

# 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

February 5, 2012 • Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Groundbreaking Ceremony on January 29



## Pastor's Column

### “Thank You” and Health Update

In the last two months, December and January, we have seen a whirlwind of activity here in the Parish as we moved through the Advent and Christmas seasons, and then journeyed through Christian Stewardship.

As I mentioned last Sunday, we are an “intentional” Parish. Parishioners are here because you want to be and you make parish life a priority in your lives.

The last two months were so prayerful, reverent, and joy-filled! Many of you involved and helping in doing the things that need to be done to create an atmosphere, an environment, that is prayerful, reverent, and joy-filled.

And we ended these two months with “Super Sunday” on January 29, with the “Groundbreaking Ceremony” for our Church and Offices.

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Head to the Elephant Bar in San Marcos on Tuesday and/or Wednesday, February 7-8.

20% of your purchase will be donated to STM! See the flyer for details.



## Our Mission is to: worship God,

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

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

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

*For further information, contact the Parish Office  
at 760-758-4100 x100 or parishoffice@stmoside.org.*

## teach and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ,

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

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

## and serve God's people in word and deed.

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

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

See page 10 or [www.stmoside.org](http://www.stmoside.org) for more details.

## Looking for Information on the Catholic Faith?

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

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

## STM Vehicle Donation Program

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

Call us, and we'll have it picked up.  
You get the tax deduction!

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

Since 2006 we have netted over \$24,800  
from this program. Thank you donors!



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

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

I want to thank each and every one of you for what you have done, and continue to do, to make St. Thomas More the special Parish that it is.

I will not mention names, as is my custom. But you know who you are and what you have done. All is done in the name of Jesus for the glory and honor of our God.

Thank you! Let us keep up this great Parish Spirit, as we begin this "Year of the Build."

Now a bit of news in regard to my health... As many of you know, my last surgery in March 2011 was not as successful as I had hoped. I continue to have much back and leg pain after standing for more than a few minutes.

My surgeon suggested another surgery that would entail placing "hardware" in my spine. This would mean about a week in the hospital with a three month recuperation period.

For me, at this time, this would be an option that I would hold on to as a last resort.

I began to search for some other options, and I found the Laser Spine Institute ([www.laserspineinstitute.com](http://www.laserspineinstitute.com)). After discussion with them and consultation with their local doctor, I qualified as a candidate for their procedure.

It is an outpatient procedure, using a local rather than general anesthesia, requiring no hospital time, and only a couple of weeks of recuperation. Also this would not involve the placement of any "hardware" in my spine.

This procedure is done in only four places in the United States, the closest to San Diego being Scottsdale, Arizona.

On February 6, I will be flying to Phoenix. February 6 and 7 will be days of physical exams and evaluations. February 8 will be the day of the procedure. February 9 will be a day of rest. On February 10, I will return to Oceanside and continue my recuperation at the rectory. I hope to return to "active duty" on Ash Wednesday, February 22.

Fr. Rich Lewandowski will fly out from Massachusetts on Sunday, February 5, and will accompany me to Scottsdale and return with me to Oceanside for part of my recuperation. He will return home on February 13.

I ask for your continued prayers that this procedure will relieve some, if not all of my pain. I do not have time to be "held back." We have a Church to build!

*Fr. Mike*

## Eucharistic Adoration



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

Exposition of the Eucharist on First Fridays.  
Next date: Friday, March 2.

*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](http://www.usccb.org).

**Sunday, February 5 (74)**  
*Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Job 7:1-4,6-7  
Psalm 147:1-6  
1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23  
Mark 1:29-39

**Monday, February 6 (329)**  
*Paul Miki and companions, martyrs*

1 Kings 8:1-7,9-13  
Psalm 132:6-10  
Mark 6:53-56

**Tuesday, February 7 (330)**  
1 Kings 8:22-23,27-30  
Psalm 84:3-5,10-11  
Mark 7:1-13

**Wednesday, February 8 (331)**  
*Jerome Emiliani;*

*Josephine Bakhita, virgin*  
1 Kings 10:1-10  
Psalm 37:5-6,30-31,39-40  
Mark 7:14-23

**Thursday, February 9 (332)**  
1 Kings 11:4-13  
Psalm 106:3-4,35-37,40  
Mark 7:24-30

**Friday, February 10 (333)**  
*Scholastica, virgin*

1 Kings 11:29-32;12:19  
Psalm 81:10-15  
Mark 7:31-37

**Saturday, February 11 (334)**  
*Our Lady of Lourdes*

1 Kings 12:26-32;13:33-34  
Psalm 106:6-7,19-22  
Mark 8:1-10

**Sunday, February 12 (77)**  
*Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46  
Psalm 32:1-2,5,11  
1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1  
Mark 1:40-45

