

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 15, 2012 • Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Holy Land Pilgrimage with Fr. Mike, November 2011

Several of the travelers from the Holy Land Pilgrimage last November have shared their photos on the Parish website.

Go to www.stmoside.org and
click on Event Pictures to
take a mini-pilgrimage of your own.
Enjoy!

Pastor's Column

Gratitude: A Lifetime of Christian Stewardship— Time, Talent, and Treasure Joyfully Given

This weekend we begin our special focus on and celebration of Christian Stewardship. Throughout this month we are reminded that Christian Stewardship is Discipleship, it is the way in which we live out our lives because we are followers of Jesus.

In doing so, as we give praise to God in our words, and in our actions in this Faith Community of St. Thomas More, we demonstrate our gratitude.

Fr. Henri Nouwen, in *The Return of the Prodigal Son*, talks about gratitude in this way:

The discipline of gratitude is the explicit effort to acknowledge that all that I am and have is given to me as a gift of love, a gift to be celebrated with joy. There is always the choice between resentment and gratitude because God has appeared in my darkness, urged me to come home, and declared in a voice filled with affection: 'You are with me always, and all I have is yours.' Indeed, I can choose...to

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Join us at 8:15am on Monday, January 16 for Mass

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

Parish Office and Chapel Closed



Our Mission is to: worship God,

In addition to Mass, Reconciliation, and Eucharistic Adoration (see page 1 for schedules), there are opportunities to participate in liturgical and music ministries.

*For further information, contact Douglas Lynn,
Director of Liturgy and Music,
at 760-758-4100 x140 or douglasl@stmoside.org*

Matrimony (9 months advance notice required), communion for the sick/homebound, and anointing are available by request

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teach and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ,

There are programs for faith development and enrichment for all ages, including preparation for receiving the sacraments.

*For further information, contact Kathleen Bell,
Director of Faith Formation,
at 760-758-4100 x110 or kathleenb@stmoside.org.*

and serve God's people in word and deed.

There are many groups who serve our Parishioners and provide outreach to the local community (see page 10).

*For further information, contact Chris Smith,
Director of Stewardship and Development,
at 760-758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org.*

See page 10 or www.stmoside.org for more details.



Announcement Regarding Coadjutor Bishop for San Diego

I am happy to announce that Pope Benedict XVI has appointed Bishop Cirilo Flores to be the Coadjutor Bishop of San Diego, effective January 4, 2012.

Bishop Flores was born in Corona, California, in 1948, when Corona was still a part of the Diocese of San Diego and he spent the first 30 years of his life in this diocese. After practicing law for 10 years, he entered St. John's Seminary in Camarillo in 1986 and was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Orange in 1991. He was ordained as Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Orange on March 19, 2009.

Bishop Flores will be formally received in the Diocese of San Diego on Monday, February 13. As Coadjutor Bishop of San Diego, he will assist me until my retirement in 2013, at which time he will become the fifth Bishop of San Diego.

Bishop Gilbert Chavez joins me in welcoming Bishop Cirilo Flores to episcopal ministry with us in the Diocese of San Diego.

—Robert H. Brom, Bishop of San Diego

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

lament about the many misfortunes which have plagued me in the past, and thereby wrap myself up in my resentment. But I don't have to do this. There is the option to look into the eyes of the One who came out to search for me and see therein that all I am and all I have is pure gift calling for gratitude. The choice for gratitude rarely comes without some real effort. But each time I make it, the next choice is a little easier, a little freer, a little less self-conscious. Because every gift I acknowledge reveals another and another, until finally even the most normal, obvious, and seemingly mundane event or encounter proves to be filled with grace.

As Catholics, each week we come together to celebrate the Eucharist. The Eucharist is Jesus freely and totally giving Himself to us. "Take and eat. This is My Body. Take and drink. This is My Blood."

The One who becomes Eucharist for us challenges us to become Eucharist for others: "Do this in memory of Me!" We are called to become what we eat and what we drink.

Once we come to this moment of faith that Jesus is God's gift freely given to us, our only response can be one of gratitude in which we give ourselves as gift in joyous response. The gifts of time, talent, and treasure become the means in which we say "Thank You!"

Throughout this month of January, we reflect, in a special way, upon Christian Stewardship as a way of life, the way in which we give thanks to God for all that we are and all that we have.

Our very life is pure gift! Once we come to that realization, we are set free to live life joyously as the sons and daughters of God!

