

The St. Thomas More Women's Ministry Retreat was a huge success, and the Women's Ministry team would like to thank the Parish staff and volunteers who helped make it all happen! For more photos, visit www.stmoside.org/women or find St. Thomas More on Facebook.

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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 16, 2011 • Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor's Column

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A Discipline of the Heart

Hopefully, we see our journey of life as a spiritual journey. We are a people who have come from "somewhere," and we are a people going "somewhere."

We have purpose, meaning, and destiny. In our modern world, filled with so many distractions, we can easily get "disconnected." We become lost, frightened, and we act out accordingly.

October, in the Catholic Church, is "Respect Life" month. We take time, in a special way, to weave the connections between all life issues. We are a people who believe that life is sacred from womb to tomb. We do not pick, choose, and say life is important "in this situation," but not "in that situation." We are called to develop a consistency in our approach to all life issues.

The very first step, though, is to take time, with and for ourselves. We need to get "in touch" with life.

It is very obvious that neither major political party in our country is "pro-life" in the Catholic understanding. Before we can advocate political changes to create societal laws that are "pro-life," we must be "pro-life" in our heart. The personal conversion must take place first in us, and then through our example and witness, we begin to make changes in the world around us.

A society that truly respects life will, ultimately, come about not politically, but spiritually, one person at a time through a conversion of the heart.

To keep focused, we need to be disciplined. I share with you the words of Fr. Henri Nouwen, taken from *Letters to Marc about Jesus*:

(Continued on page 2)

Special All Souls Day Mass

There will be a special All Souls Day Mass at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, November 2, on the upper level. Let us gather as a parish community to remember our loved ones who have gone before us and now rest in the peace and joy of God's presence.

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.

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.

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)*

A Discipline of the Heart

The spiritual life demands a discipline of the heart. Discipline is the mark of a disciple of Jesus. That doesn't mean, however, making things difficult for yourself, but making available the inner space where God can touch you with an all-transforming love. We human beings are so faint-hearted that we have a lot of trouble leaving an empty space empty. We like to fill it all up with ideas, plans, duties, tasks, and activities.

It strikes me increasingly just how hard-pressed people are nowadays. It's as though they're tearing about from one emergency to another. Never solitary, never still, never really free, but always busy about something that just can't wait. You get the impression that amid this hurly-burly, we lose touch with life itself. We have the experience of being busy while nothing really seems to happen. The more agitated we are, and the more compacted our lives become, the more difficult it is to keep a space where God can let something truly new take place.

The discipline of the heart helps us to let God into our hearts, so that God can become known to us there, in the deepest recesses of our own being. This is not so easy to do; we like to be master in our own house and don't want to admit that our house is God's house too.

In this month of October, as we celebrate and respect the gift of life, may we remember that creating respect for life in our world today begins with each of us in our own lives and hearts. We must first make room for God in our lives and allow the author of Life to speak to us in the quiet of our hearts.

It is from that quiet space in our heart, in union with our Creator, that change in our world begins.

Make room for God! Celebrate and Respect Life!

In Gratitude

A special thank you to our Knights of Columbus for their recent payment completing their Capital Campaign Phase II Pledge. The Knights have been most generous to our building fund in both Phase I and Phase II of *"Our Journey Into The Future . . . Together"* donating a total of \$15,000 to STM!

We appreciate all the many efforts of our Knights for our faith community of St. Thomas More!

—Rev. Michael Ratajczak, Pastor

Parish Financial Report

The annual financial report for fiscal year 2010-2011 is available on the Parish website, www.stmoside.org. Click on *Finance* under *Parish Councils*, then click on *Parish Financial Report July 2010 to June 2011* on the right side.

For those without internet access, copies are available at the information table on the Plaza after weekend Masses and at the Parish Office during the week.

