



In honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, we gather annually with our beloved pets for this traditional blessing. Join us on Sunday,
October 2, at 4:00pm on the Plaza.
See page 2 for details.

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

September 25, 2011 • Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor's Column

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Yes or No - Which Will It Be?

John has had a bad day at the office and heads home angry and depressed.

Meanwhile, Sarah, his wife, and their daughter and son, Melissa and Mark, have had a great day at the park and can't wait to get home to tell him.

When the door opens and joy meets anger, things can go either way. It can be yes or it can be no!

What if John's anger and hurt are so severe that he does not want to hear any good news? His family's happiness is an intrusion on his bad mood. His own life has been disturbed, so he will disturb other lives—partly because his misery wants company, partly because he wants to get even, even if it is with the wrong people.

The joyful environment is destroyed; fear and hostility take its place. And the family has learned something about joy and anger, about yes and no, that it may never forget.

It has learned that an angry person is to be feared, that joy is not as important as rage, that power matters more than happiness.

But the whole incident could go in a different direction. What if their joy is so contagious and irresistible that John's anger fades as soon as he sees the joy of his wife and children?

He wants to pout but he is sensitive to his family and open to its influence, so he surrenders to its goodness.

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WOMEN'S RETREAT
September 30-October 1
St. Thomas More Parish Center
www.stmoside.org/women for more info

MEN'S RETREAT
October 14-16
Camp Cedar Glen in Julian
www.stmoside.org/men for more info

Our Mission is to: worship God,

In addition to Mass, reconciliation, and Eucharistic Adoration (see page 1 for schedules), there are opportunities to participate in liturgical and music ministries.

For further information, contact Douglas Lynn,
Director of Liturgy and Music,
at 760-758-410 x140 or douglasl@stmoside.org
Matrimony (9 months advance notice required),
communion for the sick/homebound, and anointing
are available by request

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teach and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ,

There are programs for faith development and enrichment for all ages, including preparation for receiving the sacraments.

For further information, contact Kathleen Bell,

Director of Faith Formation,
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 (see page 10).

For further information, contact Chris Smith,

Director of Stewardship and Development,

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

See page 10 or www.stmoside.org for more details.

BLESSING OF ANIMALS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, AT 4:00PM



St. Thomas More's annual Blessing of Animals will take place next week on Sunday, October 2, at 4:00pm.

In honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Fr. Mike will preside as we gather with our beloved pets on the Plaza of our Parish Center for this traditional liturgy of celebration, prayer, and blessing.

Bring your furry and not-so-furry friends to the Plaza early to meet and greet each other.

We ask that you make sure your pets are under complete control, as we expect the gathering to be a bit boisterous.

See you there!



Pastor's Column (Continued from page 1)

The family learns things from this encounter that it might never forget. It learns that joy is stronger than anger, that anger can be cushioned by contentment, that exuberance is not out of order and that gloom must justify itself.

The family may reflect on the fact that the father is important but his mood is not the determining factor, that other members of the family have enormous resources to create the family environment.

Salvation happens in ordinary things or it doesn't happen at all. But, either way, it has extraordinary effects.

If the angry mood prevails, the children may carry it into their play and be aggressive; people phoning the house will be answered rudely; a planned visit to a lonely relative will be called off because no one now feels like it. There is no salvation in this situation.

But if joy prevails, then there is an atmosphere where generosity flourishes and hostilities are dispelled. People will favor mercy and forgiveness over vengeance. Salvation comes to that house.

But it does not stop there. Families take their joy or anger into their schools, their workplaces, their neighborhoods.

That is why some school atmospheres are relaxed while others are rigid, why offices are cooperative or competitive, why neighborhoods are friendly or dangerous.

No human action is insignificant. All of them contain seeds of salvation or destruction.

Each of us works out our happiness and salvation in everyday ways. The universal atmosphere of good or evil is an accumulation of our ordinary deeds, of our "yes's" and "no's."



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? *For information, call Kathleen Bell at 760-758-4100 x110.*

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 ×100 or parishoffice@stmoside.org

Readings for the Week Ahead

Sunday Year A: Weekday Year I Readings online at www.usccb.org.

