

# Church of St. Thomas More

A Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of San Diego

Spirituality † Tradition † Community



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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

December 4, 2011 • Second Sunday of Advent



## Children of Abraham Interfaith Prayer Service—

Jews, Christians, and Muslims gathered the evening before Thanksgiving at St. Thomas More to pray and celebrate together.



## Pastor's Column

### The Christian Reflection from the Children of Abraham Prayer Service

*This is the reflection that I gave at the Children of Abraham Prayer Service on the Eve of Thanksgiving, Wednesday, November 23, 2011.*

From time to time, I think about what would have happened to me if I were born a Jew or a Muslim? Now I think there may be some Jewish blood in me. My mother's family is from Poland, and her maiden name was Zacharias—a very Jewish sounding name. But I digress...

I was born a Christian, a Catholic Christian, and I became a priest. I truly believe that if I had been born a Jew, I would be a Rabbi today, and if I had been born a Muslim, I would be an Imam today.

Why? Because I was born with a yearning and longing for things spiritual, and a desire to talk about God and to encourage and help others find God and rely upon God for their journey of life.

I still remember one of the first questions of my childhood Catechism, and for me it summed up my entire existence. "Why did God make me?" "God made me, to know God, to love God, and to serve God in this world, and to be happy with God forever

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Join us for...

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Thursday, December 8—Masses at 8:15am and 7:00pm

What's Inside?—A Virtual Tour of the Interior of Our New Church, Wednesday, December 14, 7:00pm

## **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

*For further information, contact the Parish Office  
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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760-758-4100 x100 or [parishoffice@stmoside.org](mailto:parishoffice@stmoside.org)**

*Pastor's Column (continued from page 1)*

in heaven." So with this spiritual yearning, I relied upon the context into which I was born: my Catholicism.

I first learned from my parents who taught me their spirituality—by teaching me their prayers, by taking me to Mass on Sundays, and by their example of right living—their love of family and neighbor. Then I continued to develop my spirituality by relying on what the Catholic religion taught me through grade school, high school, college, and seminary.

Catholicism's doctrines, pastoral practices, rituals, activities, and so on, all helped me grow in spirituality, until that time when I made a decision to be a priest. And then, the Church affirmed the call that I believed that I heard from God to be a priest, and then the Church invited me into the priesthood.

I believe that I would have followed the same kind of journey if I was born into a Jewish or Muslim context. And I would have become a Rabbi or an Imam.

My point here is that we rely upon religion, whatever that Faith Tradition may be, to help us develop, grow, and mature into spiritual beings: to see this world in a different way, to see the world through the eyes of God.

This is the purpose of all religion, the purpose of all Faith Traditions, to see the world through the eyes of God.

We gather together this evening as people of different religions, but gather together as people of a common spirituality.

We gather together as a people who look at the world through the eyes of God—a God who loves all people, and who makes no distinctions about race, color, ethnic background, educational or economic status, sexual orientation, and creed.

The clergy here with you tonight are people who practice their religions in order to become more spiritual beings.

And to become more spiritual beings, we must be a people who love and serve all people without distinction.

In the Apostle Paul's letter to the Church in Corinth, he talks about the three greatest gifts: faith, hope, and love. And he concludes that love is the greatest of gifts! He says: "If I have faith to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing!" Think about that: faith without love is nothing. If I am a faithful Jew, a faithful Christian, or a faithful Muslim, but do not have love, it means nothing.

God is not interested in our rituals and practices if we fail to be loving people, if we fail to care for others without distinction.

It is love, the greatest gift, as Paul states that propels us beyond faith and religion and into spirituality. It is in this area of spirituality which is beyond religion where we peoples of different faiths, different traditions can meet and celebrate our existence, our diversity, and our short time on earth.

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, a Jesuit priest who was a theologian and a scientist, once said: "We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience."

This is how and why we gather tonight. We come together as spiritual beings to celebrate our lives and our faiths, and to recommit ourselves to love, and to building a more just, peaceful and loving world.

We know that faith, hope, love remain, these three, but the greatest of these is love!

