



The Golf Classic Committee presents a check for \$60,000!
 Thanks to everyone who helped us reach this goal.
 You can still participate by signing up for the Pastor's Dinner or the Vodka Tasting Party or BOTH! See page 5 for details.
 Mark your calendars for Friday, June 1, 2012 for next year's event!

A Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of San Diego

Spirituality † Tradition † Community

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

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

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

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

July 3, 2011 • Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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"For All That Has Been – Thank You! For All That Will Be – Yes!"

July 1 was my eighth anniversary as the Pastor of the Church of St. Thomas More. I share with you, once again, my first Pastor's Column dated July 6, 2003.

It is my desire each year to give you my first Pastor's Column in which I shared with you the words of Archbishop Daniel Pilarczyk, as he talks about the meaning and purpose of a Parish. His words have become over the years of my ministry, in the various Parishes in which I have served, my pastoral motivation and direction. May our yearly reflection upon these words help all of us in deepening our relationship with the Lord Jesus.

Over these eight years, I have thanked God constantly for your overwhelming positive response in your willingness to work together as we continue to witness to the Kingdom of God and move into our future.

As I begin my journey with the Church of St. Thomas More and become a member of this Faith Community, I share with you the words of The Most Reverend Daniel Pilarczyk, the Archbishop of Cincinnati, taken from his book, *The Parish: Where God's People Live*:

A parish, then, is a moment, a chapter in God's love affair with us human beings. And being a member of a parish does not mean just 'belonging to something', but rather, being involved in a loving association with God in Christ Jesus and with each other in Him, and with all the world for Him.

Parish is therefore concerned with relationships—our relationship with Christ and our relationship with each other in Him.

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Join us for Mass at 8:15am on Monday, July 4.

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

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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 Sunday 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)*

Consequently, the main participant in every parish is the Lord Himself. It is He around whom the people gather in worship. It is He whose word the parishioners hear there. It is His work the parishioners carry out in the context of the parish's life and in their activity in the world, activity for which they are enlightened and strengthened in the parish.

It is for the strengthening and expression of His Body, the Church, that the parishioners build buildings and carry out programs.

It is in response to His love that the parish engages in care for the poor and in outreach to those who have forgotten Christ or have never known Him.

I now have the privilege of joining you, the Church of St. Thomas More, on its Faith Journey, its Love Affair with God, in and through the Lord Jesus Christ. I pray that, because our paths now become one, we will continue to deepen our relationship with the Lord Jesus, and that we will continue to center our lives more completely on Him.

As I begin my ministry as your Pastor, I commit all of my time, talent, treasure, and energy in building on the strong foundation that has already been set, that is, the ongoing creation of a climate and an environment of hospitality that says: "The Church of St. Thomas More is holy ground. The Church of St. Thomas More is a people and a place where God is revered, and all God's People are treated with dignity, respect, and offered the opportunity to be challenged by the Gospel. The Church of St. Thomas More is the home of brothers and sisters in Christ who take time to support each other in deepening their relationship with Jesus the Christ for the purpose of making our world a better and safer place for all people."

I promise all of you that I will do all that I can, during this time of transition, that as a Faith Community, we do not experience 'a loss of momentum,' but rather, that we experience a 'surge of energy.'

As we pilgrimage through life, as individuals and as a community of Faith, our book of Life is being written. Some chapters we write. Other chapters are written for us. Chapters end. New chapters begin. Today we begin a new chapter in the Faith Life of the Church of St. Thomas More. With me, I ask that you 'look forward' to opportunities for growth that change affords.

As we begin to walk together, may our prayer be: "For all that has been—Thank you. For all that will be—Yes!"