Sunday, September 25 (136) *Twenty-sixth Sunday in*

Ordinary Time
Ezekiel 18:25-28
Psalm 25:4-9 Philippians 2:1-11 Matthew 21:28-32 Monday, September 26 (455)

Cosmos, martyr, and Damian, martyr Zechariah 8:1-8 Psalm 102:2,16-23

Luke 9:46-50

Tuesday, September 27 (456) Vincent de Paul, priest

Zechariah 8:20-23 Psalm 87:1-7 Luke 9:51-56

Wednesday, September 28 (457)

Wenceslaus, martyr; Lawrence Ruiz, martyr, and his companions, martyrs Nehemiah 2:1-8

Psalm 137:1-6 Luke 9:57-62

Thursday, September 29 (647)

Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, archangels Daniel 7:9-10,13-14 or Revelation 12:7-12a

Psalm 138:1-5 John 1:47-51

Friday, September 30 (459)

Jerome, priest, doctor Baruch 1:15-22 Psalm 79:1-5,8-9 Luke 10:13-16

Saturday, October 1 (460) Thérèse of the Child Jesus,

virgin, doctor Baruch 4:5-12,27-29 Psalm 69:33-37 Luke 10:17-24

Sunday, October 2 (139)

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 5:1-7 Psalm 80:9,12-16,19-20 Philippians 4:6-9 Matthew 21:33-43

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 24, 5:00pm Ruth Hannon &

Sunday, September 25, 8:30am Christie & Josh Elliott

Sunday, September 25, 10:30am Nicholas Angelucci, Sr. む

Tuesday, September 27, 8:15am Louise & Steve Toth

Wednesday, September 28, 8:15am J.C. Gonzalez ♥

Thursday, September 29, 8:15am Jimmy Figueroa P

Friday, September 30, 8:15am Wavne Tomlinson &

Saturday, October 1, 5:00pm Anna Ninh Phan T

Sunday, October 2, 8:30am Jeannette Oravetz

Sunday, October 2, 10:30am Betty Dorsa 🕏

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

Mary Alexander Laura Allenfort Lucia Ambriz Mary Balli Alexandra Banwell Patricia Barbour Clarice Bednarz John Bennici Regina Bentz Roseanne Berg George "Whitey" Betus Mary Betz Betty Jean Bielich Lynda Brady Stan Bressi Ethel M. Brogan Monica Broussard Diane Brown George Brown Janet Brown Glenn Busse Shelby Campbell Brianne Campos Claudia Caplinger The Cardillo Family Paul Cassidy The Cepeda Family Lolly Cervantes Pat Christopherson Dick Clarke Dolly Cole Carl Coleman James Coleman Karen Flaharty Daley Claire De Ainza Beverly de Gelder

Thomas Cornwell & Family Bernard Delaney Judith DiMatteo John Drazkowski, Jr. Marge Egan Sharon Evans Donna Everson Chuck Fay The Fiore Family

Ryan Flum Matthew Foster Kathryn Franklin Joe Freire Brian Frink Carmen Garcia Rick Gonzalez Eileen Gough Rosemary Haeffelin Susan Hallahan The Harker Family Elizabeth Harrison

Lilian Hills Susan Hori Iolanda Iacobelli Sue Johnston Eileen Jones Megsic Keck Paul Kennedy

Peggy Kiernan Debbie Kinney Sr. Anne Kremenik

Helen Kuhn Lillian Lachance The Lamelin Family Peggy Lane Hernandez Bernie Lanzrath

Christopher Lawrence Roland Lawrence Brandon LeBlanc Ashley Load

Cassandra Loretto Lauren Loretto Richard Lynn James MacArthur

Nancy Marley The McWalters Family Bob McWilliams Jovce Meehan

Kalei Mendiola Carol Michael Walt & Rita Mikridge June Mitchell Nancy Moore Conrad Murphy Margie Myers Cosmo Nocida

R. Northrup Helen O'Connell Heidi Olson Lupe Casas Pelletier Helen Pingtella The Porter Family Anne Post

Douglas Price-Williams Monica Ramos-Gonzalez Angelita Rasmon

Jack Riley Clinton Ritchie Rita Ritchie Joanne Robinson Maria Rogers Cecilia Roper Dorothy Rouse The Russo Family
Kimberly Schlunt
Linda Schmidt
The Douglas E. Schulte Family
Part Sede & Family

Pete Serle & Family Bob, Joan, & Julie Shea Elizabeth Shirzad Richard Sikora

Jeanne Sisson Mike Snyder The Solomon Family Nick Soltau Fred Spiegl

Gilda Spiegl Monica St. Pierre Dorothy Staehr Ted Stanislawski Jo & George Stephens Pete Sullivan Maria Surmenidis David Sweet Sarah Tillinghast Stephen Toth, Jr.

