



A Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of San Diego

Spirituality † Tradition † Community

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Help fill up the truck! The St. Bonaventure Clothing Drive is next weekend, November 12-13.

See page 4 for details.

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

November 6, 2011 • Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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“Children of Abraham” – A Thanksgiving Eve Celebration

At this time in the history of our global village, it is more important than ever that people of good will come together, rise above differences, rejoice in diversity, and seek and celebrate that which we have in common.

It is so important to realize that we are all sisters and brothers sharing time together on this Planet Earth only for awhile.

Religion should bring people together, not keep us apart!

With this in mind, St. Thomas More Parish is hosting a Prayer Service, “The Children of Abraham,” on Wednesday evening, November 23, at 7:00pm on the upper level of our Parish Center.

The Prayer service is sponsored by:

- Congregation B'nai Tikvah
- The Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice (ICWJ)
- The Islamic Center of San Diego
- Masjid Al-ittehad (the Vista Mosque)
- St. Thomas More Parish

Rabbi Laurie Coskey of ICWJ, Rabbi Ben Leinow of Congregation B'nai Tikvah (located just up the street from us on

South Melrose Drive), Imam Taha Hassane of the Islamic Center of San Diego, and I will lead the assembly in prayer with readings from the Hebrew Scriptures, the Christian Scriptures, and the Qur'an.

A short reflection from each of us will follow the Scripture reading, followed by a piece of music representing our traditions.

After the service, there will be an informal reception.

Thanksgiving week is a busy time for all of us, but if your schedule allows please plan to attend and participate in this unique prayer service.

It provides an opportunity for all of us to better know our neighbors in this local community.

We shop in the same stores. We eat in the same restaurants. We purchase gas from the same gas stations. Our children attend the same schools. Shouldn't we, at least once and awhile, choose to pray together as well?

Hope to see you at the “Children of Abraham” Prayer Service on the night before Thanksgiving!

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!



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

Fr. Mike on Pilgrimage!

I will be away from the Parish 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 here 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

Heartnotes

Congratulations to our new graduates!

Adult CPR/AED: Dale and Patricia Feist, Kristin Dann, Karen Johns, Paul Santy, Rudy and Elizabeth Van Hunnick

Infant/Child CPR: Connie Kneisel, Kristin Dann

Hands-Only CPR: Pat Sweet, Ron Danielson, Nan Engel, Jesse Stumpp

The next Adult CPR/AED class will take place on Saturday, November 12, at 9:00am. The fee is \$35 per person. To reserve a place in class, or if you have any questions about the St. Thomas More CPR program, contact medical director Dr. Phil Goscienski at drphilg@cox.net or 760-732-1414.

Halloween Candy

Got leftover Halloween candy? Bring it to the Parish Office by the weekend of November 12-13. We will see that it is taken to the Diocesan Office for the Missions to be distributed by the Sisters to orphans and poor children in Tijuana for Christmas, birthdays, and other special occasions during the coming year.

Pies...Brother Benno's...pies

Most of us have warm feelings about Thanksgiving dinner with family and friends. A time for good food, followed by the taste of homemade **apple** and **pumpkin pies**. Every year, Brother Benno's brings those warm memories to the poor and homeless by having a Thanksgiving feast for hundreds. For the past dozen years, the generous Parishioners of St. Thomas More have provided dessert. Please help again this year by bringing fresh baked **apple** and **pumpkin pies** (only) to the parish office on Wednesday, November 23 (the day before Thanksgiving), between 8:30am and 12:00noon for delivery to Brother Benno's.

Vocations Support Group Dinner and Meeting

This support group is for men and women discerning their vocations as they share with others, reflecting on God's call in their lives.

Our next gathering is November 9 at the Rectory of St. Francis Church (525 W. Vista Way, Vista) beginning with prayer and dinner at 6:00pm followed by the Liturgy of the Hours, reflection, discussion, and prayer.