May our time together today deepen our commitment to be lovers...lovers of God and lovers of all that God has made!

**Readings for the Week Ahead**

Sunday Year B; Weekday Year II  
Readings online at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org).

**Sunday, December 4 (5)**

*Second Sunday of Advent*  
Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11  
Psalm 85:9-14  
2 Peter 3:8-14  
Mark 1:1-8

**Monday, December 5 (181)**

Isaiah 35:1-10  
Psalm 85:9-14  
Luke 5:17-26

**Tuesday, December 6 (182)**

*Nicholas, bishop*  
Isaiah 40:1-11  
Psalm 96:1-3,10-13  
Matthew 18:12-14

**Wednesday, December 7 (183)**

*Ambrose, bishop, doctor*  
Isaiah 40:25-31  
Psalm 103:1-4,8,10  
Matthew 11:28-30

**Thursday, December 8 (689)**

*Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
Genesis 3:9-15,20  
Psalm 98:1-4  
Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12  
Luke 1:26-38

**Friday, December 9 (185)**

*Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin*  
Isaiah 48:17-19  
Psalm 1:1-4,6  
Matthew 11:16-19

**Saturday, December 10 (186)**

Sirach 48:1-4,9-11  
Psalm 80:2-3,15-16,18-19  
Matthew 17:9a,10-13

**Sunday, December 11 (8)**

*Third Sunday of Advent*  
Isaiah 61:1-2a,10-11  
Luke 1:46-50,53-54 (Psalm)  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24  
John 1:6-8,19-28

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

Mary Alexander  
Laura Allenfort  
Emily Allison  
Lucia Ambriz  
Phyllis Bader  
Mary Balli  
Alexandra Banwell  
Jean Carlos Barbosa  
Jose Luis Barbosa  
Patricia Barbour  
Clarice Bednarz  
John Bennici  
Regina Bentz  
Roseanne Berg  
George "Whitey" Betus  
Mary Betz  
Betty Jean Bielich  
Lynda Brady  
Roy Bristol  
Monica Broussard  
George Brown  
Janet Brown  
Mary Bruzas  
The Butler Family  
Maria Cabage  
Shelby Campbell  
Brianna Campos  
Claudia Caplinger  
Paul Cassidy  
Lolly Cervantes  
Pat Christopherson  
Dick Clarke  
Dolly Cole  
Carl Coleman  
James Coleman  
Zach Cornwell  
Karen Flaharty Daley  
The Daly & Hanratty Families  
Beverly de Gelder  
Cecilia DeSimone  
Judith DiMatteo  
Sara Dodge  
John Draskowski, Jr.  
Bev Duncan  
Sharon Evans  
Chuck Fay  
The Fiore Family  
Dan Fletcher  
Ryan Flum  
Matthew Foster  
Kathryn Franklin  
Joe Freire  
Brian Frink  
Carmen Garcia  
Rick Gonzalez  
Eileen Gough  
Rosemary Haeffelin  
Susan Hallahan  
Elizabeth Harrison  
Harry  
Lilian Hills  
Susan Hori  
Iolanda Iacobelli  
Sue Johnston  
Eileen Jones  
Paul Kennedy  
Peggy Kiernan  
Debbie Kinney  
Dewey Kolbo  
Helen Kuhn  
Carrie Labadie  
Lillian Lachance  
The Lamelin Family  
The Laub Family  
Roland & Christopher Lawrence  
Brandon LeBlanc  
Myles Levine  
Ashley Load  
Cassandra Loretto  
Lauren Loretto  
Richard Lynn  
The Lyon & Stewart Families  
James MacArthur  
Joaquin Maldonado  
Nancy Marley  
Chandler May  
Bob McWilliams  
Kalei Mendiola  
Phyllis Minaya  
June Mitchell  
Nancy Moore  
Redgie Mucambo  
Conrad Murphy  
Margie Myers  
Cosmo Nocida  
Helen O'Connell  
Heidi Olson  
Juanita Matamala Pacheco  
Bernadette Padovan  
Art Palle  
Lupe Casas Pelletier  
Helen Pingtella  
Douglas Price-Williams  
Hal & Lorraine Radcliffe  
Mrs. Radilinski  
The Rasmon Family  
Sr. Esther Reyes  
Clinton Ritchie  
Rita Ritchie  
Joanne Robinson  
Maria Rogers  
Dorothy Rouse  
The Russo Family  
The Scharbarth 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 & Gilda Spiegel  
Darek, Vanessa, & Elba Spizewski  
Dorothy Staehr  
Ted Stanislawski  
The Stephens Family  
Pete Sullivan  
Maria Surmenidis  
David Sweet  
Jim Thompson, Jr.  
The Tiernan & Gayvert Families  
Sarah Tillinghast  
Stephen Toth, Jr.  
John Treat  
Mary Tysko & Family  
Laurie Updyke  
Arnie Velasco  
Silvana Vettese  
Bob Vita  
Vanessa Vitiello-Koble  
Ashley Wandell  
Kevin Watson-Graff  
John Whitton  
Silvia Wrozs  
Patricia Zavala  
Bill & Katrina Zynda

