

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

January 22, 2012 • Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Remember to bring your stones with you to our Groundbreaking next Sunday, January 29, at 2:00pm!

(Or, you can bring them to the Parish Office anytime this week.)

The story: at the beginning of Phase II of our Capital Campaign, we wrote the names of all Parish families on stones and invited each family to take a stone home and pray for the family named on the stone. At our groundbreaking, we plan to collect all the stones and place them in the foundation of our permanent church.

Pastor's Column

Gratitude—A Lifetime of Christian Stewardship: (Time, Talent, and Treasure Joyfully Given—Part II)

We continue our journey through the month of January as we reflect upon Christian Stewardship, mindful that Stewardship is the fruit of Faith and Gratitude.

Christian Stewardship is a way of living, living as Disciples of the Lord Jesus. Thus Christian Stewardship is, simply put, Discipleship.

This weekend, at all our Eucharistic Celebrations, Bill Ipsen, the Chairperson of our Capital Campaign, will share with us the latest update of Phase 2 of our Capital Campaign, *“Our Journey Into The Future . . . Together.”* And he will give us a preview of Phase 2.1 of our Capital Campaign that begins this month.

In this Phase 2.1 we will raise the \$500,000 that we failed to raise in Phase 2 of our Campaign. These dollars are essential to keeping us on target for the building of our Permanent Church and Parish Offices building.

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Remember to RSVP for the Groundbreaking Ceremony on Sunday, January 29 at 2:00pm

Pick up a form after Mass, respond online at the Parish website Quick Clicks, call 760-758-4100 x158, or scan the QR code at right with your smart phone.



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 760-758-410 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 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)*

As we take time to reflect upon the meaning of Stewardship, which is the fruit of Faith and Gratitude, let us be mindful that there are three components of Stewardship—time, talent, and treasure. This weekend we focus upon the treasure piece.

I share with everyone a prayer that I would encourage you to pray around the table sometime this week:

*Thank you, God,
for all these things that reveal your love.
Thank you for the heavens that cover us,
for the earth beneath our feet,
for the sun in the day and the stars of the night,
for the snow and the rains
and the rivers and the lakes,
for the mountains and valleys and trees and flowers.
Thank you, God,
for those people who demonstrate Your love.
Thank you, God,
for those great men and women who followed You
throughout history,
for the priests and prophets
and apostles and ministers,
for doctors and teachers and mothers and fathers
and painters and musicians and writers
and farmers and laborers and clerks,
for those men and women who accepted Your love
and dedicated their lives
to loving their fellow men and women.
Thank you, God,
for choosing me to be one of Your people,
for calling me and equipping me to communicate
Your love to my world about me.*

—Brandt/Corita, *Psalm/Now* (Concordia Publication House)

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 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

Monday, January 23 (317)
2 Samuel 5:1-7,10
Psalm 89:20-22,25-26
Mark 3:22-30

Tuesday, January 24 (318)
Francis de Sales, bishop, doctor
2 Samuel 6:12b-15,17-19
Psalm 24:7-10
Mark 3:31-35

Wednesday, January 25 (519)
Conversion of Paul, apostle
Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22
Psalm 117:1bc,2
Mark 16:15-18

Thursday, January 26 (320)
Timothy and Titus, bishops
2 Samuel 7:18-19,24-29
Psalm 132:1-5,11-14
Mark 4:21-25

Friday, January 27 (321)
Angela Merici, virgin
2 Samuel 11:1-4a,5-10a,13-17
Psalm 51:3-7,10-11
Mark 4:26-34

Saturday, January 28 (322)
Thomas Aquinas, priest, doctor
2 Samuel 12:1-7a,10-17
Psalm 51:12-17
Mark 4:35-41

Sunday, January 29 (71)
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Psalm 95:1-2,6-9
1 Corinthians 7:32-35
Mark 1:21-28

