

Church of St. Thomas More

A Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of San Diego

Spirituality † Tradition † Community



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StThomasMoreRCC



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

January 1, 2012 • The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God



800-395-HELP

www.birthchoice.net



Every year on Epiphany, STM Parishioners donate baby gifts for Birth Choice, our local pregnancy resource center. Remember to bring yours next week—Thank you!

Pastor's Column

Clock Time and God's Time

As we end 2011 and begin 2012, I share with you thoughts from Fr. Henri Nouwen. May his words be a source of strength and direction for you as we all move along the continuum of time and space!

Give Your Agenda to God

You are very concerned with making the right choices about your work. You have so many options that you are constantly overwhelmed by the question, "What should I do and what should I not do?" You are asked to respond to many concrete needs. There are people to visit, people to receive, people simply to be with. There are issues that beg for attention, books it seems important to read, and works of art to be seen. But what of all this truly deserves your time?

Start by not allowing these people and issues to possess you. As long as you think that you need them to be yourself, you are not really free. Much of their urgency comes from your own need to be accepted and affirmed. You have to keep going back to the source: God's love for you.

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The Catholicism Series resumes on Wednesday, January 4, at 7:00pm
Little Rock Scripture Study starts Wednesday, January 4, at 9:00am or Thursday, January 5, at 7:00pm
Please join us for one or both!

Our Mission is to: worship God,

Mass Schedule:

Saturday at 5:00pm; Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am;
Tuesday-Friday at 8:15am;
watch bulletin for holydays

Rite of Reconciliation (Confession):

Saturday from 4:00-4:30pm (or by appointment)

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

Liturgical Ministry: Contact Douglas Lynn at 760-758-4100 x140

Music Ministry: Contact Douglas Lynn at 760-758-4100 x140

Communion for the Homebound/Hospitalized:

Contact Parish Office at 760-758-4100 x100

Anointing of the Sick: Contact Parish Office

Matrimony:

Contact Parish Office a minimum of nine months in advance

*For further information, call Rev. Michael Ratajczak
at 760-758-4100 x100 or michaelr@stmoside.org.*

teach and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ,

Inquiry into the Catholic Faith:

First and third Thursday evenings

Religious Education for Youth & Children:

Two times a month, September-May, on Sundays

Religious Education for Adults: Various times, September-May

Liturgy of the Word for Children: 8:30am and 10:30am Masses

Little Rock Scripture Study:

Weekly sessions, morning or evening

High School Youth Ministry: Monday evenings

Middle School Youth Ministry:

Two Sunday evenings per month

Preparation for the Sacraments:

Baptism (for infants):

Begins with an appointment with the Pastor

Baptism (7-14 yrs.)/RCIA:

One to two year process with children and parents

Baptism (adults)/RCIA:

One to two year process; weekly sessions

First Reconciliation: In home process begins in Level 1

First Communion:

In home process begins after First Reconciliation

Confirmation: Minimum two year process of preparation;
begins in high school

*For further information, call Kathleen Bell
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.

*For further information, see page 10, or call Chris Smith
at 760-758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org.*

Pastor's Column (continued from page 1)

In many ways, you still want to set your own agenda. You act as if you have to choose among many things, which all seem equally important. But you have not fully surrendered yourself to God's guidance. You keep fighting with God over who is in control.

Try to give your agenda to God. Keep saying, "Your will be done, not mine." Give every part of your heart and your time to God and let God tell you what to do, where to go, when and how to respond. God does not want you to destroy yourself.

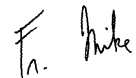
Exhaustion, burnout, and depression are not signs that you are doing God's will. God is gentle and loving. God desires to give you a deep sense of safety in God's love. Once you have allowed yourself to experience that love fully, you will be better able to discern who you are being sent to in God's name.

It is not easy to give your agenda to God. But the more you do so, the more "clock time" becomes "God's time," and God's time is always the fullness of time.