Please be prompt and be sure to register by calling 760-945-8040. For more information, please call 760-945-8040.

Readings for the Week Ahead
 Sunday Year A; Weekday Year I
 Readings online at www.usccb.org.

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

Monday, November 7 (491)
 Wisdom 1:1-7
 Psalm 139:1-10
 Luke 17:1-6

Tuesday, November 8 (492)
 Wisdom 2:23-3:9
 Psalm 34:2-3,16-19
 Luke 17:7-10

Wednesday, November 9 (671)
The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome
 Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12
 Psalm 46:2-3,5-6,8-9
 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11,16-17
 John 2:13-22

Thursday, November 10 (494)
Leo the Great, pope, doctor
 Wisdom 7:22b-8:1
 Psalm 119:89-91,130,135,175
 Luke 17:20-25

Friday, November 11 (495)
Martin of Tours, bishop
 Wisdom 13:1-9
 Psalm 19:2-5
 Luke 17:26-37

Saturday, November 12 (496)
Josaphat, bishop, martyr
 Wisdom 18:14-16;19:6-9
 Psalm 105:2-3,36-37,42-43
 Luke 18:1-8

Sunday, November 13 (157)
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31
 Psalm 128:1-5
 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
 Matthew 25:14-30

Mass Intentions
Saturday, November 5, 5:00pm Bernie Weiler ☩
Sunday, November 6, 8:30am Ann Couture ☩
Sunday, November 6, 10:30am Berry & Schweitzer Families
Tuesday, November 8, 8:15am Marge Heath ☩
Wednesday, November 9, 8:15am Anthony Masseth ☩
Wednesday, November 9, 9:30am Eleanor Wolf ☩ <i>Emeritus at Oceanside</i>
Thursday, November 10, 8:15am Kenneth Berg ☩
Friday, November 11, 8:15am Enrique Rivera ☩
Saturday, November 12, 5:00pm Alfred Barmasse ☩
Sunday, November 13, 8:30am Patricia Thompson ☩
Sunday, November 13, 10:30am Joseph Doering ☩

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

Mary Alexander	Joaquin Maldonado
Laura Allenfort	Nancy Marley
Lucia Ambriz	Bob McWilliams
Mary Balli	Joyce Meehan
Alexandra Banwell	Kalei Mendiola
Jose Luis Barbosa	The Mikridge Family
The Barbosa Family	June Mitchell
Patricia Barbour	Nancy Moore
Clarice Bednarz	Redgie Mucambo
John Bennici	Conrad Murphy
Regina Bentz	Margie Myers
Roseanne Berg	Cosmo Nocida
George "Whitey" Betus	Helen O'Connell
Mary Betz	Heidi Olson
Betty Jean Bielich	Juanita Matamala Pacheco
Allan Boehne	Bernadette Padovan
Lynda Brady	The Peralta Family
The Brogan Family	Helen Pingtella
Monica Broussard	Douglas Price-Williams
George Brown	Angelita Rasmon
Janet Brown	Jack Riley
The Burke & Trotta Families	Clinton Ritchie
Maria Cabage	Rita Ritchie
The Cadieux Family	The Ritter Family
Shelby Campbell	Joanne Robinson
Brianne Campos	Maria Rogers
Claudia Caplinger	Dorothy Rouse
Paul Cassidy	The Russo Family
Paula T. Cepeda	Kimberly Schlunt
Lolly Cervantes	Linda Schmidt
Pat Christopherson	The Douglas E. Schulte Family
Dick Clarke	Concetta Sdao
Dolly Cole	Pete Serle & Family
Carl Coleman	Bob, Joan, & Julie Shea
James Coleman	Elizabeth Shirzad
Zach Cornwell	Richard Sikora
Karen Flaharty Daley	Jeanne Sisson
Robert Daly	Mike Snyder
The De Ainza Family	Nick Soltau
Beverly de Gelder	Fred & Gilda Spiegl
The De Stout Family	Darek, Vanessa, & Elba Spizewski
Stephanie de Villeneuve	Dorothy Staehr
The Delaney Family	Ted Stanislawski
Cecilia DeSimone	Jo & George Stephens
Judith DiMatteo	Pete Sullivan
John Drazkowski, Jr.	Maria Surmenidis
Sharon Evans	David Sweet
Chuck Fay	Sarah Tillinghast
The Fiore Family	Stephen Toth, Jr.
Ryan Flum	John Treat
Matthew Foster	Mary Tysko & Family
Kathryn Franklin	Laurie Updyke
The Pernetta Franklin Family	Arnie Velasco
Joe Freire	Silvana Vettese
Brian Frink	Bob Vita
Carmen Garcia	Vanessa Vitiello-Koble
The Dave Gonzales Family	Paul & Mai Vo & Family
Rick Gonzalez	Kevin Watson-Graff
Eileen Gough	John Whitton
Rosemary Haeffelin	Silvia Wrozs
Elizabeth Harrison	William Zynda
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	
Jo & Bernie Lanzrath	
Christopher Lawrence	
Roland Lawrence	
Brandon LeBlanc	
Ashley Load	
Cassandra Loretto	
Lauren Loretto	
Richard Lynn	
James MacArthur	