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
Hazel Bronzan
The Brophy Family
The Broughton Family
Monica Broussard
Janet Brown
The Brown Family
Anita Buerger
Bridget Buford
Shelby Campbell
Brianna Campos
Claudia Caplinger
Paul Cassidy
Lolly Cervantes
Pat Christopherson
Dick Clarke
Dolly Cole
Carl Coleman
James Coleman
Karen Flaharty Daley
Beverly de Gelder
The Diaz Family
Carole Dillon
Judith DiMatteo
Dave Dossman
John Drzakowski, Jr.
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
Cyndy Hamasaki
The Harker Family
Elizabeth Harrison
The Heath Family
Lilian Hills
Nan Hollbick
Susan Hori
Iolanda Iacobelli
Sue Johnston
Eileen Jones
Paul Kennedy
Peggy Kiernan
Debbie Kinney
Dewey Kolbo
Helen Kuhn
Lillian Lachance
The Lamelin Family
Christopher & Roland Lawrence
Brandon LeBlanc
Ashley Load
Cassandra Loretto
Lauren Loretto
Richard Lynn
James MacArthur
Joaquim Maldonado
Nancy Marley
Micki Marone
Chandler May
The Mazzarella Family
Eileen McNabb
Bob McWilliams
Kalei Mendiola

Phyllis Minaya
June Mitchell
Nancy Moore
Conrad Murphy
Margie Myers
Helen O'Connell
Heidi Olson
Juanita Matamala Pacheco
Bernadette Padovan
Art Palle
Douglas Price-Williams
Daniel Raiman
The Rhee Family
Clinton Ritchie
Rita Ritchie
Joanne Robinson
Alfred Robles
Maria Rogers
Joanne Rosefeld
Dorothy Rouse
The Russo Family
Kimberly Schlunt
Linda Schmidt
The Douglas E. Schulte Family
Pete Serle & Family
The Shaw & Nocida Families
Bob, Joan, & Julie Shea
Elizabeth Shirzad
Richard Sikora
Jeanne Sisson
Jacque Smid
Mike Snyder
Nick Softau
Fred & Gilda Spiegl
Darek, Vanessa, & Elba Spizewski
Dorothy Staehr
Ted Stanislawski
Pete Sullivan
David Sweet
Jim Thompson, Sr.
Sarah Tillinghast
Stephen Toth, Jr.
John Treat
Mary Tysko & Family
Laurie Updyke
Barbara Upson
Ethel Vanderhagen
Kae Vanpola
The Velasco Family
Silvana Vettese
The Visciglio Family
Bob Vita
Vanessa Vitiello
Barbara Voepel
Ashley Wandell
Kevin Watson-Graff
John Whitton
Irene Wojcik
Patricia Zavala
The Zynda Family

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
Corp. Willie Deel
Chaplain Van Dinh
Lance Corp. Brandon Doyle, USMC
Grant Fischer
MSGT Steve Gallegos, USMC
Sgt. Alex Garcia
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 1st Sgt Christian Bull, USMC who has returned home safely.

Calendar Highlights

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

The Week Ahead

Jan 22 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 10:30am Mass
Jan 22 RE.A.CH High School Classes
Jan 29 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
Jan 29 RE.A.CH Classes at church, including High School
Jan 29 Groundbreaking for Permanent Church and Parish Offices

The Month Ahead

Feb 5 Knights of Columbus Breakfast
Feb 12 RE.A.CH Classes at church, including High School
Feb 14 Spirited Seniors Luncheon
Feb 18 Women's Guild Fashion Show
Feb 19 New Member Reception
Feb 22 Ash Wednesday
Feb 26 RE.A.CH Classes at church

The Year Ahead

Mar 11 **Rescheduled**
Towers of Faith Reception
Mar 22 Day of Recollection for Men and Women
Mar 24-25 Women's Guild Bake Sale
April 8 Easter Sunday
April 21 Women's Guild Game Day
May 20 Confirmation at 10:30am Mass
June 1 13th Annual Golf Classic
July 16-20 Vacation Bible Camp

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 23	Sr. Maria Luisa Valdez, OLMV
January 24	Sr. Lilia del Carmen Vega Moreno, SJS
January 25	Sr. Fatima Viamontes, RJM
January 26	Sr. Eloisa Vilches, SJS
January 27	Sr. Joanne Wagenbrenner, CHS
January 28	Sr. Elizabeth Walsh, RSCJ
January 29	Sr. Kathleen Walsh, RSM

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 21, 5:00pm	Kenneth Dorsa ☩
Sunday, January 22, 8:30am	John Byrne ☩
Sunday, January 22, 10:30am	Jim Rasfeld ☩
Tuesday, January 24, 8:15am	Julian Guadalupe Soto ☩
Wednesday, January 25, 8:15am	Al Smith ☩
Thursday, January 26, 8:15am	Otila Quiroz ☩
Friday, January 27, 8:15am	Eleanor Wolf ☩
Saturday, January 28, 5:00pm	J. C. Gonzalez ☩
Sunday, January 29, 8:30am	Eileen Flood ☩
Sunday, January 29, 10:30am	Mary Norelli ☩

Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioners

Robert & Norene DelMoral
Jane Gladden
Eddie & Sheila Murphy
Angelos & Cynthia Papazis & Family

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.