—Rev. Henri J. M. Nouwen,
The Inner Voice of Love:

A Journey Through Anguish to Freedom

Happy New Year! As we move into 2012, may our "clock time" become more and more "God's time." And, in that reality, we will find joy and peace because we are living in the fullness of time!



Marc Raymundo—Our Youth Advocate

It is with regret that I inform you that Marc Raymundo, our Youth Advocate, will be leaving St. Thomas More Parish to accept the position as full-time Youth Minister at Junipero Serra High School in San Juan Capistrano. Marc's last day with us will be January 31, 2012.

Our Parishioner, Rory Griffin, who has been working side by side with Marc this last year and half, as well as being the main catechist for the EDGE Program for our Middle School Youth, will become the Interim Youth Advocate.

In January 2012, Kathleen Bell and I will be forming a search committee and we will begin the process of interviews to hire a new Youth Advocate. Most probably, the new Youth Advocate would begin his/her ministry with us on July 1, 2012.

I know that I speak for not only all the youth of our Parish, but for the entire Parish and our Parish Staff, to say that we all are extremely grateful for the time that Marc has been with us.

Marc, in his short time with us, reinvigorated the Youth Program here and brought many of our youth to a deeper relationship with Christ and the Church.

Our loss is JSerra High School's gain! Marc, you will be missed!

There will be time in January for our formal good-byes.

In the meantime, I ask for your prayers as we move through this transition.

Peace.

—Rev. Michael Ratajczak, Pastor

Readings for the Week Ahead

Sunday Year B; Weekday Year II
Readings online at www.usccb.org.

Sunday, January 1 (18)
Mary, the Mother of God
Numbers 6:22-27
Psalm 67:2-3,5-6,8
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 2:16-21
Monday, January 2 (205)
Basil the Great and Gregory of Nazianzen, bishops, doctors
1 John 2:22-28
Psalm 98:1-4
John 1:19-28
Tuesday, January 3 (212)
Christmas Weekday
1 John 2:29-3:6
Psalm 98:1,3-6
John 1:29-34
Wednesday, January 4 (207)
Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious
1 John 3:7-10
Psalm 98:1,7-9
John 1:35-42
Thursday, January 5 (208)
John Neumann, bishop
1 John 3:11-21
Psalm 100:1-5
John 1:43-51
Friday, January 6 (209)
Christmas Weekday
1 John 5:5-13
Psalm 147:12-15,19-20
Mark 1:7-11 or Luke 3:23-38
Saturday, January 7 (210)
Christmas Weekday
1 John 5:14-21
Psalm 149:1-6a,9b
John 2:1-11
Sunday, January 8 (20)
Epiphany of the Lord
Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 12:1-2,7-8,10-13
Ephesians 3:2-3a,5,6
Matthew 2:1-12

