

Our 2012 Confirmation Class and youth leaders attended the 10:30am Mass after returning from their retreat, September 23-25.

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

October 2, 2011 • Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor's Column

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The Challenge of Faithful Citizenship

As we begin this month of October, we are mindful that it is "Respect Life" month. As Catholics, we are a people who believe in life, and the promotion and protection of life from womb to tomb. We call this stance, this perspective, being "pro-life."

In the last two years, during our nation's on-going health care reform debate, I have been amazed by the number of people who see this issue only in political terms, and not as a "pro-life" issue.

In deeper discussion with these people, they said to me that they understood that to be "pro-life" was to be "anti-abortion" and they did not realize that the Catholic Church saw being "pro-life" in a much broader perspective.

Reflecting upon their comments, it seems that because the Church has so focused on the abortion issue, and rightly so, we have lost our focus on the other life issues.

The challenge is to still be as strongly focused on being "anti-abortion" while promoting and keeping focused on all the other life issues as well.

Neither major political party, Democrat or Republican, is "pro-life" as the Catholic Church is "pro-life." Yet, as Catholics, we must exercise our responsibilities and duties as citizens of this country. We must take the values of the Catholic Church, and through our informed consciences, support the candidates and positions that best reflect a consistent "pro-life" ethic. This becomes an issue of conscience and not political party affiliation.

Written in 2004, yet still very timely, I share with you these "10 Questions for the Campaign" that comes to us from the Administrative Committee of the United States Conference of

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Join Us for the Blessing of Animals
Sunday, October 2, 4:00pm on the Plaza
All supervised pets are welcome!

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 760-758-4100 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.

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Director of Faith Formation,
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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.

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 \$22,300
from this program. Thank you donors!**



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

Catholic Bishops in their statement, "The Challenge of Faithful Citizenship—A Catholic Call to Political Responsibility:"

1. *After September 11, how can we build not only a safer world, but a better world—more just, more secure, more peaceful, more respectful of human life and dignity?*
2. *How will we protect the weakest in our midst—innocent unborn children? How can our nation not turn to violence to solve some of its most difficult problems—abortion to deal with difficult pregnancies; the death penalty to combat crime; euthanasia and assisted suicide to deal with the burdens of age, illness, and disability; and war to address international disputes?*
3. *How will we address the tragic fact that more than 30,000 children die every day as a result of hunger, international debt, and lack of development around the world?*
4. *How can our nation help parents raise their children with respect for life, sound moral values, a sense of hope, and an ethic of stewardship and responsibility? How can our society defend the central institution of marriage and better support families in their moral responsibilities?*
5. *How will we address the growing number of people without affordable and accessible health care? How can health care better protect human life and respect human dignity?*
6. *How will our society combat continuing prejudice, overcome hostility toward immigrants and refugees, and heal the wounds of racism, religious bigotry, and discrimination?*
7. *How will our nation pursue the values of justice and peace in a world where injustice is common, desperate poverty widespread, and peace is too often overwhelmed by violence?*
8. *What are the responsibilities and limitations of families, community organizations, markets, and government? How can these elements of society work together to overcome poverty, pursue the common good, and care for creation?*
9. *When should our nation use or avoid the use of military force—for what purpose, under what authority, and at what human cost?*
10. *How can we join with other nations to lead the world to greater respect for human life and dignity, religious freedom and democracy, economic justice and care for God's creation?*

I encourage you to take time with these questions, to read them, reflect upon them, pray over them. May these help all of us to expand our vision on what it means to be "pro-life" in the Catholic spirit.

F.A. Mike

Readings for the Week Ahead

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

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

Monday, October 3 (461)

Jonah 1:1-2:2,11
Jonah 2:2-5,8 (Psalm)
Luke 10:25-37

Tuesday, October 4 (462)

Francis of Assisi, religious
Jonah 3:1-10
Psalm 130:1-4,7-8
Luke 10:38-42

Wednesday, October 5 (463)

Jonah 4:1-11
Psalm 86:3-6,9-10
Luke 11:1-4

Thursday, October 6 (464)

*Bruno, priest;
Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher, virgin*
Malachi 3:13-20b
Psalm 1:1-4,6
Luike 11:5-13

Friday, October 7 (465)

Our Lady of the Rosary
Joel 1:13-15;2:1-2
Psalm 9:2-3,6,8-9,16
Luke 11:15-26

Saturday, October 8 (466)