**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  
Colleen Bechtold  
Clarice Bednarz  
John Bennici  
Regina Bentz  
Roseanne Berg  
George "Whitey" Betus  
Mary Betz  
Betty Jean Bielich  
The Bock & Pal Families  
Allan Boehne  
Lynda Brady  
Roy Bristol  
The Bronzan Family  
Monica Broussard  
Janet Brown  
The Brown Family  
Anita Buerger  
Bridget Buford  
Shelby Campbell  
Brianne Campos  
Claudia Caplinger  
Paul Cassidy  
Lolly Cervantes  
Donna Cestari  
Marjorie Chapin  
Pat Christopherson  
Dick Clarke  
Dolly Cole  
Carl Coleman  
James Coleman  
Elizabeth Cox  
Karen Flaharty Daley  
Beverly de Gelder  
The Diaz Family  
Judith DiMatteo  
Dave Dossman  
John Drzakowski, Jr.  
Sharon Evans  
The Falkenstein Family  
Chuck Fay  
The Fiore Family  
Ryan Flum  
Matthew Foster  
Kathryn Franklin  
Joe Freire  
Brian Frink  
Carmen Garcia  
The David Gonzales Family  
Rick Gonzalez  
Eileen Gough  
Rosemary Haeffelin  
Cyndy Hamasaki  
The Harker Family  
Elizabeth Harrison  
The Heath Family  
Stephnie Herman  
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 Lawrence  
Roland Lawrence  
Brandon LeBlanc  
Ashley Load  
Cassandra Loretto  
Lauren Loretto  
James MacArthur  
Joaquin Maldonado  
Nancy Marley  
Micki Marone  
Chandler May  
The Mazarrella Family  
Brian McKinney  
Eileen McNabb

Bob McWilliams  
Kalei Mendiola  
Phyllis Minaya  
June Mitchell  
Nancy Moore  
Conrad Murphy  
Margie Myers  
Domenica Nocida  
Helen O'Connell  
Heidi Olson  
Juanita Matamala Pacheco  
Bernadette Padovan  
Art Palle  
Alice Paolina  
Helen Pingtella  
Gloria & Douglas Price-Williams  
Fr. Mike Ratajczak  
The Rhee Family  
Clinton Ritchie  
Rita Ritchie  
Joanne Robinson  
Alfred Robles  
Maria Rogers  
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  
Dorothy Thomas  
Jim Thompson, Sr.  
Sarah Tillinghast  
Stephen Toth, Jr.  
John Treat  
Mary Tysko & Family  
Laurie Updyke  
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

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

**Calendar Highlights**

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

**The Week Ahead**

Feb 5 Knights of Columbus  
Breakfast  
Feb 7-8 Restaurant Fundraiser at  
Elephant Bar in  
San Marcos  
Feb 12 RE.A.CH Classes at church,  
including High School

**The Month Ahead**

Feb 14 Spirited Seniors Luncheon  
Feb 18 Women's Guild  
Fashion Show  
Feb 19 New Member Reception  
Feb 20 President's Day  
Mass at 8:15am  
Parish Office and Chapel  
closed  
Feb 22 Ash Wednesday  
Masses at 8:15am,  
12:00pm, 5:30pm, and  
7:30pm  
Soup Supper 5:30-7:30pm  
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](mailto: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.

February 6	Sr. Helen Louise Williams, CSJ
February 7	Sr. Ara Young, OCD
February 8	Sr. Jo Ceal Young, RSM
February 9	Sr. Adriana Rebeca Zuro, SJS
February 10	Sr. Elizabeth Abajo, SJS
February 11	Sr. Laura Abat, OSF
February 12	Sr. Ana Rosa Aceves, SJS

**Mass Intentions**

Saturday, February 4, 5:00pm	Bill Carrothers ☩
Sunday, February 5, 8:30am	Gene Bell ☩
Sunday, February 5, 10:30am	Bert Botkin ☩
Tuesday, February 7, 8:15am	Gene Griffith ☩
Wednesday, February 8, 8:15am	Fred Becker ☩
Thursday, February 9, 8:15am	Viola McLain ☩
Friday, February 10, 8:15am	Annabelle Floryance ☩
Saturday, February 11, 5:00pm	Terence Flanagan ☩
Sunday, February 12, 8:30am	Annie Gavin ☩ Peter Gavin ☩
Sunday, February 12, 10:30am	Betty Such ☩

## Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioners

Brian & Brandy Barker & family  
Cheryl Frey & family

### Congratulations to

**Dorothy & Carl Coleman**

who celebrate their 61st wedding anniversary February 4.