2011 Missionary Cooperative Appeal

\$4,121.03

Readings for the Week Ahead

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

Sunday, October 16 (145)
Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Isaiah 45:1,4-6
Psalm 96:1,3-5,7-10
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b
Matthew 22:15-21

Monday, October 17 (473)
Ignatius of Antioch, bishop, martyr
Romans 4:20-25
Luke 1:69-75 (Psalm)
Luke 12:13-21

Tuesday, October 18 (661)
Luke, evangelist
2 Timothy 4:10-17b
Psalm 145:10-13,17-18
Luke 10:1-9

Wednesday, October 19 (475)
John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, priests, martyrs, and their companions, martyrs
Romans 6:12-18
Psalm 124:1-8
Luke 12:39-48

Thursday, October 20 (476)
Paul of the Cross, priest
Romans 6:19-23
Psalm 1:1-4,6
Luke 12:49-53

Friday, October 21 (477)
Romans 7:18-25a
Psalm 119:60,68,76-77,93-94
Luke 12:54-59

Saturday, October 22 (478)
Romans 8:1-11
Psalm 24:1-6
Luke 13:1-9

Sunday, October 23 (148)
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Exodus 22:20-26
Psalm 18:2-4,47,51
1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10
Matthew 22:34-40

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

Mary Alexander
Laura Allenfort
Lucia Ambriz
Mary Balli
Alexandra Banwell
Jose Luis Barbosa
The Barbosa Family
Patricia Barbour
Clarice Bednarz
John Bennici
Regina Bentz
Roseanne Berg
George "Whitey" Betus
Mary Betz
Betty Jean Bielich
Allan Boehne
Ken Booth
Lynda Brady
Stan Bressi
Ethel M. Brogan
Monica Broussard
George Brown
Janet Brown
Ralph Browne
Shelby Campbell
Brienne Campos
Claudia Caplinger
Paul Cassidy
Paula T. Cepeda
The Cepeda Family
Lolly Cervantes
Pat Christopherson
Dick Clarke
Dolly Cole
Carl Coleman
James Coleman
Karen Flaharty Daley
The De Ainzsa Family
Beverly de Gelder
The Delaney Family
Judith DiMatteo
John Drazkowski, Jr.
Phyllis Estes
Sharon Evans
Donna Everson
Chuck Fay
The Fiore Family
Ryan Flum
Ernest & Carmella Follis
Matthew Foster
Kathryn Franklin
Joe Freire
Brian Frink
Carmen Garcia
Rick Gonzalez
Eileen Gough
Rosemary Haeffelin
Susan Hallahan
The Harker Family
Elizabeth Harrison
Stephanie Herman
Lilian Hills
Susan Hori
Iolanda Iacobelli
Sue Johnston
Eileen Jones
Megsic Keck
Paul Kennedy
Peggy Kiernan
Debbie Kinney
Helen Kuhn
Lillian Lachance
The Lamelin Family
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
The Mikridge Family
June Mitchell
Nancy Moore
Conrad Murphy
Margie Myers
Cosmo Nocida
Helen O'Connell
Heidi Olson
Lupe Casas Pelletier
Helen Pingtella
Douglas Price-Williams
Monica Ramos-Gonzalez
Angelita Rasmon
Jack Riley
Clinton Ritchie
Rita Ritchie
The Ritter Family
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
Darek, Vanessa, & Elba Spizewski
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
Kevin Watson-Graff
John Whitton
Carmella Wilson

Calendar Highlights

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

The Week Ahead

Oct 16 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
Oct 16 RE.A.CH Classes for High School Begin
Oct 18 Christmas Angel Meeting
Oct 22-23 Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive
Oct 23 RE.A.CH Classes at Church, including EDGE

The Month Ahead

Oct 27 Spirited Seniors Viejas Trip
Oct 28-29 Women's Guild Bake Sale & Quilter's Treasure Sale
Oct 29 Life Walk
Oct 30 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses