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

Mary Alexander
Laura Allenfort
Lucia Ambriz
Mary Balli
Alexandra Banwell
Jean Carlos Barbosa
Jose Luis Barbosa
Patricia Barbour
Melody Batchelor
Clarice Bednarz
John Bennici
Regina Bentz
Roseanne Berg
George "Whitey" Betus
Mary Betz
Betty Jean Bielich
The Blackburn Family
Lynda Brady
Christy Breier
Roy Bristol
The Roy Bristol Family
The Brophy Family
The Broughton Family
Monica Broussard
George Brown
Janet Brown
Bridget Buford
Shelby Campbell
Brienne Campos
Claudia Caplinger
Paul Cassidy
The Castro Family
Lolly Cervantes
Pat Christopherson
Dick Clarke
Dolly Cole
Carl Coleman
James Coleman
Thomas Cornwell & Family
Karen Flaharty Daley
The Daly & Hanratty Families
Beverly de Gelder
Carole Dillon
Judith DiMatteo
Sara Doge
Dave Dossman
John Drazkowski, Jr.
Bev Duncan
Phyllis Estes
Sharon Evans
Chuck Fay
The Fiore Family
Ryan Flum
Matthew Foster
Kathryn Franklin
Joe Freire
Ellen Fresca
Brian Frink
Carmen Garcia
Rick Gonzalez
Eileen Gough
Rosemary Haeffelin
Susan Hallahan
The Harker Family
Elizabeth Harrison
Mr. Harry
Lilian Hills
Susan Hori
Olga Huette
Iolanda Iacobelli
Sue Johnston
Eileen Jones
Paul Kennedy
Peggy Kiernan
Debbie Kinney
Dewey KolboHelen Kuhn
Lillian Lachance
The Lamelin Family
Christopher & Roland Lawrence
Tom Lawrence
Brandon LeBlanc
Myles Levine
Ashley Load
Cassandra Loretto
Lauren Loretto
Richard Lynn
James MacArthur
Joaquin Maldonado
Nancy Marley
Chandler May
Mac McCullough
Bob McWilliams
Joyce Meehan
Kalei Mendiola
Phyllis Minaya
June Mitchell
Nancy Moore
Conrad Murphy
Margie Myers
Maurine Nichols
Cosmo Nocida
Helen O'Connell
Heidi Olson
Juanita Matamala Pacheco
Bernadette Padovan
Art Palle
Lupe Casas Pelletier
Douglas Price-Williams
Daniel Raiman
The Reyes Family
Clinton Ritchie
Rita Ritchie
Joanne Robinson
Maria Rogers
Joanne Rosefeld
Dorothy Rouse
The Russo Family
The Scharbarth Family
Kimberly Schlunt
Linda Schmidt
The Douglas E. Schulte Family
Pete Serle & Family
Bob, Joan, & Julie Shea
Elizabeth Shirzad
Richard Sikora
Jeanne Sisson
Mike Snyder
Nick Softau
Fred & Gilda Spiegel
Darek, Vanessa, & Elba Spizewski
Dorothy Staehr
Ted Stanislawski
Pete Sullivan
Maria Surmenidis
David Sweet
The Tiernan & Gayvert Families
Sarah Tillinghast
Stephen Toth, Jr.
John Treat
Mary Tysko & Family
Laurie Updyke
Arnie Velasco
Silvana Vettese
Donato Visciglio
Bob Vita
Vanessa Vitiello
Ashley Wandell
Kevin Watson-Graff
John Whitton
Patricia Zavala
The Zynda Family

Mass Intentions
Saturday, December 31, 5:00pm Gene Reid Carter ☩
Sunday, January 1, 8:30am Cindy Heywood ☩
Sunday, January 1, 10:30am Larry Dorsa ☩
Tuesday, January 3, 8:15am Linda Taganoff ☩
Wednesday, January 4, 8:15am Andy Murchison ☩
Thursday, January 5, 8:15am Kitty Duffy ☩
Friday, January 6, 8:15am Jennifer Treat ☩
Saturday, January 7, 5:00pm Peter Fresca ☩
Sunday, January 8, 8:30am Dolores Murchison ☩
Sunday, January 8, 10:30am Jeannette Demirdjean ☩

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
Staff Sgt. Travis M. Meyers, USAF
Pvt. 2 Jess Phillips, US Army
Sr. Airman Robert Spear, USAF
Sgt. Charles Watts, USMC

Thank you for your prayers for Maj. David E. Johnson, US Army Who has returned home safely.

Calendar Highlights

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

The Week Ahead

Jan 1 Mary, the Mother of God
Masses at 8:30am and 10:30am
Jan 1 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
Jan 8 Knights of Columbus Breakfast

The Month Ahead

Jan 8-14 National Vocations Awareness Week
Jan 9 Women's Guild Luncheon
Jan 10-11 Restaurant Fundraiser at Nucci's Italian Cafe
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 18-25 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Jan 29 Groundbreaking for Permanent Church and Parish Offices

The Year Ahead

Feb 18 Women's Guild Fashion Show
Mar 11 **Rescheduled** Towers of Faith Reception
Mar 21 Women's Guild Day of Recollection
June 1 13th Annual Golf Classic
July 16-20 Vacation Bible Camp
2013
June 21 Dedication of our Permanent Church

Questions? Contact Henny at 760-758-4100 x100
hennyj@stmoside.org.

