

*Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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God Is Our Shepherd

Jesus Said, "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

—John 10:27-30

Sheep are not noted for their intelligence. They have a tendency to wander off, to get caught in the bushes or dragged down into the water. So the shepherd has to be on his guard at all times. And so much does he love his individually named sheep that he will leave the flock for a time to search for a stray.

Psalms 23, "The Lord, Shepherd and Host," was obviously written by someone who knew. Perhaps it was King David, himself a shepherd in his youth. The shepherd in the psalm leads his flock

to green pastures because sheep, unlike goats, cannot digest drying vegetation. The shepherd finds still waters for his flock because sheep cannot drink at swiftly flowing streams—all too often they are carried off and drowned. The shepherd guides his flock along the "right paths;" in other words, he knows how to avoid the spots where poisonous snakes sun themselves, where boulders are apt to break loose and where marauding animals lurk.

When the sheep are returned to their sheepfold after a day out on the mountain, the shepherd himself becomes the gate to the sheepfold. With his body he blocks the entrance so that only one animal at a time may enter. In this way he can check again for any injuries, and also make sure that he has all his flock.

The shepherd has his name for every sheep under his care, and the sheep respond to his voice. In ancient times, calling one's sheep

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St. Thomas More 12th Annual Golf Classic - Friday, June 3
Sign up now for golf, mini-golf, and evening festivities! See page 5 for details.

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.*

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was often a test of ownership, especially if local authorities suspected the sheep had been stolen.

Finally, when the shepherd calls the sheep out the next morning, they follow him and he leads, unlike other cultures where the shepherd follows the sheep. In Palestine, the terrain is so uncertain and the climate so changeable that the shepherd must go first in order to clear potential hazards out of the way.

In the Shepherd imagery, Jesus also insists on being the gate to the sheepfold. He is emphasizing his role as judge, something we do not often realize. He is the one who either allows a sheep to go in or not. But since the sheep already belong to him, his judging is more a case of forbidding wolves and thieves from entering his kingdom.

The rod and staff serve to keep sheep from straying and sometimes are used as a sort of balustrade when the shepherd has to use hillside paths with steep drops.

The shepherd knows how to pasture the flock, even though packs of enemies—wolves, wild dogs—may be near.

And when he walks among his resting flock, he uses his horn of oil on any scratches or grazes he finds on their heads, where they are especially vulnerable.

As we continue our celebration of the Resurrection in these Great Fifty Days, we are mindful that we are sheep and the shepherd of our flock is our God who always guides us along the right path. All we need do is listen to God's voice!

Fr. Mike

Ricardo Juárez Frausto, CJM Seminarian of the Congregation of Jesus and Mary

I was born in Sonoyta, Sonora, México. My degrees are in Philosophy and Theology from the Diocesan Seminary in Mexicali, México.

After my studies there, I lived at the House of Formation in La Mesa, California for a year and studied English at Grossmont College. This was the beginning of discernment to reflect upon the call to priesthood within the Congregation of Jesus and Mary.

The Founder of the Congregation of Jesus and Mary is St. John Eudes. The Congregation was founded in France in 1643. The Congregation is commonly called the Eudists. To learn more about the Congregation of Jesus and Mary go to www.eudistes.org.

My discernment continued in the Philippines for nine months from June 30, 2010, to March 30, 2011. It was a special time of prayer, contemplation, and reflection upon Eudist spirituality.

I am now very happy to share my life with the faith family of St. Thomas More Parish under the leadership of Fr. Michael Ratajczak.

I will share my life, my heart, and my vocation with you as I continue to develop my pastoral skills and fluency in English.

Thank you so much.

In one Heart,
Ricardo Juárez Frausto, CJM

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

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

Monday, May 16 (279)
 Acts 11:1-18
 Psalm 42:2-3;43:3-4
 John 10:11-18

Tuesday, May 17 (280)
 Acts 11:19-26
 Psalm 87:1-7
 John 10:22-30

Wednesday, May 18 (281)
John I, pope, martyr
 Acts 12:24-13:5a
 Palm 67:2-3,5-6,8
 John 12:44-50

Thursday, May 19 (282)
 Acts 13:13-25
 Psalm 89:2-3,21-22,25,27
 John 13:16-20

Friday, May 20 (283)
Bernardine of Siena, priest
 Acts 13:26-33
 Psalm 2:6-11
 John 14:1-6

Saturday, May 21 (284)
Christopher Magallanes, priest, martyr, and his companions, martyrs
 Acts 13:44-52
 Psalm 98:1-4
 John 14:7-14

Sunday, May 22 (52)
Fifth Sunday of Easter
 Acts 6:1-7
 Psalm 33:1-2,4-5,18-19
 1 Peter 2:4-9
 John 14:1-12