John Treat Mary Tysko & Family Laurie Updyke Barbara Upson Arnie Velasco Bob Vita

Vanessa Vitiello-Koble Paul & Mai Vo & Family Kevin Watson-Graff John Whitton Carmella Wilson

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 Sr. Airman Robert Spear, USAF Sgt. Charles Watts, USMC

Calendar Highlights

More details at www.stmoside.org. Schedule and Calendar

The Week Ahead

Sep 24-25 Brother Benno's Toiletries Drive Liturgy of the Word for Sep 25

Children at 8:30am Mass RE.A.CH Classes at Church Sep 25 and EDGE

Parent Meeting for Sep 25 Sacramental Preparation

Vodka Tasting Party Sep 25 Sep 30-Oct 1 Women's Ministry Retreat Oct 2 Knights of Columbus

Breakfast Blessing of Animals Oct 2

The Month Ahead

Oct 7 **Eucharistic Exposition** Treasures 2011 Flea Market Oct 8 Oct 8 Rosary for Peace

RE.A.CH Classes at Church Oct 9 Oct 14-16 Men's Fellowship Retreat RE.A.CH Classes for High Oct 16

School Begin Oct 22-23 Knights of Columbus

Tootsie Roll Drive RE.A.CH Classes at Church Oct 23 Spirited Seniors Viejas Trip Oct 27 Oct 28-29 Women's Guild Bake Sale & Quilter's Treasure Sale

Life Walk Oct 29

The Year Ahead

Nov 1 All Saints Day Nov 2 All Souls Day

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Jan 14-31 Stewardship Awareness and Renewal

Jan 22 Towers of Faith Reception Jan 29 Groundbreaking for Permanent Church and

Parish Offices 13th Annual Golf Classic

June 1 July 16-20 Vacation Bible Camp

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.

September 26
Sr. Maureen Kelley, RSM
September 27
Sr. Margaret E. Kelly, OP
September 28
Sr. Susanne Kernaghan, CHS
September 29
Sr. Astrid Kershaw, OCD
September 30
Sr. Mary Kiely, OSF
October 1
Sr. Justina Kim, OCD
October 2
Sr. Joan King, OSB

Congratulations to

Chuck & Wanda Nitsch (30 years) Steve & Louise Toth (47 years)

who celebrate their wedding anniversaries this week.

May God continue to bless your marriage, and may you be an inspiration to other married couples.

In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

George Ken Walker, who died August 26. George is the father of Parishioner Beverly de Gelder. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Julia Cepeda, who died September 14. A Memorial Mass was celebrated on September 22 at St. Thomas More. Burial will be in Saipan. Please keep her son Juan Cepeda, and the family in your prayers.

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

Bible Study

Beginning Wednesday, September 28, at 9:00am or Thursday, September 29, at 7:00pm, please join us for seven sessions as we study and discuss the lessons given to us in the catholic letters of St. James, St. Peter, and St. Jude.

We refer to these letters of the Bible in this way because they were addressed to the whole church and not just to a specific church or individual as in the case of St. Paul's letters. They were written to strengthen Christian communities scattered throughout the Roman Empire. Each letter has a specific purpose and content of its own, and they have very few features in common. St. Augustine says they all have to do with refuting errors which were beginning to appear. All of them evidence the teaching and catechesis given to the early Christian communities. The tone is pastoral and the letters contain religious instruction and moral teaching encouraging people to lead deeply Christian lives.

Please join us as we encourage each other to be better Christians. Registration forms available at the information table on the Plaza.

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

Brother Benno's Toiletry/Underwear Collection

This is the weekend to bring your toiletry items and NEW underwear for men, women, or children to Deacon Tom's truck in the parking lot! Thank you!

Our Support to Solutions for Change

Thank you to all the Parishioners who contributed to the recent collection for North County Solutions for Change! As a result of your donations the Parish sent a check for \$8,000 as part of our three-year pledge to sponsor a family during their 1,000-day journey in the program.