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

- The Week Ahead**
- Nov 6 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
 - Nov 9 Christmas Angel Meeting
 - Nov 12-13 St. Bonaventure Mission Clothing Drive
 - Nov 13 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
 - Nov 13 RE.A.CH Classes at Church including high school

- The Month Ahead**
- Nov 14 Women's Guild Luncheon
 - Nov 17 Project Linus Coffee
 - Nov 20 Handbell and Sanctuary Choirs Concert
 - Nov 23 Children of Abraham Interfaith Prayer Service
 - Nov 23-27 Parish Office and Blessed Sacrament Chapel Closed from 12:00noon on Nov 23 until Monday, Nov 28
 - Nov 24 Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:00am
 - Nov 24 Thanksgiving Dinner
 - Nov 27 Advent Communal Penance Service

- The Year Ahead**
- Dec 4 RE.A.CH Classes at Church including high school
 - Dec 8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Masses at 8:15am and 7:00pm
 - Dec 8 Spirited Seniors Bernardo Winery Trip
 - Dec 12 Women's Guild Luncheon
- 2012**
- Jan 14-31 Stewardship Awareness and Renewal
 - Jan 22 Towers of Faith Reception

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.

November 7 Sr. Rosanne McGrath, RSM
November 8 Sr. Eleanor McNally, CPPS
November 9 Sr. Michele McQueeney, OSF
November 10 Sr. Gloria de Maria Medina, HMSS
November 11 Sr. Luz Divina Medina, DCJ
November 12 Sr. Maria de la Paz Mejia, CVI
November 13 Sr. Natalia Mejia, RJM

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

Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioners

Michael & Judith Leonardi & Family

Congratulations to

Masako & Carl Streling

who celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary on November 5.

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

Flower Donations

The Altar Flowers for this weekend were given by **Masako & Carl Streling** in honor of their wedding anniversary.



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!

2011 Collection for National Needs

Envelopes are attached to the bulletin this week for this special collection sponsored by the United State Conference of Catholic Bishop to support several national Catholic nonprofit organizations (listed on the envelope). You may return the envelope any time during November. Thank you!

'Did You Know?' Collection for October 2011

\$3,598.00

Restaurant Fundraiser Results for October 2011

Famous Dave's

\$581.75

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.

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

St. Bonaventure Indian Mission and School

This is another in the series of articles regarding the social ministries at the Church of St. Thomas More.

The St. Bonaventure Indian Mission and School serves a community of Indians in northwestern New Mexico. The mission and school are located between Gallup and Albuquerque on the Navajo Indian Reservation. The mission runs a tuition-free Catholic preschool and elementary school, an extensive human services program, a thrift store and is a major local employer. It provides basic assistance including outreach services for the isolated, elderly and indigent, including water, food, clothing, and home repair assistance.

