



Join us on Wednesday, November 2, at the 7:00pm Mass as we remember all those dearly departed over the last year whose funerals were celebrated at St. Thomas More or whose families requested our prayers. They will also be remembered at the 8:15am Mass.

Memorial candles are lit during the Mass, and family members may take them home after Mass.

A Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of San Diego

Spirituality † Tradition † Community

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Rev. Michael Ratajczak, Pastor Deacon Thomas A. Goeltz

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 30, 2011 • Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak michaelr@stmoside.org 760-758-4100 x100

All Hallows Eve—Halloween

This Monday, October 31, we celebrate Halloween. On Tuesday, November 1, we celebrate All Saints Day. A little bit of history and background will help us to better understand and celebrate these days:

"Halloween is celebrated annually. But just how and when did this peculiar custom originate? Is it, as some claim, a kind of demon worship? Or is it just a harmless vestige of some ancient pagan ritual?

The word itself, 'Halloween,' actually has its origins in the Catholic Church. It comes from a contracted corruption of All Hallows Eve. November 1, 'All Hallows Day' (or 'All Saints Day'), is a Catholic day of observance in honor of saints.

But, in the 5th century BC, in Celtic Ireland, summer officially ended on October 31. The holiday was called Samhain (sowen), the Celtic New year.

One story says that, on that day, the disembodied spirits of all those who had died throughout the preceding year would come back in search of living bodies to possess for the next year. It was believed to be their only hope for the afterlife. The Celts believed all laws of space and time were suspended during this time, allowing the spirit world to intermingle with the living.

Naturally, the still-living did not want to be possessed. So on the night of October 31, villagers would extinguish the fires in their homes, to make them cold and undesirable. They would then dress up in all manner of ghoulish costumes and noisily paraded around the neighborhood, being as destructive as possible in order to frighten away spirits looking for bodies to possess.

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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.

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!









For more information, contact the Parish Office: 760-758-4100 x100 or parishoffice@stmoside.org

Pastor's Column (Continued from page 1)

Probably a better explanation of why the Celts extinguished their fires was not to discourage spirit possession, but so that all the Celtic tribes could relight their fires from a common source, the Druidic fire that was kept burning in the Middle of Ireland, at Usinach.

Some accounts tell of how the Celts would burn someone at the stake who was thought to have already been possessed, as sort of a lesson to the spirits. Other accounts of Celtic history debunk these stories as myth.

The Romans adopted the Celtic practices as their own. But in the first century AD, they abandoned any practice of sacrificing of humans in favor of burning effigies.

The thrust of the practices also changed over time to become more ritualized. As belief in spirit possession waned, the practice of dressing up like hobgoblins, ghosts, and witches took on a more ceremonial role.

The custom of Halloween was brought to America in the 1840's by Irish immigrants fleeing their country's potato famine. At that time, the favorite pranks in New England included tipping over outhouses and unhinging fence gates.

The custom of trick-or-treating is thought to have originated not with the Irish Celts, but with a ninth century AD European custom called souling. On November 2, All Souls Day, early Christians would walk from village to village begging for 'soul cakes,' made out of square pieces of bread with currants. The more soul cakes the beggars would receive, the more prayers they would promise to say on behalf of the dead relatives of the donors.

So, although some cults and Satanists may have adopted Halloween as their favorite 'holiday,' the day itself did not grow out of evil practices. It grew out of the rituals of Celts celebrating a new year, and out of Medieval prayer rituals of Europeans. And today, it is only as evil as one cares to make it."

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Also available on the Web at www.wilstar.com

Remember that we have Masses on Tuesday, The Feast of All Saints, and Wednesday, The Feast of All Souls, at 8:15am and 7:00pm. All Masses are on the Upper Level.



Fr. Mike on Pilgrimage!

I will be away from the Parish from November 1-15 on pilgrimage to the Holy Land—Israel and Palestine. There are 48 of us that will be walking in the footsteps of Jesus. Please keep us in your prayers.

Our friend, Fr. Rich Lewandowski, will be her to "cover" the Parish. He is very happy to return and I know that you are happy to have him here again.

Peace. Shalom. Salaam.