F. Mike

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.

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!

Eucharistic Adoration



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

Exposition of the Eucharist on First Fridays.
Next date: Friday, February 3.

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

Readings for the Week Ahead

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

Sunday, January 15 (65)
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Samuel 3:3b-10,19
Psalm 40:2,4,7-10
1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a,17-20
John 1:35-42

Monday, January 16 (311)
1 Samuel 15:16-23
Psalm 50:8-9,16bc-17,21,23
Mark 2:18-22

Tuesday, January 17 (312)
Anthony, abbot
1 Samuel 16:1-13
Psalm 89:20-22,27-28
Mark 2:23-28

Wednesday, January 18 (313)
1 Samuel 17:32-33,37,40-51
Psalm 144:1b,2,-10
Mark 3:1-6

Thursday, January 19 (314)
1 Samuel 18:6-9;19:1-7
Psalm 56:2-3,9-13
Mark 3:7-12

Friday, January 20 (315)
1 Samuel 24:3-21
Psalm 57:2-4,6,11
Mark 3:13-19

Saturday, January 21 (316)
Agnes, virgin, martyr
2 Samuel 1:1-4,11-12,19,23-27
Psalm 80:2-3,5-7
Mark 3:20-21

Sunday, January 22 (68)
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jonah 3:1-5,10
Psalm 25:4-9
1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20

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

Mary Alexander
Laura Allenfort
Lucia Ambriz
Mary Balli
Alexandra Banwell
Jose Luis Barbosa
Patricia Barbour
Clarice Bednarz
John Bennici
Regina Bentz
Roseanne Berg
George "Whitey" Betus
Mary Betz
Betty Jean Bielich
Carol Bock
Lynda Brady
Christy Breier
Roy Bristol
The Roy Bristol Family
The Brophy Family
The Broughton Family
Monica Broussard
The Brown Family
Janet Brown
Anita Buerger
Bridget Buiford
Shelby Campbell
Brianna Campos
Claudia Caplinger
Paul Cassidy
Lolly Cervantes
Pat Christopherson
Dick Clarke
Dolly Cole
Carl Coleman
James Coleman
Thomas Cornwell & Family
Karen Flaharty Daley
Beverly de Gelder
The Diaz Family
Carole Dillon
Judith DiMatteo
Dave Dossman
John Drazkowski, Jr.
Phyllis Estes
Sharon Evans
Chuck Fay
The Fiore Family
Ryan Flum
Matthew Foster
Kathryn Franklin
Joe Freire
Ellen Fresca
Brian Frink
Carmen Garcia
The David Gonzales Family
Rick Gonzalez
Pat Goscienski
Eileen Gough
Rosemary Haeffelin
Susan Hallahan
Cyndy Hamasaki
The Harker Family
Elizabeth Harrison
The Heath Family
Lilian Hills
Nan Hollbick
Susan Hori
Olga Huette
Iolanda Iacobelli
Sue Johnston
Eileen Jones
Paul Kennedy
Peggy Kiernan
Debbie Kinney
Margaret Kolbo
Helen Kuhn
Lillian Lachance
The Lamelin Family
Christopher Lawrence
Roland Lawrence
Brandon LeBlanc
Ashley Load
Cassandra Loretto
Lauren Loretto
Richard Lynn
James MacArthur
Joaquin Maldonado
Nancy Marley
Micki Marone
Chandler May
The Mazzarella Family
Mac McCullough
Eileen McNabb
Bob McWilliams
Joyce Meehan
Kalei Mendiola
Phyllis Minaya
June Mitchell
Nancy Moore
Conrad Murphy
Margie Myers
Maurine Nichols
Helen O'Connell
Heidi Olson
Juanita Matamala Pacheco
Bernadette Padovan
Art Palle
Helen Pingtella
Douglas Price-Williams
Daniel Raiman
The Rhee Family
Clinton Ritchie
Rita Ritchie
Joanne Robinson
Maria Rogers
Joanne Rosefeld
Dorothy Rouse
The Russo Family
Kimberly Schlunt
Linda Schmidt
The Douglas E. Schulte Family
Pete Serle & Family
The Shaw and Nocida Families
Bob, Joan, & Julie Shea
Elizabeth Shirzad
Richard Sikora
Jeanne Sisson
Mike Snyder
Nick Softau
Fred & Gilda Spiegl
Darek, Vanessa, & Elba Spizewski
Dorothy Staehr
Ted Stanislawski
Pete Sullivan
David Sweet
Sarah Tillinghast
Stephen Toth, Jr.
John Treat
Mary Tysko & Family
Laurie Updyke
Barbara Upson
Ethel Vanderhagen
Kae Vanpola
Silvana Vettese
The Visciglio Family
Bob Vita
Vanessa Vitiello
Ashley Wandell
Kevin Watson-Graff
John Whitton
Irene Wojcik
Patricia Zavala
The Zynda Family