**Calendar Highlights**

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

**The Week Ahead**

Dec 4 Liturgy of the Word for  
Children at 8:30am Mass  
Dec 4 RE.A.CH Classes at Church  
including high school

**The Month Ahead**

Dec 6-7 Restaurant Fundraiser at  
Mortony's Pasta House  
Dec 8 Immaculate Conception of  
the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Masses at 8:15am and  
7:00pm  
Dec 8 Spirited Seniors  
Bernardo Winery Trip  
Dec 9 Men's Fellowship  
Dec 10 Christmas Angel Stocking  
Stuffing Party at 9:00am  
Dec 11 Liturgy of the Word for  
Children at 8:30am Mass  
Dec 11 RE.A.CH classes at church,  
including high school  
Dec 12 Women's Guild Luncheon  
Dec 24 Vigil of Christmas  
Masses at 4:00pm,  
6:00pm, and 10:00pm  
(caroling at 9:30pm)  
Dec 25 Christmas Day  
Masses at 8:30am and  
10:30am

**2012**

Jan 9 Women's Guild Luncheon  
Jan 11 Diocesan Council of  
Catholic Women,  
Oceanside Deanery,  
at STM  
Jan 14-31 Stewardship Awareness and  
Renewal  
Jan 15 RE.A.CH classes at church  
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.

December 5	Sr. Francisca Olvera, OLVM
December 6	Sr. Ramona Oppenheim, MM
December 7	Sr. Eugenia Mayela Ortega, HCJS
December 8	Sr. Jane O'Shaughnessy, RSCJ
December 9	Sr. Carol Pack, SSS
December 10	Sr. Maria Imelda Padilla, DCJ
December 11	Sr. Maria Pascuzzi, CSJ

**Mass Intentions**

Saturday, December 3, 5:00pm	Bill Carrothers ☩
Sunday, December 4, 8:30am	Nicholas Angelucci, Sr. ☩
Sunday, December 4, 10:30am	Donn Wilmott ☩
Tuesday, December 6, 8:15am	Terence Flanagan ☩
Wednesday, December 7, 8:15am	Donna Smith
Wednesday, December 7, 9:30am	Corinne McCall <i>Emeritus at Oceanside</i>
Thursday, December 8, 8:15am	Jo Stephens ☩
Thursday, December 8, 7:00pm	Cathy Davis
Friday, December 9, 8:15am	Irene Nelson ☩
Saturday, December 10, 5:00pm	Perla Wade ☩
Sunday, December 11, 8:30am	Agnes Windhausen ☩
Sunday, December 11, 10:30am	Marge Heath ☩

**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  
Grant Fischer  
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 & Lia Haubert & Family  
William & Katrina Zynda

### In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

**Henrietta Tiernan**, who died on November 19. Her funeral services were celebrated in Denver, Colorado. Please keep her daughter, Parishioner Nancy Gayvert, and the family in your prayers.