The Year Ahead

Nov 1 All Saints Day: Masses at 8:15am and 7:00pm
Nov 1-2 Braille Institute All About Eyes Seminar
Nov 2 All Souls Day: Masses at 8:15am and 7:00pm
Nov 9 Christmas Angel Meeting
Nov 20 Handbell and Sanctuary Choir Concert
Nov 23 Children of Abraham Interfaith Prayer Service
Nov 24 Thanksgiving Dinner

2012

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

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 17	Sr. M. Tarcisius Lim, MC
October 18	Sr. Theresa Lisak, MM
October 19	Sr. Carmel Lohan, RSM
October 20	Sr. Elizabeth (Mel) Loomis, SHCJ
October 21	Sr. Aurora Lopez Ornelas, SJS
October 22	Sr. Jeanette Lucinio, SP
October 23	Sr. Linda Lutz, CHS

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 15, 5:00pm	Eugene Masseth ☩
Sunday, October 16, 8:30am	Catherine Dapkus ☩
Sunday, October 16, 10:30am	Marge Heath ☩
Tuesday, October 18, 8:15am	Joseph Conroy ☩
Wednesday, October 19, 8:15am	Pat Cope ☩
Thursday, October 20, 8:15am	Mike & Dora Mancini ☩
Friday, October 21, 8:15am	Patrick Swift ☩
Saturday, October 22, 5:00pm	Bill Carrothers ☩
Sunday, October 23, 8:30am	Rita Mazzarella ☩
Sunday, October 23, 10:30am	Mike Coccoaro ☩

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
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

Thank you for your prayers for Major Robert Bechtold, USMC who has returned safely.

Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioners

Suzanne Lyon
Jonathan & Lani Schiller & Family

Announcing the Baptisms of

Mark David Bolsakov
Andres Eloy Cornejo

on October 16, 2011



Our Christian community welcomes you with great joy!

Congratulations to

Ruth & Allan Price

who celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on October 15.

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 souls 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.

Claire de Ainza, who died on October 4. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, October 18, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Ethel M. Brogan, who died on October 5. Her funeral was held in New York. Please keep her son, Parishioner Patrick Brogan, and the family in your prayers.

Joseph De Stout, who died on October 7. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, October 21, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep his family in your prayers.

Pernetta Franklin, who died on October 10. Her funeral arrangements are pending. Please keep her family in your prayers.

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

World Mission Sunday

Envelopes were attached to the bulletin at the beginning of the month 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.

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

JustFaith Update

Participants are reading *Challenge and Spirituality of Catholic Social Teaching*. The seven themes identified by the U.S. bishops are:

1. Life and dignity of the human person
2. Call to family, community and participation
3. Rights and responsibilities
4. Option for the poor and vulnerable
5. The dignity of work and the rights of workers
6. Solidarity
7. Care for God's creation

If you are interested in learning more about Catholic Social Teaching, contact: Kathy Valdez 760-945-8000 (St. Francis of Assisi) or Sr. Maureen Brown 760-758-4100 (St. Thomas More).

Christmas Angel Ministry First Meeting

The first meeting for the Christmas Angel Ministry is Tuesday, October 18, at 7:00pm on the lower level of the Parish Center. **Please note the date change from the Parish calendar handout.** We welcome one and all to brainstorm with us and plan this year's schedule. Help us make our holiday gift-giving program for children and families even better than before. Participation in the Christmas Angel ministry is a very rewarding experience but it takes many angels to ensure its success! Please join us. For more information, contact John and Marti Harper at 4johnnyangel@cox.net or 760-724-1181.

Culture of Life

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 on the lower level of the Parish Center. Explore the causes and symptoms of the most common age-related eye conditions and learn practical low vision solutions. For more information, contact the Braille Institute, www.brailleinstitute.org or 858-404-5033.

