



St. Thomas More Roman Catholic Church





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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 10, 2011 • Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor's Column

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St. Thomas More Parish - Now on Facebook and Twitter

In an effort to continue to find ever better ways of communicating with our Parishioners and STM Friends, and keeping as many people as possible informed about the many activities of our faithfilled community, we are now on Facebook and Twitter.

If you are on Facebook and/or Twitter, look us up and connect!

Our purpose in doing this can be found in our Mission Statement for this project:

Welcome to the St. Thomas More Roman Catholic Church Facebook page. This space is provided as a resource to

keep you up to date on our Parish Life, upcoming Parish events, and to invite you to be a part of our activities... sharing our Catholic Faith through interactive online discussions.

Please feel free to post your comments about our Parish, post pictures from Parish events, ask questions about the Catholic Faith, and join in on the conversation with our Parishioners and with all who are interested.

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Did You Know?

We ended our fiscal year on June 30, 2011.

Thanks to your contributions to our "Did You Know?" Campaign we ended this fiscal year in the black!

We also resolved the \$28,000 deficit which we incurred in FY 2009-2010 and which we carried over into FY 2010-2011.

We are now in FY 2011-2012.

Your gifts to the "Did You Know? Campaign make an important difference and help to keep us "in the black." When you have "a little extra," please remember the "Did You Know?" Campaign. It does make a difference!

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 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)

The Facebook and Twitter sites will be overseen by John Fredette, our Deacon-in-formation, Lorraine Doering, our Parish Office Technician, and me.

It is very important that we present an organized and unified presence on Facebook, Twitter, and any other social media in the name of our Parish. It is crucial to communicate factually and correctly. So, there needs to be an "editorial board" through which information is reviewed and posted. The responsibility for setting up any Parish social media sites will belong solely to this committee that I have established.

On Facebook, you can find us at *St. Thomas More Roman Catholic Church* and on Twitter at @*StThomasMoreRCC*.

Take time to find us on Facebook and Twitter and deepen your commitment to our Parish and to the Catholic Faith!



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 \$22,000 from this program. Thank you donors!



For more information, contact the Parish Office: 760-758-4100 ×100 or *parishoffice@stmoside.org*

Annual Catholic Appeal—Paying It Forward

The Diocese has assisted us greatly in helping to develop our Parish, and now we have the opportunity, and obligation, to help our 'sister Parishes in the Diocese.' Responses so far:

Total pledges to date: \$49,505 Number of families contributing: 387

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

Thank you!

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 10 (103) Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Isaiah 55:10-11 Psalm 65:10-14 Romans 8:18-23 Matthew 13:1-23 Monday, July 11 (389) Benedict, abbot Exodus 1:8-14,22 Psalm 124:1-8 Matthew 10:34-11:1 Tuesday, July 12 (390) Exodus 2:1-15a Psalm 69:3,14,30-31,33-34 Matthew 11:20-24 Wednesday, July 13 (391) *Henry* Exodus 3:1-6,9-12 Psalm 103:1-4,6-7 Matthew 11:25-27 Thursday, July 14 (392) Kateri Tekakwitha, virgin Exodus 3:13-20 Psalm 105:1,5,8-9,24-27 Matthew 11:28-30 Friday, July 15 (393) Bonaventure, bishop, doctor Exodus 11:10-12:14 Psalm 116:12-13,15-18 Matthew 12:1-8 Saturday, July 16 (394) Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Exodus 12:37-42 Psalm 136:1,10-15,23-24 Matthew 12:14-21 Sunday, July 17 (106) Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Wisdom 12:13,16-19 Psalm 86:5-6,9-10,15-16 Romans 8:26-27 Matthew 13:24-43

Mass Intentions Saturday, July 9, 5:00pm Maria Elena Gonzalez Sunday, July 10, 8:30am Fr. Charlie Sheslo 🕈 Sunday, July 10, 10:30am Herman & Helen Ratajczak 🕆 Tuesday, July 12, 8:15am Alice Sullivan 🕆 Wednesday, July 13, 8:15am David Foster 🕈 Thursday, July 14, 8:15am Michael Norton 🕆 Friday, July 15, 8:15am Patricia Thompson 🕆 Friday, July 15, 9:30am Bob & Pat Wong Áegis at Shadowridge Saturday, July 16, 5:00pm Marie Sterling 🕈 Sunday, July 17, 8:30am Annie Gavin 🕆

