

A Joyful Noise!—Sunday, November 20, 4:00pm. See page 6 for details.

St. Bonaventure  
Clothing Drive—  
Where's the truck?  
See page 5 for details.



A Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of San Diego

Spirituality † Tradition † Community

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

Mass Schedule  
Saturday at 5:00pm  
Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am  
Tuesday-Friday at 8:15am

Eucharistic Adoration  
Monday-Friday, 6:30am-7:30pm

Reconciliation (Confession)  
Saturday, 4:00-4:30pm

November 20, 2011 • Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

Pastor's Column

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What Kind of King Is He?

We gather together this weekend to celebrate the Eucharist on the Feast of Christ the King. Jesus is our King. We are his servants.

But what kind of King is he? The answer to that question will determine what kind of servants we are called to be.

As we read the Scriptures, we see that Jesus' kingship is not of the kind we see, or have seen, in our world. His is a contradiction to power, status, position, and privilege. Do we dare be called his servants?

The playwright, Eugene Ionesco, once said,

*The human comedy doesn't attract me enough.  
I am not entirely of this world...I am from elsewhere.  
And it is worth finding this elsewhere beyond the walls.  
But where is it?*

How do we go beyond the walls that this world builds? Is the "elsewhere" worth searching for? Jesus says, "Yes, it is." He helps us in the search, and makes the search worthwhile. He gives meaning to all of life, meaning that the world is not able to give.

Philip Yancey, in his book, *The Jesus I Never Knew*, describes how Jesus leads us to the Kingdom in the midst of this world:

*I feel convicted by this quality of Jesus every time I get involved in a cause I strongly believe in. How easy it is to join the politics of polarization, to find myself shouting across the picket lines at the 'enemy' on the other side. How hard it is to remember that the kingdom of God calls me to love the woman who has just emerged from the abortion*

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Join us for...

Children of Abraham Interfaith Prayer Service on Wednesday, November 23, at 7:00pm  
Thanksgiving Day Mass on Thursday, November 24, at 9:00am  
Advent Communal Reconciliation Service on Sunday, November 27, at 4:00pm

## 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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at 760-758-4100 x100 or parishoffice@stmoside.org.*

## 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](http://www.stmoside.org) for more details.

## Looking for Information on the Catholic Faith?

Are you interested in learning more about Catholicism, becoming a Catholic, or returning to the Catholic Church after being away?

*For information, call Kathleen Bell at 760-758-4100 x110.*

## STM Vehicle Donation Program

Do you have a vehicle you want to donate?  
The St. Thomas More program is easy!

Call us, and we'll have it picked up.

**You get the tax deduction!**

All we need is clear title. Non-operational is OK!

**Since 2006 we have netted over \$22,300  
from this program. Thank you donors!**



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*clinic (and, yes, even her doctor), the promiscuous person who is dying of AIDS, the wealthy landowner who is exploiting God's creation. If I cannot show love to such people, then I must question whether I have truly understood Jesus' gospel.*

*A political movement by nature draws lines, makes distinctions, pronounces judgment; in contrast, Jesus' love cuts across lines, transcends distinctions, and dispenses grace. Regardless of the merits of a given issue—whether a pro-life lobby out of the Right or a peace and justice lobby out of the Left—political movements risk pulling onto themselves the mantle of power that smothers love. From Jesus I learn that, whatever activism I get involved in, it must not drive out love and humility, or otherwise I betray the kingdom of heaven.*

As we honor our King, let us not betray him. Let us be a people of love and humility in all situations, not a people of power, a people of domination. Let us never draw lines, make distinctions, or pronounce judgments.

As his servants, we allow him to lead us to the elsewhere, beyond the walls of this world!