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.

January 2 Sr. Lourdes Saracho, RJM
January 3 Sr. Dolores Cecile Schembri, CSJ
January 4 Sr. Helen Schwarz, SHCJ
January 5 Sr. Esther Segura, HCJS
January 6 Sr. Mariacruz Serrano Mier, MGSps
January 7 Sr. Patricia Shaffer, RSCJ
January 8 Sr. Madeline Shayota, DMI

Congratulations to

Agne & Vlad Bolsakov

who celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary on December 30.

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

In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

William Zynda, who died on December 25. His Memorial Mass was celebrated on December 31 at St. Thomas More. Please keep his wife Katrina and the family in your prayers.

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

Jesus Washing the Feet of His Disciple

On display in the Parish Office lobby is a large olive wood carving that was obtained on my recent trip to the Holy Land. The carving is from Bethlehem, and it is a welcome addition to our Parish and our new Church. The carving is a gift from Parishioners, Ralph and Flora Fallone, who were on pilgrimage with me.

The next time you are in the Parish Office, please take a look.

Ralph, Flora, thank you for your generous gift!

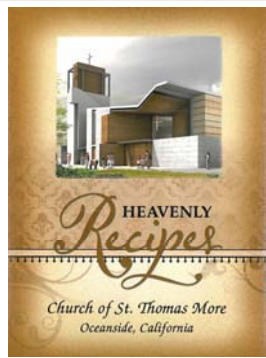
—Fr. Mike Ratajczak

Parish Cookbook

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.



STM \$crip 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, 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

Christmas Angels

Now, the tree is adorned with golden crowns for our annual Birth Choice drive. These gifts assist mothers who have chosen life over abortion. Please continue to take crown ornaments this week. Bring your baby items the weekend of January 7-8, the Feast of the Epiphany.

Attention coupon clippers: Please drop off extra coupons for diapers, baby wipes and formula, to share with Parishioners. They can certainly help with the cost of these items.

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

Books for Change

Advent is a great time for cleaning shelves so that we can help the homeless help themselves! Here's how it works:

- Drop off useable books, CDs, and DVDs at the Faith Formation Office.
- We will deliver them to North County Solutions for Change.
- There the moms (who are recovering from homelessness) will inventory and process the items for resale on Amazon.
- This gives the moms something meaningful and purposeful to do while they build the foundation for their new lives as productive and healthy citizens.

One used book, CD or DVD =

One Homeless Child's Life Changed for One Day

www.solutionsforchange.org

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 Ron Briseno at 760-758-4100 x153 or ronb@stmoside.org.



Eucharistic Adoration



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

Exposition of the Eucharist on First Fridays.
Next date: Friday, January 6.

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

Parish Events

Calling All Walkers

Beginning the Second Week in January!

Tuesdays – 9:30 to 10:30a.m. (starting January 10)

Thursdays – 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. (starting January 12)

All are welcome to meet at Parish Office as start point!

For more information, contact

Diane Pal at 760-815-2519 or dipal123@att.net

Women's Guild News

Happy New Year to everyone.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, January 9, and we will hold our traditional Chinese Auction. Meeting starts at 11:00am, in the lower level of the Parish Center.

Please call Vera Bayliss 760-739-9061 or Siggie Ogan 760-944-4727 for reservations. We will have lunch ready for you and lots of fun.

Our next board meeting will be held on January 2, 10:30am in the lower level of the Parish Center. Please call Vera if you cannot make the meeting.

Life is short, folks, so never regret anything that made you smile. Forgive quickly, love truly, laugh whenever you can.

—Vera Bayliss, President.