Sunday, July 17, 10:30am Joan Stringer 🕏

Praver List (Call 760-758-4100 x102 to add a name for four weeks.) Joyce Meehan Mary Alexander Laura Allenfort Carol Michael Lucia Ambriz Walt & Rita Mikridge Mary Balli June Mitchell Alexandra Banwell Nancy Moore Patricia Barbour Mariana Mora Clarice Bednarz Conrad Murphy John Bennici Margie Myers Cosmo Nocida Regina Bentz Roseanne Berg George "Whitey" Betus R. Northrup Helen O'Connell Mary Betz Heidi Olson Betty Jean Bielich

Lynda Brady

George Brown

Janet Brown

Ed Canfield

Paul Cassidv

Lolly Cervantes

Paul Cipowski

Dick Clarke

Dolly Cole

Carl Coleman

James Coleman

Peps Dagdayan

Claire De Ainza

Judith DiMatteo

Linda Dossman

Sharon Evans

Ryan Flum

Joe Freire

Brian Frink

Carmen Garcia Jim & Win Golden

Rick Gonzalez Eileen Gough

Jeffrey Guyer

Susan Hori

Sue Johnston

Eileen Jones

Paul Kennedy

Peggy Kiernan

Debbie Kinney

Helen Kuhn

Sr. Anne Kremenik

The Lamelin Family

Lillian Lachance

Bernie Lanzrath

Ashley Load

Brandon LeBlanc

Cassandra Loretto

James MacArthur

Bob McWilliams

Virginia McWalters

Lauren Loretto

Richard Lynn

Nancy Marlev

Rosemary Haeffelin Susan Hallahan

The Harker Family

Elizabeth Harrison

Iolanda Iacobelli

The Karpowicz Family

Beverly de Gelder

Bob & Boo Falconer

Peggy & Jack Fischer

Chuck Fay The Fiore Family

Matthew Foster

Kathryn Franklin

Karen Flaharty Daley

Thomas Cornwell & Family

Pat Christopherson

Monica Broussard

Shelby Campbell

Brianne Campos

Claudia Caplinger

Lupe Casas Pelletier Helen Pingtella James Porter Anne Post Jack Riley Rita Ritchie Joanne Robinson Maria Rogers Dorothy Rouse The Russo Family The Scali Family Linda Schmidt The Douglas E. Schulte Family The Serle Family Bob, Joan, & Julie Shea Elizabeth Shirzad Richard Sikora Jeanne Sisson Mike Snyder Larry Solomon Nick Soltau Fred Spiegl Gilda Spiegl Dorothy Staehr Jo & George Stephens Pete Sullivan Maria Surmenidis David Sweet Stephen Toth, Jr. Mary Tysko & Family Laurie Updyke Barbara Upson Arnie Velasco Bob Vita Vanessa Vitiello-Koble Paul & Mai Vo & Family Kevin Watson-Graff

Deployed Military

Patricia Whittaker

John Whitton

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 MsJ. 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

Calendar Highlights

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

The Week Ahead

The we	ek Aneaa
July 8-10	Parish Campout
July 12-13	Restaurant Fundraiser at
-	Mrs. Taco
July 13	Steubenville San Diego
	Orientation Meeting
July 17	Liturgy of the Word for
	Children at 8:30am and
	10:30am Masses
The Mo	nth Ahead
July 18-22	Vacation Bible Camp
The Yea	ar Ahead
Aug 2-3	Restaurant Fundraiser at
	Famous Dave's BBQ
Aug 15	Assumption of the
	Blessed Virgin Mary
	Masses at 8:15am and
	7:00pm
Aug 28	Third Annual
S (7	Pastor's Dinner
Sept 6-7	Restaurant Fundraiser at Chili's
Sept 25	Vodka Tasting Party
Oct 8	Treasures 2011 Flea Market
Oct 14-16	Men's Fellowship Retreat
Next Y	ear
Jan 14-31	Stewardship Awareness and
	Renewal

	Renewal
Jan 22	Towers of Faith Reception
June 1	13th Annual Golf Classic

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

Pray for Women Religious

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

July 11
Sr. Rose Davis, RSM
July 12
Sr. Merita Dekat, SSS
July 13
Sr. Charlene Del Bianco, CSJ
July 14
Sr. Pauline Dibb, CSJP
July 15
Sr. Mary Dietz, SSND
July 16
Sr. Carlotta DiLorenzo, CSJ
July 17
Sr. M. Ursula Doherty, RSM

Announcing the Baptisms of

Mateo Reece Alexander Xavier James Alexander Juliette Grace Hay on July 10, 2011



Our Christian community welcomes you with great joy!

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.