F. Mike

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, July 3 (100)
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Zechariah 9:9-10
 Psalm 145:1-2,8-11,13-14
 Romans 8:9,11-13
 Matthew 11:25-30

Monday, July 4 (383)
Elizabeth of Portugal
 Genesis 28:10-22a
 Psalm 91:1-4,14-15
 Matthew 9:18-26

Tuesday, July 5 (384)
Anthony Mary Zaccaria, priest
 Genesis 32:23-33
 Psalm 17:1-3,6-8,15
 Matthew 9:32-38

Wednesday, July 6 (385)
Maria Gorreti, virgin, martyr
 Genesis 41:55-57;42:5-7a,17-24a
 Psalm 33:2-3,10-11,18-19
 Matthew 10:1-7

Thursday, July 7 (386)
 Genesis 44:18-21,23b-29;45:1-5
 Psalm 105:16-21
 Matthew 10:7-15

Friday, July 8 (387)
 Genesis 46:1-7,28-30
 Psalm 37:3-4,18-19,27-28,39-40
 Matthew 10:16-23

Saturday, July 9 (388)
Augustine Zhao Rong, priest, martyr, and his companions, martyrs
 Genesis 49:29-32;50:15-26a
 Psalm 105:1-4,6-7
 Matthew 10:24-33

Sunday, July 10 (103)
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Isaiah 55:10-11
 Psalm 65:10-14
 Romans 8:18-23
 Matthew 13:1-23

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

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| Mary Alexander | June Mitchell |
| Laura Allenfort | Nancy Moore |
| Lucia Ambriz | Mariana Mora |
| Mary Balli | Conrad Murphy |
| Alexandra Banwell | Margie Myers |
| Patricia Barbour | Cosmo Nocida |
| Clarice Bednarz | R. Northrup |
| John Bennici | Helen O'Connell |
| Regina Bentz | Heidi Olson |
| Roseanne Berg | Lupe Casas Pelletier |
| George "Whitey" Betus | Helen Pingtella |
| Mary Betz | James Porter |
| Betty Jean Bielich | Anne Post |
| Lynda Brady | Jack Riley |
| Monica Broussard | Rita Ritchie |
| George Brown | Joanne Robinson |
| Janet Brown | Maria Rogers |
| Shelby Campbell | Dorothy Rouse |
| Brianne Campos | The Russo Family |
| Claudia Caplinger | The Scali Family |
| Paul Cassidy | Linda Schmidt |
| Lolly Cervantes | The Douglas E. Schulte Family |
| Pat Christopherson | The Searle Family |
| Paul Cipowski | Bob, Joan, & Julie Shea |
| Dick Clarke | Elizabeth Shirzad |
| Dolly Cole | Richard Sikora |
| Carl Coleman | Jeanne Sisson |
| James Coleman | Mike Snyder |
| Thomas Cornwell & Family | Larry Solomon |
| Peps Dagdayan | Nick Soltau |
| Karen Flaharty Daley | Fred Spiegl |
| Beverly de Gelder | Gilda Spiegl |
| Judith DiMatteo | Dorothy Staehr |
| Linda Dossman | Jo & George Stephens |
| Sharon Evans | Pete Sullivan |
| Bob & Boo Falconer | Maria Surmenidis |
| Chuck Fay | David Sweet |
| The Fiore Family | Stephen Toth, Jr. |
| Peggy & Jack Fischer | Mary Tysko & Family |
| The Flood Family | Laurie Updyke |
| Ryan Flum | Barbara Upson |
| Matthew Foster | Arnie Velasco |
| Kathryn Franklin | Bob Vita |
| Joe Freire | Vanessa Vitiello-Koble |
| Brian Frink | Paul & Mai Vo & Family |
| Carmen Garcia | Kevin Watson-Graff |
| Rick Gonzalez | John Whitton |
| Eileen Gough | |
| Jeffrey Guyer | |
| Rosemary Haeffelin | |
| Susan Hallahan | |
| The Harker Family | |
| Elizabeth Harrison | |
| Lilian Hills | |
| Susan Hori | |
| Iolanda Iacobelli | |
| Sue Johnston | |
| Eileen Jones | |
| The Karpowicz Family | |
| Paul Kennedy | |
| Peggy Kiernan | |
| 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 | |

Calendar Highlights

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

The Week Ahead

- July 3 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
- July 4 Mass at 8:15am Parish Office and Blessed Sacrament Chapel closed for the holiday
- July 8 Men's Fellowship
- July 8-10 Parish Campout

The Month Ahead

- July 12-13 Restaurant Fundraiser at Mrs. Taco
- July 13 Steubenville San Diego Orientation Meeting
- July 18-22 Vacation Bible Camp