**Robert Castro**, who died on November 19. His funeral arrangements are pending. Please keep his wife, Josie, and the family in your prayers.

**John Laub**, who died on November 21. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, December 6, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep his wife, Ruth, and the family in your prayers.

**Robert Daly**, who died on November 21. His funeral will be in May 2012. Please keep his mother, Parishioner Dorothy Hanratty, and the family in your prayers.

**Kathleen Scharbarth**, who died on November 25. Her funeral arrangements are pending. Please keep her daughter, a student at St. Francis School, her mother, a teacher at St. Francis School, and the family in your prayers.

**Eileen Russo**, who died on November 29. Her funeral services are pending. Please keep her daughter, Parishioner Lena Rumps, and the family in your prayers.

### Advent Reconciliation Services at Local Parishes

Date	Time	Parish
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

### STM Scrip News

**TRY US NOW! FREE Fundraising.**  
**Earn money for the Building Fund AND**  
**do your Christmas shopping at the same time!**

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

### Christmas Angels

If you still have the small “stocking” gifts to return, please bring to the Parish Office by **this Wednesday, December 7, at the latest**, as we need to prepare for the stuffing party. **Please note:** the stocking/gift bag stuffing party will be on Saturday, **December 10 at 9:00am** on the lower level. (**not 8:00am!**)

Please continue to take star and snowflake ornaments from the tree and return those gifts by **Sunday, December 11**.

Thank you for the warm response to the Camp Pendleton family adoptions. We have currently adopted 40 families! Those gifts need to be returned to the Parish Office **no later than Wednesday, December 14**.

*John & Marti Harper at 760-724-1181 or  
4johnmysangel@cox.net*

### 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).

### 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!

### Little Rock Scripture Study

St. Clement of Alexandria refers to John's Gospel as a “spiritual gospel” because of John's desire to explore and explain the deeper meaning of Jesus' words and actions. Please join Little Rock Scripture Study beginning Wednesday, January 4, at 9:00am or Thursday, January 5, at 7:00pm for 15 sessions exploring St. John's gospel and the Johannine Letters. St. John was moved by the Holy Spirit to write his gospel so “that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name” (John 20:31). Join your faith family and fellow sojourners at STM as we continue on our journey supporting each other with love, compassion and forgiveness as we listen to the living “Word of God.” Registration forms are available at the information table on the Plaza after weekend Masses or in the Parish Office during the week.



## 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

Hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving Holiday. And now we look to the last meeting for 2011. For December’s Luncheon we are making plans for a special meeting. Please save Monday, December 12, so you can attend. This year we are celebrating Mexico as our country (last year we did Poland) and “Our Lady of Guadalupe” which falls in December. Our program will include traditions and food from Mexico. Please call Vera at 760-739-9061 or Siggie at 760-994-4727 for reservations. The meeting will start at 11:00am on the lower level of the Parish Center.

Next board meeting is December 5. We are meeting at St. Thomas More and will car pool to our location.

Remember especially for the season coming up—be kinder than necessary, for everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle.

### Women’s Guild Christmas Raffle Reminder

Please return raffle tickets by December 12 to make sure they will be included in the December 19 raffle. Good luck!



### Walk into the Future . . .

#### Come See the Interior of Our New Church Wednesday, December 14, 7:00pm

Years in the design, our permanent church building is nearly ready to begin construction. With groundbreaking on the new worship space slated for January 2012, what better way to celebrate than to take a virtual tour of the interior of the new building in December?

Come and see for yourself what hours of town hall meetings and committee discussions have accomplished! Presented by the project’s Liturgical Consultant, Robert Habiger, this extended presentation will answer all your questions about the inside of our church building.

Robert is an Associate of Dekker/Perich/Sabatini and directs the religious practice area for the firm. A registered architect since 1975, he has over 40 years experience with all types of architecture, with an emphasis in ecclesiastical projects. His projects are known for their participatory design process and creative design solutions.