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

The House of Formation for the Eudist Seminarians, 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 \$crip 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

The Mission of the St. Thomas More Social Justice Committee is to:

- † provide awareness and education of Catholic social justice teaching;
- † participate in creating a society with more just laws and social structures;
- t work with other faith groups on justice issues within social, economic, and political structures.

Social Justice Email "Hotline"

Do you ever wonder where you fit in the social justice picture?

How do you respond as a Christian when a social justice issue arises?

Sign up to be on an email list to be informed about some of the issues the Parish Social Justice Committee is working on or be invited to participate in an event in North County.

Send your e-mail address to: maureenb@stmoside.org You are not alone in your desire to follow Jesus' call for justice for all God's children.

Brother Benno's Kitchen Servers

The Brother Benno Foundation was established by Deacon Harold and Kay Kutler in 1983, based on the work of a Benedictine monk, Brother Benno Garrity, from the Prince of Peace Abbey in Oceanside. Brother Benno died in 1992 after dedicating his life to feeding the poor and homeless.

It began with a soup Kitchen on Minnesota Street in Oceanside and has grown into a ministry addressing many types of social problems in San Diego County including hunger, homelessness, and alcohol and drug addiction. The majority of its guests used to be homeless men. But the majority of those served now are working poor families.

In 1991, the Brother Benno Foundation moved to its present location, a 12,000 sq. ft. building housing many of its services, including its Kitchen, which serves several hundred meals and bag lunches six days a week. It recently served its three millionth meal.

The original servers at Brother Benno's Kitchen were volunteers who appeared mostly on a random basis. About the time St. Thomas More was moving into its present building in 2001, the Kitchen organized its servers by asking various churches and service organizations to assume the responsibility of providing servers for a specific day of the month. Presently there are twenty-five organizations doing so, including the Church of St. Thomas More, whose assigned day is the first Saturday of every month.

It takes a minimum of six servers to adequately manage the serving line. Unfortunately, the line can only handle a maximum of nine servers. The St. Thomas More ministry to Brother Benno's is a group of twelve parishioners, many of whom have been serving for many years and clearly love serving the needy. Their dedication and reliability have resulted in our always being able to meet our responsibility to the Kitchen.

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

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.

Next Restaurant Fundraiser

Tuesday and Wednesday, July 12-13, at Mrs. Taco. Save the flyer in today's bulletin!

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—Children: "Marriage is not merely a private institution. It is the foundation for the family, where children learn the values and virtues that will make good Christians as well as good citizens. The importance of marriage for children and for the upbringing of the next generation highlights the importance of marriage for all society." To read the document go to *http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/*.

Marriage Moments—When was the last time you had a belly laugh together? Find a reason to laugh together today. If humor does not come easily to you rent a comedy, find some puns on the internet, or reminisce about a funny time together.

Parenting Pointers—Water: Part 2. What kind of drinks do you give to your kids? Water and milk are generally enough. Don't be fooled by energy drinks, juice boxes, and other sweetened drinks. Water is the cheapest and most effective way to quench a thirst. Save the others for dessert.

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

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

St. Thomas More, pray for us!

Pledge Statistics as of July 5		
		# of Families
Total Phase	II Responses	Responding
Total Pledges/Gifts	\$1,571,769	665
Still Needed	\$428,231	349
Total Goal	\$2,000,000	1,014
Total Collected	\$1,300,242	



- **†** 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

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:

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*.

Liturgy & Music

SUMMER TIME, AND THE LIVING IS...

May you live in interesting times.

—ancient Chinese blessing/curse

About this time each year, I start getting the "aren't you enjoying the slower pace of summer" comments. Yes, the Sanctuary Choir and Handbell Choir are easing into summer hiatus mode, with our last rehearsals for the choir year occurring last week, and our participation at Mass ending in a few weeks. Yes, the busy-ness of the forty days of Lent, the fifty days of Easter, and the solemnities that follow Pentecost are done for this year. But no, life hasn't slowed down, rather changing focus slightly. I thought I would share with you this week a few of the things that are going on right now in the Liturgy and Music arena.

Preparing the Choral Year

The music ministry ramps back up in September, with our musical groups resuming their presence during Mass after a summer break. Preparation is already underway for the new music year. During the summer I read scripture, check online and printed resources, look at sheet music, and listen to songs, all to choose the songs that our choirs will be singing and ringing next year. One can think of it as an enhanced bible study in which I read the scriptures for the coming year, and then search for just the right song for the choirs to present that will enhance the day's message for the congregation, provide a balance between various styles and learning difficulty, and make the singing and ringing experience a fulfilling one for the musicians.