The overall goal is to achieve a permanent solution to family homelessness, not just a short-term remedy. Your generosity will give a family the means to transform their lives and become productive members of our community. The children of these families need a stable environment to grow into our future workers, leaders, and parents. We are privileged to give a lasting gift to our community by investing in these homeless parents and children today.

—Charlene and Dick Belprez, Chairpersons, NCSC Committee

Culture of Life

Culture of Life Family Services (COLFS) 2011 Gala and Auction—Saturday, October 15, 5:30pm, Hilton San Diego Resort and Spa, Mission Bay. Featured speakers are Terrence Kennedy, San Diego Padres catcher, Dr. Anthony Levatino, former abortionist, and Joel Anderson, State Senator 36th District. For more information, visit www.colfs.org.

40 Days for Life—September 28-November 6, a focused pro-life campaign that includes prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil, and community outreach. Visit www.40daysforlife.com/sandiego.

Project Linus: Blankets for Children

The Project Linus ministry makes blankets for distribution to hospitalized children, abused children, and teens undergoing dialysis. Volunteers make blankets in their own homes using specific size and material specifications. The blankets are crocheted, knitted, or quilted based on the interest and skills of the volunteers. Twice a year the blanket makers gather for a coffee at St. Thomas More (STM) and bring their blankets. Tags and labels are affixed to the items in preparation for distribution.

Our group is celebrating its twelfth year as a member of STM's Social Ministries. It started with the small church community, "Understanding," and flourished since its beginnings. The national Project Linus organization, named for the Peanuts cartoon character, has chapters throughout the country. We are an adjunct of the San Diego Chapter of Project Linus. Our handmade blankets are distributed by authorized members of the chapter to hospitals in San Diego County. Our only stipulation is that they are given to children to keep as their own.

Flyers with detailed instructions for sizing and material content are available at the Parish Office or by contacting Mary Coxon at 760-599-8760. Blankets made at home are collected at Fall and Spring Coffees. Information about Coffee dates are given in the church bulletin.

Come join us at a Coffee to learn how you can help or call Mary Coxon.

Parish Events

Knights of Columbus News

The Knights are selling *Entertainment Books* on the Plaza after weekend Masses. They make great gifts!

Women's Ministry/Fellowship Retreat Becoming the Woman God Made You to Be

Mark your calendars for Friday, September 30 (6:30-9:00pm), Saturday, October 1 (8:30am-6:00pm), and the 10:30am Mass on Sunday, October 2. This year's speaker is Tammy Evevard. Registration forms are available at the information table on the Plaza, in the Parish Office, and on the Parish website (www.stmoside.org/women).

Men's Fellowship Retreat As fire sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another (Proverbs 27:17)

October 14-16 in Julian with keynote speaker Cyril Jones-Kellett. Registration forms are available at the information table on the Plaza, in the Parish Office, and on the Parish website (www.stmoside.org/men). This is fast approaching, so please submit your registration forms as soon as possible so that we can have an accurate count. Thank you!

Treasures 2011 Update

For Parishioners who would like to deliver their flea market donations a bit early, we will accept donations on Friday, October 7, from 4:00-7:00pm (weather permitting). You may unload your donations onto the blue tarps in the Parish Center parking lot. If you also are able to stay a while and assist with arranging the donations, that will be most helpful.

We need more Parishioners to volunteer on October 8 to ensure the success of this fundraiser. Please submit your two-hour volunteer work shift sheet.

Check your home and garage for items you can donate, and fill out and return your donation information forms.

Forms can be returned to the Parish Office box #43 or placed in the offertory collection basket.

The dates for the next planning and organizing meeting aare Tuesday, September 20, and Tuesday, October 4, 7:00-8:30pm in the lower level of the Parish Center.

For more information, contact Jerry and Judy Buoniconti, Treasures 2011 Chairpersons, at 760-758-5113.

Missionary Cooperation Appeal

The proceeds from the Mission Appeal are used to directly support the missionaries, the organization, and the people they serve. We are all called to be missionaries. Your generous donation unites you as missionary to our brothers and sisters around the world who are most in need of help. The envelope attached to the bulletin at the beginning of the month may be returned any time during the month of September. Thank you!