Calendar Highlights

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

The Week Ahead

Jan 15 Liturgy of the Word for
Children at 8:30am Mass
RE.A.CH classes at church
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Jan 18-25 Week of Prayer for
Christian Unity
Jan 22 Liturgy of the Word for
Children at 8:30am Mass
Jan 22 RE.A.CH High School
Classes

The Month Ahead

Jan 29 RE.A.CH Classes at church,
including High School
Jan 29 Groundbreaking for
Permanent Church and
Parish Offices

The Year Ahead

Feb 5 Knights of Columbus
Breakfast
Feb 14 Spirited Seniors Luncheon
Feb 18 Women's Guild
Fashion Show
Mar 11 **Rescheduled**
Towers of Faith Reception
Mar 22 Day of Recollection for
Men and Women
May 20 Confirmation at 10:30am
Mass
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.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 14, 5:00pm Fred Spiegl
Sunday, January 15, 8:30am Ernesto Vettese ☩
Sunday, January 15, 10:30am Joe Coccaro ☩
Monday, January 16, 8:15am Cirese LaBerge
Tuesday, January 17, 8:15am Martha Rossi ☩
Wednesday, January 18, 8:15am Margaret Dorsa ☩
Thursday, January 19, 8:15am Rita Harnacker ☩
Friday, January 20, 8:15am Mary Budge ☩
Saturday, January 21, 5:00pm Kenneth Dorsa ☩
Sunday, January 22, 8:30am John Byrne ☩
Sunday, January 22, 10:30am Jim Rasfeld ☩

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

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 16 Sr. Mary Maselina Tevaga, CSN
January 17 Sr. Joyce Anne Thomas, CSJO
January 18 Sr. Maria Thomas, OCD
January 19 Sr. Zita Toto, OLC
January 20 Sr. Martha Cecilia Tovar, CVI
January 21 Sr. Lisa Turay, CSJO
January 22 Sr. Maria Paz Uribe, SJS

Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioners

Manuel & Nanette Lorenzana & Family

Announcing the Baptism of

Jonathan Rodney Hay
Ava Rose Rocha
Tristan Anthony Seda
 on January 8



Our Christian community welcomes you with great joy!

In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Roy Heath, who died on January 7. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, January 26, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep his family in your prayers.

Cosmo Nocida, who died on January 7. His Funeral Mass was celebrated on January 12 in Canada. Please keep his daughter, Parishioner Pina Shaw, and his family in your prayers.

Alicia Diaz, who died on January 8. Her funeral arrangements are pending. Please keep her son, Parishioner Mario Diaz, and her family in your prayers.

George Brown, who died on January 9. His funeral services were held on January 12 in Los Angeles. Please keep his sister, staff member Sr. Maureen Brown, and his family in your prayers.

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

Parish Cookbook

Be sure to pick up one of our Parish cookbooks. They make great birthday and shower gifts.

Available in the Parish Office during the week. \$15 each, \$15 for a CD version or \$25 for the pair.

STM Scrip News

TRY US NOW! FREE Fundraising.

A percentage of each gift card is returned to the Parish for the Building Fund. Check the Scrip list (at the Scrip table after Masses or on the website) to find out how much each card earns.

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

Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice (ICWJ) Breakfast 2011

At 6:30am on December 1, a stalwart group of Parishioners and Fr. Mike met in the STM parking lot to attend the ICWJ breakfast being held in San Diego. The ICWJ is the voices of faith joined with the voices of labor to inform and support as the Voices of Justice. The principle behind this organization is the belief that a strong family is the corner stone of society. By supporting a living wage and a safe and productive work environment, everyone can contribute to the greater good by helping to bring low-wage workers out of poverty and into the middle class. As Robert Gleason, an Honoree and Chair of the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority, pointed out from the standpoint of an employer, the benefits of maintaining a trained, professional work force are far more cost efficient and good for business than having to hire many more inadequately trained, last-minute replacements which, on the whole, interrupt production and tend toward a disgruntled workforce and loss of quality of service to the paying public.