—Rev. Michael Ratajczak, Pastor

Readings for the Week Ahead

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

Sunday, October 30 (151)

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Malachi 1:14b–2:2b,8-10

Psalm 131:1-3

1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9,13

Matthew 23:1-12

Monday, October 31 (485) Romans 11:29-36

Psalm 69:30-31,33-34,36

Luke 14:12-14

Tuesday, November 1 (667)

All Saints

Revelation 7:2-4,9-14 Psalm 24:1bc-2,3-4ab,5-6

1 John 3:1-3

Matthew 5:1-12a

Wednesday, November 2 (668)

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)

Wisdom 3:1-9 Psalm 25:4-5,8-9,12-14

2 Corinthians 4:14-5:1

John 14:1-6

Thursday, November 3 (488) Martin de Porres, religious

Romans 14:7-12 Psalm 27:1,4,13-14

Luke 15:1-10

Friday, November 4 (489)

Charles Borromeo, bishop Romans 15:14-21

Psalm 98:1-4

Luke 16:1-8

Saturday, November 5 (490) Romans 16:3-9,16,22-27

Psalm 145:2-5,10-11 Luke 16:9-15

Sunday, November 6 (154)

Thirty-second Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Wisdom 6:12-16

Psalm 63:2-8

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 29, 5:00pm Gilda Spiegl

Sunday, October 30, 8:30am Bernard DeSimone &

Sunday, October 30, 10:30am Elsie J. Wilson 🕆

Tuesday, November 1, 8:15am Frank & Donna Doherty

Tuesday, November 1, 7:00pm Rob Hiller

Wednesday, November 2, 8:15am Christene Jensen

Wednesday, November 2, 7:00pm Fred Spiegl

Thursday, November 3, 8:15am Dorothy Holub &

Friday, November 4, 8:15am Poor Soul

Saturday, November 5, 5:00pm Bernie Weiler &

Sunday, November 6, 8:30am Ann Couture T

Sunday, November 6, 10:30am Berry & Schweitzer Families

Praver 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 Lvnda Bradv Ethel M. Brogan

The Brogan Family Monica Broussard George Brown Janet Brown Ralph Browne

The Burke & Trotta Families The Cadieux Family Shelby Campbell

Brianne Campos Claudia Caplinger Paul Cassidy Paula T. Cepeda Lolly Cervantes

Pat Christopherson Dick Clarke Dolly Cole Carl Coleman James Coleman Karen Flaharty Daley Robert Daly

The De Ainza Family Beverly de Gelder The De Stout Family Stephanie de Villenueve

The Delaney Family Judith DiMatteo John Drazkowski, Jr.

Phyllis Estes Sharon Evans Chuck Fay The Fiore Family Rvan Flum

Matthew Foster Kathryn Franklin The Franklin Family

Joe Freire Brian Frink Carmen Garcia

The Dave Gonzales Family Rick Gonzalez

Eileen Gough Rosemary Haeffelin The Harker Family

Elizabeth Harrison Stephanie Herman Lilian Hills Susan Hori

Iolanda Iacobelli Sue Johnston Eileen Jones Vincent G. Kater

Paul Kennedy Peggy Kiernan Debbie Kinney Dewey Kolbo Helen Kuhn Lillian Lachance

The Lamelin Family Bernie Lanzrath Jo & Bernie Lanzrath Christopher Lawrence

Roland Lawrence Brandon LeBlanc Ashley Load

Cassandra Loretto

Lauren Loretto Richard Lynn James MacArthur Joaquin Maldonado Nancy Marley Bob McWilliams Kalei Mendiola The Mikridge Family

June Mitchell Nancy Moore Conrad Murphy Margie Myers Cosmo Nocida Helen O'Connell Heidi Olson

Juanita Matamala Pacheco Bernadette Padovan The Peralta Family

Helen Pingtella Douglas Price-Williams 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 Nick Soltau Fred & Gilda Spiegl

Darek, Vanessa, & Elba Spizewski

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 Silvana Vettese

Bob Vita Vanessa Vitiello-Koble Kevin Watson-Graff John Whitton William Zynda

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

Calendar Highlights

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

The Week Ahead

Women's Guild Bake Sale Oct 29-30 & Quilter's Treasure Sale Liturgy of the Word for Oct 30 Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses

Oct 30 **Blood Drive**

The Month Ahead All Saints Day: Masses at Nov 1 8:15am and 7:00pm Braille Institute All About Nov 1-2 **Eyes Seminar** All Souls Day: Masses at Nov 2 8:15am and 7:00pm Nov 2-3 Restaurant Fundraiser at Ruby's Diner Liturgy of the Word for Nov 6 Children at 8:30am Mass Christmas Angel Meeting Nov 9 Nov 12-13 St. Bonaventure Mission Clothing Drive Nov 14 Women's Guild Luncheon Project Linus Coffee Nov 17