Our Journey Into The Future . . . Together! Phase II ~ Four months to go!

St. Thomas More, pray for us!

Pledge Statistics as of September 20

		# of Families
Phase II		Responding
Total Responses	\$1,567,757	756
Still Needed	\$432,243	271
Total Goal	\$2,000,000	1,027
Total Collected	\$1,408,899	



- † We have now heard from 74% of the Parish and we have collected nearly \$1.4 million toward our goal of \$2 million.
- † The quality of our build out is dependent on how much we raise and you are making this happen. Thank you to ALL of our donors!!!
- † Any new donors and/or additional donations are welcome and appreciated!

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

Got COSTUME Jewelry?

Thank you ladies for your tremendous support of my costume jeweled Christmas tree project for the 2012 Golf Classic Auction. I will be able to use a lot of the pieces you have already given and also able to pass along several items for the upcoming Treasures 2011 Flea Market. There are a few more specific pieces I am looking for—if you have any "Avon"



Christmas jewelry or other Christmas themed pieces you are no longer wanting in your jewelry collection, that will finish my search. Production of the tree will start soon, so if you could take just one more look in your collection, I'd greatly appreciate it. It will be so exciting to see the finished product and how you made this beautiful tree come to life.

You may bring your COSTUME jewelry to the parish office during the week. Visit *www.stmoside.org/golf* to see a full-color rendition of a completed tree.

Questions? Call Debbie Ipsen at 760-723-0402.

Liturgy & Music



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EXPLORING THE MASS — PART 1



Every few months, someone comes up to me about something that has appeared on this page, and tells me that they appreciated being reminded of a tidbit of information forgotten from their Confirmation preparation many years ago. I am glad to help out. Most of these pages are the result of research I have had to do to learn something new, or to remember something long forgotten.

For the past few months, I have been thinking about and studying the Mass in preparation for the introduction of the 3rd edition of the Roman Missal in Advent. Roman Missal 3.0 has certainly caused discussion in some Catholic circles, so I thought it would be a good idea to review the parts of the Mass with the intent of gaining a better understanding of what we do each week (or day) and why we do it.

In his introduction to *At the Supper* of the *Lamb*, Rev. Paul Turner writes:

On that day when those invited come to feast at the supper of the Lamb,...there will be joy, celebration, music, silence, dialogue, acclamation, and prayer. All will be swept up in the glory of God. No one will have to learn what to do.

But until that day, we mortals gather at the supper of the Lamb on earth...to worship God as best we can. For now, we all have to learn what to do.

So, for the next few weeks, we will be having a refresher course on the Mass, revisiting its overall form and specific parts, reminding ourselves some of the things we learned all those years ago.

This discussion is adapted from Paul Turner's book, At the Supper of the Lamb, Amy Florian's book The Mass, the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, and Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship, the last two prepared by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.



Taking a look at the overall structure, we see that the Mass is divided into four parts:

- Introductory Rites
- Liturgy of the Word
- Liturgy of the Eucharist
- Concluding Rites

Each part is further divided into sections that weave together to form a single unified liturgical action.

Each week, we will examine a part of the Mass and some or all of its sections (depending on space). We will examine how they relate to each other and to the Mass as a whole.

I look forward to sharing this journey with you and offering some of the information and insight I have found over the past few months. If you have questions as we go along, let me know, and we can explore them in subsequent weeks.

Next week: Introductory Rites



Wiggling in Worship?

To the Parents of our young children, may we suggest:

Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome!

Sit toward the front where it's easier for your little ones to see and hear what's going on at the altar. They tire of seeing the backs of others' heads.

Explain (quietly) the parts of the Mass and the actions of the priest, altar servers, choir, etc.

Sing the hymns. Pray the prayers. Voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.

If you have to leave Mass, feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

To the rest of us:

The presence of children is a gift to the Church, and they are a reminder that we are growing.

Remember that the way we welcome our children in liturgy directly affects the way they respond to God, to the Church, and to one another. Let them know that they are welcome in this house of worship.

Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.

Upcoming Music

OCTOBER 2 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm Mass

Handbell Choir

8:30am Mass

Sanctuary Choir

10:30am Mass

Praise Team

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

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FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

We pray...that we will make justice a way of life.