Many of the Indians served by the mission are herdsmen living in isolated areas connected by narrow mud roads. The mission's four-wheel drive buses transport a large portion of the students from their remote dwellings to school. The remote residents lack electricity and their only water supply is the water truck operated by the mission. More information can be found at www.StBonaventureMission.org.

The mission is solely dependent on donations to support its operations. St. Thomas More Parishioners have been major supporters through annual clothing drives. We have consistently filled one or more large box trucks with clothing, blankets, jackets, small appliances, and gently-used toys. Donated items are given directly to residents or placed in the mission thrift shop. The clothing drive is organized and conducted by the Knights of Columbus.

The next clothing drive is scheduled for November 12 and 13. Items can be dropped off before or after Masses at the large truck in the parking lot. Knights of Columbus members will be available to assist in unloading donations from your car. Contact Dick Belprez at 760- 295-1431 if you have questions regarding the clothing drive.

More's Workers

More's Workers has been presented with another opportunity to give back to the community through our time and manual labor. We have been asked to renovate an Interfaith Community Service (ICS) apartment in Escondido. This is a low income property; the people living there now will move out during the renovation and then move back in. It will be ours and ICS' Christmas present to them.

Our tasks will be to "demo" the unit, take out the kitchen cabinets, and repair the subfloors. After that we'll patch the walls and ceilings and paint them. We'll then install new kitchen cabinets and bathroom fixtures. ICS will have contractors come in to install hardwood flooring throughout and tile the bathrooms. Then we come back in for the final "sweep:" clean up the apartment, reinstall the blinds, and clean the kitchen and bath areas.

We expect the work to begin the first weekend of December and continue for two weeks. So please pencil in some time to help out during the first two weeks of December. We'll schedule some of the work on Saturdays to accommodate those who are working on weekdays. If you have handyman skills, can paint, or want to assist with the cleanup, please volunteer to help.

If you are interested in joining More's Workers on this project, contact Jerry Gayvert at 760-295-0645 or gayvert@cox.net.

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

First, I would like to thank the Bake Sale Chairs and all the helpers for a job well done. Thanks to the wonderful parish support we netted a bit over \$1,100.

Next, I would like to say thank you to the Women's Guild Quilt Group for all their hard work, making and displaying our "Small Quilted Items." Our gratitude goes to them and especially to the Parish support we received. Because of your generosity we were able to net a little over \$3,000. We were overwhelmed with the support and kindness from both quilters and customers. We couldn't support our church without all of you. Thank you many times over and God bless you for your help.

Proceeds from both events will go to the building fund at the end of our year in June.

Next board meeting will be November 7 at 10:30am at STM, lower level of the Parish Center.

Our next general meeting will be held on November 14, 11:00am at STM, lower level of the Parish Center. Our theme this month is "Harvest Bingo." Lots of fun in store for all members and guests. Call Vera Bayliss 760-739-9061 or Siggie Ogan at 760-994-4727 for a reservation.

Once more, thanks to you all. —*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.

Christmas Angel Project

The second meeting for the Christmas Angel Ministry is **this** Wednesday, November 9, at 7:00pm on the lower level of the Parish Center. Please join us as we plan this year's schedule and prepare ornaments for the tree. Help us make our children's and families' holiday gift-giving program even better than before. Participation in the Christmas Angel ministry is a very rewarding experience, but it takes many angels to ensure its success!

For more information, contact John and Marti Harper at 4johnnyangel@cox.net or 760-724-1181.

Food Bank Contributions

We continue to collect nonperishable food items for the blue barrels in support of the North County Food Bank.