Costume Jewelry Project

Ladies of the Parish:

Thank you so much for your generous support to my Costume Jewelry request. We have gathered enough jewelry to make our tree!! I could not have done it without you and your jewels! The Christmas tree will be an auction item for the 2012 Golf Classic, but you may just get a sneak preview of it in the Spring! You'll never believe how beautiful that single earring or broken necklace could be on this gorgeous tree! Thank you again for sharing your treasures with me. —Debbie Ipsen

Parish Events

Knights of Columbus News

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

They will also be selling religious-themed Christmas cards and "Keep Christ in Christmas" car magnets and bumper stickers.

Watch for more information on the Tootsie Roll Drive later this month to benefit children and adults with intellectual disabilities.

Women's Guild News

The Women's Guild is preparing for our semi-annual bake sale and our first "small quilted items" sale on October 29-30. Please remember to bring baked goods if you can and/or stop by to purchase some yummy treats. We always have special items for you.

Our quilt guild has a wonderful selection of items for you as well the same days. We have many wine totes, casserole carriers, pot holders, table toppers, table runners, place mats, tortilla holders, pillow cases, panels, lap quilts, and more.

These were lovingly made by our members to sell at reasonable prices. They are good for a treat for yourself, gifts, and early Christmas shopping. Remember Christmas is only two months away so get some shopping done early. All profits will go to the building fund.

Our next meeting will be Monday November 14. This will be our Harvest Bingo day and besides playing bingo for prizes, we will have a delicious lunch together.

Board Meeting will be on the lower level of the Parish Center, November 7, 10:30am. —*Vera Bayliss, President*

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.

Spirited Seniors Viejas Trip

St. Thomas More Spirited Seniors have planned a trip to Viejas Casino and Outlet Mall on Thursday, October 27. Transportation is by coach provided by Viejas if we have 40 or more riders. The best part?? This is at no cost to us! We will depart St Thomas More parking lot at 10:00am and return to the lot at 5:30pm (departing Viejas at 4:30pm) All riders will receive the Viejas Club Card and Casino Fun Book with coupons for \$5 off at one of three Casino Restaurants. Reservations will be accepted on a first-come first-served basis. 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.** We may have as many as 49 riders. All riders must present a picture ID prior to boarding the bus. The deadline to RSVP is Thursday, October 20. Please call Pat St. Pierre at 760-732-3919.

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

St. Thomas More, pray for us!

Pledge Statistics as of October 12

Phase II		# of Families Responding
Total Responses	\$1,573,187	760
Still Needed	\$426,813	269
Total Goal	\$2,000,000	1,029
Total Collected	\$1,443,000	



† 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!

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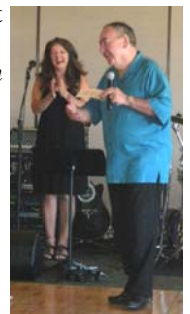
St. Thomas More 12th Annual Golf Classic Extra \$3,000 donation to STM ~ It's a Wrap!

Thanks, once again, to ALL who participated in making this our most successful year to date!

In addition to the original \$60,000 donated to the Parish in June, we just presented Fr. Mike with an additional \$3,000 check. This will show in the fiscal year ending 2012, but is the result of our final profits from the Pastor's Dinner and the Vodka Tasting Party!

Mark your calendars for June 1, 2012, and get ready for more fun and surprises!

—*Skip Wilson, Golf Chairperson*

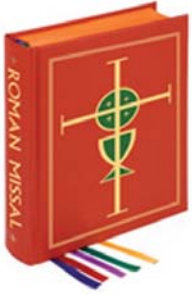


Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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Director of Liturgy and Music
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EXPLORING THE MASS — PART 4



Introductory
Rites

**Liturgy of the
Word**

Liturgy of the
Eucharist

Concluding
Rites

Upcoming Music

OCTOBER 23
30th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

5:00pm Mass

Praise Team

8:30am Mass

Sanctuary Choir

10:30am Mass

Handbell Choir

LITURGY OF THE WORD continued

*Last week: Overview, First Reading,
Responsorial Psalm, Second
Reading, Sequence*

Gospel Acclamation / Alleluia

We sing the Alleluia to announce the Gospel, except during Lent. The Hebrew word “Alleluia” means “Praise God.” During Lent we use another acclamation of glory to God.