The Year Ahead

- Aug 28 Third Annual Pastor's Dinner
- Sept 25 Vodka Tasting Party
- Oct 8 Treasures 2011 Flea Market
- Oct 14-16 Men's Fellowship Retreat

Next Year

- Jan 14-31 Stewardship Awareness and Renewal
- Jan 22 Towers of Faith Reception
- June 1 13th Annual Golf Classic

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

Mass Intentions
Saturday, July 2, 5:00pm Morrie Mitchell ☩
Sunday, July 3, 8:30am Betty Dorsa ☩
Sunday, July 3, 10:30am Bill Gough
Monday, July 4, 8:15am Jerry Ludke ☩
Tuesday, July 5, 8:15am Bud Flanagan ☩
Wednesday, July 6, 8:15am Dorothy Holub ☩
Wednesday, July 6, 9:30am Robert Prins ☩ <i>Emeritus at Oceanside</i>
Thursday, July 7, 8:15am Donna Hayden ☩
Friday, July 8, 8:15am Dolores Murchison ☩
Saturday, July 9, 5:00pm Maria Elena Gonzalez
Sunday, July 10, 8:30am Fr. Charlie Sheslo ☩
Sunday, July 10, 10:30am Herman & Helen Ratajczak ☩

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
 PFC John Brandone
 1st Sgt Christian Bull, USMC
 Corp. Willie Deel
 Lance Corp. Brandon Doyle, USMC
 MSGT Steve Gallegos, USMC
 Maj. David E. Johnson, US Army
 Staff Sgt. Travis M. Meyers, USAF
 Pvt. 2 Jess Phillips, US Army
 LCPL Matthew Rocha
 Sr. Airman Robert Spear, USAF
 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.

July 4 Sr. Claudia Cortez, SJS
July 5 Sr. Elaine Coutu, CSJ
July 6 Sr. Camille Crabbe, CVI
July 7 Sr. Adele Crettol, OSF
July 8 Sr. Irene Cullen, RSCJ
July 9 Sr. Alberta Curran, OCD
July 10 Sr. Rachel Daniels, SCMM

Flower Donations

We would like to gratefully acknowledge the contribution of **Bob & Pat Wong** whose generosity helped to defray the cost of flowers in our liturgical environment.

'Did You Know?' Collection for April 2011

\$2,210.60

Restaurant Fundraiser Results for March 2011

Chili's **\$530.00**

Treasures 2011 Update

Our St. Thomas More Treasures 2011 mega flea market is requesting volunteers. Please attend our next organizational and planning workshop on Tuesday, July 5, 7:00-8:30pm in the lower level of the Parish Center. Please continue to collect your saleable, donated items from friends, family members, and neighbors. These can include household items, furniture, small appliances in good working order, tools, sports equipment, books, toys, games, jewelry, purses. Anyone donating tag sale items will pre-price the item and store them in their home until the day of the flea market—Saturday, October 8. We will not be accepting the following items: clothing, shoes, upholstered furniture, bedding, stuffed animals, or electronics. There will be a large plant and flower sale at the flea market. Our Parish needs your assistance in helping to make this important fundraiser a financial success. Please step up and join us on July 5.

—*Jerry and Judy Buoniconti, 760-758-5113*

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 first and third Tuesdays, from 7:00-9:00pm at the Church of St. Luke, 1980 Hillsdale Rd., El Cajon. You can start and end the series at any time. No charge. Seating limited; call to reserve your place with us: 619-401-6445.

The Bishops' Letter on Marriage—What Is Marriage?

"Marriage is a lifelong partnership of the whole of life, of mutual and exclusive fidelity, established by mutual consent between a man and a woman, and ordered towards the good of the spouses and the procreation of offspring." To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

Marriage Moments—(Monday is Independence Day) Independence is an important step on the journey to adulthood, but marriage also requires dependence. I depend on you to keep your word, to be there when I'm feeling hurt, to watch the kids so I can have a break. How do you depend on one another?

Parenting Pointers—Water: Part 1. It's July. It's hot! Of course you give your kids drinks when they are thirsty. But what about those other kids? The ones who live in a poorer neighborhood or whose parents are on drugs or in prison? You can't just set up a lemonade stand on their corner—or could you? Brainstorm ideas with your kids about how to give drinks to the thirsty. "I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink." (Mt 25:35)

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

Social Ministries/Outreach

Pennies from Heaven Collection

The annual Pennies from Heaven collection to benefit Birth Choice, our local pregnancy resource center will be the weekend of July 30-31. Start saving your pennies and change for this worthwhile cause.