Our Journey Into The Future . . . Together! **Phase II ~ Two months to go!** **Groundbreaking January 29, 2012**

Pledge Statistics as of November 1

Phase II		# of Families Responding
Total Responses	\$1,573,187	760
Still Needed	\$426,813	272
Total Goal	\$2,000,000	1,032
Total Collected	\$1,463,342	



- † 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!!!
- † We have now heard from 74% of the Parish and we have collected nearly \$1.4 million toward our goal of \$2 million.
- † Please pray for our success in the next two months.
- † **ADDITIONAL DONATIONS WELCOME!!!**

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

Worship God

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

SPOTLIGHT ON THE BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

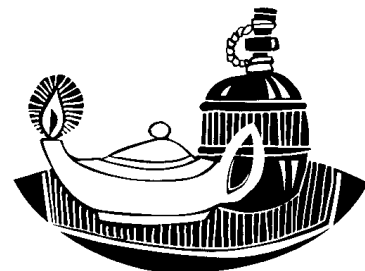
Joan Jones is a Core Team member of the Bereavement Ministry.

We have just celebrated All Souls Day, so this is an excellent time to bring your attention to St. Thomas More's Bereavement Ministry. All Soul's Day is a highlight of the year as we celebrate a special Mass to honor and remember our loved ones who have gone before us...

Members of the Bereavement Ministry's Core Team meet with the family when someone dies. We help them to plan and execute their loved one's funeral and stay with them every step of the way through the funeral and beyond...

work); volunteers who set up, serve, and clean up after the receptions; Eucharistic ministers and readers; ushers and greeters. If you would like to join any of these ministries, contact Sr. Maureen at the Parish office.

Another aspect of our ministry is to help you preplan your own funeral. This is the greatest gift you can give your family. At a time when they are consumed with emotion, it is comforting to know their loved one's wishes will be carried out.



A JOYFUL NOISE!
St. Thomas More's SANCTUARY CHOIR & HANDBELL CHOIR
to benefit Interfaith Community Services and the Music Ministry
Sunday, November 20 4:00pm
Join us as the Sanctuary Choir and Handbell Choir present a benefit concert for the food pantry at Interfaith Community Services and for the Music Ministry.
Bring a canned good or three and join us for an hour of thanksgiving and praise!
O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever. Psalm 103:2

Upcoming Music

- NOVEMBER 13
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00pm Mass
Sanctuary Choir
8:30am Mass
Handbell Choir
10:30am Mass
Praise Team

Help Wanted — Military Salute Team
On Veterans Day and on Memorial Day weekend, our Parish community recognizes and honors those who are serving or have served in the armed forces. We are recruiting a few individuals to set up our military flag display on these patriotic days.
Is this you? All necessary training, (schedules, rules, regulations, and static display example) will be provided. Thank you for your service!
Call Kathy Arciero at 760-231-1022 to volunteer today!



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
Church
*and we meet two
weeks in a row!*

Little Books

The Little Blue Book for the Advent-Christmas Season is now available. Many parishioners look forward to these six-minute meditations, based on the Sunday Gospels as a way to make a very hectic season HOLY.

Your \$2 donation is appreciated to help cover the cost of the book.

Sunday Missal

A limited supply of the 2012 Sunday Missal is available for those who like to prepare the readings before attending Mass. They are \$5.

Both books are available, while supplies last, at the information table on the Plaza after weekend Masses, or on the lower level of the Parish Center.

Children of Abraham Interfaith Prayer Service

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: 419 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!)

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

High School ✕ IGNITE

*"For God so loved the world that
He gave His only Son"* —John 3:16.

This is one of the most popular scriptures, but do we realize what it even means anymore? Why would God do something like that? We are going to examine this scripture in a whole new way.

Bring your friends here at 7:00pm on Monday. You won't want to miss it.

✕ LEAD

I can use more LEADers, since now we are helping with Middle School, High School, Retreats, and other events. It is a great opportunity to serve within our community. Come and check it out and see where you can help, Thursdays at 7:00pm.

✕ Inspiration!!!

Thank you for everyone who attended *Inspiration* at Magic Mountain! I pray that you all had a great time! See you at youth group on Monday!