### Walking Ministry Survey

Remember to submit your completed surveys by December 11. Paper copies are available at the information table on the Plaza after weekend Masses or in the Parish Office during the week. You may also fill out the survey online—go to the Parish website ([stmoside.org](http://stmoside.org)), then click on Quick Clicks. For more information, contact Diane Pal at 760-815-2519.

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

### Pledge Statistics as of November 29

Phase II		# of Families Responding
<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>\$1,577,857</b>	<b>765</b>
<b>Still Needed</b>	<b>\$422,143</b>	<b>265</b>
<b>Total Goal</b>	<b>\$2,000,000</b>	<b>1,030</b>
<b>Total Collected</b>	<b>\$1,507,795</b>	



† We have now heard from 74% of the Parish and we have collected \$1.5 million toward our goal of \$2 million.

† Please pray for our success in the final month of Phase II.

† **ADDITIONAL GIFTS WELCOME!!!**

† 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!!!

[www.stmoside.org](http://www.stmoside.org); click on Our New Church.

Chris Smith, Director of Stewardship and Development  
760-758-4100 x120 or [chris@stmoside.org](mailto:chris@stmoside.org)

### “Did You Know?” Collection for November 2011

**\$11,659.00**

### Restaurant Fundraiser Results for November 2011

**Elephant Bar**

**\$ 369.27**

### Heavenly Recipes

Be sure to pick up one of our Parish cookbooks, and maybe a few extra for your Christmas list. Available on the Plaza after weekend Masses and in the Parish Office during the week. \$15 each, \$15 for a CD version or \$25 for the pair.

### Lost Camera

On the evening of November 2 after the All Souls Day Mass, a camera may have been left in the reception area. It is a Cannon Super Shot FX10 in a black, vinyl case and belongs to a member of a bereaved family. If you happened to see it or have any other information, please call Sr. Maureen at 760-758-4100 x131. Thanks!

# Liturgy & Music

Worship God

Douglas Lynn  
Director of Liturgy and Music  
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## 'SCUSE ME WHILE I SING "HALLELUJAH"

by David Stabler  
from his blog on  
OregonLive.com  
December 14, 2007

"Messiahs" all around. So, we were singing this concert, and we—the basses—were slaloming through "For Unto Us a Child Is Born." The notes flashed by, but by some miracle, we stayed upright.

Then, we came to "And the Glory of the Lord" and we swelled with majesty. Really. Swelled. With majesty. We shouted, "Wonderful! Counselor!" And in a blaze of trumpets and drums, we roared "Hallelujah!" to kingdom come.

If you want to know why people sing in choirs, this is it. Exhibit A. For a few minutes, I'm not hedging or ducking or drenched in irony. I am pure expression.

Very occasionally, a book, a film, or a painting expresses exactly who you are. I could name a dozen pieces of music that are me. You could, too. The list is more than an inventory of music you like. It's your own trail of bread crumbs, a path that shows where you've been and, maybe, where you have yet to go.

Scientists claim that children start to prefer certain types of music by age 2. By 10 or 11, we begin paying close attention to music. In our teens, we listen to what our friends are listening to. We listen to identify with certain groups at school, or we listen in opposition to our parents. By about 18, music has imprinted on us; we know what we like.

I was 17 when I veered away from Jimi Hendrix and toward Beethoven. Try explaining that to your friends. One day I was a hippie kid mouthing "Scuse me while I kiss the sky" and the next day, it was Beethoven's "Appassionata." Suddenly, I knew who I was and what I wanted to be, for better or worse.

Talk about transference: I felt I understood every artistic decision, every impulse in the angry, noble

music. Beethoven was so sure of himself. "This is me," I declared. "This is what I feel like, inside. This is what I would sound like if I were to find a voice."

I did find a voice, eventually, but it was mine, not his. It wasn't angry or noble, much to my chagrin. I wanted his anger, his powers of persuasion. That would make me a more compelling pianist, I thought. In those days I had murky dreams of a performing career, but my voice turned out to be quieter, less sure of itself, and it took me years to trust it.