Heartnotes

Congratulations to the persons who have completed the Hands-Only CPR course, bringing us to 400 CPR-trained parishioners:

Anne and Don Robinson, Jim and Marilyn Day, Bette Johansing, Pamela Pitts, Fohlen Ian Tallod, Ed and Claudette Gunderson, Charlotte Dale, Mary Ratajczak, Terry Bedford, Connie Kneisel, Yoi Messersmith, Michael Hobbs, Starr Hobbs, Zach Cornwell, Ginny Cornwell, John and D.G. Kilcher, Harvey Raiman, Jesus and Susie Ramirez, Paul and Kimberly Schlunt, Brian Leahey, and Bryce Leahey

The next Hands-Only CPR class will take place on Friday, July 15, at 7:00pm.

If you have any questions about the St. Thomas More CPR program or if you are interested in the **new Hands-Only CPR Course**, contact medical director Dr. Phil Goscienski at drphilg@cox.net or 760-732-1414.

Would You Like to Help Our Seminarian, Ricardo Juárez-Frausto, and His Fellow Seminarists?

The House of Formation for the Eudist Seminarists, men preparing to be Priests for the Order of the Congregation of Jesus and Mary, is located in La Mesa, California.

Our seminarian, Ricardo, spent time in that House of Formation before coming to us for this year, as he prepares for his ordination to the priesthood.

Assistance is needed in helping to keep costs down in the House of Formation. One way that you can help would be to donate any kind of laundry products—laundry soap, bleach, softener, etc. Also any personal hygiene items—shampoo, body wash, bar soap, etc., would be appreciated.

These items can be dropped off any time at the Parish Office, and Ricardo will make sure that they get to their House of Formation in La Mesa.

Also, the Eudists have begun the "79 Club," a prayer group for vocations and future priests who commit themselves to a donation of \$10/month and gather to pray regularly and discover the spirituality of St. John Eudes, the founder of the Congregation of Jesus and Mary.

If you have any questions, or would like more information, please contact Ricardo at 858-750-0890 or Fr. Carlos, the Rector of the House of Formation, at 619-713-6532.

STM Scrip News

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/Scrip
3. Email at scrip@stmoside.org
4. Phone at 760-758-4100 x150

Parish Events

Women's Guild News

We are still looking for your sign up sheet for the STM Women's Guild. It would be so good to have everyone's name in the directory and the deadline for that is August 15. There are applications at Parish Office in Box 35. Just that and \$5 will get you in. Our first meeting will be in September. Hope to see you all there.
 —Vera Bayliss, President

**12th Annual Golf Classic
 Thank you for helping us raise \$60,000!**



**Mark your calendars for Friday, June 1, 2012
 Join in the fun!**

**Fr. Mike's Vodka Tasting Party –
 Which Vodka Will Win Our Taste Test?**



Our Tasting Party will be hosted by Fred and Anna Colucci in their home on Sunday, September 25, 3:00-6:00pm.

\$100 per person (\$75 tax deduction) will bring you to a fun afternoon to discover the world of vodkas!

In a blind taste test, participants will determine their favorite vodka—will it be the \$229 vodka or the \$13 vodka?

An abundance of appetizers will be available throughout our taste test!

Vodkas from nine different countries will be tasted. We will taste vodkas made from potatoes, wheat, corn, barley, and bison grass.

Over 30 people have signed up, and there is room for many more.

Just call the Parish Office or sign up at the Information Table on the Plaza to reserve a space before July 6!

All proceeds are a part of the 12th Annual Golf Classic and Dinner and benefit the St. Thomas More Operations Budget.



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

St. Thomas More, pray for us!

Pledge Statistics as of June 28

	Total Phase II Responses	# of Families Responding
Total Pledges/Gifts	\$1,571,769	665
Still Needed	\$428,231	349
Total Goal	\$2,000,000	1,014
Total Collected	\$1,281,620	

† We continue to add new commitments, and also to adjust existing pledges as necessary. Our weekly figures reflect all current additions and adjustments.