Catholic Widows and Widowers of North County

CWWNC meets the second Sunday of each month (January 8 in Oceanside) for a general meeting and potluck at 2:00pm in a member's home. On the fourth Sunday of each month (January 22 at 11:00am.) we gather for Mass at various parishes in North County—this month at St. Margaret in Oceanside followed by lunch at Mimi's. Prospective members are welcome anytime. Please RSVP to Carol Kope at 760-726-0533 or Gerri Wilmott at 760-758-9949. See the bulletin board on the lower level of the Parish Center for our monthly newsletter of activities.

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**

New Construction Update—December 2011

This is the first of what will be monthly updates to keep all Parishioners informed in regard to the progress of the construction of our Permanent Church and our Parish Offices.



1. The Interior Design Team with the help of our Liturgical Consultant, Robert Habiger, finalized the floor layout of the new Sanctuary for presentation to the Diocesan Art and Architecture Committee. The Committee reviewed the plan and Bishop Brom gave formal approval on September 28.
2. Renzo Zecchetto, our Architect, has taken this floor plan and has begun the structural and mechanical design development tying it in with the exterior elevations of the Sanctuary on the site development plan.
3. We recently met with the City of Oceanside Planning and Building Department to present the latest floor plan and exterior elevations for conformance with our Conditional Use Permit. Our plans were well received by the department.
4. The Planning Department has requested another meeting before giving final approval to the Sanctuary and latest site development plan. Renzo Zecchetto is preparing the final submittal for this meeting slated for January.
5. Also at this time Renzo Zecchetto is moving forward with the design development of the new Sanctuary and administration building with the assistance of the construction company, T.B. Penick & Sons of San Diego.
6. The Interior Design Team continues to meet and will soon be interviewing artists who will be commissioned to create the Marian and St. Thomas More shrines. Discussion also continues with our Liturgical Consultant regarding the design and creation of our altar, ambo, baptismal font, and tabernacle.
7. Our "Groundbreaking" ceremony will take place on Sunday, January 29, at 2:00pm. Bishop Brom will be present to lead us in this celebration.

Rev. Michael Ratajczak, Pastor

Brian Leahey, New Construction Chairperson

Phil & Pat Goscienski, Interior Design Chairpersons

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!

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.

Rosary

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



Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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

JOURNEYING WITH MARY

As someone who did not grow up in the Catholic Church, a particular devotion to Mary is somewhat foreign to me. But Mary has played a big part in my churchly life.

After my voice changed and I was no longer “eligible” to sing in the boys chorus that had been the cornerstone of my musical life, I found a singing home at St. Mary the Virgin Episcopal Church in San Francisco. This small group of people defined my understanding of how godly people worship, pray, and build community through music. And Marian feasts were a big deal.

I first cantored at Our Lady of Grace in El Cajon, and my first music director position was at Our Lady of Refuge in Pacific Beach. As one might expect, images of Mary were given pride of place among the statuary and paintings. In these faith communities, it seemed she watched over everything.

And now I am here. When I arrived, the big question was, “Who is this Thomas More fellow?” But even here, Mary is never far away. And people’s devotion to her is very, very apparent.

Most mornings during the week, after daily Mass, there is a group of Parishioners in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel who pray the rosary together. “Hail Mary...” “Hail Mary...” “Hail Mary...” They pray joyful mysteries, luminous mysteries, sorrowful mysteries, glorious mysteries, and while these may be “mysterious” to some, their prayers are fervent and an important

part of this faith community’s prayer life.

Each week before Saturday’s five o’clock Mass, one of another group of Parishioners brings fresh flowers to adorn Mary’s statue in the niche at the north end of the upper level. Sometimes the flowers are store bought, oftentimes they are from someone’s garden. Always, they are delivered with love, and hope, and a prayer.

And then of course, there are the candles marking the prayers offered in our homes and our hearts.

But it is not just a handful of St. Thomas More Parishioners who celebrate Mary.