Nov 20 Handbell and Sanctuary Choirs Concert Children of Abraham Nov 23

Interfaith Prayer Service Thanksgiving Day Mass at Nov 24 9:00am

Thanksgiving Dinner

The Year Ahead

Spirited Seniors Bernardo Dec 8 Winery Trip

Dec 12 Women's Guild Luncheon

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June 1

Nov 24

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

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 31
Sr. Briana Martinez, OCD
November 1
Sr. Barbara Ann Mason, OP
November 2
Sr. Alexandra Matti, DMI
November 3
Sr. E. Aileen McCombs, SFCC
November 4
Sr. Jeanette McDermott, MMS
November 5
Sr. Hilda McDonagh, RSM
November 6

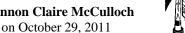
Sr. Mary Daniel McGinn, OSB

Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioners

Mary "Katie" Sipes & Family

Announcing the Baptism of

Shannon Claire McCulloch



Our Christian community welcomes you with great joy!

Helping Seminarians

We continue to collect laundry supply items and personal hygiene items for our seminarian, Ricardo Juárez Frausto, and his fellow seminarians. Bring items to the Parish Office. Thanks!

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 (or visit our Facebook page www.facebook.com/StThomasMoreRCC).

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.

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 on the Web

Visit: www.stmoside.org

Find us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/StThomasMoreRCC Follow us on Twitter: www.twitter.com@StThomasMoreRCC

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

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.

Open Our Eyes and Ears-It was a damp, overcast day in September. A group of us were saying the Rosary to our Holy Mother and our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We stood in front of an abortion clinic, praying to save the unborn, God's chosen ones! We were shaded by a large Tipuana tree that was so eloquently protecting us from rain, or the hot rays of the sun, depending on the weather.

As we were praying, many youth walked past us on their way to a local college to attend their morning classes. As they passed us, they continued to look down at their cell phones or iPads, so they wouldn't have to acknowledge our presence. Their headsets prevented them from hearing the prayers we were saying. Tears welled up within me as I thought how this must deeply hurt our Lord and Creator, as it hurt me. He so loves us and wants us to open our eyes and ears to Him and His message of love, grace, hope, and salvation!

Let us all pray that God's message can get through to all ages, without interference, as we open the lines of communication with our Lord, Jesus Christ! Amen — Anonymous Parishioner

St. Bonaventure Mission Clothing Drive

On November 12-13, the Knights of Columbus will be collecting donated items for the St. Bonaventure Navajo Indian Mission. The mission needs all types of gently-used clothing (infants, toddlers, teens and adult sizes), bedding, small appliances, and toys (used but not abused). Place donations in large plastic bags and bring to the Parish Center parking lot before or after Saturday and Sunday Masses on November 12 or 13.

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 Ann Eriksson at 760-599-7151.

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

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

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.

Women's Guild News

Our next Board Meeting will be on Monday, November 7, at St. Thomas More, lower level of the Parish Center, at 10:30.am Hope to see all board members at this meeting.

The next luncheon will on Monday, November 14, at STM, lower level, at 11:00am. Our theme is "Harvest Bingo," and we will be playing bingo for fabulous prizes. We will also have lunch and a good time. Please come and enjoy the fun.

If you would like to join us at our quilt group, we meet at STM, lower level, 10:00am-12:00noon every first and third Thursdays of the month. We will be happy to add some new members.

Please continue to call Ginny Cornwell with any news of a member who needs a card to lift their spirits. Her number is 760-994-7866.

See you all at the Bake Sale and our first Quilted Items Sales this weekend, October 29-30 before and after all Masses.

—Vera Bayliss, President

STM Thanksgiving Dinner

Our Parish family will be hosting our Seventh Annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 24, at 1:00pm. Dinner will be provided. If you would like to bring an appetizer or a dessert, it will be welcomed. Please RSVP per the invitation at the information table on the Plaza or call the Parish office at 760-758-4100 x100. In order to continue the dinner in a traditional family style, there is a maximum capacity that can be served, so please turn in your reservation as soon as possible.

Catholic Widows and Widowers of North County

Meets the second Sunday of each month for a general meeting and potluck. On the fourth Sunday of each month, we meet for Mass at various Parishes in North County followed by lunch at a nearby restaurant. Please RSVP if you're planning to attend the luncheon. Prospective members are welcome anytime. See the bulletin board on the lower level for our monthly newsletter of activities; contact Gerri Wilmott at 760-758-9949 or Carol Kope at 760-726-0533 for more information.