At this time of year, I hear myself in Handel. The 26 sections of his "Messiah" are a hall of mirrors that show me, not so much who I am, but what I want to be, in my own inarticulate way. Or, more accurately, what I need. "Messiah" connects us to the stuff we try to suppress, the stuff that we as kids learn to censor: delight, tenderness, fear.

When I hear the ridiculous simplicity of "Comfort Ye," I think, yeah, it really is that simple. With those three little notes, we can briefly step out of the ocean of irony we all swim in and feel the power of plainness. "For Unto Us a Child Is Born," is like recess and we've been allowed to run around the yard in the fresh air. When the bass soloist proclaims "The Trumpet Shall Sound," I know, I don't just believe, there are some things worth fighting for.

As for the "Hallelujah" Chorus, when the sopranos soar over our heads, clawing higher and higher, note by note ("King! Of! Kings! And Lord! Of! Lords!"), old Handel finally cues the drums, and we stand—every man, woman, and child—on the threshold of glory.

It sounds so corny that I can barely write it, but I swear there's not an ounce of corn in Handel. Even more



than Bach, who layers his devotion in counterpoint, he trusts pure emotion. Why is that so rare? No wonder carpenters, consultants, plumbers, and real estate agents flock to sing-along "Messiahs" every December. And no wonder the darn thing remains incorruptible, from the sleek-and-slim period-style versions to the great, cymbal-crashing hootenannies that have no more to do with Handel than the All-Star Game.

You can see I'm struggling, here, trying to explain what probably doesn't need explaining. Classical music is so beyond the fringe these days, I automatically adopt the salesman's pitch.

Nick Hornby, whose "High Fidelity" shows his deep affection music, says he doesn't listen to classical music because it sounds too churchy. I can't let him off the hook. Just put him in a room with "Rejoice Greatly, O Daughter of Zion," in which an ecstatic soprano leapfrogs over her own voice, and we'd have him.

See? I'm doing it again. Not trusting the music to speak for itself. Not trusting the music's clarity and power to make us feel alive. I worry that we don't trust that kind of clarity, and if we do, we don't admit it because part of our persona involves skepticism.

But when those singers swing like Diana Krall through "And the glory, the glory of the Lord, shall be re-vealed," Handel hits us again, and it's all pretty simple. Hallelujah for that.

### Upcoming Music

**DECEMBER 8**  
**Immaculate Conception of Mary**

**8:15am Mass**  
Cantor & Congregation

**7:00pm Mass**  
Sanctuary Choir

**DECEMBER 11**  
**3rd Sunday of Advent**

**5:00pm Mass**  
Cantor & Congregation

**8:30am Mass**  
Sanctuary Choir

**10:30am Mass**  
Handbell Choir

## Faith Formation

*Teach and Live the Gospel*

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Today is a **RE.A.CH** day at Church

*Two- in- a- row at church*

## An Advent Project

for RE.A.CH Students  
of St. Thomas More

(and anyone else who would care to help!)



# PBJ Drive

Advent is a time for gift-giving:  
doing good works for those in need.

In this way we bring Jesus to birth in our world.

Your challenge:

- Look at the money you spend for gifts on others
- Think about what the gifts you want for Christmas will cost
- Decide what part of that money you will spend on our brothers and sisters who are not as fortunate and buy some

### Peanut Butter *and/or* Jelly

- We will give it to Catholic Charities in Vista, to be distributed to children in need
  - \* Plastic jars are safer than glass
  - \* Small jars go further than big ones
  - \* Bring the jars to RE.A.CH class December 11
  - \* or to the Parish Office anytime

(for children in our community are hungry all year long)

*What difference does faith make  
in your life?*



## YOUTH MINISTRY

Marc Raymundo, Youth Advocate  
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✘ High School **IGNITE**  
**NO YOUTH GROUP**  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 5!!!**

We will have youth group on Monday, December 12, and we are going to **WORSHIP FULLY!!!** How does that look? What does it even mean? Can that even be possible in this day and age? Bring your friends here at 7:00pm. Let's do this together!