Alicia Diaz, who died on January 8. Her Vigil Service will be on Monday, January 23, at 7:00pm, and her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, January 24, at 11:00am, both at St. Thomas More. Please keep her son, Parishioner Mario Diaz, and her family in your prayers.

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

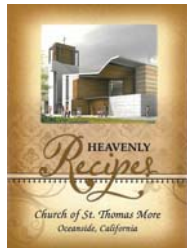
Food Bank Contributions

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. Thank you for your support! For more information, contact Ron Briseno at 760-758-4100 x153 or ronb@stmoside.org.

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

Soup Supper and Presentation Friday, February 3, 6:00-9:00pm Global Poverty and Catholic Social Teaching

The *JustFaith* participants invite you to join them in a soup supper and a presentation by Cara McMahan!



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 degrees in Sociology and Theological and Religious Studies and master degrees in both Pastoral Care and Counseling as well as and most recently, a master degree 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.

In response to economic injustices, she specifically examines economic development by working with fair trade coffee farmers in Southern Mexico. Cara hopes to benefit the world for the common good by sharing the Gospel vision of justice for God's people. She now seeks to broaden the audience of those interested in deepening their capacity for compassion through better awareness and authentic dialogue regarding the needs of people who suffer based on economic or social obstacles.

Part of our Confirmation students' Social Justice project (see page 7 for more details on their project) will be to sell Fair Trade Chocolate at this event. We will also have Fair Trade Coffee and Craft vendors present. Bring your checkbooks!

Please call 760-758-4100 x 131 to register by Monday, January 31, so that we can best prepare for the dinner.

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!

2012 DATES AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION:

**February 26, March 25, April 22, May 27, June 24,
July 22, August 26, September 23, October 28,
November 25, and December 23**

Organizations as well as individuals are invited to participate with portions/or entire meal preparation, drinks, desserts, and/or monetary contributions to offset the cost for those able to cook. Please prayerfully consider which month(s) you are able to help with this important ministry.

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

Parish Events

Knights of Columbus News

Corporate Communion—Sunday, January 29, at the 10:30am Mass, followed by a breakfast meeting at the Souplantation on University Dr., Vista. (Then back to the Parish Center for the groundbreaking ceremony!)

Pancake Breakfast—Sunday, February 5, 9:00-10:30am. Join us after 8:30am Mass or before 10:30am Mass. Watch for the flyer with complete details in next week's bulletin.

Women's Guild News

Please reserve the date of Saturday, February 18, for the Women's Guild Fashion Show. This will be at Shadowridge Country Club, and Damon and Drapers will be sponsoring this event. The chairperson is Vicky Squires (760-724-7371) and ticket sales will be handled by Leah Stevens (760-630-0788). We are looking forward to see you there. More information will be in the bulletin and we will be on the Plaza to help you buy your tickets soon. This is one of our main events and we have a special luncheon planned for you.

Surround yourself with what you love—family, friends, pets, keepsakes, music, hobbies. Keep busy and remember life without God is like an unsharpened pencil—there's no point.

—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!

ACTTS

Active Catholics in their Twenties and Thirties who Socialize

This Parish group partners with the North County Young Adults group and the Young Adult Ministry of the Diocese of San Diego, both of which have an ongoing calendar of events. To find out more, contact one of the following:

actts@stmoside.org

northcounty.youngadults@gmail.com

www.yamsd.org

Upcoming events for the Diocesan Young Adult Ministry (www.yamsd.org) include *Theology on Tap* in February at St. John the Evangelist Hall in Normal Heights and *Wide Awake III*, a one-day retreat at the San Diego State University Newman Center on Saturday, February 11.

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.’*

† The text of the Capital Campaign annual update given by chairperson Bill Ipsen at all Masses this weekend is included as a bulletin insert.

† 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 chriss@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

Walking Ministry

Join the Walking Ministry on Tuesday mornings at 9:30am or Thursday afternoons at 5:30pm starting from the Parish Center parking lot.

Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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

THESE “NEW” WORDS

Much ink has been used over the last many years in newspapers, liturgical journals, and on the internet (virtual ink, to be sure) discussing some of these “new” words we are saying in our prayers during Mass.