Gospel

The reading of the Gospel constitutes the high point of the Liturgy of the Word, and we see this in special marks of respect that are given to this action. The Book of the Gospels may be carried in procession from the altar to the ambo. Candles and incense may lead the way. The people stand. The Gospel Acclamation is sung. An ordained minister prepares himself for the proclamation. He greets the people; they respond. The Gospel is announced and the Sign of the Cross is made over the book, the forehead, lips, and breast. The people respond, making similar gestures. The book may be incensed. Finally, the Gospel is proclaimed. A rich panoply of symbols unspools in rapid, smooth succession. The liturgy makes every effort to show how important this moment is.

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the deacon or priest finishes with a formula, and the people make a response. The text, “Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,” affirms the people’s belief in the presence of Jesus Christ in his proclaimed word. The same is true of the text before the Gospel, “Glory to you, O Lord,” and in the acclamations that substitute for the Alleluia during the season of Lent.

The Gospel is the clearest and most complete revelation of God in the person of Jesus Christ. The parables he tells, the miracles he performs, and the teachings he offers are bread for our life.

Homily

The homily has antecedents in passages from the New Testament. On the road to Emmaus, Jesus explained the scriptures to two disciples before breaking bread with them (Lk 24:27). Paul held a discussion with the faithful in Troas when he met with them to break bread (Acts 20:7-12).

The homily is the preacher’s tool to “unpack” the lessons of the Mass and the scriptures, the mysteries of the faith and the guiding principles of Christian life.

Profession of Faith (Creed)

The Creed unifies the voices of the assembly into the common faith it professes. When we profess the Creed, especially when we do so with thought and active participation, we strengthen our faith and build the rock upon which we stand, a rock which we can depend on no matter what.

The people have offered additional reverence during the words of the Incarnation since 1570, most recently making a profound bow in the direction of the altar.

Prayer of the Faithful

All the faithful make their petitions known to God. In doing so, we exercise our baptismal ministry as the priestly people.

The Order of Mass gives three different names for this part because it is variously titled in different parts of the world: the Universal Prayer, the Prayer of the Faithful, or Bidding Prayer. It is universal



because we pray for the needs of the entire world. It is the prayer “of the faithful” because the catechumens have been dismissed, and the faithful are exercising our priestly ministry. They are “bidding” because they take the form of a litany, and the one announcing the intentions bids the people to pray for them.

Since there are no pre-written official texts, these prayers are unique to each worshiping assembly, created by and for the members of the particular community. They are normally read by a deacon, underscoring his role as the one responsible for charity in the community, but may be read by another minister.

This is the fourth 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 Eucharist

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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



Last Call for 2012

A new booklet each week offers:

- ➔ all the readings and prayers of Sunday Mass with explanations
- ➔ many suggestions on how to live the entire week with the Lord
- ➔ various games and activities to discover Christian life and culture.

\$17 per subscription = STM bulk rate, **IF** we have ten orders (otherwise, your individual price: \$34.90).

To be included, submit form below and payment by the deadline extended to **October 16**.

Check their website for a preview:
www.magnificat.com

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Religious Education for
Adolescents & Children

at
Home

Check your
Annual Plan



The Journey Continues

Part 5: The Indispensable Men

Join us this Wednesday at 7:00 PM as Fr. Robert Barron calls Peter and Paul "two indispensable men, the ones without whom the Church never would have emerged and survived."

In telling each man's story, Fr. Barron shows how the Holy Spirit worked through the apostles and disciples to build the Church.



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.



PBJ Update

(Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center)

2011 GOAL: 365 jars
Collected to date: 410 jars



YOUTH MINISTRY

Marc Raymundo, Youth Advocate
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High School

✦ **IGNITE**

Oh! I love weddings! And if you do as well, you should come this Monday, as we will look at generations in families, and explore this beautiful sacrament! Bring your friends here at 7:00pm.