*May God continue to bless your marriage, and may you be an*

### “Did You Know” Collection for January 2012

**\$3,231.00**

### Heartnotes

#### Congratulations to our recent graduates:

William Ames, Donna McRae, Tom Rinear, Pat Goscienski, and Dianne McGovern

There will be an Infant/Child CPR class on Saturday, February 18 from 9:00am-12:00noon. The fee is \$37.

Are you interested in Hands-Only CPR? Just the basics in a class that takes only a little more than one hour will be given on Friday, February 17 at 7:00pm. There is no fee, but you will need to make a reservation.

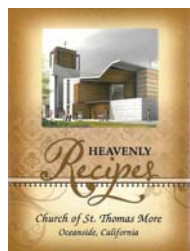
The next Adult CPR/AED class will take place on Saturday, March 10 from 9:00am until noon.

To reserve a place in class or if you have any questions about the St. Thomas More CPR program contact medical director Dr. Phil Goscienski at [drphilg@cox.net](mailto:drphilg@cox.net) or 760-732-1414.

### 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](http://www.stmoside.org), click on Contact Us, then click on Scrip
3. Email at [scrip@stmoside.org](mailto:scrip@stmoside.org)
4. Phone at 760-758-4100 x150

*Orders may be picked up after Mass on the weekend or at the Parish Office during the week.*

## Social Ministries/Outreach

### Thank You

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for all the prayerful support you gave me and my family during my brother George's long illness with brain cancer. I am also so very grateful for all of the prayers, sympathy cards, and Mass offerings sent following his death on January 9. It is truly a blessing for me to belong to this Parish community!

With affection, Sr. Maureen

### 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](mailto:ronb@stmoside.org).



### 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!

### 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](mailto:kaleiann@sbcglobal.net).**

## Parish Events

### Valentine's Luncheon

The Spirited Seniors invite you and your friends to a delicious buffet lunch catered by Bobby's Hideaway Cafe and Bingo with prizes. Come and be a part of this special day! Tuesday, February 14, 11:30am-2:30pm. Parish Center Lower Level. Cost for members: \$12. For non-members: \$15. Deadline for reservations: Monday, February 6. Make your check out to "St. Thomas More Spirited Seniors." Place in an envelope marked "Spirited Seniors Valentine's Day Lunch" and return it to the offertory collection or the Parish Office box 12 by February 6. For more information, contact Judy Buoniconti at 760-758-5113.

### Women's Guild News

It's time for the most exciting fashion show yet—it's MARDI GRAS TIME! Ladies, look for an extravaganza of color along with fun, frolic, a gustatory feast, and brand new fashions of the season. This is an event not to be missed on Saturday, February 18 at 11:00am. The event will be held at Shadowridge Country Club. We will have our usual fabulous opportunity baskets and door prizes and a feast for the eyes as our talented decorators provide us with the colorful tribute to Mardi Gras. We have managed to keep the price at \$35 and will be selling tickets this weekend and next weekend or until tickets are all sold out, so don't delay!! All proceeds go to our Capital Campaign 2.1. Your presence will be a present for us. I hope you can make it to this most important event for the Women's Guild.

The next board meeting will be Monday, February 6 at the STM Parish Center lower level, 10:30am.

—Vera Bayliss, President

### 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.

### 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](mailto:actts@stmoside.org)  
[northcounty.youngadults@gmail.com](mailto:northcounty.youngadults@gmail.com)  
[www.yamsd.org](http://www.yamsd.org)

### Vocations Support Group-Dinner & Meeting

This support group is for men and women discerning their vocations as they share with others, reflecting on God's call in their lives. If you are not sure where God is calling you, this meeting will hopefully help you discern. Our next gathering is Tuesday, February 8, in the Rectory at St. Francis Church (525 W. Vista Way, Vista) beginning with prayer and dinner at 6:00pm followed by reflection, discussion, and prayer. Please be prompt and be sure to register by calling 760-945- 8040.

## 2012 Phase 2.1 "... A Time to Build!"

Watch for first update on February 12



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

† Capital Campaign annual update, brochures, and response envelopes are available at the information table, Parish Office, and on our website.

† We continue to collect the family stones that will be going into the foundation of our church when it is built. Please return your stones to the Parish Office or the Information table if you were unable to attend the ceremony.