Now that we have been using them for a while, I thought it time to take a look at a few of the more unusual words and to make sure we know what it is that we are saying at Mass.

This is the first in what will be an occasional column on the “new” words of the Mass. If you have any words that are causing trepidation or other anxiety, let me know, and we can explore them together.

Before diving in though, let me make two comments on my perspective. First, I have ministered in a variety of faith traditions, so variations on translations are not too big a deal to me. Every time I have moved into a new position I have had to relearn the basics. Is it “in accordance with” or “in fulfillment of” in the Nicene Creed? Is it “lead us not into temptation” or “save us from the time of trial” in the Lord’s Prayer?

Second, my high school English teacher always used to say, “Why use four words when one will do?” Which brings us to this column’s word, *consubstantial*.

We know from its context in the Nicene Creed (“...begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father”) that *consubstantial* refers to the relationship among the Persons of the Trinity and that it replaced “one in Being” from the former translation. We can assume that it means roughly the same thing.

Wikipedia tells us:

Consubstantial describes the relationship among the Divine persons of the Christian Trinity

and connotes that God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are “of one being” in that the Son is “generated” (“born” or “begotten”) “before all ages” or “eternally” of the Father’s own being, from which the Spirit also eternally “proceeds.”

A quick look at Merriam-Webster gives us this:

con-sub-stan-tial adj
\kän(t)-səb-'stan(t)-shəl\
: of the same substance, essence, or nature

Origin: Late Latin
consubstantialis, from Latin *com-*
+ *substantia* substance

The Latin term *consubstantialis* was coined by Tertullian, or more formally Quintus Septimius Florens Tertullianus (c.160-c.225AD), who was a prolific early Christian author from Carthage in the Roman province of Africa. It wasn’t until the 14th century that the word *consubstantial* landed in the English lexicon.



The term is also used to describe the common humanity which is shared by all human persons. Thus, Jesus Christ is said to be *consubstantial* with the Father in his divinity and *consubstantial* with “us” in his humanity.

In the 1962 edition of the Missal, we said “of one substance.” Next, we said “of one Being.” Now, we say “consubstantial,” a one-word translation of a single Latin word. My English teacher would be proud, and all of our vocabularies have grown.

—Douglas

Next time: the differences between Thrones, Dominions, all the hosts, and the Powers of heaven.

Upcoming Music

JANUARY 29
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm Mass

Praise Team

8:30am Mass

Sanctuary Choir

10:30am Mass

Handbell Choir

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

Today is a RE.A.CH day at Home

Parents: Please complete your portion of the Progress Report, keeping our Partnership in action!

Next Sunday, January 29,
is a RE.A.CH day at Church.

We hope this will enable your family to attend the Groundbreaking Ceremony as well at 2:00pm.

12:15-1:45 The afternoon session has been moved up by 15 minutes, this week only.

Classes will meet on the lower level.

Parent Meeting for Eucharist will be held in the Activity Room at Aegis across the street.

All other sessions will meet at the regular time.

High School Mini Course starts Sunday, January 22, 6:30-8:30pm, continues January 29, and concludes February 12.

The Journey Concludes

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

Part 10 is entitled "World Without End."

In this session Fr. Barron explores the Church's conviction that life here and now is preparation for an extraordinary world that is yet to come—a supernatural destiny. The Catholic vision of death, judgment, heaven, hell, and purgatory is presented.

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

PBJ Update

(Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center)

2012 GOAL:	365 jars
Collected to date:	163 jars



YOUTH MINISTRY

✦ IGNITE

Youth Group meets every Monday at 7:00pm! Join us for an evening with friends and grow in your friendship with Christ as well.

✦ Phase 1 Mini Course

First session on Sunday, January 22. Don't forget your snack!

✦ Confirmation Candidates

Weekly Class/Mass begins next Sunday, January 29, at 9:00am on the Lower Level. It's a good time to be on time!

✦ STM Social Justice Confirmation Project



STM Confirmation 2012 teens will be partnering with Catholic Relief Services Fair Trade and Equal Exchange to bring the core values of our faith to bear on the choices we make as consumers—choices that have the power to lift our brothers and sisters out of poverty.

Equal Exchange is a worker-owned co-operative that partners with small-scale farmer co-operatives to bring you fairly traded products.

The STM Social Justice Confirmation Project will be out on the Plaza Sunday, February 5, offering a variety of 3.5oz bars of Organic Fair Trade Chocolate for sale. (They will also be at the Social Justice Soup Supper on Friday, February 3—see page 4 for details.)