*F. A. Mike*

## Advent Reconciliation Services at Local Parishes

Date	Time	Parish
<b>Sun, Nov. 27</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>	<b>St. Thomas More, Oceanside</b>
Mon, Nov. 28	7:00pm	St. Margaret, Oceanside
Thu, Dec. 1	1:00pm	St. Francis, Vista
Thu, Dec. 1	7:00pm	St. Francis, Vista
Mon, Dec. 5	7:00pm	Nativity, Rancho Santa Fe
Tue, Dec. 6	6:30pm	St. James, Solana Beach
Wed, Dec. 7	7:00pm	St. Patrick, Carlsbad
Fri, Dec. 9	6:30pm	Mary Star of the Sea, Oceanside
Tue, Dec. 13	7:00pm	St. John, Encinitas
Thu, Dec. 15	7:00pm	Mission San Luis Rey, Oceanside
Fri, Dec. 16	7:00pm	St. Elizabeth Seton, Carlsbad
Sat, Dec. 17	10:00am	Mission San Luis Rey, Oceanside
Mon, Dec. 19	6:30pm	St. Mark, San Marcos
Tue, Dec. 20	6:00pm	St. Peter, Fallbrook

## 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](mailto:actts@stmoside.org) or visit [www.yamsd.org](http://www.yamsd.org).

## Catholic Widows and Widowers of North County

Usually meets the second Sunday of each month for a general meeting and potluck. Generally on the fourth Sunday of each month, we meet for Mass at various Parishes in North County followed by a meal at a nearby restaurant. Contact Gerri Wilmott at 760-758-9949 or Carol Kope at 760-726-0533 for more information and specific dates.

**Readings for the Week Ahead**  
 Sunday Year A; Weekday Year I  
 Readings online at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org).

**Sunday, November 20** (160)  
*Our Lord Jesus Christ the King*  
 Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17  
 Psalm 23:1-3,5-6  
 1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28  
 Matthew 25:31-46

**Monday, November 21** (503)  
*The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
 Daniel 1:1-6,8-20  
 Daniel 3:52-56 (Psalm)  
 Luke 21:1-4

**Tuesday, November 22** (504)  
*Cecilia, virgin, martyr*  
 Daniel 2:31-45  
 Daniel 3:57-61 (Psalm)  
 Luke 21:5-11

**Wednesday, November 23** (505)  
*Clement I, pope, martyr; Columban, abbot; Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, priest, martyr*  
 Daniel 5:1-6,13-14,16-17,23-28  
 Daniel 3:62-67 (Psalm)  
 Luke 21:12-19

**Thursday, November 24** (943/4/5/7/)  
*Andrew Dung-Lac, priest, martyr, and his companions, martyrs*  
*Thanksgiving Day*  
 Sirach 50:22-24  
 Psalm 138:1-3,7  
 1 Corinthians 1:3-9  
 Luke 17:11-19

**Friday, November 25** (507)  
*Catherine of Alexandria, virgin, martyr*  
 Daniel 7:2-14  
 Daniel 3:75-81 (Psalm)  
 Luke 21:29-33

**Saturday, November 26** (508)  
 Daniel 7:15-27  
 Daniel 3:82-87 (Psalm)  
 Luke 21:34-36

**Sunday, November 27** (2)  
 Isaiah 63:16b-17,19b; 64:2-7  
 Psalm 80:2-3,15-16,18-19  
 1 Corinthians 1:3-9  
 Mark 13:33-37