† Thank you for making it possible to pay off our Parish Center loan in December 2011!

† More photos on bulletin page 8!

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

### Visit the Parish Website or Our Facebook Page...

See photos from the Groundbreaking Ceremony on January 29:

[www.stmoside.org](http://www.stmoside.org), then click on the yellow Quick Clicks

Facebook: St. Thomas More RCC

### 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 (February 26) we gather for Mass at various North County Parishes (St. James in Solana Beach) followed by lunch (in Del Mar). 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—RSVPs are recommended.

# Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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

## SINGING A SONG IN MANY ROOMS

My wife sat in with the choir this past weekend for the Groundbreaking, enjoying an opportunity to sing with the group instead of sitting in the congregation. Later that day, she told me that it had been fun to sing with the choir, but noted that she had to concentrate particularly carefully during one of the songs because her congregation sings it differently.

Listening to the Praise Team that Saturday evening, I noticed that they presented the psalm differently than the Sanctuary Choir was going to sing it the next morning.

When I heard Sally play the final hymn on the organ Sunday morning,

perhaps a “live” or “in concert” version, or a recording of the same song by another artist, but we usually hear the same song played and sung the same way every time.

The same is not true of the music we sing in our liturgies. Since this Parish has a variety of musical resources supporting the congregation’s singing, a song is going to feel different depending on who is accompanying. A hymn accompanied by the Praise Team, for example, is going to feel like something one hears in a parish where piano or guitars are the norm. The same hymn accompanied by the organ might feel like it belongs in a



more rhythm driven because of the strumming. Organ accompaniment is fuller because it has more types of sounds that can be mixed together. Handbell accompaniment tends to need faster notes (and more of them) because the sound the bells produces dissipates more quickly.

Second, there is the “human” element. Music in worship is live, and leaders of singing and instrumental groups have differing sensibilities about what works with their instruments and choirs based on their background, training, and experience. At St. Thomas More, Kathy, Joleen, Sally, our LEAD musicians, and I each have different frames of reference as to what a song should sound like. So, depending on who is leading, a song is going to feel different as we sing it. The music leaders meet to make sure the songs are sung the same way, that we all sing and play the same notes which match the worship aid, but *how* we sing those notes remains flexible.

Third, we must make room for the Holy Spirit to guide us and inspire us as we (all of us) sing and play this music to the glory of God.

Jesus has told us: *In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places* (Jn 14:2). And in each room, our favorite versions of our favorite songs. In the meantime...

—Douglas



### Upcoming Music

**FEBRUARY 12**  
**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**5:00pm Mass**

Sanctuary Choir

**8:30am Mass**

Handbell Choir

**10:30am Mass**

Praise Team

I noticed that she presented it differently than it had been played at the other two Masses, when the hymn was accompanied by the Praise Team in the one instance and by the piano and Handbell Choir in the other.

Parishioners come up and ask me about these differences from time to time, so here’s some food for thought on why songs sound different at each Mass.

When we listen to music on the radio or at home, it usually comes from recordings and, as a consequence, it sounds the same every time we hear it. Every once in a while we might hear an alternate

cathedral. Let’s look at the “why” a bit more carefully.

Each accompanying instrument—guitar, piano, handbells, or organ—brings with it its own characteristics. Guitar strings are strummed and plucked. Handbells and pianos are percussive, with the sound being produced by a clapper or hammer striking a piece of metal or a metal string. Organs are primarily wind instruments, their sounds the result of air flowing through pipes, or in our case, a digital sample of this sound.

All of this leads to variations in the presentation of songs in worship. First, there is the mechanical reality. Guitar accompaniment tends to be

# Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

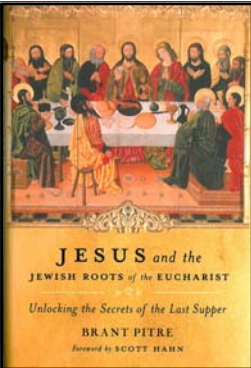
Kathleen Bell  
Director of Faith Formation  
kathleenb@stmoside.org; 760-758-4100 x110

Today is a RE.A.CH day at Home

## PBJ Update

(Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center)

2012 GOAL: 365 jars  
Collected to date: 169 jars



## Fr. Mike's Bookies

### *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist*

by Brant Pitre

Available NOW in the Faith Formation Office for review and order (\$15).