*Help make the world sweeter!
Indulge your sweet tooth,
support economic justice,
and encourage our Parish teens!*

Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

Chris Smith
Director of Stewardship & Development
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CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

How will we respond in 2012?

We are constantly reminded in the Gospel of the importance of following the example of Jesus and the first disciples.

In today's Gospel these disciples actually left their work and their daily routines to follow him. They abandoned their livelihoods, familiar surroundings, and the lives to which they had become accustomed to be closer to him.

In 2012 a faithful steward of Jesus (that means each of us) finds ways to be removed from what may be a comfortable existence or daily routine in order to serve the Lord more faithfully.

All too often, out of fear, insecurity or even selfishness, we refuse to leave the safe cocoon of existence we have created for ourselves in order to hear the Lord's call and be challenged by his Gospel. Perhaps we should reflect on what comforts we need to sacrifice in order to fulfill our roles in life as faithful stewards.

—partially excerpted, ICSC Parish Stewardship, January 2012 (with permission)

Opportunity Knocks!

By this weekend many of you will have received our latest 2012 Stewardship booklet. This is a wealth of information about our Parish, which is comprised of faithful stewards who selflessly and generously give of themselves to continue the mission and ministry of Jesus in our time and place.



Please take the time to enjoy the action photos of our stewards and to read the brief descriptions of so many of our ministries.

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- † **Faith Formation and Evangelization** (pages 6-7)
- † **Liturgy** (pages 8-9)
- † **Marriage and Family Life** (page 10)
- † **Parish Organization and Events** (page 11)
- † **Social Ministries** (pages 12-13)
- † **Development Council** (page 14)
- † **Office Support** (page 15)
- † And that is not all. Enjoy the entire booklet and your story!
- † Please fill out response form for new involvement.
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Total	\$	7,772.04

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Healing Mass in Solana Beach—Wednesday, January 25, 7:00pm at St. James Church, celebrated by Fr. Ernesto Torres, CJM. For information, call 888-590-5095.

Eucharistic Conference in Escondido—Friday and Saturday, February 10-11, Church of the Resurrection, 1145 Conway Dr., Escondido. Keynote speaker will be Mother Lillie of the Trinitarians of Mary. For more information, call 760-471-3217.

Divine Mercy Conference in Pala—Friday and Saturday, February 10-11, Mission San Antonio De Pala, 3015 Mission Rd., Pala. Speakers include Abbot Charles Wright, Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, Dr. Ron Sobecks, and more. For information, call 619-276-6637.

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Marriage & Family Life Corner

The Bishops' Letter on Marriage—Growing Together in Virtues: “There is another way to look at growth in marriage: namely, as growth in virtue. As a couple grows in virtue, they grow in holiness. In other words, the couple acquires, by prayer and discipline, those interior qualities that open them to God’s love and allow them to share in his love more deeply. Couples instinctively understand this when they speak about their marriage being a means of leading each other to heaven.” To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

Marriage Moments—“Laugh together.” (Michele Obama) You may not be married to a president but healthy married couples find things to laugh about together. Try to make your spouse laugh today.

Parenting Pointers—“Then Simeon blessed them and said to Jesus’ mother, Mary, ‘This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed.’” (Lk 2:34) What fears do you have for your child?

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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2012: Phase 2.1

“ . . . A Time to Build!”

(Text of Bill Ipsen’s update on January 21-22, 2012)



Good morning,

I’m Bill Ipsen, chairman of the St. Thomas More Capital Campaign, ***“Our Journey Into The Future . . . Together.”***

Fr. Mike has asked that I provide our Parish family an update as we close Phase II of our campaign and also provide information on our plans as we move forward into our next exciting phase—the groundbreaking and initial stages of construction of our permanent church and Parish offices.

We began Phase II of this two-year campaign in January 2010 with a goal of raising \$2 million dollars by December 31, 2011. The great news is that we had pledges and gifts in the amount of \$1,590,000 of which we collected slightly over \$1,500,000. We are grateful for each gift and know this represents a sacrifice on everyone’s part, especially in these difficult economic times. At the same time, this does represent a shortfall of nearly \$500,000 which I would like to address in this update, again with good news, since we have some time to make up this deficit.