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

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|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Mary Alexander              | Bob McWilliams                   |
| Laura Allenfort             | Joyce Meehan                     |
| Emily Allison               | Kalei Mendiola                   |
| Lucia Ambriz                | Phyllis Minaya                   |
| Phyllis Bader               | June Mitchell                    |
| Mary Balli                  | Nancy Moore                      |
| Alexandra Banwell           | Redgie Mucambo                   |
| Jose Luis Barbosa           | Conrad Murphy                    |
| Patricia Barbour            | Margie Myers                     |
| Clarice Bednarz             | Cosmo Nocida                     |
| John Bennici                | Helen O'Connell                  |
| Regina Bentz                | Heidi Olson                      |
| Roseanne Berg               | Juanita Matamala Pacheco         |
| George "Whitey" Betus       | Bernadette Padovan               |
| Mary Betz                   | Art Pallo                        |
| Betty Jean Bielich          | Lupe Casas Pelletier             |
| Lynda Brady                 | The Peralta Family               |
| The Brogan Family           | Helen Pingtella                  |
| Monica Broussard            | Douglas Price-Williams           |
| George Brown                | The Rasmon Family                |
| Janet Brown                 | Jack Riley                       |
| The Burke & Trotta Families | Clinton Ritchie                  |
| The Butler Family           | Rita Ritchie                     |
| Maria Cabage                | Joanne Robinson                  |
| The Cadieux Family          | Maria Rogers                     |
| Shelby Campbell             | Dorothy Rouse                    |
| Brianne Campos              | The Russo Family                 |
| Claudia Caplinger           | Kimberly Schlunt                 |
| Paul Cassidy                | Linda Schmidt                    |
| Lolly Cervantes             | The Douglas E. Schulte Family    |
| Pat Christopherson          | Concetta Sdao                    |
| Dick Clarke                 | Pete Serle & Family              |
| Dolly Cole                  | Bob, Joan, & Julie Shea          |
| Carl Coleman                | Elizabeth Shirzad                |
| James Coleman               | Richard Sikora                   |
| Zach Cornwell               | Jeanne Sisson                    |
| Karen Flaharty Daley        | Mike Snyder                      |
| Robert Daly                 | Nick Soltau                      |
| Beverly de Gelder           | Fred Spiegl                      |
| The De Stout Family         | Gilda Spiegl                     |
| Stephanie de Villeneuve     | Darek, Vanessa, & Elba Spizewski |
| Cecilia DeSimone            | Dorothy Staehr                   |
| Judith DiMatteo             | Ted Stanislawski                 |
| John Drazkowski, Jr.        | The Stephens Family              |
| Sharon Evans                | Pete Sullivan                    |
| Chuck Fay                   | Maria Surmenidis                 |
| The Fiore Family            | David Sweet                      |
| Dan Fletcher                | Sarah Tillinghast                |
| Ryan Flum                   | Stephen Toth, Jr.                |
| Matthew Foster              | John Treat                       |
| Kathryn Franklin            | Mary Tysko & Family              |
| Joe Freire                  | Laurie Updyke                    |
| Brian Frink                 | Barbara Upson                    |
| Carmen Garcia               | Arnie Velasco                    |
| The Dave Gonzales Family    | Silvana Vettese                  |
| Rick Gonzalez               | Bob Vita                         |
| Eileen Gough                | Vanessa Vitiello-Koble           |
| Rosemary Haeffelin          | Kevin Watson-Graff               |
| Susan Hallahan              | John Whitton                     |
| The Harker Family           | Silvia Wrozs                     |
| Elizabeth Harrison          | Bill & Katrina Zynda             |

**Calendar Highlights**

More details at [www.stmoside.org](http://www.stmoside.org),  
 Schedule and Calendar

**The Week Ahead**

- Nov 20 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
- 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

**The Month Ahead**

- 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 10 Christmas Angel Stocking Stuffing Party
- 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
- July 16-20 Vacation Bible Camp

**Pray for Women Religious**

Please join us in praying for the women religious who serve in the Diocese of San Diego. They have been assigned to days of the year in alphabetical order.

November 21	Sr. M. Imelda Mission, MC
November 22	Sr. Theresa Monroe, RSCJ
November 23	Sr. Sanjuana Mora, CVI
November 24	Sr. Nora Murphy, OP
November 25	Sr. Sheila Murphy, RSM
November 26	Sr. Ancilla Murray, OCD
November 27	Sr. Margaret Murray, CSJ

**Mass Intentions**

Saturday, November 19, 5:00pm	Deceased Members of the Tutino & Lavelle Families ☩
Sunday, November 20, 8:30am	Ernesto Vettese ☩
Sunday, November 20, 10:30am	Dominic Vienna, Sr. ☩
Tuesday, November 22, 8:15am	Donna Sweeney ☩
Wednesday, November 23, 8:15am	Ida Fromm ☩
Thursday, November 24, 9:00am	Rev. Michael Ratajczak
Friday, November 25, 8:15am	Jane Grassilli
Saturday, November 26, 5:00pm	Tom & Pat Hannon
Sunday, November 27, 8:30am	J. C. Gonzalez ☩
Sunday, November 20, 10:30am	Vance & Freda Schweitzer ☩

**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

## In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

**Robert Michael Butler**, who died last week. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, December 1, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep his parents, Robert and Patricia, and the family in your prayers.

