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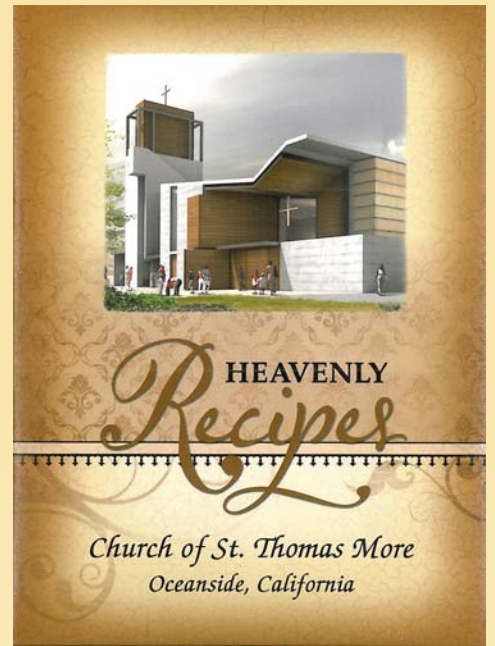
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Office Hours: Monday-Friday
8:30am-12:00noon and 12:30-4:00pm

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

November 13, 2011 • Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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Envy

The Gospel this Sunday reminds us that we are called to recognize, develop, and then share our gifts and talents with others on behalf of building God's Kingdom. The Gospel caused me to reflect upon and share this piece that I wrote a few years ago.

Envy is my first tangible memory as a human being. I carried that deadly sin with me into adulthood.

I was 4-1/2 years old, in kindergarten. Three or four of us were sitting on the floor and we were asked to place blocks of wood, with holes in their centers, on a string. It was a contest to see who would finish first. I did not win, and I was envious of the girl who had more dexterity than the rest of us to complete the task first.

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Did You Know?

This year Christmas Day falls on a Sunday. I know that many of you will really like that because it means only coming to Mass once that week. It is like a "two for one special."

For a Pastor, though, this means a very real potential loss of significant revenue. My guess is that we could lose about \$10,000 in revenue because people give only once instead of twice (once for Christmas and once for the Sunday).

Please keep this in mind. Consider an extra gift or two between now and Christmas so that we do not lose that revenue. Also on Christmas remember to "give twice."

Your gifts are needed more than ever as we begin construction of our Permanent Church and Parish Offices.

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

How sad! My first real memories of me, Michael, were those of envy spurred on by competition.

Thomas Aquinas said of it, "Envy according to the aspect of its object is contrary to charity, whence the soul derives its spiritual life...Charity rejoices in our neighbor's good, while envy grieves over it." (Summa Theologica)

I have often reflected upon Thomas' take on envy and finally in my late adult life, I feel confident in voicing a bit of different twist on his definition.

My kindergarten envy did not grieve over my classmate's good fortune in finishing first. The deadly sin of envy made me feel inadequate and incompetent. And I took those feelings of inadequacy and incompetence with me through the schools—grade, high, college, and seminary. Most times in the background, other times significantly in the forefront, the envy was always there, ready for a fight.

Only after very special moments of grace in my faith journey, in which God broke into my existence, over and over again through the encouraging words of fellow human beings, did I come to be aware of my gifts and talents. They led me out of my envy, in which I was grieving over myself. I was led to charity, in which I recognized the many gifts God had given me; and how I could use them to be of assistance to others.

Grieving, not so much over my neighbor's good, but rather, grieving more over my inadequacies blinded me to my own good. Thanks to God's interventions over the years, I am now charitable to myself and the world is a better place because of it.

Fr. Mike

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

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.

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. Contact Gerri Wilmott at 760-758-9949 or Carol Kope at 760-726-0533 for more information.

Readings for the Week Ahead

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

Sunday, November 13 (157)
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31

Psalms 128:1-5

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Matthew 25:14-30

Monday, November 14 (497)

1 Macabees 1:10-15,41-43,54-57, 62-63

Psalms 119:53,61,134,150,155,158

Luke 18:35-43

Tuesday, November 15 (498)

Albert the Great, bishop, doctor

2 Macabees 6:18-31

Psalms 3:2-8

Luke 19:1-10

Wednesday, November 16 (499)

Margaret of Scotland,

Gertrude, virgin

2 Macabees 7:1,2-31

Psalms 17:1,5-6,8,15

Luke 19:11-28

Thursday, November 17 (500)

Elizabeth of Hungary, religious

1 Macabees 2:15-29

Psalms 50:1-2,5-6,14-15

Luke 19:41-44

Friday, November 18 (501)