† We have now heard from 65% of the Parish and are at \$1,571,769 toward our goal of \$2 million. Every gift helps!

† Thanks to all of our donors! We appreciate hearing from all our households, even if you choose not to donate. Please pray for our success at this time!

www.stmoside.org; click on Our New Church.
 Chris Smith, Director of Stewardship and Development
 760-758-4100 x120 or *chriss@stmoside.org*

***Third Annual Pastor's Dinner
 Sunday, August 28, 4:00-7:00pm***

Shadowridge Country Club

Featuring The Hot Pursuit Band

Music from the 40's to present!

Dance, Dance, Dance!



Let the good times roll!

Reserve your spot now ~

Pay by July 15

\$250 per person (\$125 tax deduction)



For information, please contact Chris Smith
 760-758-4100x120 or *chriss@stmoside.org*

Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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

JESUS SPOKE TO THEM IN PARABLES

Scripture Themes for July

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

When Socrates took on the responsibility of educating the youth of his native Greece, he formulated a method of inquiry and debate in order to stimulate critical thinking and illumine the truth. Pythagoras, like a midwife bringing a child to birth, would draw out of his students the knowledge he knew to be there. Aristotle began with what can be known through experience and challenged his students to probe deeper and investigate more fully. Later came Jesus with a method of teaching the truth about the reign of God that continues to inspire and guide his followers on their way.

Jesus taught in parables, which are stories that set something familiar alongside something that is not familiar in order to shed light on the latter. Because three of the five Gospels for July are drawn from Matthew 13, a chapter in which the evangelist has featured many of Jesus' parables, it may be helpful to look once again at this excellent teaching method.

A parable is meant to convey one basic moral lesson. In order to teach that lesson, Jesus' parables possess an existential quality; they were tailored to the character and experiences of his contemporaries, who fished and farmed and bartered and tended sheep for a living. Jesus' parables were parnetic, i.e., they were intended to persuade, to challenge, to move the listener to some decision, resolution, or action. In order for this moral response to be forthcoming, listeners would have to look beyond the story itself to the deeper meaning and allow themselves to be grasped by its truth.

While he did not originate the literary form of the parable (recall Nathan's parable as told to David, 2 Sam 12:1-4; and Isaiah's parable of the vineyard, Isa 5:1-7), Jesus made powerful use of the parable in order

to: (1) evoke a transformation in his listeners; (2) challenge them to embrace a new system of values; and (3) have them open themselves to a new concept of salvation—as not a reward to be merited by the righteous, but the gift of a loving God to sinners. To this end, Jesus invited his listeners to accept the good news of the kingdom, which he communicated in parables. To the closed-minded, the parables remained a puzzle; to those with faith, the parables were a window into the heart and mind of God.

Looking through that window, believers will also learn what C. Milo Connick has identified as the six key concepts concerning the reign of God that had been inaugurated in Jesus (*Jesus: The Man, the Mission and the Message*, Prentice Hall, 1994). On several different occasions, Jesus communicated these concepts to a variety of audiences through clusters of similar parables.

First among those concepts was the *nearness* of the kingdom. Jesus' declaration "The reign of God is at hand" took story form in parables that conveyed a sense of urgency and reminded believers that being prepared is the order of the day. The utter nearness of the kingdom required people to have a new ethic and a new mindset so they would appreciate God's plan and recognize God's surprisingly generous and compassionate manner with sinners, as reflected in the words and works of Jesus.

Other clusters of parables affirm the *inevitability* of the reign of God, which might start small and may take time but will not be deterred. Jesus' parables on the *inclusivity* of the reign of God attest that all people, without exception, are to be a vital part of God's plan. Shocking as it may seem to the righteous,



God's predilect for the lost and the lowly assures them a place at the eternal banquet table. Not only does this notion of inclusivity concern heaven, but it says that here and now, believers are to reflect in their words and works this same quality in their dealings with all others.

A fourth concept concerning the *cost of membership* in God's reign is communicated in parables that call believers to offer no less than all they are, all they have, and all they hope to become in order to enter the kingdom. In the fifth and sixth concepts regarding the kingdom, Jesus taught of its *supreme value* and of the *challenge inherent* in attaining membership. In the month of July, we will encounter parables that exemplify each concept.