Middle School

EDGE, meets Sunday, November 6, and next Sunday, November 13, at 5:00pm. It is always a blessing seeing you all here.

Marc

Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

Chris Smith
Director of Stewardship & Development
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Christian Stewardship Seven Secrets of Successful Stewards

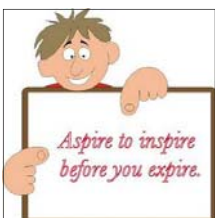
Authentic Catholic spirituality should always lead us in the direction of being a “disciple in mission.” This means using all that God has given us to serve Jesus Christ and the Church. In a sense, by God’s grace, God redeems not only our sinful nature, but He redeems all we have, including our time, talent and treasure. You can’t get any more spiritual than when God’s redeeming love transforms your time, talent and treasure into something beautiful for God and His Church.

A few years back, I recall an article in *Catholic Update* from St. Anthony Messenger Press that listed “Seven Secrets of Successful Stewards.” The Seven Secrets are:

1. Give until it feels good.
2. See not obligation, but opportunity.
3. Give to specifics.
4. Have an attitude of gratitude.
5. Share various gifts at the right times.
6. Realize God will point the way.
7. See stewardship as a spiritual act.

The most important of the “Seven Secrets” is “seeing stewardship as a spiritual act.” When we truly understand the love that God has for us in Jesus Christ and that God enables us to enter into a personal loving relationship with Him through Jesus Christ, then we understand how “spiritual” Catholic stewardship really is.

Following Jesus always demands some sort of sacrifice on our part. Catholic Stewardship embraces this sacrifice and sees it as good since we are responding to God’s call to love and serve Him in the Church.



Pray about what God is asking you to sacrifice in terms of time, talent and treasure. Rest assured, however, that God is never outdone in sacrifice or generosity.

— Fr. Allan McDonald, *The Catholic Steward*, October 2011
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Intense love does not measure, it just gives.

—Blessed Mother Teresa

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 29/30, 2011

Number of Registered Households		1,032
Offertory*	\$	6,733.19
Offertory (Loose Collection)		1,099.50
Children's envelopes		0.00
Total	\$	7,832.69

* 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 parishoffice@stmoside.org.

St. Francis and St. Thomas More Offertory Envelopes

Any St. Francis Offertory Envelopes given to the offertory collection at St. Thomas More will be returned to St. Francis.

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News from the Larger Church

Catholic Radio in San Diego—Includes Catholic Answers, interviews and discussions by Diocesan staff, youth programs, and more. Visit www.catholicradioofsandiego.com for details 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.

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.

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

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.

World AIDS Day Remembrance—Friday, November 18, 6:30pm, the United Methodist Church of Vista will be showing the movie *Philadelphia*, followed by a thoughtful discussion. Light refreshments provided, or you may bring your own dinner to eat during the movie. For more information, call 760-597-1739.

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

General Message—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 first and third Tuesdays, from 7:00-9:00pm at the Church of St. Luke, 1980 Hillsdale Rd., El Cajon. 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—Domestic Violence: "In some cases, divorce may be the only solution to a morally unacceptable situation. A specific example is a home where the safety of a spouse and children is at risk. As the Catholic bishops of the United States, we reiterate what we said in our pastoral message on domestic violence, *When I Call for Help*, namely, that no one in a marriage is obliged to maintain common living with an abusing spouse. We want to assure people who are caught in the tragedy of an abusive marriage that the Church is committed to offering them support and assistance." To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

Marriage Moments—"Resplendent and unfading is Wisdom." (Wisdom 6:12) What's the wisest thing you've done so far in your life (other than marrying your beloved)? How is your spouse wise?

Parenting Pointers—"Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife." (Mt 1:20) As the foster father of Jesus, Joseph raised a child not of his own blood line. November is Adoption Month. Might this be a call to you? Consider adoption, foster parenting, or simply mentoring an at risk child.

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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