The Dedication of the Basilicas of

Sts. Peter and Paul in Rome,

apostles

Rose Philippine Duchesne, virgin

1 Macabees 4:36-37,52-59

1 Chronicles 29:10-12 (Psalm)

Luke 19:45-48

Saturday, November 19 (502)

1 Macabees 6:1-13

Psalms 9:2-4,6,16,19

Luke 20:27-40

Sunday, November 20 (160)

Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17

Psalms 23:1-3,5-6

1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28

Matthew 25:31-46

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
- Lynda Brady
- The Brogan Family
- Monica Broussard
- George Brown
- Janet Brown
- The Burke & Trotta Families
- The Butler Family
- Maria Cabage
- 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
- Zach Cornwell
- Karen Flaharty Daley
- Robert Daly
- Beverly de Gelder
- The De Stout Family
- Stephanie de Villeneuve
- Cecilia DeSimone
- Judith DiMatteo
- John Drazkowski, Jr.
- Sharon Evans
- Chuck Fay
- The Fiore Family
- Ryan Flum
- Matthew Foster
- Kathryn Franklin
- The Franklin Family
- Joe Freire
- Brian Frink
- Carmen Garcia
- The Dave Gonzales Family
- 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
- Vincent G. Kater
- Peggy Kiernan
- Debbie Kinney
- Dewey Kolbo
- Helen Kuhn
- Lillian Lachance
- The Lamelin Family
- Jo & Bernie Lanzrath
- Christopher & Roland Lawrence
- Brandon LeBlanc
- Ashley Load
- Cassandra Loretto
- Lauren Loretto
- Richard Lynn
- James MacArthur
- Joaquin Maldonado
- Nancy Marley
- Bob McWilliams
- Joyce Meehan
- Kalei Mendiola
- Phyllis Minaya
- June Mitchell
- Nancy Moore
- Reggie Mucambo
- Conrad Murphy
- Margie Myers
- Cosmo Nocida
- Helen O'Connell
- Heidi Olson
- Juanita Matamala Pacheco
- Bernadette Padovan
- Art Palle
- Lupe Casas Pelletier
- The Peralta Family
- Douglas Price-Williams
- Angelita Rasmon
- Jack Riley
- Clinton Ritchie
- Rita Ritchie
- Joanne Robinson
- Maria Rogers
- Dorothy Rouse
- The Russo Family
- Kimberly Schlunt
- Linda Schmidt
- The Douglas E. Schulte Family
- Concetta Sdao
- Pete Serle & Family
- Bob, Joan, & Julie Shea
- Elizabeth Shirzad
- Richard Sikora
- Jeanne Sisson
- Mike Snyder
- Nick Soltau
- Fred Spiegl
- Gilda Spiegl
- Darek, Vanessa, & Elba Spizewski
- Dorothy Staehr
- Ted Stanislawski
- The Stephens Family
- Pete Sullivan
- Maria Surmenidis
- David Sweid
- 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
- Silvia Wrozs
- William Zynda

Mass Intentions
Saturday, November 12, 5:00pm Alfred Barmasse ☩
Sunday, November 13, 8:30am Patricia Thompson ☩
Sunday, November 13, 10:30am Joseph Doering ☩
Tuesday, November 15, 8:15am Burt Fisch ☩
Wednesday, November 16, 8:15am Michael Flynn ☩
Thursday, November 17, 8:15am Jennifer Treat ☩
Friday, November 18, 8:15am Donald Kope ☩
Friday, November 18, 9:30am Peg & Carl Ayers ☩
Saturday, November 19, 5:00pm All Deceased Members of the Tutino & Lavelle Families ☩
Sunday, November 20, 8:30am Ernesto Vettese ☩
Sunday, November 20, 10:30am Dominic Vienna, Sr. ☩

Calendar Highlights

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

The Week Ahead

- Nov 13 Liturgy of the Word for
Children at 8:30am Mass
- Nov 13 RE.A.CH Classes at Church
including high school
- Nov 14 Women's Guild Luncheon
- Nov 17 Project Linus Coffee
- Nov 20 Liturgy of the Word for
Children at 8:30am and
10:30am Masses
- Nov 20 Handbell and Sanctuary
Choirs Concert

The Month Ahead

- 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
 - Jan 29 Groundbreaking for
Permanent Church and
Parish Offices
 - June 1 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.

November 14 Sr. Martha Mendoza, HMSS
November 15 Sr. Angela Therese Meram, IHM
November 16 Sr. Mary Leonita Metoyer, RSM
November 17 Sr. Juanita Mary Meyer, CSJ
November 18 Sr. Bertha Meza, SJS
November 19 Sr. Marilupe Mier y Teran, HMSS
November 20 Sr. C. Rose Miles, SFCC

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

Congratulations to

Kathy & Paul Santy

who celebrated their 19th wedding anniversary last week.