✘ Middle School

Next EDGE Class Sunday, December 5, and next Sunday, December 11! It is always a blessing seeing you all here.

✘ Advent  
and a New Perspective

As we continue in this Advent season, we begin to prepare our hearts for a different mission, in hopes that our lives have made an impact this year. As a LifeTeen Parish, we have access to plenty of resources which help us to understand the Mass and its changes. If you want to see the video we used at youth group recently, please watch for the link on the new youth website:

[www.stmosideym.org](http://www.stmosideym.org)

✘

**PHASE 1 and PHASE 2**  
**MINI COURSES**  
**BEGIN SUNDAY @ 6:30pm**  
**(December 4, 11, 18)**

*Marc*

# Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

Chris Smith  
Director of Stewardship & Development  
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## Inspiring a Deeper Understanding of True Giving . . .

Mike Gavin hated Christmas, not its true meaning, but the commercial aspects, including the overspending on gifts for people who really didn't need anything.

One year, Mike's son, Kevin, age 12, was wrestling on the junior high team. Shortly before Christmas, they competed against an inner-city church team. These youngsters, dressed in old sneakers and gym shorts, presented a sharp contrast to Kevin's team in their spiffy uniforms and regulation wrestling shoes. Also, the other team wrestled without headgear, which alarmed Mike's wife, Nancy.

Kevin's team easily won the match in every weight class. Mike, who loved kids, said, "I wish just one of them could have won... losing like this could take the heart right out of them."

That afternoon, Nancy bought an assortment of wrestling headgear and shoes and sent them anonymously to the inner-city church. On Christmas Eve, she placed an envelope on the tree, with a note inside telling Mike what she had done and that this was his gift from her. She reports that Mike's smile was the brightest thing about Christmas that year.

So in succeeding years, she continued this tradition, selecting various people to help in Mike's name. The envelope became the highlight of their family Christmas. Even their children looked forward to learning who was receiving Mike's gift each year.



After 10 years, Mike died of cancer. Nancy was in grief, but when Christmas came, she still placed an envelope on the tree. In the morning, she was thrilled to see three more envelopes as well, one from each of their children, who had each made a gift to someone in need on their father's behalf.

—Stewardship, December 2011,  
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Many of you know that my mother died last month after a year long battle with a rare form of leukemia. Mom is now home with God. This is an especially difficult time of year to lose a loved one. Going forward, we will make it more meaningful with a gift to a special charity for Christmas on behalf of mom. From the bottom of my heart, please know how much all of your prayers and support mean to our family ~ thank you!

Our five-year-old granddaughter, Ava, is now a Girl Scout. Her troop recently held a coat drive at her school. This was her first 'formal' chance to be a community servant and she loves it! Our daughter has adopted families at Christmas for years, so service is already a part of their lives, including other times during the year.

As they left a local store recently, the Boy Scouts had a stand collecting items for Christmas gifting. Ava insisted they support the Boy Scout efforts. They had a hot dog and a cookie and then ran home to get blankets to bring back to donate. My heart sings!

**Our Christmas Angel Tree is brimming with opportunities to make this a blessed Christmas for those in need!**

## 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 26/27, 2011

Number of Registered Households		1,030
Offertory*	\$	5,220.25
Offertory (Loose Collection)		1,348.50
Children's envelopes		1.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,569.75</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 and Information 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 Serenity Retreat with Fr. Tom Weston, January 20-22.

**25th Annual Holiday Homes Tour**—Sunday, December 4, 10:00am-4:00pm. Sponsored by Vista Community Clinic. Proceeds will go toward the Vale Terrace Expansion Project which will provide critical and comprehensive medical care to an additional 12,000 patients per year. Cost \$20 in advance; \$25 day of event. To purchase tickets, visit [www.vistacommunityclinic.org](http://www.vistacommunityclinic.org) or call 760-631-5000 x1139.

**Choral Concert in San Diego**—Sunday, December 4, 7:00pm, First United Methodist Church, 2111 Camino Del Rio S., San Diego. "Back to Back Bach," featuring the 160 combined voices of the Chancel Choir, Masterwork Chorale, and Pacem Singers. For more information, contact 619-297-4366.