Joel 4:12-21
Psalm 97:1-2,5-6,11-12
Luke 11:27-28

Sunday, October 9 (142)

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Isaiah 25:6-10a
Psalm 23:1-6
Philippians 4:12-14,19-20
Matthew 22:1-14

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
Ken Booth
Lynda Brady
Stan Bressi
Ethel M. Brogan
Monica Broussard
Diane Brown
George Brown
Janet Brown
Ralph Browne
Glenn Busse
Shelby Campbell
Brianna Campos
Claudia Caplinger
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
The Delaney Family
Judith DiMatteo
John Drazkowski, Jr.
Marge Egan
Phyllis Estes
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
Lillian 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
Bob McWilliams
Joyce 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
Douglas Price-Williams
Monica Ramos-Gonzalez
Angelita Rasmon
Jack Riley
Clinton Ritchie
Rita Ritchie
Joanne Robinson
Maria Rogers
Dorothy Rouse
The Russo Family
Kimberly Schlunt
Linda Schmidt
The Douglas E. Schulte Family
Pete Serle & Family
Bob, Joan, & Julie Shea
Elizabeth Shirzad
Richard Sikora
Robert Simon
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
Robert & Corrie Vasquez
Bob Vita
Vanessa Vitiello-Koble
Kevin Watson-Graff
John Whitton
Carmella Wilson

Calendar Highlights

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

The Week Ahead

Oct 2 Knights of Columbus
Breakfast
Oct 2 Blessing of Animals
Oct 7 Eucharistic Exposition
Oct 8 Treasures 2011 Flea Market
Oct 8 Rosary for Peace
Oct 9 Liturgy of the Word for
Children at 8:30am Mass
Oct 9 RE.A.CH Classes at Church

The Month Ahead

Oct 11-12 Restaurant Fundraiser at
Elephant Bar
Oct 14-16 Men's Fellowship Retreat
Oct 16 RE.A.CH Classes for High
School Begin
Oct 22-23 Knights of Columbus
Tootsie Roll Drive
Oct 23 RE.A.CH Classes at Church
Oct 27 Spirited Seniors Viejas Trip
Oct 28-29 Women's Guild Bake Sale
& Quilter's Treasure Sale
Oct 29 Life Walk

The Year Ahead

Nov 1 All Saints Day
Nov 1-2 Braille Institute All About
Eyes Seminar
Nov 2 All Souls Day
Nov 20 Handbell and Sanctuary
Choir Concert
Nov 24 Thanksgiving Dinner

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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
June 1 13th Annual Golf Classic
July 16-20 Vacation Bible Camp

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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.

October 3 Sr. Alice Kole, OP
October 4 Sr. Joan Kowalski, OP
October 5 Sr. Maxine Kraemer, RSCJ
October 6 Sr. Gerarda Labonville, SFCC
October 7 Sr. Helen Louise Lacey, CSJ
October 8 Sr. Anita Lapeyre, RSCJ
October 9 Sr. Shaun Marie Larkin, SBL

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 1, 5:00pm Anna Ninh Phan ☩
Sunday, October 2, 8:30am Jeannette Oravetz ☩
Sunday, October 2, 10:30am Betty Dorsa ☩
Tuesday, October 4, 8:15am Pat & Mary Swift
Wednesday, October 5, 8:15am Terence Flanagan ☩
Wednesday, October 5, 9:30am Steven Dapkus ☩ <i>Emeritus @ Carlsbad</i>
Thursday, October 6, 8:15am Irene Nelson ☩
Friday, October 7, 8:15am David Arboleda
Saturday, October 8, 5:00pm Berwyn Collentine ☩
Sunday, October 9, 8:30am George Kleekamp ☩
Sunday, October 9, 10:30am Annie Gavin ☩

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

Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioners

Raul & Julie Gonzales & Family
William & Rosaleen Henderson & Family

Flower Donations

The Altar Flowers for last weekend were given by **Ron & Grace Hoffmann** in honor of their wedding anniversary.



In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Bernard Delaney, who died on September 22. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, October 28, at 10:30am at St. Thomas More. Please keep his wife, Madeline, 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.

Society for the Propagation of the Faith Appeal

Envelopes are attached to the bulletin this week for this annual missionary appeal. Your prayers are greatly appreciated as well. The envelopes may be returned any time during the month of October. Watch the bulletin for more information or visit www.iamamissionary.org.