Betsy & Bill Draper

who celebrate their 54th wedding anniversary this week.

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 **Betsy & Bill Draper** in honor of their wedding anniversary.



In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Josephine Stephens, who died on November 6. Her funeral services were celebrated in Scottsdale, Arizona. Josephine is the mother of Parish staff member Chris Smith. Please keep Chris and the family in your prayers.

Robert Michael Butler, who died this week. His funeral services are pending. Please keep his father, Robert, and the family in your prayers

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

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!

Remember Candy and Clothing!

This is the weekend to bring your leftover Halloween candy for the Diocese Missions office, which distributes it to orphanages in Tijuana for birthdays and special occasions.

Also, the St. Bonaventure Clothing drive, collecting clothing for all ages, bedding, and gently used toys, for the St. Bonaventure Indian Mission in New Mexico.

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

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.

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.

Food Bank Contributions

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

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

- † 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

Come play bingo with us on Monday, November 14. We have lunch and a fun afternoon of Bingo planned for you. Hope you can make it this month. Meeting starts at 11:00am, lower level of the Parish Center. We have great prizes for winners and our usual door prizes, too.

We will also have at our meeting a few of our quilted items that are left over for you to purchase. This is the last we will see of them until next fall. You know there is always one more gift that needs to be purchased!

Hope you all can come to our "Harvest Bingo" on Monday! We look forward to seeing you there.

—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.

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.

Rosary

A communal Rosary is prayed after every morning Mass (Tuesday-Friday) in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Please join us!



Eucharistic Adoration



Monday-Friday • 6:30am-7:30pm
Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Exposition of the Eucharist on First Fridays.
Next date: Friday, December 2.

For more information, contact
the Parish Office at 760-758-4100 x100.

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

Pledge Statistics as of November 8

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	\$1,482,114	



- † 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.

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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.

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!

Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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



A JOYFUL NOISE!!

SANCTUARY CHOIR & HANDBELL CHOIR IN CONCERT

to benefit Interfaith Community Services and the Music Ministry

Sunday, November 20, 4:00pm

Bring a canned good or three and join us for an hour of thanksgiving and praise!
Free-will offering

PARISH NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

beginning Wednesday, November 23

On December 12, we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas.
We invite you to join us for a novena to Our Lady beginning Wednesday, November 23.

The novena will take place at the end of the daily morning Masses, through December 9, except on Thanksgiving and the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

We pray that all may respect life: "The measure of love is to love without measure."



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Children, grades 2-8, are welcome!!!

REHEARSALS Wednesdays, November 30, December 7 and 14, 5:00-6:15pm
Thursday, December 22, 7:00-7:45pm (with the Combined Choirs)

CHRISTMAS EVE Saturday, December 24, 4:00pm Mass

Hark! The herald angels sing! Glory to the newborn King...

MORNING PRAYER

Mondays in Advent at 8:15am

When darkness gives way before the sun's light and a new day begins,
people of all religions have had their rites of morning.

The daily prayers of Christians were fashioned at first from very simple things:
the sign of the cross, the Lord's Prayer, a few verses and songs and psalms, intercessions.

This is the prayer of God's people, prompted by the cycle of our day, offered to the one who made us.

St. Thomas More's Deacon-in-Training John Fredette will lead us on this prayer journey.



Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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Director of Faith Formation
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Today
is a **RE.A.CH** day
Religious Education for Adolescents & Children
at
Church

YES, two weeks in a row!

PBJ Update
(Food for children at the
Emergency Crisis Center)

2011 GOAL: 365 jars
Collected to date: 421 jars

2011 count ends with the
church year next Sunday

2010 final count: 573

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

✦ IGNITE

As the winter season is upon us and Thanksgiving is a couple weeks away, we begin to see all the beauty and gifts that appear around us. Have we lost this season to the world? This year, we are going to prepare spiritually for the Advent season and we will reclaim the birth of our Savior 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.

✦ Children of Abraham

As High School Ministry, we have an awesome opportunity to worship our God with people of different faiths! We are going to celebrate a service with our brothers and sisters who are Jewish and Muslim. It is a really cool night, and I hope you join me November 23 at 7:00pm.

Middle School

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


Children of Abraham Interfaith Prayer Service

⬡ ✕ ☾★

Wednesday, November 23 • 7:00pm
St. Thomas More Catholic Church
1450 S. Melrose Dr., Oceanside (corner of Cannon Rd. & Melrose Dr.)
A reception will follow at 8:00pm

Bring your family, friends, and neighbors
to share in this time of blessing.