✦ **LEAD**

What gifts do you have? Do you believe that the Lord is calling you in a certain direction? If you are interested answering that call, please pick up an application to join our leadership ministry. CORE and LEAD are essential in our parish youth ministry. Come join us here on Thursdays at 7:00pm.

✦ **Inspiration!!!**

Never thought Church and Magic Mountain could blend together? Well, now you can. I am taking a limited number of teens to Six Flags Magic Mountain on Saturday, November 5, to attend a Catholic one-day conference! The cost is \$55 per person, which includes your admission to the park, conference, and a shirt! HURRY, SPACE IS LIMITED! Permission slips are at my office, or email me for a digital copy.

Middle School

The next EDGE meeting is Sunday, October 23 at 5:00pm. Be sure you've got the date change from what was originally announced. It is always a blessing seeing you all there.

Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

A Stewardship Prayer for October

Gracious and Loving God
We give you thanks for this time of year;
a time of transformation
that reveals the awe-inspiring
gift of your creation.

Teach us how to be good stewards
of all the gifts you have given us;
and show us how we may share
those gifts generously,
especially with those most in need
of your loving care.

Give us the strength to be good stewards of the Gospel,
to love others as we love ourselves,
and to follow in your Son's footsteps,
until we find our way home to you.

We pray this through your Son,
Jesus Christ,
Who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.
Amen

—ICSC 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 October 8/9, 2011

Number of Registered Households		1,029
Offertory*	\$	7,450.83
Offertory (Loose Collection)		1,233.00
Children's envelopes		1.00
Total	\$	8,684.83

* 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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If you can't feed 100 people, just feed one. —Mother Teresa

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.

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 *Honoring the Memory, Healing the Pain* for those with deceased loved ones on November 5.

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.

US Air Force Academy Catholic Cadet Choir Concert—Saturday, October 22, 7:00pm, Santa Sophia Church, 9800 San Juan St., Spring Valley. For more information, call 619-463-6629.

Central San Diego Magnificat Women's Ministry Breakfast—Saturday, November 12, 9:30am, Mission Valley Sheraton. Fr. Don Calloway will speak on Mary and the Mystery of Femininity. For more information, contact 858-342-9022.

Christmas Boutique and Bake Sale—November 12-13, Church of St. Timothy, 2960n Canyon Rd., Escondido. Gourmet French food for take out supper, crafts, handmade items; openings still available for vendors. For more information, contact JoAnne at 760-739-0393.

Sr. Helen Prejean to Speak in San Diego—Sunday, November 20, 12:45pm, Immaculata, USD Campus. Sr. Prejean is the author of *Dead Man Walking* (www.prejean.org). Hosted by the Ignatian Volunteer Corps. For more information, contact 619-881-9509 or mcarroll@ivcusa.org.

Brother Benno's Auxiliary Luncheon—Saturday, December 3, 11:30am, Sheraton Carlsbad Resort and Spa. Includes door prizes, silent auction, and entertainment by the "Hot Flashes." For more information, contact Vera Bayliss at 760-739-9061.

Volunteers Needed as Advocates for Foster Children—Become a child advocate and make a lasting difference in the life of a foster child. More than just a mentor, you can give hope to a child who has none. For upcoming information session dates, contact www.speakupnow.org or 858-569-2235.

Separated/Divorced Support Group in Solana Beach—If you are in pain from a separation or divorce, please consider joining our support group. We meet 10:15am Sunday mornings at St. James Catholic Church Ministry Center Offices, 625 S. Nardo, Solana Beach. For additional information please contact Frank Grant at 760-533-1520 or fwgrant@earthlink.net.