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
 Alexandra Banwell
 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
 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
 Peps Dagdayan
 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 Family
 Mark Harrison
 Lillian Hills
 Susan Hori
 Iolanda Iacobelli
 Max Isaac
 The Jenkins Family
 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
 Nancy Marley
 Virginia McWalters
 Bob McWilliams
 Joyce Meehan
 Carol Michael
 Walt & Rita Mikridge
 June Mitchell
 Nancy Moore
- Margie Myers
 Cosmo Nocida
 R. Northrup
 Helen O'Connell
 Heidi Olson
 Lupe Casas Pelletier
 Helen Pingtella
 Logan Plant
 Anne Post
 The Provinse Family
 The Quinn Family
 Otila Quiroz
 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 Soitau
 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
 The Toth Family
 Stephen Toth, Jr.
 Mary Tysko & Family
 Laurie Updyke
 Barbara Upson
 Arnie Velasco
 Theresa Vesci
 Lucy Vienna
 The Vienna Family
 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 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 21-22 Knights of Columbus Membership Drive
 May 22 Blood Drive
 May 22 Knights of Columbus Breakfast
 May 22 Spring Sing
 May 29 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
 May 30 Memorial Day Mass at 8:15am Parish Office and Blessed Sacrament Chapel closed

The Year Ahead

- June 3 STM Golf Classic
 June 7-8 Restaurant Fundraiser at Chili's
 June 9 Spirited Seniors Trip to Old Town
 June 12 Confirmation at 10:30am Mass
 July 8-10 Parish Campout
 July 18-22 Vacation Bible Camp
 Aug 28 Third Annual Pastor's Dinner
 Oct 8 Treasures 2011 Flea Market
 Oct 14-16 Men's Fellowship Retreat
 Dec 4 Towers of Faith Reception

Next Year

- Jan 14-31 Stewardship Awareness and Renewal

Questions? Contact Henny at 760-758-4100 x100

Pray for Women Religious

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

May 16 Sr. Mary Amador, RJM
May 17 Sr. Adela Amoroso-Medrano, OLVM
May 18 Sr. Dolores Anchondo, CSJ
May 19 Sr. Mary Jo Anderson, CHS
May 20 Sr. Pia Anderson, OCD
May 21 Sr. Flavia Arellano, CVI
May 22 Sr. Flavia Arellano, CVI

Mass Intentions
Saturday, May 14, 5:00pm Kenneth Fiskén ☩
Sunday, May 15, 8:30am Mary & Steve Montella ☩
Sunday, May 15, 10:30am Duilia Colucci ☩
Tuesday, May 17, 8:15am John Rodriguez ☩
Wednesday, May 18, 8:15am Michael Norton ☩
Thursday, May 19, 8:15am Edward Dapkus ☩
Friday, May 20, 8:15am Lucy Vienna
Friday, May 20, 9:30am Marge Heath ☩ <i>Aegis</i>
Saturday, May 21 5:00pm <i>First Communicants</i>
Sunday, May 22, 8:30am Matthew Brady ☩
Sunday, May 22, 10:30am Frank Trotta ☩

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 Bergman
 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

In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Angela Curci-Cutaneo, who died on May 5. Her funeral services will be held in Italy. Angela is the aunt of Parishioner/Staff Member Natalie Provinse. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Reuben Quinn, who died on May 10. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, May 17, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep his wife, Evi, and the family in your prayers.

Dominic Vienna, Jr., who died this week. Please keep his mother, Parishioner Lucy Vienna, 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.

2011 Japan Earthquake Relief Collection (to Catholic Relief Services)

\$7,500.00

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**

STM Scrip News

TRY US NOW! FREE Fundraising.

Ask about our travel Scrip opportunities!

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

Blood Drive

It is time for our spring blood drive—May 22. I will be on the Plaza after Masses to take appointments and answer questions this weekend, May 14-15. Please consider donating blood before or after you eat breakfast with the Knights of Columbus. Thank you!
—Linda Dicus, 760-726-5081.

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**



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: \$46,700

Number of families contributing: 347

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!

Marriage & Family Life Corner

The Bishops' Letter on Marriage—Living Chastely: “Married people are called to love with conjugal chastity. That is, their love is to be total, faithful, exclusive, and open to life...The practice of marital chastity ensures that both husband and wife will strive to live as a gift of self, one to the other, generously. In other words, marital chastity protects a great good: the communion of persons and the procreative purposes of marriage.” To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

Marriage Moments— “My heart is ever at your service.” (William Shakespeare) It may seem like odd English to your ear but there's something romantic about poetry. Have you ever read poetry to each other? Your spouse might be delighted that you made the effort.