As with every word Jesus uttered, the parables have been handed on to generations of believers through the interpretive filters of the community in which they were preserved and the lens of the evangelists and redactors of the Gospels. These adaptations brought the message of Jesus to bear more relevantly on the changing times and evolving circumstances of the growing movement of believers. As we hear these same parables proclaimed among us this month, we must allow their message to speak to our hearts and transform our lives.

Upcoming Music

JULY 10
15th Sunday
in Ordinary
Time

5:00pm Mass

Sanctuary Choir

8:30am Mass

Praise Team

10:30am Mass

Handbell Choir

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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

SUMMER BIBLE CAMP

Parishioner help wanted!
Stop by our table and see if there is
something you can loan or donate
to our ministry.



Please turn in your forms
very soon!

Pick up your t shirt & music
NOW!

- * July 18-22, from 8:45am-12:00noon
- * God is wild about kids from 3-17
- * Enrollment forms (for all size people)
available under Quick Clicks on the
Parish website: www.stmoside.org.

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



2011 Goal: 365

Collected to date: 329

Helpful hints:

- many smaller jars distribute further than big jars
- plastic is preferable to glass jars

YOUTH MINISTRY

Marc Raymundo, Youth Advocate
760-758-4100 x161 or marcr@stmoside.org

Middle School

✘ EPIC

(Encrypting People in Christ)

Thank you to everyone who has been coming to EPIC. There is no meeting in July and we will continue again in August. Keep your eyes open for events during the summer! Also, once you have graduated from Middle School, you are more than welcome to come to High School IGNITE on Monday evenings.

High School

✘ IGNITE

No Youth Group on July 4; we will resume Youth Group on Monday, July 11 at 7:00pm. Do you remember the morning cartoons? The super hero cartoons? Superman? Batman? Spiderman? X-Men? Green Lantern? There are real super heroes in our faith—we are going to explore those parts of our faith. WE want you here! Monday, July 11 @ 7:00pm!

"I come to youth group because I like the people. Our youth group is different and places God and our faith as attainable in our lives. The community here is unique and I love being a part of it!"

—Taylor Bondi, LEAD Member

✘ LEAD

LEAD meetings are still every Thursday at 7:00pm. For the newly Confirmed, we would love for you to come to your first meeting on July 21 in the lower level. Let the Holy Spirit use YOU to make a difference in the world through our community.

✘ Confirmation, 2012

Summer Mini Course featuring Ricardo Juárez Frausto on Life-Giving Relationships! Come out to this fun night of teaching by our Seminarian! Confirmed teens are more than welcome to attend this as well. This begins Tuesday, July 12, and continues on July 19 and 26, at 6:30-8:30pm. Please register with Marc Raymundo as soon as possible.

✘ Steubenville San Diego

Full payment is due no later than July 13, 2011
in order to guarantee your place!

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. I will also be emailing events and meetings as we begin to prepare for this amazing experience. Our first Parent and Teen meeting will be on Wednesday, July 13 at 7:00 pm, so please mark your calendars. See you there!

Marc

Stewardship & Development

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CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP The Hands of a Few . . .

Can a simple knit cap help save a baby's life? In many developing countries it sure can! According to the Save the Children organization, four million newborn babies die each year within the first month of life. Bill Gates has been quoted as saying one of the easiest ways to cut down on infant mortality is to keep babies warm and dry.



Through their Knit One Save One campaign, this organization has sent thousands of baby caps and newborn care kits to new mothers in such places as Bangladesh, Malawi, and Vietnam.

This past fall one of the college students at St. Paul's Church in Milltown, NJ approached the Pastor asking if he thought some of those in the congregation might be interested in knitting/crocheting baby caps. She was hoping to collect a few to send along to the Save the Children organization.

Thinking that maybe the people of St. Paul's would donate 25-30 hats, Pastor Rich asked one of the Parishioners to spearhead the project. Some Parishioners stitched away, some donated wool, and others asked friends and elderly family members to make hats.

One woman offered her time and talent to teach more people how to knit. For the next two months baby caps of all colors and sizes were dropped off at the church!