Weekly Rosary in Carlsbad—A group of North County Parishioners meets every Monday from 10:00-10:30am to peacefully pray the rosary in front of the Carlsbad Planned Parenthood Clinic. The clinic is located at 1820 Marron Road, in the shopping center just west of Plaza Camino Real Mall. Please join us in our prayers to promote a culture of life. For more information, please call Richard Hodges at 760-439-3415 or Jahna White at 760-586-6356.

The Treasure Box Grocery Plan in North County—is an

News from St. Francis Church

St. Francis School is now our Parish School. St. Thomas More Parishioners are extended the same benefits and rewards as a St. Francis Parishioner, including:

- Parishioner priority for enrollment at St. Francis School,
- Equal tuition rates,
- Financial aid opportunities, and
- Fundraising support.

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



Principal Brian Wheeler

Marriage & Family Life Corner

The Bishops' Letter on Marriage—Similar, but Different: "Male-female complementarity is intrinsic to marriage. It is naturally ordered toward authentic union and the generation of new life. Children are meant to be the gift of the permanent and exclusive union of a husband and a wife. A child is meant to have a mother and a father." To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

Marriage Moments—Who is the black sheep in your family? Your spouse's family? Love them anyway. Family is a package deal. Even if you wouldn't pick some relatives as your best friends, they helped form your spouse. A person doesn't need to be perfect to deserve your love.

Parenting Pointers—(Respect Life Month) Teach your children that human life begins at conception and what it takes to nurture that life through pregnancy and at least 18 more years. It's important to respect each other even when others do things I don't like or that hurt me.

For more information, visit [www.diocese-sdiego.org/Ministries/Marriage & Family Life](http://www.diocese-sdiego.org/Ministries/Marriage%20&%20Family%20Life) or call Jen Frost at 760-758-4100 x100.



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Sign up at www.LPLifeWalk.com or by calling 619.698.5433.

2) FILL IN THE SPONSOR PLEDGE FORM

Have friends, family, & co-workers sponsor you in person or online with a single donation. (No need to collect money in person—we do that for you!)

3) TRACK YOUR PLEDGES

Use your personal fundraising web site to track your total. Be sure to go online and enter any pledges you gather in person. If you don't have access to a computer, please bring your completed Sponsor Pledge Form to the Life Walk.

4) EARN A T-SHIRT

Reach \$200 in pledges & get a FREE Life Walk T-shirt. See "Goals & Prizes" for more incentives you can earn!

5) WALK WITH US ON OCTOBER 29!

All ages can participate in the 5K family-friendly walk on the Bay!

6) CELEBRATE AT THE PICNIC

Immediately following the Walk, a Chick-fil-A lunch will be available for \$5 (\$20 for families of 4 or more) to those who reserved theirs in advance.* Feel free to bring your own picnic blanket and lunch. Enjoy live music and fun activities for kids of all ages.

*Reserve lunch when registering at www.LPLifeWalk.com

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Whole Life Curriculum empowers students, Kindergarten through High School, to embrace the dignity of the human person and to live out the values of purity and justice



Thanksgiving Dinner at St. Thomas More



Our Parish family will be hosting a Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 24, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.

We would love to have you share this holiday with us!

The traditional dinner dishes (all of the hot dishes and cranberry sauce) will be provided, although if you would like to bring an appetizer or a dessert, it will be welcomed. We would like to continue to serve in the traditional family style, which means there is a maximum capacity, so please return this form to the Parish Office as soon as possible.

For more information, or to R.S.V.P., please call Henny at the Parish Office, 760-758-4100 x100.

Yes, I/we will be attending the Thanksgiving Dinner at St. Thomas More.

Name(s): _____

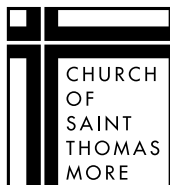
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A "free-will" offering will be taken at the Dinner. This will be used to pay personnel hired to help serve and clean up. Any additional donations will go to the Church of St. Thomas More.

(This event is privately funded—no cost to the Parish.)



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