Faith Formation



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

Welcome, Autumn, arms full of summer's blessings, carrying the seeds of life for next year's planting. Come, enter my home with your golden wisdom; be my guest and share my table.

Welcome, Old Wise One,

may | be your student in the school of gratitude.

Guide me in reflecting upon the summer now gone,
that | might give thanks for all the many gifts
that have enriched me in that season of growth.

I greet you, spirits of darkness
that dwell in the night and within me.
While you are frightening, you are also a source of power;
may I not fear you
but learn to live in holy harmony with you;
you are not evil unless you dominate me.
Night within me, I welcome you as well;
may all your spirits that reside in me
live in harmony with the Spirit of the Holy.

Edward Hays Prayers for a Planetary Pilgrim

Amen.

ADULT Faith Formation Opportunities

September 25 Sacrament Preparation Class for Parents 12:30pm Preparing for Reconciliation and Eucharist in

2011-2012

September 27 CATHOLICISM Series—Session 2

7:00pm Come to one or many!

For Catechists looking for renewal credit, this program is accepted by the Diocese for credit.

Need Adult Confirmation?

September 28/29 Bible Study begins

9:00am/7:00pm Learn more about the Letters of James, Peter,

and Jude in the New Testament

September 30 Women's Retreat 6:30-9:00pm Friday, September 30

8:30am-6:00pm Saturday, October 1

Plus 10:30am Mass on Sunday, October 2

October 14-16 Men's Retreat

Camp Cedar Glen in Julian

As fire sharpens iron,

so one man sharpens another (Proverbs 27:17)

TEEN Faith Formation Opportunities

September 23-25 Confirmation Teen Retreat

Parishioners: please pray for us!

September 25 10:30am Mass

Entrance Ritual for Confirmation candidates

September 26 IGNITE

7:00pm High School Youth Group

September 29 L.E.A.D.

7:00pm Confirmed teens through young adults share

community and the gift of leadership with

younger teens.



Today is a RE.A.CH day

Religious Education for Adolescents & Children

at Church

12:30-2:00pm/5:00-6:30pm

Need Service Hours?

Does your high school require you to complete a certain number of service hours? Here's a great opportunity to have fun AND get hours. *Treasures 2011 Flea Market on Saturday, October 8* is looking for teen assistants from 6:30am-1:30pm. Email Kathleen and let me know what hours you want to work (*kathleenb@stmoside.org*).

Stewardship & Development



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

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP A Prayer for September

Loving Father,

A world made in your image and likeness is desperate for your healing touch.

It is a place where people do not have enough water, or enough food, or enough medicine even though there is enough of these things in the world.

It is a realm where people hunger for freedom and are tortured and killed for this yearning.

It is a world where there is much anger and hatred, distrust and little peace.

We ourselves tend to avoid those we don't know, those who don't look like us, or think like us, or worship like us.

And yet you call to us to be good stewards of our neighbors; to love them as we love ourselves; to love them with greater hearts than we can imagine.

Give us the courage we need to be better stewards of our neighbors; and to believe what you tell us, that you will give us everything we need to love in your name, so your healing may truly be made manifest in this world.

We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

 $-ICSC\ Stewardship,\ September\ 2011,\ with\ permission$

Opportunity Knocks! **Altar Servers**

Assist the priest and deacon during liturgies ~

- † Setting the Eucharistic table
- † Carrying the cross and candles in processions
- † Holding the liturgical books
- † Fourth graders and up all welcome

To assist with this vital part of our liturgies, please contact: *Douglas Lynn*, 760-758-4100 x140 or douglasl@stmoside.org

Complaining, grumbling, and fear are contagious. So are joy, gratefulness, and hope.

—Luke Smith

A WAY TO GIVE ~ A WAY TO RECEIVE



DESIGNATED BANK ACCOUNTS, WILLS, LIVING TRUSTS, STOCKS, LIFE INSURANCE, MUTUAL FUNDS, REAL ESTATE, ENDOWMENTS

Planned Giving is a generic term that covers the many ways an individual can give to a charity while, in many cases avoiding taxes. A few examples of Planned Giving are: Designated Beneficiary Accounts, Wills, Living Trusts, Stocks, Life Insurance, Mutual Funds, Endowments, and Real Estate.