'Did You Know?' Collection for September

\$7,780.00

Restaurant Fundraiser Results for September

Chili's

\$430.00

Food Bank Contributions

Look for the blue barrels on the Plaza at weekend Masses to deposit your contributions for North County Community Services Food Bank in San Marcos. The most needed items include canned meats and protein, pasta and pasta sauce, boxed macaroni and cheese, and canned fruit. Thank you for your support! For more information, contact the Parish Office at 760-758-4100 x100.

STM Scrip News

TRY US NOW! FREE Fundraising.
Ask about our travel Scrip opportunities!

Thanks to all who support our Parish Building Fund by purchasing Scrip gift cards!

Remember, Scrip is available for purchase FOUR ways!

1. Monday-Friday during business hours in the Parish Office
2. Online at www.stmoside.org, click on Contact Us, then click on Scrip
3. Email at scrip@stmoside.org
4. Phone at 760-758-4100 x150

Orders may be picked up after Mass on the weekend or at the Parish Office during the week.

Social Ministries/Outreach

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.

LifeWalk—Saturday, October 29, 10:30am, DeAnza Cove at Mission Bay, 5k course. Register as a walker or sponsor a walker. For more information, visit www.lplifewalk.org.

All about Eyes Seminar: Everything Seniors/Families Should Know about Age-Related Eye Conditions and Free Services

Tuesday, November 1, and Wednesday, November 2, 11:00am-1:00pm. Through simulator glasses and hands-on demonstrations, this educational seminar will examine the major structures of the human eye, explore the causes and symptoms of the most common age related eye conditions and provide practical low vision solutions, and interactive discussions to help you in your daily living. This seminar is for anyone, even if they have perfect VISION. For more information, contact the Braille Institute, www.brailleinstitute.org or 858-404-5033.

Men's Fellowship Retreat

**As iron 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!



Parish Events

Knights of Columbus News

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

Women's Guild News

A big thank you to all officers and members who helped with last weeks' Hawaiian luncheon. Thank you, too, for all members and guests for attending our event. The Hawaiian troupe "Village Hawaiian Dancers" did a beautiful program for us. It was an event well done.

We turn now to October's program, and we have a another good one for you. A guest author, Stephen Brown, will be talking to us about a book he wrote, *Living and Loving Through and Past Cancer: A Spouse's Perspective*. The author is the son of our member Barbara Brown-Barreras. We will have lunch and our book exchange afterward. Please bring a book/books you would like to part with, and you will have an opportunity to take any you find interesting. Hope to see you there. Please call Vera at 760-739-9061 or Siggie at 760-994-4727 for reservations. This event will be on Monday, October 10, at 11:00am on the lower level of the Parish Center.

Our next board meeting will be on Monday, October 3, at 10:00am at Vera's.

Bake Sale

The ladies of St. Thomas More Women's Guild will be calling Parishioners whose last names begin with the letters I through Z requesting donations of home-made baked goods for the bake sale on October 29-30. Please bring your baked goods when you come to Mass and drop them off at the designated tables. Please mark items containing nuts. Also avoid anything that would need refrigeration. Your support is greatly appreciated. For more information, call Pat Wong at 760-806-1310 or Nancy Wozniak at 760-729-0782.

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 next planning and organizing meeting is on 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.

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

St. Thomas More, pray for us!

Pledge Statistics as of September 27

Phase II		# of Families Responding
Total Responses	\$1,568,682	757
Still Needed	\$431,318	272
Total Goal	\$2,000,000	1,029
Total Collected	\$1,413,174	



† 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
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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.

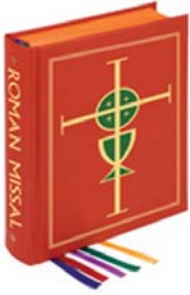


Liturgy & Music

Worship God

Douglas Lynn
Director of Liturgy and Music
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EXPLORING THE MASS — PART 2



Introductory Rites

Liturgy of the Word

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Concluding Rites

INTRODUCTORY RITES

The rites that precede the Liturgy of the Word have the character of a beginning, an introduction, and a preparation.

The Order of Mass in the *Roman Missal* begins with a succinct premise: "When the people are gathered." Mass begins not just when the priest is ready as was the case before the Second Vatican Council, but when the people have gathered.