The other Honoree was Rabbi Laurie Coskey, a well-known presence in San Diego and North County and president of ICWJ for ten years. The City of San Diego, in appreciation of her, declared December 1 as "Rabbi Laurie Day."

An enthusiastic, multi-denominational presence at the Breakfast clearly indicated people of all faiths recognize worker justice as a necessary component in the expression of their faith. Representing various religious communities throughout the area were many local Catholic Churches, the Society of Jesus, and other clerical groups, as well as representatives from the Methodists, Anglicans, Episcopalians, Congregationalists, Nazarenes, Quakers and Unitarians, several synagogues, the Islam community, and the Sufi and Tibetan Temples from San Diego.

Understanding the educational necessities in equipping workers with skills for the future, many institutions of higher learning were also present. The many advocates within the education system sponsoring the ICWJ are notably: the University of California, San Diego, the California Federation of Teachers, the San Diego Community College District, the San Diego Human Relations Commission, and Mr. Marty Block, the Higher Education Chair of the California State Assembly. Also present was Sheriff Bill Gore representing the International Union of Police Associations and representatives from the Governor's office, and our California senators' offices.

At this impressive assemblage, St. Thomas More, among others, received an award for its mission to support worker justice. All in all, it was an entertainingly good time with a delicious breakfast among friends and supporters, making the early morning jaunt well worth while.

Opportunity to Help Local Families in Need

North County Solutions for Change women and children's shelter needs volunteers for meal preparation, servers, and donations (food and paper goods). STM has committed to providing one meal per month for this ministry. In this way we answer the call of Jesus to feed the hungry and this is in our neighborhood. Any help you can provide is welcome!

For more information, contact Paul & Kalei Mendiola at 760-945-9042 or kaleiann@sbcglobal.net.

Parish Events

Parish Potluck

Join us on Friday, January 20, at 6:00pm on the lower level of the Parish Center. Bring your favorite dish and your favorite date. A bottle of wine is always appreciated. This is also a chance to enjoy our friendship and hospitality and meet new friends. For more information, contact Germaine Wilmott at 760-758-9949.

Women's Guild News

Save the date for the Fashion Show, which will be in February 18. More notices and ticket information will be coming soon.

Hope your New Year has started well and will continue to be a happy one.

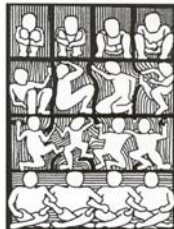
—Vera Bayliss, President

Catholic Widows and Widowers of North County

CWWNC meets the second Sunday of each month (February 12) 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 North County Parishes—this month at St. Margaret in Oceanside followed by lunch at Mimi's. 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. January is a good month to join our group!

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 Parish Office to sign up. Due date is January 17, so we have time to order materials.

2012 Phase 2.1 “. . . A Time to Build!” Groundbreaking January 29, 2012



† It is time to bring back your family stones for the January 29 groundbreaking ceremony! Ideally, you will bring them with you on that Sunday afternoon, but if you need to bring them sooner, we will accept them in the Parish Office.



† Phase 2.1 brochures and donation envelopes were mailed on January 6 to all registered households. The goal is to make up for our shortfall of \$500,000 in Phase II.

† 2012 Phase 2.1 “. . . A Time to Build!” is a one-year campaign, so please prayerfully consider your commitment and return your envelope to us as soon as possible.

† The success of Phase 2.1 will be helpful to us before we enter our ‘mortgage phase.’

† Thanks to each and every one of you for your support!

www.stmoside.org; click on Our New Church.
Chris Smith, Director of Stewardship and Development
760-758-4100 x120 or chris@stmoside.org

Thank You to the STM Coffee Klatch

WOW! The St. Thomas More morning Mass folks have outdone themselves in 2011 by collecting and donating \$700 to the Parish from their coffee and donut get-togethers after Mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This is a most welcome gift and we are very grateful for their ongoing generosity!

Thank you, one and all!

—Rev. Michael Ratajczak, Pastor



PBJ Update

(Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center)

2012 GOAL:	365 jars
Collected to date:	158 jars

Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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

WINTER ORDINARY TIME

A Sense of the Season



ORDINARY TIME

It is now Ordinary Time—a time to put away our treasured Nativity, the lovely flowers, the candles and beautiful art...a time to switch our focus on the work of Jesus. We are in Year B in our three-year cycle of readings, our focus is on Mark's account of the mission of Jesus. The scriptures invite us to the wedding at Cana, the call to discipleship to be "fishers of men," and to accept the invitation to "come and see."