**Angelita Rasmon**, who died last week. Her Funeral Mass was celebrated at Mission San Luis Rey. Please keep her family in your prayers.

**Ed Stewart**, who died on November 5. Please keep his mother, Parishioner Sue Lyon, 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.*

## Spirited Seniors to Tour Bernardo Winery

Join the Spirited Seniors for a tour and wine tasting at the Bernardo Winery in Rancho Bernardo on Thursday, December 8, leaving the Parish parking lot at 9:00am. Flyers available at the information table on the Plaza or in the Parish Office. For more information, contact Pat St. Pierre at 760-732-3919.

## 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.

## 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 World Mission Sunday Collection

**\$1,991.72**

## 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](http://www.stmoside.org), click on Contact Us, then click on Scrip
3. Email at [scrip@stmoside.org](mailto: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.

### Christmas Angels

Yes, there really is a Christmas Tree on the plaza this soon! The 2011 Christmas Angel program has begun in order to meet the needs and timelines of the local charities we service. It gives the Parishioners of STM 3-4 weeks to purchase gifts and return them so volunteers can sort, buy any needed items, package, and deliver everything in time for the Christmas parties, Santa's workshops, etc., which are usually by the December 15.

Please help make this year a successful one. Choose your ornaments early and be ready for the sales that are right around the corner! Also consider being a volunteer angel. Thank you in advance, STM Parishioners, for your time and generosity.

*John & Marti Harper, 760-724-1181 or [4johnmysangel@cox.net](mailto:4johnmysangel@cox.net)*

### Social Justice

#### A Reflection: Are Charity and Justice the Same?

Parish social ministry has two distinct qualities: charity and justice. Although often thought of as one, each has dimensions distinct from the other. Catholics are familiar with charity—direct giving and hands-on care and support of the poor among us. It is lived by serving and providing for the “least of these.” Through the centuries Christians have been known and recognized for and by their concern for their fellow sisters and brothers.

The quality of justice in social ministry is lived in the world of work, family, and citizenship. We are called to be informed and active citizens who advocate for the vulnerable who suffer discrimination and injustice. This is done by addressing the underlying social causes of individual problems, working for long-term social change through just laws and fair social structures, and advocating for the rights of individuals, families, and all of creation.

Anchored in prayer, education, and worship, every Catholic is challenged not only to serve those in need, but to be informed and active citizens. To do this we must be open to ideas from all sides of an issue, not just one. We cannot forget that we pursue the kingdom of God, not some earthly vision or ideological cause.

### Culture of Life News

Thanks to all who participated in and/or sponsored Life Walk 2011. St. Thomas More was in the top ten (#9) of amounts pledged by groups with \$3,050 in pledges! Proceeds assist Life Perspectives in providing educational programs related to respecting life from womb to tomb.

## 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

Thank you to all who attended the Harvest Bingo Luncheon. We had a good meeting, good food, and lots of fun with the bingo playing and the prizes. A special thank you to all members who helped.

We did sell a few more quilted items and that will be the end of our sale until next fall. Thanks again to all of you who helped—making items and buying items. It was very successful.

We are looking to December now for a special Christmas Luncheon next month. Watch for details in coming weeks. We are also in the middle of plans for our Fashion Show in February, so save these dates: December 12 and February 18.

See you all next time and remember ASAP (always say a prayer).

—Vera Bayliss, President

### St. Bonaventure Clothing Drive Results

A frequent question this past weekend was, “Why is there no truck for the St. Bonaventure Indian Mission and School clothing drive?” The answer is the truck had mechanical problems before the drivers left New Mexico. Instead of a large enclosed truck, they came with a van and car-hauler trailer. On Saturday the drivers built sides on the trailer to accommodate the bags of donated clothing. It was a good thing they made the modifications, because the van and trailer were filled to capacity by Sunday noon.