Entrance Chant (Song) Procession Veneration of the Altar

The Entrance Song is meant to open the celebration, foster the unity of those who have gathered, introduce their thoughts to the mystery of the liturgical time or festivity, and accompany the procession of the priest and ministers. During the song, a series of gestures show respect for the altar: The ministers bow to it, the priest and deacon kiss it, and, if appropriate, the priest incenses the cross and the altar.

Sign of the Cross

The words that accompany the Sign of the Cross are inspired by Jesus' farewell and command to the disciples on the occasion of his Ascension (Mt 28:19).

Greeting

The Greeting signifies to the assembled community the presence of the Lord. By this greeting and the people's response, the mystery of the Church gathered together is made manifest.

Introduction to the Mass

This brief introduction can explain certain parts of the Mass, or the nature of the specific celebration.

Penitential Act / Kyrie

The Penitential Act has three forms which it may take, all beginning with a call to the whole community to take part, continuing with silence and a general confession, and concluding with the Priest's absolution.

Sometimes, the blessing and sprinkling of water may take place as a reminder of Baptism.

The *Kyrie*, an interior penitential discipline of the newly gathered people, is said after either of the first two forms of the Penitential Act and is incorporated in the third form. Originally the word "Kyrie" was probably addressed to God, not necessarily to Christ, and "eleison" was a general cry for mercy, not a specific appeal for forgiveness.

Gloria

The Introductory Rites take on a celebratory character on the occasions when the Gloria is sung. It is used for Sundays outside of Advent and Lent, except on the rare occasion when All Souls falls on a Sunday, and it is also used for solemnities and feasts on the calendar, and sometimes for special celebrations of a more solemn character, including ordinations, weddings, and confirmations. It is a most ancient hymn by which the Church, gathered in the Holy Spirit, glorifies and entreats God the Father and the Lamb.

Collect (Opening Prayer)

In the Collect, the priest invites the assembly to pray. After a brief silence during which the people become aware of God's presence and call to mind their intentions, he then "collects" the spoken and unspoken prayers keenly felt in our hearts and offers them to our loving God.





**Blessing
of Animals**

Sunday, October 2

On the Plaza

4:00pm

Upcoming Music

OCTOBER 9
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm Mass

Handbell Choir

8:30am Mass

Praise Team

10:30am Mass

Sanctuary Choir

This is the second in a series on the Mass, a refresher course on its overall form and specific parts, reminding ourselves some of the things we may have learned some time 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.

Next Week: Liturgy of the Word

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

Kathleen Bell
 Director of Faith Formation
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Today is a RE.A.CH day
 Religious Education for Adolescents & Children
at Home
Check your Annual Plan

YOUTH MINISTRY

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




The Journey Continues Part 3: The Mystery of God



Join us this Wednesday at 7:00 PM as Father Barron considers St. Anselm's description of God as "that than which nothing greater can be thought" and explains St. Thomas Aquinas' arguments which support the claim that God truly exists.

He also speaks about the nature of God, as well as the challenging question of evil and the existence of God.

You are welcome to attend any evenings during this ten part series. Each session is a jewel in itself, and guaranteed to enrich your understanding of Catholicism and pride in our common heritage.



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 to 1:30pm.

Email Kathleen and let me know what hours you want to work.

kathleenb@stmoside.org



High School

✦ IGNITE

Have you ever thought about a vocation? Not a vacation, a vocation! Where is God calling you? Have you ever asked him? Let's dive into this topic and see where the Lord leads us. See you at 7:00 pm on Monday!

✦ LEAD

We are now needing leaders for Monday Night Youth group and a Core team. I know all our schedules vary, so if you can help a little, or have a lot of free time, come share your gifts with us. Thursday at 7:00pm!

✦ Phase 1 Orientation

There is a make-up meeting on Sunday, October 2, at 12:00noon for those who missed the Orientation on August 28. If you are interested in participating and going into this program, please attend this meeting for Parents and Teens! See you there.

Core Classes

On Sunday, October 16 from 6:30-8:30pm, Core Classes begin for all in Phase 1 and Phase 2 of our High School Program. This course continues for five consecutive Sundays. Be sure it's on your calendar!

Middle School

Next EDGE Class is on Sunday, October 9! We will see you there. It is always a blessing seeing you all there.

PBJ Update

(Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center)

2011 GOAL:	365 jars
Collected to date:	405 jars



Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

Chris Smith
Director of Stewardship & Development
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CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

Christians have an attractive idea that God has number one claim on us . . . everything we own, on everything we are. But there are many who live the opposite way, as if everything they are and own are theirs alone. "My talents and my work have gained for me this wealth, and I'm the only one who's going to say what I do with it." Who is right?