The Interior Design Team

Over the summer, our liturgical design efforts continue as the journey to our permanent church increases its pace. The Interior Design Team has made many trips to other newly designed churches as well as to a variety of renovated churches to determine what one should and should not do when building a new church. Now, it is time to make sure we integrate the advice we have been given and the notes we have taken in an effort not to make any mistakes in this complex process. Mistakes will inevitably be made in a project of this complexity, but we are doing our best to minimize them. There have been and will be many meetings and discussions among the team members, staff, architect, and liturgical consultant.

Singing the Revised Roman Missal

In Advent, we will be implementing the revised texts of the Roman Missal (the big red altar book that our celebrants pray from) that have been approved for use in the United States. Musically, this means that we will be singing newly composed settings of the Mass. The diocese has recommended five settings from which to make our initial foray into the new music. I have been preparing these materials to host a sing-a-long of the settings, so I can decide which one we will be introducing in the fall.

Ministers of...

This past month, we have implemented a few changes to make the Eucharistic procession at our

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



weekend liturgies smoother and more reverent. This is an example of the ongoing review and revision that continue throughout the year. On the liturgical plate this summer:

- Find more ministers and reorganizing the teams which take Communion to Tri-City Hospital to adapt to having fewer ministers for this ministry
- Help the Art and Environment committee plan the environment for the upcoming liturgical year which starts in Advent
- Attend the last church dedication that will happen in this diocese before we dedicate our new church to see how it is done and find all the pitfalls
- Update our Parish Liturgy and Music website pages

Then, at the end of August, I will take vacation to rest from the "slow pace" of summer and prepare myself physically, mentally, and emotionally for the "fast pace" of the fall.

Interesting times indeed! But we wouldn't want it any other way.



Upcoming

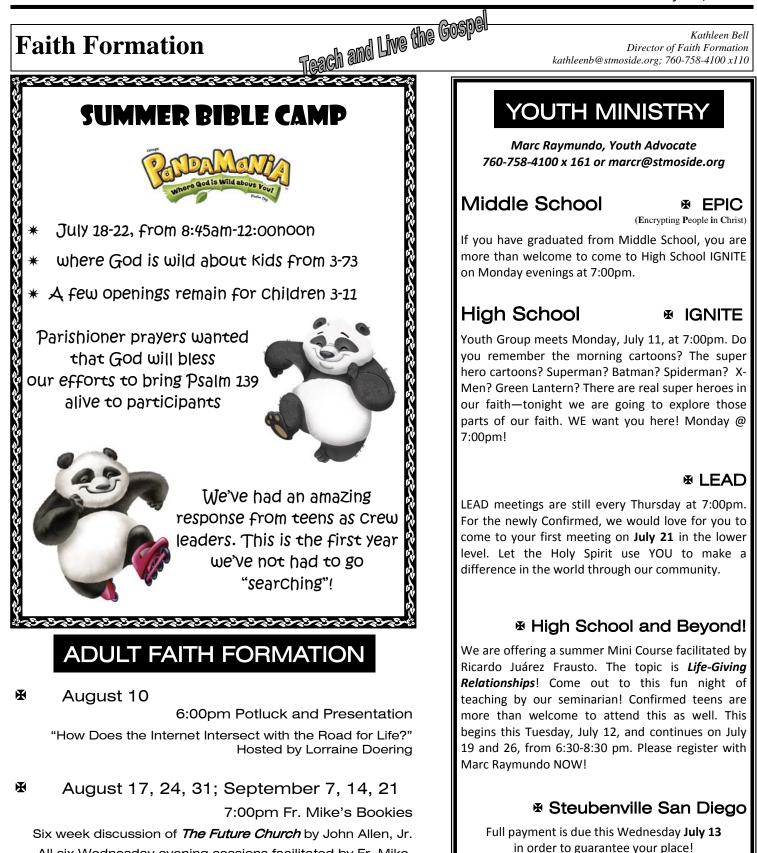
JULY 17 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00pm Mass Praise Team 8:30am Mass Handbell Choir 10:30am Mass Sanctuary Choir



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Worship God





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All six Wednesday evening sessions facilitated by Fr. Mike.

PBJ Update

Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center

2011 Goal: 365

Collected to date: 336



Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Our first Parent and Teen meeting is this Wednesday, July 13, at 7:00 pm. See you there!

Director of Stewardship & Development

Chris Smith

Stewardship & Development

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP The Need for Recreation

Is there such a thing as a stewardship of recreation? Some people might dismiss the thought. But they'd be wrong.