Young Adult Group News

ACTTS (Adult Catholics in their Twenties and Thirties who Socialize) is partnering with the North County Young Adults group, which includes young adults from several North County Parishes. For more information or to get on the email list, contact actts@stmoside.org or visit www.yamsd.org.

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

St. Thomas More, pray for us!

Pledge Statistics as of October 26

		# of Families
Phase II		Responding
Total Responses	\$1,573,187	760
Still Needed	\$426,813	273
Total Goal	\$2,000,000	1,033
Total Collected	\$1,458,289	



- † 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

Fall Project Linus Coffee

The Fall Project Linus Coffee will be held Thursday, November 17, 10:30am, on the lower level of the Parish Center. Our handmade baby blankets will be collected and labeled at that time. Thank you to our volunteers for supplying blankets for sick or abused children in San Diego County. For more information, please join us or call Mary Coxon at 760-599-8760.

Have You Seen Me?

The New Member Committee is searching for a missing clear storage bin marked "New Membership Committee, Reception Supplies" containing (16) round, green, woven placemats, (8) round, blue, woven placemats, (4) square, green table toppers, and assorted silk plants and flowers. If found, please contact the Parish Office at 760-758-4100 x100. Thank you!

Liturgy & Music



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

EXPLORING THE MASS — PART 6



Introductory Rites

Liturgy of the Word

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Concluding Rites

Upcoming Music

NOVEMBER 1 All Saints

7:00pm Mass

Sanctuary Choir

NOVEMBER 2 All Souls

7:00pm Mass

Handbell Choir Sanctuary Choir

NOVEMBER 6 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm Mass

Handbell Choir

8:30am Mass

Praise Team

10:30am Mass

Sanctuary Choir

CONCLUDING RITES

Announcements

Once the Communion Rite concludes, announcements for the sake of the community may be made. These help the people know how to live out the Gospel in the coming week.

Final Blessing

Then, one final time, the priest and the people wish the presence of the Lord for each other, and the priest offers a Final Blessing to the people, making the Sign of the Cross over them. On certain days or occasions, another more solemn formula of blessing may occur.

Dismissal

In the final dialogue of the Mass, the deacon or priest sends us forth from the Eucharist into the world. Each version of the dismissal begins with the word, "Go..." The assembly responds, "Thanks be to God," in thanksgiving for the strength gained from the Mass that empowers us to go out and love as disciples in the world. We are commissioned to continue being the face, hands, arms, and feet of Christ to a broken and hurting world.

Closing Chant (Song) Veneration of the Altar Procession

After the dismissal, it has become customary in the United States to sing a song or hymn. During the Procession, the priest and deacon kiss the altar, bow to the sanctuary, and withdraw, with the procession of the ministers arranged in such a

way that it finishes during the final stanza of the song.

These final movements create a balance with the actions at the beginning of the Mass.

AFTERWORD

Prayer is simple. It is experiencing the love of God. It is the stopping of other things so that the heart can know its maker.

The celebration of the Mass is the Church's most important prayer. It has attracted an elaborate panoply of words and gestures, songs, and silences, to express what we hold most dear—the real presence of Jesus Christ.

Those who [study the actions within the Mass] will find themselves either more distracted or more involved at Mass. That is the risk of analyzing prayer.

If you place yourself at prayer whenever you are at Mass, all else will disappear. It will be you, the community of the faithful, and Christ, who invites you to be his Body at the supper of the Lamb.

—Paul Turner, from his book At the Supper of the Lamb

This is the last in a series on the Mass, a refresher course on its overall form and specific parts.

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 USCCB.



THEY ARE REMEMBERED...

Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

You are invited to attend our annual Mass to remember and celebrate the lives of our loved ones who have passed through death to new life during this past year. The Mass will be celebrated Tuesday, November 2, at 7:00pm. A reception will follow.

During the month of November the church traditionally remembers those who have gone before us to new life. There will be a special book for you to write the names of your loved ones located near the alcove for the statue of Mary. Join us in praying:

Holy Mary, Gentle Mother, cradle within your arms those who have died, and intercede for those who mourn them. Amen.

All Souls Envelopes

Envelopes for remembering the dearly departed were attached to the bulletin a few weeks ago and are available at the information table on the Plaza. Envelopes returned by November 1 will be placed on the altar during the month of November.

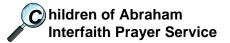
Friday, November 4 ♦ 8:45am - 7:30pm ♦ Eucharistic Exposition

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FEAST OF ST. CHARLES BORROMEO

We pray...that we will be in the world, but not of it.