Sponsored by



Rabbi Laurie Coskey
Executive Director
Interfaith Committee for
Worker Justice



Reverend Michael Ratajczak
St. Thomas More Catholic Church



Imam Taha Hassane
Islamic Center of San Diego

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, realizing that we are all sisters and brothers sharing time together, only for a while, on this Planet Earth.

Religion should bring people together, not keep us apart!



Rabbi Ben Leinow
Congregation
B'nai Tikvah



Brother Nader Dehaini (I.)
Masjid Al-Ittehad

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

Stewardship & Development

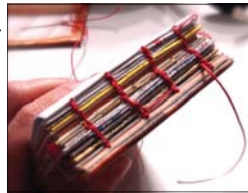
Serve God's People

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

Christian Stewardship "The Budget Book"

Long before Quicken existed to help manage personal finances, Tony and Dorothy Kerhin had a small burgundy book that contained about a dozen individual envelopes bound to its spine.

Embossed on the cardboard cover of this book was the word "Budget." This book of envelopes was the method they used to manage the modest income Tony earned as a postal employee. The envelopes were each labeled with one of the family's financial obligations and expenses.



The very first envelope in the budget was labeled "Church."

On Fridays, Tony would bring his check home and Dorothy would take care of cashing it. She would then divide the money into the envelopes. The church envelope was always filled first and it received its full budgeted amount every time.

Other envelopes on some of the leaner weeks might not be so lucky. With seven children in the family, unexpected expenses were the norm. Money might be borrowed from one envelope to lend to another, but the church funds would remain untouched until the weekly envelope needed to be filled.

They gave the first fruit of Tony's labor to God and in turn God rewarded their commitment with a life devoid of worries about money.

Tony and Dorothy were my mom and dad. I am still amazed at how they managed to raise our large family on such a meager income, yet always give the first portion to God.



"Look, besides the prayer and putting your trust in God, would you like me to go along with you to your tax audit?"

Their philosophy was that if God was given his share, there would always be enough for everything and everyone else. I have adopted their budget plan with my computer instead of a red book. No matter what bills there may be, the Sunday envelope receives its pledged amount.

And today, too, there is always enough.

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There is nothing wrong with possessing money, but there is always the danger that money may possess a person and that it may blind their vision to things spiritual.

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.

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

All gifts to St. Thomas More are deeply appreciated!

Collection for Week of November 5/6, 2011

Number of Registered Households		1,032
Offertory*	\$	16,538.35
Offertory (Loose Collection)		1,631.00
Children's envelopes		0.00
Total	\$	18,169.35

* Offertory envelopes, credit card withdrawals, automatic checking or savings account deductions (credit card and automatic bank account withdrawals are posted at STM on the 5th and/or 20th of each month).

Ways to Help Support Your Parish

We offer a variety of options for easier giving. In addition to the extra 'mail-back' envelopes included in your packet, we offer automatic credit card withdrawal (Visa, MC, or Discover) and automatic checking/savings account deduction. For more information, contact the Parish Office at 760-758-4100 x100 or parish_office@stmoside.org.

St. Francis and St. Thomas More Offertory Envelopes

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

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News from the Larger Church

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

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 a concert featuring Pedro Rubalcava on Saturday, November 19, at 8:00pm, and a concert featuring Bob Hurd on Saturday, December 3, at 8:00pm.

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.

St. Patrick Catholic School in Carlsbad (K-8)—accepting applications for the 2012-2013 school year. For more information contact 760-729-1333 x105 or www.stpaddys.org.

News from St. Francis Church



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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.

St. Francis Women's Guild is having an Arts and Crafts Bazaar on December 3-4. Mark your calendars and plan to shop for Christmas gifts! If you'd like to sell items at the bazaar, contact Cindy Bang at the St. Francis Parish Office, 760-945-8000.

Marriage & Family Life Corner

General Message—Looking for the perfect weekend? A weekend to bring you and your spouse closer together? A WWME weekend is exactly what you are looking for. At a Worldwide Marriage Encounter, the original and continually updated marriage enrichment program, you get away from the distractions of everyday life and focus on each other. Instead of simply listening to lectures about how to improve your marriage, you will actually be improving your marriage. Visit Worldwide Marriage Encounter at <http://www.wwme.org/> or contact Jen Frost at jennifermfrost@aol.com for more information.