Parenting Pointers—Single parents are like a Swiss Army knife. They have to perform many functions. If you are not a single parent, help one you know this week by mowing a lawn, babysitting, providing a listening ear etc.

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

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

Treasures 2011

**Flea Market Community Parking Lot Sale
Saturday, October 8**

Last year’s flea market was a fun event for our volunteers and produced personal satisfaction and financially rewarding proceeds of \$8,700 for our Parish fund raiser.

While it may seem early, now is the time for Parishioners to respond to this call for volunteers for planning and organizing the development of this year’s flea market. Please step forward by volunteering and assisting in making this another fun event and even greater fund raiser than last year.

Our first organizational meeting will be held on Sunday, May 22, from 7:00-8:30pm in the lower level of the Parish Center. Our volunteers will focus on various ideas that will produce greater revenue. Please mark your calendar and plan on attending this important meeting. Parish men, women, and teenagers are encouraged to participate. Refreshments will be served.

Please start saving your many treasured flea market items for the October 8 fund raiser. The gently used items will be donated by the Parishioners and friends of the Church of St. Thomas More.

—Jerry and Judy Buoniconti 760-758-5113

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

St. Thomas More, pray for us!

Pledge Statistics as of May 10

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	364
Total Goal	\$2,000,000	1,025
Total Collected	\$1,204,463	

Chris Smith, Director of Stewardship and Development
760-758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org

12th Anniversary Golf Classic ~ Friday, June 3 ~ SIGN UP TODAY!



- 🔥 **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!** Let the good times roll!!!
- 🔥 **Pastor’s Dinner Signups ~ Sunday, August 28, featuring Hot Pursuit Music Entertainment!**

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

SPRING SING

SANCTUARY CHOIR

Singing favorite songs from Lent and Easter!

CLASSIC BRASS

Sunday, May 22, 4:00pm

FREE-WILL OFFERING

to benefit the Music Ministry

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

In a change from our usual routine, join us for a concert of
Lenten and Easter choral favorites and hymns
accompanied by our favorite brass quintet, Classic Brass.



Upcoming Music

MAY 22
5th Sunday
of Easter

5:00pm Mass

Praise Team

8:30am Mass

Handbell Choir

10:30am Mass

Sanctuary Choir

STM MILITARY SALUTE TEAM

Help Wanted

On Memorial Day weekend and on Veterans Day, our Parish community recognizes and honors the members of St. Thomas More who are serving or have served our country in the armed forces. We are currently recruiting a few individuals to form a Military Salute Team who will be responsible for setting up our military flag display on these patriotic days.

Is this you? All necessary training, (schedules, rules, regulations, and static display example) will be provided. Your Parish needs you now. Fall in line! Thank you for your service!

Please call Kathy Arciero at 760-231-1022 to volunteer today!



Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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

RE.A.CH

Religious Education for Adolescents and Children

Dear Families,

Today we conclude our 2010-2011 season of RE.A.CH:
18 Church Sessions and 18 Home Sessions
dedicated to forming our children in faith.

I wish God's choicest blessings on the parents who have taken so seriously this responsibility and privilege given to them at the Baptism of their child.

"To everything there is a season" and so I encourage you to form faith in the weeks ahead by your continuing example:

- **CELEBRATE** Mass each and every week . . . the major source of nourishment for the faith life of your family.
- **LIVE** what you believe
 - * by your choices for recreation during the summer
 - * by strengthening family life through shared meals and common activities
 - * by praying as a family ~ before a meal, at bedtime; learning **BY HEART** the basic prayers of our Catholic faith
- **BE** a sign of peace for one another!

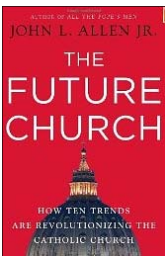
Special thanks to the dedicated Catechists who have given of their time, talent and treasure in faithful service throughout this year.

With you in ministry,

Kathleen

PS: RICE BOWL money continues to come in . . . thank you!

The Future Church



It's time to dust off the book and resume reading!

Upon future reflection we have decided to discuss the trends outlined by John Allen over eight weekly sessions.

Fr. Mike will facilitate the discussion on eight Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm beginning August 3 and ending September 21.

This is important information for every Catholic who wants a good understanding of the probable future direction of the Catholic Church and an opportunity to share your opinions.

PBJ Update

Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center

2011 Goal: 365
Collected to date: 271



YOUTH MINISTRY

High School ✦ IGNITE

Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed by Thy name, "Thy Kingdom Come." Tonight we will look at the kingdom that our Lord has placed before us. Come and bring more people to this family; let's share our faith with the people closest to us.