Faith Formation



Wednesday, November 23, 7:00pm







St. Thomas More will host our second annual Interfaith Prayer Service. Clergy representing the Jewish, Christian, and Islamic Faiths will come together to lead the Assembly in prayer and thanksgiving.

In this present moment in the history of our global village, it is important that people of good will come together, rise above differences, rejoice in diversity, and seek and celebrate that which we have in common.

There is only one God! Let us pray that people of all religions come to the realization that we are all sisters and brothers sharing time together, only for awhile, on this Planet Earth.

Religion should bring people together, not keep us apart! Please plan to join us.



PBJ Update

(Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center)

2011 GOAL: 365 jars Collected to date: 414 jars

The count has slowed down, but not the need.

Have you checked out the new teen website?

www.stmoside.org Click on Youth Ministry

Try it, you'll like it, (even if you're not a teenager!)



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





The Little Blue Book for the Advent-Christmas Season is now available. Many parishioners look forward to these six-minute meditations as a way to make a very hectic season HOLY. They also enjoy mailing them to friends and relatives.

The Little Blue Book contains daily reflections on the Sunday Gospels. The booklet is designed to fit easily into your purse or pocket, and always comes with a plain paper cover so you can use it in public places without being disturbed . . . a great tool for patience when waiting in endless lines!

Your \$2 donation is appreciated to help cover the cost of the book. They are available, while supply lasts, at the Information Table, or on the Lower Level of the Parish Center.



YOUTH MINISTRY

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

Are we supposed to make all the decisions in our life by ourselves? Why is it important to be on this journey with others? Why is it part of discernment to be in community? Why do we need each other? We will take a look at why it is important to be with others. Bring your friends here at 7:00pm on Monday, October 31. You won't want to miss it.

₩ LEAD

Do you want to develop leadership skills and tools? Do you feel that you can help others by sharing your faith? Pursue your interest and pick up an application for LEAD! CORE and LEAD are essential in our ministry, come join us here on Thursday at 7:00pm.

■ Inspiration!!!

Ever thought Church and Magic Mountain can 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 on the teen website (see link at left), at my office, or email me for a digital copy.

Middle School

EDGE, meets Sunday, November 6 at 5:00pm. It is always a blessing seeing you all here.



Stewardship & Development



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

Christian Stewardship vs. Screwtape: A Halloween Reflection

Imagine a stranger coming to your door, making demands accompanied by threats. Worse, he's wearing a disguise. The night is dark, the moon hidden by fall leaves still clinging to the trees. What a terrifying scenario.



But, wait! It's October 31, and the strangers are very small. They're disguised as little Batmen and ballerinas, pirates and princesses, and their demands and threats are accompanied by tiny "pleases" and "thank you's." It's Halloween, and it's actually a magical scenario.

A great deal of life is framed by our perceptions, isn't it? How we approach a situation, whether we see a threat or a

promise, a trick, or perhaps a treat, depends so much on our own attitude and the honesty we bring to our lives.

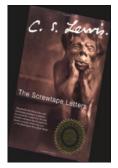
In *The Screwtape Letters*, C.S. Lewis portrays a senior devil, Screwtape, as a bureaucrat who is mentoring a young devil named Wormwood in how to be a tricky enemy of humanity. Screwtape knows that one of the best ways to seduce people to evil is to persuade them to rationalize their choices. The more dishonesty Screwtape can help us finagle into our reasoning, the more successful the devil's enterprise.

It's a great book for stewardship reading, because it makes us reexamine our own perceptions of evil and good in our lives.

"I think I should stay home from Mass this morning. God knows I really need the rest." "I don't really have any talents to offer my

Parish in this year's ministry sign-ups." "I earned this money and it's mine. What I do with it is my business."

Screwtape would probably be very pleased with those rationalizations. They help us to "trick" ourselves into accepting a false scenario. If you want to give yourself a "treat" for Halloween, pick up a copy of *The Screwtape Letters* and see how it relates to your own life.



—ICSC Parish Stewardship, October 2011(with permission)

Be faithful in small things, because it is in them that your strength lies. —Blessed Mother Teresa

HELPFUL YEAR-END PLANNING TIPS GOT DEDUCTIONS?

2011 YEAR-END CHECKLIST

- ♦ BE SURE TO <u>COMPLETE</u> 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 <u>office</u> 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.

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

All gifts to St. Thomas More are deeply appreciated!