The Bishops' Letter on Marriage—Annulments: "We encourage divorced persons who wish to marry in the Catholic Church to seek counsel about the options that exist to remedy their situation, including the suitability of a declaration of nullity when there is no longer any hope of reconciliation of the spouses. Such a declaration is a finding by a church tribunal, or court, that no valid marriage bond was formed because the requirements for valid consent were not met at the time of the wedding. If a declaration of nullity is granted, and there are no other restrictions, both parties are free to marry in the Catholic Church." To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

Marriage Moments—Want to get a "quiet spouse" to open up? Try going through old photos together or asking about his/her favorites (like a school memory, a relative, a children's story, childhood friends...)

Parenting Pointers—Nov. 11 was 11-11-11. Perhaps this coincidence of numbers can remind you of the mystery of how each child can be #1 in your heart, no matter how many you have. For fun, perhaps give your child 11 compliments, hugs, stickers, or M&Ms.

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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St. Thomas More Spirited Seniors

Presents a Trip to

Bernardo Winery

13330 Paseo del Verano, Rancho Bernardo

Thursday, December 8

Private Tour and Tasting

with Domestic California Cheese Platter

Transportation: Carpool from St. Thomas More parking lot
Meet at 9:45 am; wine tasting tour at 11:00am
Return whatever time your group chooses!
It is customary for each passenger to offer \$3 to driver

Cost: \$21.50 per person
non-refundable, if cancelled after December 1, 2011

RSVP Deadline: December 1 - See other side for registration form
Registrations accepted on a first-come, first-served basis
Questions? Contact Pat St. Pierre 760-732-3919

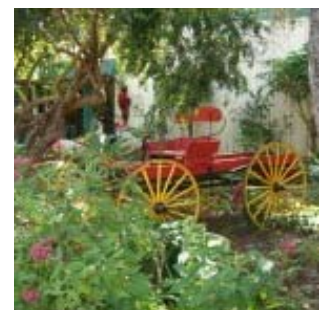
Includes a guided walking tour, private tasting of five wines with a Bernardo Winery Wine Steward; assorted California cheeses, roasted garlic, Olives, sundried tomatoes, goat cheese in fine herbs. Crackers and baguettes and finished off with a Bottle of Bernardo Winery Champagne or crisp Sparkling Moscato Rosé

Come for the wine tasting, then stay for awhile and explore over fourteen village shops, including perhaps a late lunch or early dinner at the *Sweet Pea Coffee Cottage* (offering a lighter fare of soup, sandwiches, or salad) or a more substantial meal at the *Café Merlot*. (Note that meals are at your own expense.)

This trip is open to all Spirited Senior members, guests, and other St. Thomas More and St. Francis Parishioners.

*Since Thursday, December 8, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, you are invited to join us at the 8:15am Mass before heading out on the excursion!
(There is also a 7:00pm Mass that day)*

See other side for registration form!



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

Please complete the registration form and place it in an envelope marked “Spirited Seniors Bernardo Winery Trip” with your check made to “St. Thomas More Spirited Seniors” and return it to the offertory collection or the Parish Office, Box 12, by December 1. For more information, contact Pat St. Pierre at 760-732-3919.

**The Spirited Seniors Bernardo Winery Tour
December 8, 2011
Registration forms due by December 1, 2011**

Name:	Telephone:	Today's Date:
Guest Name(s):	___ Carpool: I/we can drive and can accommodate #___ passengers.	
Total people ___ x \$21.50 = \$_____ (Checks payable to “St. Thomas More Spirited Seniors”)	___ Carpool: I/we would like a ride for #___ passengers.	



Return to Box 12 in the Parish Office or to the offertory collection basket during Mass.

WALKING MINISTRY SURVEY



“Know that you are the temple of God and that the spirit of God dwells in you.”

—1 Corinthians 3:16

Would you be interested in joining fellow Parishioners for a walk on a regular basis? All levels welcome!



Health Benefits

- Increase mobility
- Manage weight
- Improve cholesterol levels
- Manage/reduce risk of type 2 diabetes
- Lower blood pressure
- Reduce risk of osteoporosis

Social Benefits

- Improve mood
- Help with the grief process
- Share experiences and faith
- Make friends with fellow Parishioners



All it takes to reap these benefits is a routine of brisk walking. It doesn't get much simpler than that. Research shows that regular, brisk walking can reduce the risk of heart attack by the same amount as more vigorous exercise. And, walking with another person has been shown to help you stay motivated.

“Where two or three are gathered in His name...”

If we walk at least 1,000 steps once a week, that is equivalent to 1/2 mile. Some might want to do even more! We can walk around the Parish Center parking lot, which is beautiful during daytime hours and safely lit in the evening. Other locations are a possibility down the road...

For more information, contact Diane Pal at 760-815-2519.



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STM Walking Ministry Survey

Please complete and return to the Parish Office or the offertory collection basket by December 11.

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