This program is one way of helping the Parish raise the resources necessary to continue our campus build out and also help plan for our future needs (i.e., Tower of Faith participants). Gifts of this nature are beneficial and much appreciated by St. Thomas More.

For more information please contact:

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

"Our Journey Into The Future . . . Together" includes our Faith journey as well as the build out of our Parish Campus.

Collection for Week of September 17/18, 2011 Number of Registered Households 1,027

 Offertory*
 \$ 9,725.09

 Offertory (Loose Collection)
 990.50

 Children's envelopes
 2.00

 Total
 \$ 10,717.59

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*.

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.

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*.

Retrouvaille for Troubled Marriages—Call 951-259-9474 or visit *www.RetroCA.com*.

Young Adult Ministry Activities in San Diego County—Visit *www.yamsd.org* for complete information on events for young adults., including *Theology on Tap*.

Lectures and Retreats at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside—Visit *www.sanluisrey.org* or call 760-757-3659 for details on upcoming events, including *When My Child Walks Away from the Church*, a presentation on October 8.

Religious Emblems Program for Boy Scouts and Venturers—Ad Altare Dei for Boy Scouts in 7th to 12th grades. For more information, call Debbie Sylvester at 619-884-7002. Pope Pius XII for Boy Scouts & Venturers in 9th grade and up. For more information, call Jim Smith at 760-436-2549.

News from St. Francis Church

Concert

Friday, September 30, 7:00pm

Tom Booth and Band, The Paschal Mystery Tour

St. Francis of Assisi Parish, 525 W. Vista Way, Vista

VIP Tickets: \$80

(dinner with the artist, signed photo and priority seating) General Admission: \$20 presale*/\$30 at the door Seniors/Students: \$15 presale*/\$25 at the door

> Children 5-12 years old: \$10 Children under 4: free

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Presale ends September 20

To order tickets, please call the Parish Office at 760-945-8000 For information about Youth Group discounts, call 760-945-8043

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.

St. Pio of Pietrelcina Feast Day Celebration in Spring Valley—Sunday, September 25, 1:30pm, Santa Sophia Parish, Spring Valley. Film, Holy Hour, Talk, and Mass celebrated by Bishop Chavez. For more information, contact 619-697-5958.

New Paths in Coronado—A free 13-week support group for the separated and divorced will meet on Tuesdays at 6:30pm from September 30 through December 13 at the Ministry Center of Sacred Heart Church, 655 C Ave., Coronado. For more information, call Martha at 619-435-6136 or Tom at 619-437-6689.

Considering Catholic High School?

It's open house season! Here's the open house information...

Our Lady of Peace High School (girls), Saturday, October 8, 9:00-11:30am, 4860 Oregon St., San Diego, 619-725-9118, www.aolp.org.

Cathedral Catholic High School (co-ed), Saturday, October 15, 10:00am-2:00pm, 5555 Del Mar Heights Rd., San Diego, 858-523-4000, www.cathedralcatholic.org.

Mater Dei Catholic High School (co-ed), Saturday, October 15, 10:00am-12:00pm, 1615 Mater Dei Drive, Chula Vista, 619-423-2121, www.materdeicatholic.org.

JSerra Catholic High School (co-ed), Thursday, November 3, 6:30pm, 26351 Junipero Serra Rd., San Juan Capistrano, 949-493-9307, www.jserra.org.

St. Augustine High School (boys), Sunday, November 6, 1:00-4:00pm, 3266 Nutmeg St., San Diego, 619-282-2184, www.sahs.org.

Marriage & Family Life Corner

The Bishops' Letter on Marriage—Responsible Parenthood: "[Finally], living according to God's design for love and life does not mean that married couples cannot plan their families. The principle of responsible parenthood describes the way spouses can work with God's gift of fertility. Spouses can recognize their own duties towards God, themselves, their families and human society as they decide when to try to achieve a pregnancy or conclude that there are sufficiently serious reasons to justify postponing one." To read the document go to http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/.

Marriage Moments—When good secretaries take a message they always repeat the telephone number and summarize the message. Your spouse deserves similar service. "Now you said ... Did I get it right?" Saves a lot of misunderstandings and mix-ups.

Parenting Pointers—Next Monday is National Family Day. The focus is on eating together with your children. If your children are young, this is easy. They need you to cook. If they are older, make an effort to eat together—if not Monday, one day next week.

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



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