As you know in the fall of 2010, Bishop Brom visited St. Thomas More on the occasion of our 25th anniversary and made the announcement we were hoping for—that following a series of meetings between the Diocese, Fr. Mike, and the leadership team from St. Thomas More, the Bishop would grant our Parish a \$5.4 million dollar loan to begin the actual construction of the permanent church and Parish offices.

The Bishop’s decision was based on the sound financial history of our Parish, our ability to meet our other Diocesan obligations such as the Annual

Catholic Appeal and the Secondary Education Initiative, among others.

We are, of course, grateful to Bishop Brom for his decision allowing our Parish to move forward. At the same time, the Bishop and Diocesan officials acknowledged what we were expressing, that given these current economic conditions and the substantial decrease in construction costs, this would be the ideal time to move forward with construction and lower the overall cost of our project. Again, good news!

Of course with this good news from the Diocese, it also means Fr. Mike and his leadership teams from the Finance, Pastoral, and Development Councils must again consider all the financial implications of our community now supporting a campus of three buildings. Fr. Mike and Parish leadership have always acknowledged that the ability of our community to move forward with construction is based on two criteria: that we are able to raise the funds necessary for approval of a loan, and that we can support the additional construction obligations with our weekly and monthly offerings.

Let me first address our weekly/monthly contributions . . .

In my last update I noted that our weekly and monthly offerings throughout the year, even with additional income from church activities such as the Annual Golf Classic and the “Did You Know?” campaign, among others, still resulted in a deficit which was carried over to this fiscal year. The deficit is approximately \$28,000, and according to Fr. Mike and Paul Ibbetson, Finance Council Chairman, will need to be retired in our current fiscal year.

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The addition of two new buildings, along with the aging of our current Parish Center, will require more funding from our operating budget. At the same time, we are confident once the new Church is completed, our congregation will grow and our ability to support the buildings and programs of our Parish will grow as well. It is worth noting, however, that our weekly and monthly contributions have struggled to keep pace with our financial needs, and Fr. Mike and the Finance Council will continue to monitor the situation closely.

Regarding **“Our Journey Into The Future . . . Together”** Phase II Campaign, which just concluded December 31, 2011, with a goal of \$2 million dollars—as I indicated earlier there was a shortfall of nearly \$500,000. Again, given the state of things economically these past two years, we are most grateful to all who have made a pledge or have supported this campaign in other ways to help us collect and place on deposit \$1,500,000 from this campaign. The good news is that as we break ground very shortly, and as bid proposals, the City of Oceanside compliance process, and many of the other necessary steps in this process are completed, we will have an additional year for what we are calling **2012: Phase 2.1 . . . “A Time to Build”**, to complete the fundraising of the final \$500,000 which represents the shortfall from the last campaign.

This short campaign of only one year is very important, because the financing numbers which the Finance Council and Leadership Team used to calculate our mortgage payments when working with the Diocese included this final \$2 million dollars from the last campaign. As we all know, adding additional principle to the 25-year mortgage would result in a great deal of additional cash expense to our project, money which could be used in programs and other expenses related to operations. So today, I am again asking our congregation to please support this next short—but very important—

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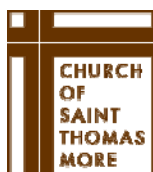
How can you help? First of all, by praying for the success of this new 2012 campaign and asking God to continue to bless our congregation and help us all find the manner in which we can best provide support to achieve our goal. Secondly, by continuing to support the capital campaign with the funds you have been pledging these last two years for one more year (by using your Building Fund envelopes or automatic debit or credit card contributions) or by joining the capital campaign fund now if you have been unable to support our fund the past two years (by using or requesting the **2012: Phase 2.1 . . . “A Time to Build”** packet or using your building fund envelopes).

This will assure us that with the \$4 million dollars we have on deposit with the Diocese, and the \$5.4 million dollar loan Bishop Brom has granted our parish, our Finance Council will begin this project with the exact amount of funds that were calculated in our loan package, and combined with the final payment last month to the Diocese of our loan on the Parish Center, this will allow that \$11,000 monthly payment to be included in our loan payment as we planned. We will provide information in our next update regarding the mortgage and other financial details at the end of 2012.

As I close, I again ask you to continue to pray for our success, pray for our pastor, Fr. Mike, the Parish staff, and our Parish leaders as they continue to serve our congregation in this most important time in our history of the Church of St. Thomas More.

Also, I would like to implore our entire congregation to be happy and joyous at our past success and to enjoy and share your excitement with one another in these next months as we see our dream finally becoming a reality.

Thank you.



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