I asked Bob Barton, who works in the garage after school and on Saturdays to earn money for engineering school, which one was right. He said that, of course, "the self-made man" was. "I know how to handle tools," he said, "and believe me I'm going to climb to the top as an engineer. What I want, I get."

Then I asked Andy Newsome, who works with Bob, and Andy replied., "The way I figure it, this is God's world. God wants it to be a good world and sent his son to show us how it could be like that. If God loved me so much, I owe him my life. Now I'm trying to find out how God intends me to use it."

This answer caught Bob by surprise. He had never heard Andy speak in those terms before. The idea of owing our lives to God because God gave his son for us was "all Greek" to him; and yet Andy was so sure of himself, so certain in his conviction.

Then I asked Andy, "Have you any leads yet on the way God wants you to use your life?"

"I like science, and it seems logical to me that God would use that interest in some way. I've thought of going into research, where I could devote my talents to discovering something that would benefit people, or being a teacher, because a science teacher with Christian faith ought to be able to do a lot of good."

"But how will you know when the time comes?" asked Bob skeptically. "As far as I'm concerned, it's money that makes the world go around. So that's what I'm out to get, and I'll get all I can. I may never be a millionaire, but you won't see me starve. I know what I'm after. You don't. Which one of us is right?"

"I still think I am, Bob," was Andy's answer. "You seem to be more certain at the moment, but I'm working on it. I'm praying about it. I'll be ready when God shows me what to do."

"Maybe so," said Bob. "But it isn't the way I work. Does God have anything to say to you about how to use your abilities now? So far as I'm concerned working in this garage was certainly my own idea. Do you think God helped you get the job here?" He laughed as he thought of the burly, profane owner of the garage.

"You probably won't believe me, Bob, but I do believe that. I had a chance to work in the library for more money than Ed pays us. But I prayed about it, and God led me to take this job. I know because I've been able to help Ed's son with his chemistry, and now I've gotten him interested in our church school class. If I'd been at the library, I would never have known this family.

"Well, I'll be," said Bob. "I didn't know you were here to do missionary work. I'll steer clear of you from now on."

Andy laughed, though there was a serious ring to his voice. "Better watch out or I'll sneak up on you when you're not looking!"

—Excerpted from *Parish Stewardship, October 2011, with permission*

HELPFUL YEAR-END PLANNING TIPS GOT DEDUCTIONS?

2011 YEAR-END CHECKLIST

- ◆ **BE SURE TO COMPLETE** all gifts by December 31 to qualify for tax savings on this year's tax return. **Advance planning with the parish office is essential, since the office will be closed from December 24, 2011/January 1, 2012. Gifts received in the offertory at Mass on Saturday, December 31 will be credited for year ending 2011.**
- ◆ **Envelopes POSTMARKED by Saturday, December 31, 2011 will be counted toward this tax year.**
- ◆ **Donations received on Sunday, January 1, 2012 will be credited in the new year, 2012.**
- ◆ **Annual Catholic Appeal** ~ Parishioners with a balance due on their pledges made to this year's ACA are requested to conclude their payments by December 31, 2011. *Tithing families, know that your tithe covers your ACA contribution.)*
- ◆ Keep all gift receipts and acknowledgment letters, especially for gifts of \$250 or more.
- ◆ If you sold securities this year and will owe capital gains tax, remember that gifts of cash or other securities may partially or fully offset any tax on your gains.

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All gifts to St. Thomas More are deeply appreciated!

Collection for Week of September 24/25, 2011

Number of Registered Households		1,029
Offertory*	\$	4,736.92
Offertory (Loose Collection)		914.00
Children's envelopes		3.00
Total	\$	5,653.92

* 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

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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 or tune in to AM 1000 Monday-Friday, 6:00-8:00pm.

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



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Introducing our new principal
 Mr. Brian Wheeler

*“Let God in the classroom, and all kinds
 of good things can happen.”*

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.

Annual Open Mosque Day in San Diego—Sunday, October 16, 2:00-5:00pm, 7050 Eckstrom Ave, San Diego. Come meet your Muslim brothers and sisters, have a guided tour of the Islamic Center, learn about Islam and Muslims from the source, and enjoy delicious multi-cultural food. For more information, visit www.icsd.org.