In his book, The Gift of the Jews, author Thomas Cahill observes that, in receiving the Ten Commandments, the ancient Hebrews did something no other ancient society had ever done: they established a day of rest. "The God who made the universe and rested bids us to do the same, calling us to a weekly restoration of prayer, study, and recreation (or re-creation)."

For those of us in the Northern Hemisphere at least, probably no other month bids us to relax as the month of July does. Backyard barbecues, days at the pool or the beach, a recreational outing or simply the lazy idleness of a mid-year Sunday afternoon invite us to slow down. And this invitation should be heeded.



Sometimes, our society induces in us a sense of guilt if we're not "doing." But turning off the computer and the phone and spending quality time with those around us, or finding time for our own interior lives, is stewardship of our time which leads to the place where God

dwells. It's a good example for our kids as well: July presents a wonderful time to "rest" from all the electronic screens and busyness that dominate their young lives.

July is the month when U.S. citizens celebrate the proclamation of their freedom. When the Hebrew people first received the Ten Commandments, they too had just received their freedom from the Egyptians after a sojourn in the wilderness. Cahill thinks it's no coincidence that a people recently liberated were in need of a directive to rest and reflect. "Leisure," he writes, "is the necessary ground of creativity, and a free people are free to imitate the creativity of God."

So, the next time you feel guilty about a quiet, reflective time of just doing "nothing," remember that "recreation" also means "re-creation" and that to be a truly creative person, a steward of our interior resources, we must honor our need to rest, relax, be with others, read, and play.

—Effie Caldarola, ICSC Parish Stewardship, July 2011 (with permission)

Opportunity Knocks!

Hospitality Ministers (previously known as Ushers)

You are already coming to Mass ~ please consider t greeting fellow worshippers as they arrive and later as they leave.



- t Hand out worship aides/collect them after Mass.
- Help with the Offertory Collection. t
- t Assist those in need.
- To be a vital part of our welcome spirit at STM please contact: Douglas Lynn, 760-758-4100x140 or douglasl@stmoside.org

Make time to relax this summer!

<u>Serve</u> God's People chriss@stmoside.org; 758-4100 x120 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 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 July 2/3, 2011

Total	\$ 16,534.99
Children's envelopes	0.00
Offertory (Loose Collection)	1,246.00
Offertory*	\$ 15,288.99
Number of Registered Households	1,014

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

CEO Position Available in San Diego—After 30 years of service, Fr. Joe Carroll recently announced his retirement as CEO of Father Joe's Villages and St. Vincent de Paul Village. The Board of Directors is seeking to hire a new CEO. Anyone interested in applying for the position can see the job description posted on *www.neighbor.org* and send a resume and compelling letter of interest to: Diane Plaster, Director of Human Resources, Father Joe's Villages, 3350 E St., San Diego, CA 92102 or *diane.plaster@neighbor.org*.

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.

Luncheon and Speaker in Carlsbad—Thursday, July 14, 10:00am-1:00pm, St. Elizabeth Seton Parish Hall, 6628 Santa Isabel St., Carlsbad. Women's Christian Fellowship cordially invites everyone to their summer luncheon featuring Lachita

Calloway, Fr. Don Calloway's mother, from West Virginia. She will tell her conversion story and how the Lord heard her prayers for her son in a time of crisis. Please bring a plate of food to share. For more information, please call Angie at 760-436-3875.

Concert at Aegis Assisted Living in Oceanside—Thursday, July 14, 6:00-8:00pm, right next door to St. Thomas More! Enjoy an evening of uncompromising fun with free valet parking, delightful live music, and delicious food and wine—a free community event. Features the Working Cowboys, dedicated to the preservation of original country music. Please RSVP by July 11 to 760-806-3600.

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.

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.

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:

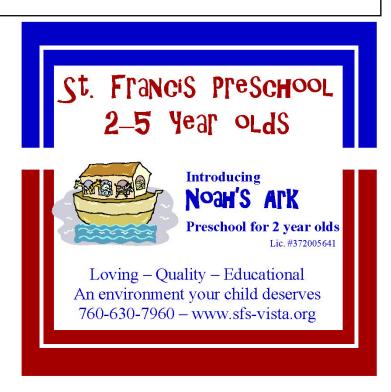
- Parishioner priority for enrollment at St. Francis School,
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- Fundraising support.

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!

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Visit www.sfs-vista.org for more information.



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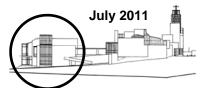


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