Today, our global faith community celebrates a Marian festival, that of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. This octave (eighth) day of Christmas—and the first day of the New Year—reminds us that the incarnation is an ongoing mystery in our lives and it is only by reflecting on it that we can receive and accept it.

*Mary kept all these things,
reflecting on them in her heart.*

—Lk 2:19

This day reminds us of Mary’s central role not only in the Christmas mystery but also in the whole unfolding of God’s plan of salvation. In her yes, her cooperation with God, we are given a model of discipleship.

Mary keeps popping up in my life. The morning I first wrote this



reflection, she appeared in four exquisite songs I heard on the radio on the way to church, written for her in the 13th century and sung by Trio Mediaeval. She has inspired exquisite beauty in the arts, strong faith in our hearts, and great hope for our future.

In the Collect on this feast of Mary, the Mother of God, we pray, “May we experience the intercession of her, through whom we were found worthy to receive the author of life, our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son.”

Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.

Amen! Alleluia!

—Douglas

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Living Liturgy 2011. With permission.*

Upcoming Music

**JANUARY 8
Epiphany**

5:00pm Mass

Praise Team

8:30am Mass

Sanctuary Choir

10:30am Mass

Handbell Choir

Friday, January 6 ♦ 9:00am - 7:00pm ♦ Eucharistic Exposition

FEAST OF ANDRÉ BESSETTE

We pray for all orphans.

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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



Adult Faith
Formation
Opportunities
now beginning

Little Rock Scripture Study



Please join Little Rock Scripture Study beginning this Wednesday morning, 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 or in the Parish Office.

The Journey Continues



Join us this Wednesday at 7:00pm for the next episode in the CATHOLICISM Series by Fr. Robert Barron.

Part 7 is entitled "Word Made Flesh, True Bread of Heaven—The Mystical Union of Christ and the Church."

Fr. Barron explores the notion that "all value is summed up in the liturgy, the supreme act by which we commune with God." Acknowledging the Eucharist as "the source and summit" of our identity and mission, we will explore the heart of our Catholic culture.

Each episode "stands alone," so please come, even if you have not attended the rest of the series.



Engaging Our Conflicts: An Exploration of Nonviolent Peacemaking

February 1, 8, 15, and 29;
March 14, 21, and 28; April 4
7:00-9:30pm



Limited to the first 15 participants to sign up

This much-anticipated module was developed by *Pace e Bene* Nonviolence Service, the international leader in this work. The eight-session module explores the power and potential of nonviolent peacemaking in our lives and in the world.

Participants will learn about nonviolence and how to apply it in real issues, especially those where there is a personal interest for action.

Engaging Our Conflicts sessions provide participants a strong understand of and commitment to the practice of nonviolent peacemaking and will cultivate a deeper communal practice in the group, culminating in a peacemaking activity they plan and bring to fruition.

Please plan to commit to all eight sessions which will be coordinated by Sr. Maureen Brown, Dolores Silva, and Melissa Noble. See the flyer in this bulletin to sign up.

PBJ Update

(Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center)

2012 GOAL: 365 jars
Collected to date: 146 jars



Children (of all ages) helping Children

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

✦ IGNITE

Start off the New Year with Youth Group! We meet every Monday beginning January 2 at 7:00pm! See you then.

✦ Confirmation, Phase 1 and Phase 2

Confirmation Phase 2: Remember to have your forms in by January 8!

Please check the website, www.stmosideym.org, to make sure you are aware of classes coming up and when they begin!

Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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

Christian Stewardship and Family Example

When I was a kid, my brothers and I would put our heels against the wall while our father measured us with a yardstick. Being the tallest was a great value. Somehow, in our minds, tallest meant best. The measuring led to competition.

As we grew older, we learned to test and judge others by our measurement. Who makes the most money, has the most prestigious job, lives in the nicest home, and on and on.

Our competitive minds constantly demand that we find out who is winning and who is best. We have deceived ourselves into believing that more is better.