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

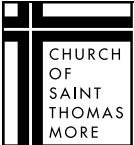
The Divorce Healing Ministry of St. Luke's Parish invites those going through a separation and divorce to a 12-week program of recovery entitled, *The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide*. Our support group meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, from 7-9 p.m. at the Church of St. Luke, 1980 Hillsdale Rd., El Cajon, CA 92019. 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—Natural Family Planning: “Natural family planning (NFP) methods represent authentic family planning. They can be used both to achieve and to postpone a pregnancy. NFP makes use of periodic abstinence from sexual intercourse based upon the observation of the woman's natural signs of fertility, in order to space births or to limit the number of children when there is a serious reason to do so. NFP methods require that couples learn, accept, and live with the wonders of how God made them. This is essentially different from contraception.” To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

Marriage Moments—“One of the best things about marriage is that it gets young people to bed at a decent hour.” (M. M. Musselman) Is there a night owl in your family? Have you worked out compatible bedtimes? If not, when do you cuddle?

Parenting Pointers—(Yom Kippur begins this week) Most world religions have annual times of self-introspection: Jews (Yom Kippur), Christians (Lent), Muslims (Ramadan). Regardless of faith, it's healthy to reflect on how to be a better person. Teach your child to examine his conscience.

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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Rosary for Peace

The Church of St. Thomas More, by invitation from
Bishop Robert Brom to all Parishes in the Diocese of San Diego,
will pray a special Rosary for Peace,
Saturday, October 8, 2011
Immediately following the 5:00 p.m. Mass
Please remain after Mass with your Parish Family to Pray for Peace.

For us as individuals, the contemplation of the Face of Christ leads naturally to the desire for reconciliation and peace. Christ, by His saving Passion and Death has broken down all walls which divide us, the walls thrown up by sin. Going, with Mary, to Christ, we find His peace and are enabled to bring His peace to others. We are asked to pray the Rosary especially for the intention of peace in our homes, country, and the world.



St. Thomas More Spirited Seniors

Trip to Viejas Casino and Outlet Mall

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Transportation: Coach provided by Viejas



Cost: NONE



Depart: St Thomas More Parking Lot 10:00 a.m.

Return: (departing Viejas at 4:30 p.m.) to parking lot 5:30 p.m.

Deadline to RSVP: Thursday, October 20, 2011

Call: Pat St. Pierre 760-632-3919

Reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.



Receive the Viejas Club Card and Casino Fun Book
\$5 off at one of three Casino Restaurants

This trip is open to all Spirited Senior members, guests, and other St. Thomas More and St. Francis Parishioners. **We must have a minimum of 40 riders for this trip to be held.**

We may have as many as 49 riders.

All riders must present a picture ID prior to boarding the bus.

The Church of St. Thomas More does not own or operate any of the suppliers of services or accommodations for your trip. In addition, St. Thomas More is not a registered provider of travel services in the state of California and takes no responsibility.





Celebrate

The Hope That Saves

Embracing the World in Prayer

The Pope's Mission Societies

In February of 1951, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, then national director of the Propagation of the Faith, inaugurated a World Mission Rosary. The different colored beads of each decade call to mind an area where the Church continues her evangelizing mission: *green* for the forests of *Africa*; *blue* for the ocean surrounding the *Islands of the Pacific*; *white* symbolizing *Europe*, the seat of the Holy Father, shepherd of the world; *red* calling to mind the fire of faith that brought missionaries to the *Americas*, and *yellow*, the morning light of the East, for *Asia*. For more information, or to obtain a World Mission Rosary, contact your Diocesan Director or visit worldmissionrosary.org. You can pray the World Mission Rosary on-line at that web site — especially during October, the month of World Mission Sunday.

After the 1822 founding of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, which organizes the celebration of World Mission Sunday, three more mission societies would be established – two in France (the Holy Childhood Association and Society of St. Peter Apostle) and one in Italy (the Missionary Union of Priests and Religious). All four direct their efforts to reminding baptized Catholics of their vocation to be missionaries and encouraging participation in the Church's mission to bring the "Good News" of Jesus to the world.

In 1922, the four mission societies received the official title "Pontifical," and their central administration moved to Rome, Italy. Today, at the direction of the pope, these Pontifical Mission Societies continue to remind Catholics of their missionary call and seek their prayers and financial help for the Missions, not just on World Mission Sunday but throughout the year.