**Holiday High Tea Party**—Thursday, December 8, 2:00-4:00pm, Aegis at Shadowridge. Call Concierge at 760-806-3600 to RSVP.

**Catholic Singles Group Christmas Brunch**—Sunday, December 11, 12:30pm at the Beach House. St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Singles (all Catholic single men and women 40+ years). For more information and to RSVP, contact Liz at 760-943-8280 or [st.elizabethcatholicssingles@gmail.com](mailto:st.elizabethcatholicssingles@gmail.com).

**Fundraiser for Mother Antonia's Prison Ministry**—Sunday, December 11, 5:00-8:30pm, on the boat, Dolphin, leaving Fisherman's Landing, 2838 Garrison, San Diego. \$25 per person. For more information and reservations, call 760-436-1757.

**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).

**St. Joseph Academy in San Marcos (K-12)**—accepting high school applications for the 2012-2013 year. For more information, contact [www.stjosephacademy.org](http://www.stjosephacademy.org) or 760-305-8505.

**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).

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

**The Treasure Box Grocery Plan in North County**—is an economic meal program that provides a 21-25 lb. pre-assembled box of frozen food for \$30 (a savings of up to 65% off grocery store prices). For more information, including locations in your area, please visit [www.thetreasurebox.org](http://www.thetreasurebox.org).

**Lunch Served for Seniors in Oceanside**—The Salvation Army Senior Dining and Social Center, 3935 Lake Blvd., Oceanside (near Emeritus at Oceanside and Pacific Place) serves lunch for \$3 at noon, Monday-Friday, for any seniors 60 and over. For more information and reservations, call 760-631-8279.

**Ongoing Diocesan Workshops**—Various topics related to religious education. For details, contact [www.diocese-sdiego.org/evangelization.htm](http://www.diocese-sdiego.org/evangelization.htm) or 858-490-8230.

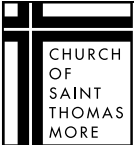
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St. Francis School is now our Parish School. St. Thomas More Parishioners are extended the same benefits and rewards as a St. Francis Parishioner, including:

- 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.

**Recycle your electronics!**— St. Francis School's electronic recycling event is back! On Jan. 21 and 22 you can drop off your old TVs, radios, telephones, cell phones, computers, printers, electrical cords and wires, just to name a few. We can recycle all forms of electronics except: auto/motorcycle batteries; light bulbs; and large appliances. Help protect Mother Earth and raise money for your parish school. Please contact [ptg@sfs-vista.org](mailto:ptg@sfs-vista.org) with questions.



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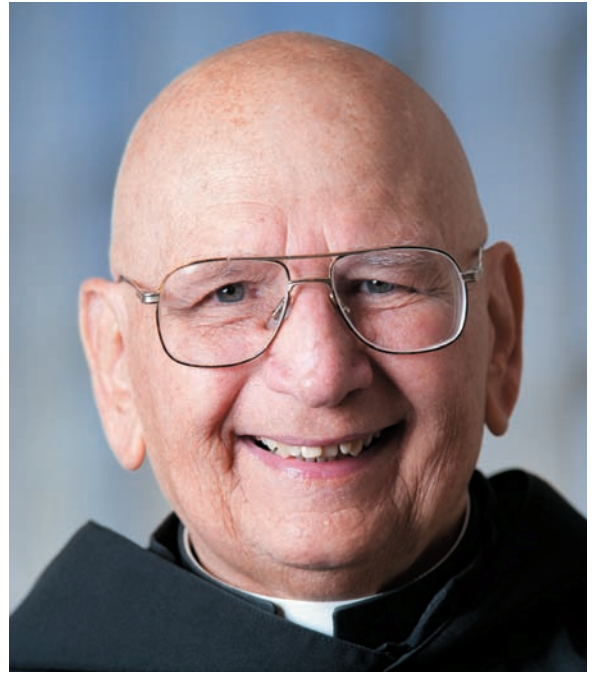
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