In spite of heavy rain during the Saturday drop-off period, an improvised transport vehicle, and replacement of a damaged trailer tire, the clothing drive was very successful. Thanks to all the Parishioners, their families, and neighbors for their generous donation of clothing. Many donated items will be distributed to the Navajo community at the Mission’s annual Christmas dinner and give-away event. Remaining items will be sold in their thrift store.

### 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 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. 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](mailto:gayvert@cox.net).

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

### Pledge Statistics as of November 20

Phase II		# of Families Responding
<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>\$1,573,187</b>	<b>760</b>
<b>Still Needed</b>	<b>\$426,813</b>	<b>271</b>
<b>Total Goal</b>	<b>\$2,000,000</b>	<b>1,031</b>
<b>Total Collected</b>	<b>\$1,487,164</b>	



† 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 \$1.5 million toward our goal of \$2 million.

† Please pray for our success in the next two months.

† **ADDITIONAL DONATIONS WELCOME!!!**

[www.stmoside.org](http://www.stmoside.org); click on Our New Church.  
Chris Smith, Director of Stewardship and Development  
760-758-4100 x120 or [chriss@stmoside.org](mailto:chriss@stmoside.org)

### Parish Financial Report

The annual financial report for fiscal year 2010-2011 is available on the Parish website, [www.stmoside.org](http://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](http://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 were attached to the bulletin last 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

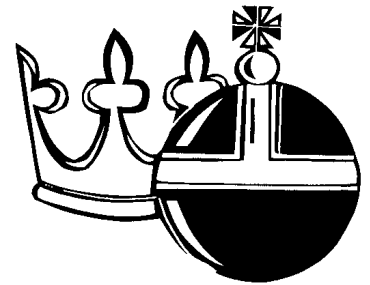
Worship God

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

# Coming Events

MORNING  
PRAYER

Mondays in Advent  
8:15am  
John Fredette will lead us!



## A JOYFUL NOISE!!

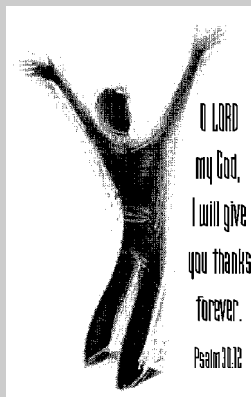
St. Thomas More's  
SANCTUARY CHOIR &  
HANDBELL CHOIR

in concert 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.

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



### Upcoming Music

NOVEMBER 27  
1st Sunday  
of Advent

5:00pm Mass  
Handbell Choir

8:30am Mass  
Praise Team

10:30am Mass  
Sanctuary Choir



### Children's Christmas Choir

All children, grades 2-8,  
are invited to sing in the  
Children's Christmas Choir.

#### 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

JOIN US!!!

## PARISH NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

begins  
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 this Wednesday, November 23.

The novena will take place at the end of the daily morning Mass and continue at subsequent morning Masses on November 23, 25, 29, 30, and December 1, 2, 6, 7, and 9. We will not pray the novena on Thanksgiving or the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.



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

# Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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

## 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



Rabbi Ben Leinow  
Congregation  
B'nai Tikvah

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!



Brother Nader Dehaini (I.)  
Masjid Al-Ittehad

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

### YOUTH MINISTRY

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

#### High School

##### ✦ IGNITE

Give MORE! Leading into the holiday season, how can we give more than just the regular things in life. What can we sacrifice! Let's center our hearts and become new this winter season.

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

##### ✦ 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

December 4 and 11 are the next meetings for EDGE at 5:00pm. It's a busy season, so be sure it's on your calendar. It is always a blessing seeing you all here.



## Today is a RE.A.CH day at Home

Parents,

Keep in mind that the second halves of November and December are not "vacation from Religious Education." Check the Annual Plan—there are Home Sessions for each of these 4 weeks. Please be faithful to them. Our next Church Session is December 4.

Plan to join us for the Parish Communal Penance Service on November 27 at 4:00pm.