Learn more about the Pontifical Mission Societies, including the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, at OneFamilyInMission.org

Find additional materials for World Mission Sunday in English and Spanish at IAmAMissionary.org

Provide support for the local churches of the Missions at GiveToTheMissions.org



Pray and Give Generously on
World Mission Sunday

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith
Pontifical Mission Societies

We're All Missionaries

Do you know the date of your Baptism?

Well, on that day, you became a missionary, called by our Lord to share your faith with those around you – and to be part of the Church's mission to the world.

We are not all able to travel to foreign lands as St. Francis Xavier did. However, we can all make effort in our daily lives – through prayer and sacrifice – to support those men and women who are called to leave their homeland to preach the Good News of the Lord.

And don't forget to look around you right now to see how Jesus is coming to birth in new ways for today's world – for your world.



One Sunday for the Whole World

Every year, something special happens on the next-to-last Sunday of October – the Church reflects its deepest identity, as the Church in Mission.

On World Mission Sunday, Catholics of the world unite at Mass to recommit ourselves to our vocation, through Baptism, to be missionaries. The Church's missionary activity begins with the proclamation of faith: "Jesus is Lord!" He is our common hope – a hope that saves. On World Mission Sunday, we are invited to "celebrate the hope that saves" through prayer and participation in the Eucharist, and by giving generously to the collection.

As we pray and respond on World Mission Sunday here at home, we are sharing in those celebrations taking place in every parish, seminary, school and convent all over the world. Our brothers and sisters in the Missions

themselves offer their prayers and sacrifices so that others may come to know Jesus!

World Mission Sunday was established by Pope Pius XI in 1926. He saw the day as a way to "foster understanding of the greatness of the missionary task, encourage zeal among the clergy and the people, and offer an opportunity to make the Society for the Propagation of the Faith ever more widely known and encourage offerings for the missions."

In a world where so much divides us, World Mission Sunday rejoices in our unity as missionaries! And it provides an opportunity to support the life-giving presence of the Church among the suffering and the poor in more than 1,150 mission dioceses.

A History for Celebration

On World Mission Sunday, we can also look back – just a little more than a century ago – to when we here in the United States were mission territory.

Missionaries from Europe proclaimed the Gospel and served the poor on our shores, all following the command of Jesus to "go, make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19). And the Catholics of Europe, through the newly founded Society for the Propagation of the Faith, supported the work of the Church here at home – building our churches, chapels and schools, educating our young people, and helping to form local priests, and religious Sisters and Brothers.

Back then, Pauline Jaricot, a young French laywoman, gathered workers in her family's silk factory, asking them to offer a prayer a day and a *sou* (the equivalent of a penny) a week for the Missions. From Pauline's vision came the founding of the Propagation of the Faith; its first collection, in 1822, went to support the vast diocese of Louisiana, which then extended from the Florida Keys to Canada, and the Missions of Kentucky. The remaining third went to China.

The young Church in the United States started contributing to missionary outreach as early as 1833, with our first humble gift of \$6. Today, Catholics here at home provide more than a quarter of the support sent to the world's Missions.

Making a World of Difference

There are gifts to bring to the celebration on World Mission Sunday.

Our greatest gift is prayer – daily prayer for the Missions and in support of those offering the poor Christ's hope and salvation.

Financial help is also needed for the young mission churches as they serve the poorest of our human family.

A gift of \$15 is a week's support of a young man in a mission seminary – young men like Joshua, a student at St. Thomas Aquinas Major Seminary in Nairobi, Kenya. In between studies, he and his classmates visit local hospitals to pray with the sick and dying, and reach out to the children who have been made orphans because of HIV/AIDS, reminding them that the Lord loves them.

A gift of \$20 helps to purchase a desk and books for a student in a catechetical class in a parish in the mountainous region of northern Vietnam.

A gift of \$75 provides support for religious Sisters in Zambia serving at a mission hospital there. The Franciscan Missionary Sisters of Assisi care for children with disabilities, as well as those suffering from malnutrition.

A gift of \$30 covers the cost of transporting sick children from the jungle area in Peru to one of the hospitals in the country's capital.

A gift of \$125 will help toward food, shelter, clothing, medical care and an education for one of the 45 young girls in the care of the Good Shepherd Sisters in Thailand. The Sisters also offer each girl – most rescued from human trafficking – the hope that comes from knowing the great love of Jesus.