Through the overwhelming generosity of a few women from St. Paul's and Rutgers University, 242 little ones were a bit warmer this past winter. Yes, the hands of a few provided love and warmth for many newborns around the world.

—Excerpted from Parish Stewardship, July 2011, with permission

At a recent STM gathering, the subject of crocheting and knitting was discussed. I commented on the article above and several people were very excited about this type of project. The fact that hats were also made for our servicemen overseas was raised as another possible project. If you are interested in helping with this type of project, please let me know.

~ Chris

Opportunity Knocks!

Hospitality Ministers (previously known as Ushers)

- † You are already coming to Mass ~ consider coming a little earlier to greet fellow worshippers as they arrive and later as they leave.
- † Hand out worship aids/collect them after Mass.
- † Help with the Offertory Collection.
- † Assist those in need.



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

Prayer in action is love, and love in action is service.
—Blessed Mother Teresa

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.

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Since 2006 we have netted over \$21,000
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For more information, contact the Parish Office:
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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: \$49,470

Number of families contributing: 386

80% of the amount over our assessment of \$48,000 will be returned to our Parish to help with our operating budget.

Thank you!

Collection for Week of June 25/26, 2011

Number of Registered Households		1,014
Offertory*	\$	5,093.24
Offertory (Loose Collection)		834.00
Children's envelopes		1.00
Total	\$	5,928.24

* 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.

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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 *Theology on Tap* and the World Youth Day Commissioning Mass with Bishop Brom on Thursday July 21, 6:30pm, Diocesan Pastoral Center.

Summer Lectures and Retreats at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside—Visit www.sanluisrey.org or call 760-757-3659 for details on several different presentations by Fr. Tom Herbst, OFM, during July and August.

Catholic Widows and Widowers of North County—meets the second Sunday of each month for a general meeting and potluck. On July 10, the group will be meeting here again on the lower level at 2:00pm—an easy opportunity to meet others if you're a Catholic widow or widower! On the fourth Sunday of each month, we meet for Mass at various Parishes in North County followed by lunch at a nearby restaurant. Please RSVP if you're planning to attend the luncheon. Prospective members are welcome anytime. See the bulletin board on the lower level for our monthly newsletter of activities; contact Gerri Wilmott at 760-758-9949 or Carol Kope at 760-726-0533 for more information.

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. For more information call Maureen Schultz at 619-447 0622 or Cathy Savel at 619-222 9093.or email Mymom54@aol.com.

Daughter of St. Gianna Molla to Visit San Diego—Sunday, July 17, 4:00pm, St. Thérèse of Carmel Catholic Church, 4355 Del Mar Trails Rd., San Diego. Benediction with Bishop Brom, followed by a presentation by Gianna Emanuela Molla, MD, youngest daughter of the saint. For more information, contact 858-481-3232.

Notre Dame Club Charity Golf Tournament in Carlsbad—Friday, July 15, at The Crossings at Carlsbad, with keynote speaker Chinedum Ndukwe of the Cincinnati Bengals. Visit www.ndsandiego.org for more information.

Benefit Concert in Valley Center for Conrad Murphy—Sunday, July 16, 4:00-9:00pm, Bates Nut Farm. Conrad was injured in an auto accident in April. For more information on the benefit concert and other efforts to help Conrad and his family, contact Pastor Bill Trok at 760-751-9890 or search for the group, "Get Well Soon, Conrad Murphy," on Facebook.

Healing Mass in Solana Beach—Wednesday, July 27, 7:00pm at St. James Church. Also, the St. James Healing Prayer Ministers are available to pray over you in the church on all Sundays after the 9:00am Mass; on first Mondays from 9:00-10:00am; on second Tuesdays from 7:00-8:15pm; and on third Saturdays after the 5:00pm Mass. For information call 888-590-5095.

Second Annual Mother of Life Conference in San Diego—Saturday, August 13. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, San Diego Chapter. For more information, visit www.MotherofLifeConference.com.

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.

Did You Attend St. Francis School?—We are seeking information on our alumni! The school will be 50 years old this fall and we want YOU to be a part of the celebration!

Have you taken our online alumni survey, or joined the alumni Facebook page? Start getting in touch before the school's 50th birthday celebration!

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