### PBJ Update

2011 GOAL: 365 jars  
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## Christian Stewardship Be a Good Steward of Thanksgiving Day

Your Thanksgiving Day can be more than just enjoying a great meal and turning on the television to search for the traditional parades and football games. How about expressing your stewardship of this day in a more meaningful way? Here are some suggestions for making Thanksgiving an opportunity for expressing our gratitude to the Lord in creative ways:

- † **Go to Mass and count your blessings.** Start the day off on a positive note and celebrate the Eucharist. In your prayer reflect on five things you are most grateful for in your life. Then reflect on how you can be an even better steward of these gifts. (9:00am Mass at St. Thomas More, November 24)
- † **Write “I’m thankful for you” cards** and give them out or email them on Thanksgiving (or mail them beforehand).
- † **Share your Thanksgiving meal** with someone who is alone this Thanksgiving. Look for someone, such as a neighbor, co-worker, fellow parishioner, college student or armed services personnel who may be separated from family and ask them to join in your Thanksgiving dinner.
- † **Practice ecumenism!** Many parishes make Thanksgiving an opportune time to join in ecumenical services with other Christian worshipping communities, or interfaith activities and programs with non-Christian centers of worship. (Join us at STM for Children of Abraham, Wed., Nov. 23, 7:00pm.)
- † **Visit the sick.** Check with hospitals, assisted living facilities or nursing homes in the area to see if there are volunteer opportunities to visit with patients or residents on that day.
- † **Help someone if you can.** Extend your generosity and blessings beyond your own family. Be part of an adopt-a-family effort, help distribute food baskets, or bring canned foods or clothing to Catholic Charities or Brother Bennos.
- † **Volunteer your time** at a soup kitchen to help prepare and serve Thanksgiving dinners to others.
- † **Take a walk.** Find a place to enjoy God’s gift of creation. Head out the door for a refreshing walk. Invite family, friends or others to share the experience too.
- † **Most important!** Take advantage of the Thanksgiving holiday to focus on what you’re grateful for and the things you appreciate about yourself and others. It is an ideal time to remember and to celebrate the many blessings in our lives.

—Excerpted from ICSC Parish Newsletter, November 2011  
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*Thank you, Lord, for all your blessings great and small.*

## 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 November 12/13, 2011

Number of Registered Households		1,031
Offertory*	\$	6,091.67
Offertory (Loose Collection)		1,100.00
Children's envelopes		1.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,192.67</b>

\* 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](mailto:barfive@cox.net) or 866-473-7730.

**Retrouvaille for Troubled Marriages**—Call 951-259-9474 or visit [www.RetroCA.com](http://www.RetroCA.com).

**Young Adult Ministry Activities in San Diego County**—Visit [www.yamsd.org](http://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](http://www.sanluisrey.org) or call 760-757-3659 for details on upcoming events, including a concert featuring Bob Hurd on Saturday, December 3, at 8:00pm.

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**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.

**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](http://www.prejean.org)). Hosted by the Ignatian Volunteer Corps. For more information, contact 619-881-9509 or [mcarroll@ivcusa.org](mailto: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](http://www.stpaddys.org).

**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](http://www.ivcusa.org) or contact 619-881-9509.

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

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

### Marriage & Family Life Corner

**The Bishops' Letter on Marriage—Effects of cohabitation:** "Social science research, however, finds that cohabitation has no positive effects on a marriage. In some cases, cohabitation can in fact harm a couple's chances for a stable marriage. More importantly, though, cohabitation involves the serious sin of fornication. It does not conform to God's plan for marriage and is always wrong and objectively sinful." To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

**Marriage Moments**—Whether or not you travel over Thanksgiving, remember those who can't afford a plane ticket, gas, or even a pair of shoes, or worse—don't have a loved one with whom to share the day. Our bounty is not deserved, but a gift. Give some of it away.

**Parenting Pointers**—With Thanksgiving approaching, consider how the president pardons a turkey. Is there a relative you need to pardon or make peace with? Perhaps the turkey is you. Forgive yourself.

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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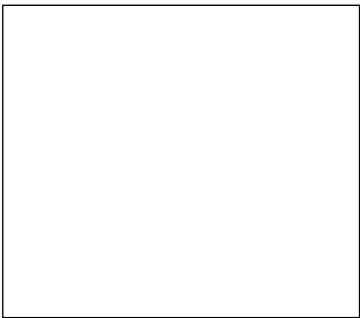
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