A family may have two cars in the garage and two boats in the lagoon, but the family sense of sharing may not go further than passing out drinks at a cocktail party. They probably don't know what they're missing. It is possible for any family to become wrapped up in themselves. However, there isn't much warmth in those wrappings.

Jesus set the tone for responsible stewardship. He set the tone for any number of Christian practices that make some of us uneasy, and we ignore them.

There are many kinds of stewardship. How about running through a stewardship checklist? How do you rate yourself as a Christian steward in these areas:

Stewardship in the church

Do I try to see how much I can give, or how little? Do I feel responsibility for taking part in what's happening in my church?

Stewardship in the world

Everything that may be said about stewardship relates to my thoughtfulness about sharing a clean atmosphere, healthful food and the resources of nature with the whole community.

Stewardship of the purse

Am I generous with everything except my own money? Stewardship is liberating, the precise opposite of believing that more is better. It is required of Christians, but it feels good too!

—January 2012, Parish Stewardship LLC (With Permission)

As far back as I can remember, going to Mass has been a meaningful experience for me, even when I was too young to grasp the true meaning! Besides the holy atmosphere, combined with reverence for the Lord, my mother made sure each of us always made a return to the Lord. It felt good then, and still does even though these days it is by monthly auto-debit. It wasn't about the amount, but the intent. Family example means a lot!

—Happy New Year, Chris

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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 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. Next weekend is January 13-15.

Young Adult Ministry Activities in San Diego County—Visit www.yamsd.org for complete information on events for young adults, including a New Year's Eve Celebration on Saturday, December 31, 9:00pm-2:00am at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church.

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 Serenity Retreat with Fr. Tom Weston, January 20-22.

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.

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JSerra Catholic High School in San Juan Capistrano—Open house and campus tour on Thursday, January 19, 6:30-8:00pm, 26351 Junipero Serra Rd., San Juan Capistrano. For more information, contact 949-493-9307 or www.jerra.org or Marc Raymundo!

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Recycle your electronics at St. Francis School!—On January 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 with questions.



Divorce Prevention 101: Healing Hurts & Finding Love that Lasts! Workshop in Del Mar—Saturday, January 21, 1:00-4:30pm at St. Thérèse of Carmel, 4355 Del Mar Trails Rd, San Diego. Whether you're in a relationship, married, divorced, widowed, or single, this afternoon workshop is meant for you! Catholic author and speaker Rose Sweet shares powerful messages on living marriage as God intended, finding your soul mate, and being a "Happy Catholic Single!" For more information, contact ASG@sttheresecarmel.org or www.sttheresecarmel.org/284640.ihtml.

Casa de Molina Christmas Project

Parishioner Vicky Molina hosts a giant party each year and distributes donated gifts to poor children.



Pictured are volunteers from this year's party on December 17. Vicky is already planning for next year. If you'd like to help, call 760-630-1983.

Marriage & Family Life Corner

General Message: The Divorce Healing Ministry of St. Luke Parish invites those going through a separation and divorce to a 12-week program of recovery entitled, The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide. Our support group meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, from 7:00-9:00pm at the Church of St. Luke, 1980 Hillside Rd., El Cajon, CA 92019. You can start and end the series at any time. No charge. Seating limited; call to reserve your place with us: 619-401-6445.

The Bishops' Letter on Marriage—Marriage and the Community: "The marital vocation is not a private or merely personal affair. Yes, marriage is a deeply personal union and relationship, but it is also for the good of the Church and the entire community." To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

Marriage Moments—(New Year's Day) Welcome to a new year! Discover something new about your spouse today. Do you know his/her favorite website, in-law, romantic turn-on, scripture passage, etc.

Parenting Pointers—(New Year's Day) Welcome to a new year! Discover something new about each of your children today...and celebrate it!

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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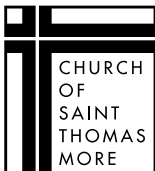


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