The color of winter Ordinary Time is green, not the bright spring and summer greens, but rather the late fall and winter greens. While the shade of green may be subdued, it is still an indication of growth and renewal. After all, don't we make resolutions in our lives for change?

The Liturgical year is not just a series of dates and Holy days, but a sign of the presence of the Lord among us. Here at St. Thomas More, there are opportunities for our own growth and developing our faith...it is never too late for a new beginning! If you are looking for meaningful scripture study, wanting a group that meets in the evening or daytime, check out this bulletin each week! If you've longed to belong to

a small faith group, now is the time to check into all the opportunities. If you find you have a few hours to give, now is the time to step up and say "Yes!" I'm here and I want to be needed! It is impossible to help someone else without helping yourself!

"Ordinary" refers to ordering or counting Sundays in our Liturgical year. Ordinary Time began on Monday, January 9, and continues until Tuesday, February 21. Learning to number our days can lead us to wisdom and understanding the mystery of the incarnation. *Teach us to count our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart* (Psalm 90:12). Growth and Grace, what more could we ask for?

Be the Light of Christ!

Kathy Arciero
 Liturgy Chairperson
 Art & Environment



Upcoming Music

JANUARY 22
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00pm Mass
 Sanctuary Choir
8:30am Mass
 Handbell Choir
10:30am Mass
 Praise Team

CALLED TO SERVE THE EUCHARIST?
 CALLED TO PROCLAIM THE WORD?

LITURGICAL MINISTERS WORKSHOP

Required to become a Reader or Eucharistic Minister

Saturday, February 4, 9:00am - 3:30pm
 Church of St. Thomas More — Upper Level

Registration form at www.stmoside.org/emhc.htm

Contact Douglas at douglasl@stmoside.org or 760-758-4100 x140

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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

The Journey Continues

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



Part 9 is entitled "The Fire of His Love."

In this session Fr. Barron explores Catholic spirituality which is centered on prayer. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church states, "Prayer is the lifting up of the mind and the heart to God."

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

A Blessing for Marc

During his brief 18 months at St. Thomas More, Marc Raymundo has been leading young people of all ages to Christ!

Attractive in Spirit, Marc has grown the number of teens involved in their faith exponentially.

He has created a leadership group of teens and young adults who mentor our younger teens and assist in leadership roles throughout the parish.

How does he do this? Like Jesus, Marc is truly present to each person, no matter who you are, and you know he genuinely cares for you in whatever your situation.

We delight that Marc is now employed as a full-time Campus Minister at JSerra High School in Orange County. Their gain is certainly our loss, but we are



confident that all Marc has created at St. Thomas More will live on after he leaves us January 31.

All parishioners, and especially our teens and their families are invited to stop by on the lower level after the 5:00pm Mass next Saturday, January 21, to offer Marc a blessing, thanks, and good wishes as he moves forward on his journey.

I am personally grateful to Marc for the gift he has been for our youth, and pray he will know fullness of life as he moves forward in ministry. *Kathleen*

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Emergency Services

December 29, 2011

St. Thomas More Church
ATTN: Kathleen Bell
1450 South Melrose Drive
Oceanside CA 92056

Hello Kathleen:

On behalf of Catholic Charities, I would like to thank you, the parishioners and youth for collecting so many jars of peanut butter (and especially jelly) for the food pantry.

Each week, an average of 200 families come to the doors of the Catholic Charities because they do not have enough food to eat. Your contribution helps to make sure we are able to serve everyone that comes to us. You have touched many lives!

Thank you for your commitment to serving those in need in our community and for thinking of Catholic Charities. Your support is essential to the success of our program and to the families and individuals that we serve.

Sincerely,

Lisa Dumolt
Programs Coordinator
Food Resource Center – Vista
Emergency Services
Catholic Charities Diocese of San Diego
ldumolt@ccdsd.org
(760) 631-4792



YOUTH MINISTRY

✦ CONFIRMATION 2012

The Retreat for Confirmation Candidates and Sponsors is Saturday, January 21, beginning at 11:30am on the lower level. It will culminate in the 5:00pm Mass as we celebrate the Covenant Ritual.