"I have learned so much by coming to IGNITE, and I continually come to get a better understanding of our faith. This event has brought me so much closer to God and my faith. I encourage everyone to come out and be a part of these nights. God Bless." —Shawn Martinez



Steubenville San Diego

Thank you to all for who have registered to come with us to Steubenville San Diego!!! With this approaching, we will have two meetings to prepare for this great event: July 13 and 27 at 7:00pm. Those who have registered, please plan to pay the full amount by **July 1**.

Middle School ✦ EPIC

(Encrypting People in Christ)

One more week and I get to see your lovely faces! We will be meeting Sunday, May 22, at 5:00pm. Let us look at this year and look forward to the changes this summer. See you in a week; 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

The Science of Counting Blessings

Social scientists are finally catching on to something that Christian stewards have known for centuries, namely: gratitude is beneficial to us as individuals and as a society. In fact, the results of ongoing gratitude research show promise in overcoming “the real world” challenges in building more vibrant communities and parishes. “The real world” is often seen as the place where we suffer lack of funding, too few resources, attitudes of indifference towards the church...the list goes on and on. Regardless of the positive steps that parishes may undertake, unfortunately, people can remain fixated on a problem which often leads to a downward spiral.



The solution to “the real world” challenges is Christian stewardship which is now backed by scientific evidence. Researchers have found that if people simply count their blessings instead of their burdens, it increases their overall wellbeing. The research has concluded that those who recorded their blessings felt better about their lives, had greater expectations and optimism

for the coming week, had fewer symptoms of physical illness, spent more time exercising and were more likely to have helped someone.

There is a simple gold nugget in the research that reinforces the importance of Christian stewardship: Counting our blessings helps us live out our baptismal call as Christian disciples in a more vibrant and life-giving way. It is unlikely that the research comes as a surprise to anyone who embraces stewardship as a way of life, but how many of us actually take the time to write down our blessings each and every day?

In the spirit of the Easter season, I offer this simple two-part challenge in the hopes it will further renew your attitude and enliven your spirit. Part one...each day write down three things for which you are grateful. You will successfully make this a habit if you find a time (morning, evening, lunch) and a place (in a journal, on your office calendar) that works for you.

What you record is too good to keep to yourself, which leads to part two...at some point during the day, as part of a regular conversation, share what you wrote with someone else. Make a conversation of it by asking the other person what they are grateful for and why. This is very simple and easy to do and you will be glad you did.

—by Steve Foran, ICSC Parish Stewardship, May 2011
(with permission)

For further information on the study of gratitude and its positive effects, check out the research of Robert A. Emmons, professor of psychology at the University of California at Davis, pioneer in the research on gratitude and one of the leading scholars in positive psychology. He is the author of *Thanks: How the New Science of Gratitude Can Make You Happier*, published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (2007).

Thank You!

TOWERS OF FAITH

Future Support & Estate Planning Options

Towers of Faith is a movement that has arisen due to the visionary leadership and generosity of several of our parishioners. We stress that this is not about the gift amount, but rather the love and thought behind the gift.

These individuals (*several anonymous*) have included STM in their estate planning. This helps to ensure their ongoing support and a legacy for our Parish. *Towers of Faith* is a valuable portion of our future support.



Examples of the various future planning vehicles are:
**Designated Beneficiary Accounts,
Last Will and Testament, Living Trust, Life Insurance,
Stocks and Bonds, Real Estate, and Endowments.**

Any parishioners who have already included STM in their estate plans are *Towers of Faith* participants. If you are interested, please contact us. Your participation is most welcome and appreciated!

Chris Smith at 760-758-4100 x120, or chriss@stmoside.org.

**Do two people in your family know the location of
your will and/or living trust?**

Collection for Week of May 7/8, 2011

Number of Registered Households		1,025
Offertory*	\$	14,922.36
Offertory (Loose Collection)		1,059.00
Children's envelopes		1.00
Total	\$	15,982.36

* 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.

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News from the Larger Church

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

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.

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.

Life in the Spirit Seminar—Saturday, June 4, 8:00am-4:30pm, St. Mary's Church Hall, 13th and Broadway, Escondido. Free lunch provided. For more information, contact Mila Penance at mpenano@gmail.com or Kathleen Riley at 760-746-8019.

Weekend Workshop for Widowed, Divorced, or Separated in Oceanside—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.

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.

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.

For more information, contact the school at 760-945-7960.



Fr. Don Calloway Recounts His Conversion Story—Wednesday, May 25, 7:00-9:00pm, St. Francis of Assisi Church, 525 W. Vista Way, Vista. \$5 Love Offering. Book signing, coffee, and dessert to follow. Proceeds to benefit the St. Francis Building Campaign. For more information, call 760-945-8000.

Sr. Madeline's Jubilee May 15—Congratulations to Sr. Madeline Fitzgerald, OSC, on her 50th anniversary!



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