Collection for Week of October 22/23, 2011 Number of Registered Households 1,033 Offertory* \$ 9,069.40 Offertory (Loose Collection) 891.00 Children's envelopes 1.00 Total \$ 9,961.40

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.

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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.

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*.

Ignatian Volunteer Corps for Retired or Semi-Retired—Serve people who are poor one or two days a week, grow deeper in faith through reflection and prayer, and meet monthly with other IVC members and a spiritual guide. For more information, visit *www.ivcusa.org* or contact 619-881-9509.

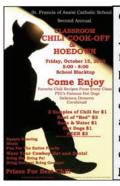
Lectures and Retreats at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside—Visit *www.sanluisrey.org* or call 760-757-3659 for details on upcoming events, including *Honoring the Memory, Healing the Pain* for those with deceased loved ones on November 5.

We Are Survivors—Stories from the Darfur Genocide—Monday, October 24, 7:00pm, Palomar Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 1600 Buena Vista Dr., Vista. Rebecca Tinsley has been collecting testimony from survivors of conflict in Darfur since 2004 and has written a book, When the Stars Fall to Earth. All are invited to her presentation. For more information, contact Christa@Network4Africa.org.

Catholic Singles Group 40+ Meeting—Saturday, November 5, after 5:30pm Mass in the old Parish Center of St. Elizabeth Seton

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



Chili cook off at St. Francis School

Join St. Francis Catholic School for a fun-filled family event on Friday, November 4th from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Enjoy some real down-home country entertainment while sampling a variety of chili dishes. A beer garden will also be available. Have your own recipe? Turn in your registration today! For more information, contact the St. Francis Parent Teacher Group at ptg@sfs-vista.org.

Church, 6628 Santa Isabel St., Carlsbad. Wine and Cheese Tasting (\$10 per person). For more information, call 760-943-8380.

Elizabeth Hospice Fall Volunteer Training—November 8, 9, and 10, 8:30am-3:00pm, Escondido Chamber of Commerce, 720 N. Broadway, Escondido. For more information, contact 760-737-2050.

An Advent Reflection: Giving an Explanation for Our Hope—Saturday, November 12, 8:30-10:30am, La Gran erraza, Hahn University Center, University of San Diego. Presented by Fr. John O'Brien, CSSp. To register, visit www.sandiego.edu/ccs or call 619-260-4784.

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*.

Contemplative Rosary—Friday, December 2, 7:00pm, San Rafael Catholic Church, 17252 Bernardo Center Dr., Rancho Bernardo. Sung by the Rosary Choir and congregation. For more information, contact 858-487-4314.

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.

Marriage & Family Life Corner

The Bishops' Letter on Marriage—Relativism: "By attempting to redefine marriage to include or be made analogous with homosexual partnerships, society is stating that the permanent union of husband and wife, the unique pattern of spousal and familial love, and the generation of new life are now only of relative importance rather than being fundamental to the existence and well-being of society as a whole." To read the document go to https://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/.

Marriage Moments—(Halloween) Try this. Each of you privately create a funny costume from what you have around the house. (Use pots, paraphernalia, jewelry, or root through your spouse's clothes to put items together in weird or scary ways.) Then come together and reveal. Hand out treats together if you dare.

Parenting Pointers—Mistakes happen. At times kid's mess up and so do parents. It's not necessary to be perfect, but rather to know how to recover from a mistake. Teach the skills of: apologizing, taking a punishment, doing something to make up for it.



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November 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		All Saints (Holy day) 8:15 AM-Mass 9:00 AM-Donuts and Coffee 11:00 AM-Braille Institute Workshop 7:00 PM-Mass/RCIA 8:00 PM-Knights of Columbus	All Souls Day Restaurant Fundraiser/Ruby's 8:15 AM-Mass 9:00 AM-Scripture Study 11:00 AM-Braille Institute Workshop 1:30 PM-Spirited Senior Board Meeting 7:00 PM-Mass	Restaurant Fundraiser/Ruby's 8:15 AM-Mass 9:00 AM-Donuts and Coffee 10:00 AM-Women's Guild Quilters 1:00 PM-Scentering Prayer 7:00 PM-Scripture Study 7:00 PM-Sanctuary Choir 7:00 PM-Youth Ministry LEAD 7:00 PM-Inquiry	8:15 AM-Mass 9:00 AM-Exposition of the Eucharist 7:30 PM-Reposition of the Eucharist	5 Inspiration 2011/Six Flags Magic Mountain 4:00 PM-Reconciliation 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00 PM-Mass
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