Today is a
RE.A.CH day
at Church

Progress Reports
sent home today



Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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

Christian Stewardship Resolution for 2012 Bring Christ's Presence to our World

January is traditionally a time for new beginnings, fresh starts. For the Christian steward, the grace of being given another day, or God willing, a whole new year, stirs deep gratitude.

It also calls us to ask what a "resolution" should really be. Our first resolve should always be to involve ourselves more intimately in the life of Christ, and how better to do that than by embracing Christ's call to be compassionate?

After all, Jesus himself instructed us, "Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate" (Luke 6:36). Clearly, we strive now to live and give compassionately, as we generally understand the term. We try to be kind, considerate, and understanding individuals. We share with others. But Jesus' words challenge us to embrace a compassion that is much deeper, much more radical than our general understanding.



The word *compassion*, at its root, means "to suffer with." This goes beyond merely writing a check, offering a prayer, or sending a note. Suffering is not a popular notion in our society and we strive to avoid it. But we hear Christ instructing us now to "suffer with" the poor, the vulnerable, the powerless, the neglected, and the weak.

How can we possibly choose such a journey, this challenge to be truly present to those who suffer?

All things are possible with God, and it is through a commitment to a life of discipline, discipline in action and discipline in prayer, that we move towards the goal of true compassion.

The Christian steward is committed to the Eucharistic life, and it is through this life which Christ offers us that we gain the courage and the will and even the need to follow Him in His own example of compassion.

Compassion is the doorway to a more responsive stewardship and a committed discipleship. Through our deepening sense of compassion in 2012, may we resolve to be the kind of Christian stewards who bring Christ's presence to a suffering world.

—January 2012, ICSC Parish Stewardship (with permission)

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Children's envelopes		1.00
Total	\$	14,997.85

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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.

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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 at 760-758-4100 x161 or marcr@stmoside.org.

Our Lady of Peace High School for Young Women—Entrance exam on Saturday, January 21. For more information, visit www.aolp.org or call 619-725-9118.

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

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Marriage & Family Life Corner

The Bishops' Letter on Marriage—The Vocation: "Become what you are! This might be a great exhortation to newly married couples, especially given the strong tendency nowadays to reduce the love of the marriage bond to only a feeling, perhaps the romantic love of courtship and honeymoon. When that feeling dries up, it may seem to them that they have nothing left and that they have failed. It is at these very times, however, that their vocation as spouses calls them to go further, to 'become what they are,' members of a marital communion defined by the unbreakable spousal love of Christ for his Church." To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

Marriage Moments—(Martin Luther King) Not all injustices are black or white. Often there's a lot of gray when trying to figure out who is right in an argument. Before digging in your heels and insisting on having your way, try to get in your spouse's skin and see how the problem looks through his/her eyes.

Parenting Pointers—What dreams do you have for your children? It's fine to dream big but focus more on the content of their character than their income or status. What virtue would you most like them to have? Practice it 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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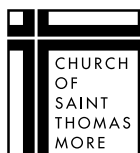
The *JustFaith* program helps participants journey into the heart of the Gospel and learn how to follow Jesus more faithfully. Through readings, discussions, faith sharing, presentations, and immersion experiences, they gain a better understanding of the Church’s social mission, encounter the poor and marginalized in our world, grow in compassion, and integrate personal spirituality and social ministry.

Cara McMahon is a freelance consultant and educator on issues of global poverty and Catholic Social Teaching. For the past 10 years, Cara has been involved in justice and solidarity education on behalf of the world’s most vulnerable . . .



Traveling extensively as a professional, as a volunteer, and as a student of the world, Cara integrates her authentic experiences and academic background into her process of education. Cara holds Bachelor’s degrees in Sociology and Theological and Religious Studies and Master’s degrees in both Pastoral Care and Counseling as well as and most recently, a Masters in Global Development from St. John’s University, New York. Her current research is the impact of international trade on communities living in poverty worldwide.

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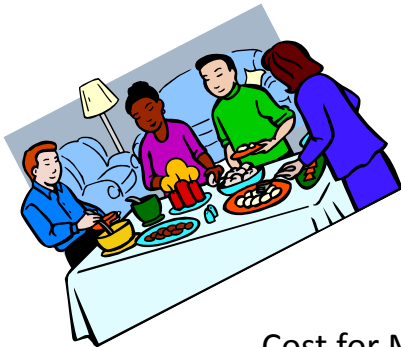
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