*"In Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist, Brant Pitre pairs together the Jewish Scriptures and the Jewish tradition to frame the actions of Jesus at the Last Supper and to provide a fresh look at the heart of Christian practice—the Eucharist.*

*By taking us back to the Jewish roots of our faith, Pitre gives us a powerful lens through which to see anew the bread of the presence, the manna, the Last Supper, and ultimately the meaning of Christian Eucharist.*

*Pitre's mastery of Scripture and the Jewish traditions makes him the perfect guide for anyone seeking to understand the climax of Jesus' ministry, the Last Supper, and the first Eucharist."*

Dr. Tim Gray,  
President of the Augustine Institute

Discussion will take place online. You can add your comments about the book, ask questions, and respond to others. Search for *Fr. Mike's Bookies* group on Facebook and join.

## Little Books for Lent

This series provides a six-minute meditation for each day of the Lenten season.

In this form of prayer, we take a Scripture passage and spend some quiet time reading it with God at our side. We listen for God to speak to us through the words, guiding us to thoughts and reflections that sometimes seem to come from nowhere. People are often surprised how easy it is to pray this way.

The following are available at the Information Table on weekends and the Church Office during the week. Your \$2 donation helps cover our cost.

- ◆ Little Purple Book  
(for children, approximately 6-12)
- ◆ Little Black Book  
(for teens through adults)
- ◆ el Librito Negro  
(en español)



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*If you want to hear God laugh,  
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—Mychal Judge

## Youth Ministry

### ✦ IGNITE

Youth Group meets every Monday at 7:00pm! Join the LEAD team and Rory Griffin, our interim Youth Advocate, in deepening your relationships with one another and with Christ.

### ✦ Phase 1 Mini Course

No class Sunday, February 5—final session February 12.

### ✦ Confirmation Candidates

- ◆ Weekly Class/Mass Sunday at 9:00am. Don't forget your Bible.
- ◆ Families are encouraged to sit together at the 10:30am Mass in the "youth section" of the church. We want to surround these candidates with family and friends so they experience our support on the journey.
- ◆ Our new Cadjutor Bishop, Cirilo Flores, will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation at STM on May 20 at the 10:30am Mass.



## STM Social Justice Confirmation Project

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## CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP Our Response to God's Call

Thank you for your ongoing stewardship and to all who made our January 29 Groundbreaking Ceremony a special day!

The best part of the day for me was to see many of us coming together for this important event in our history at the same time. As Jen and Andy Frost said in their lay witness talks, it takes many people to make this parish work as well as it does.

It is a blessing to continue to do God's work next to each of you!



### Opportunity Knocks! Hospitality Ministers (a.k.a. Ushers)

- † Greet fellow worshipers as they arrive and later as they as they leave.
- † Hand out worship aids/collect them after Mass.
- † Help with the Offertory Collection.
- † Assist with seating, directions to restrooms, etc.
- † Distribute bulletins at the end of Mass.



To be a vital part of our welcome spirit at STM please contact:  
 Douglas Lynn, 760-758-4100 x140 or douglasl@stmoside.org.

*The King's Good Servant, but God's First.*  
 —St. Thomas More

## TOWERS OF FAITH Future Support and Estate Planning Options

Towers of Faith is a movement that has arisen due to the visionary leadership and generosity of several of our Parishioners. We stress that this is not about the gift amount, but rather the love and thought behind the gift.

These individuals (*several anonymous*) have included STM in their estate planning. This helps to ensure their ongoing support and a legacy for our Parish. *Towers of Faith* is a valuable portion of our future support.



Examples of the various future planning vehicles are:  
**Designated Beneficiary Accounts,  
 Last Will and Testament, Living Trust, Life Insurance,  
 Stocks and Bonds, Real Estate, and Endowments.**

Any Parishioners who have already included STM in their estate plans are *Towers of Faith* participants. If you are interested, please contact us. Your participation is most welcome and appreciated!

Chris Smith at 758-4100 x120, or [chriss@stmoside.org](mailto:chriss@stmoside.org).

**Do two people in your family know the location of your will and/or living trust?**

### Collection for Week of January 28/29, 2012

Number of Registered Households		1,026
Offertory*	\$	6,993.94
Offertory (Loose Collection)		1,240.00
Children's envelopes		1.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>8,234.94</b>

\* Offertory envelopes, credit card withdrawals, automatic checking or savings account deductions (credit card and automatic bank account withdrawals are posted at STM on the 5th and/or 20th of each month).

### Ways to Help Support Your Parish

We offer a variety of options for easier giving. In addition to the extra 'mail-back' envelopes included in your packet, we offer automatic credit card withdrawal (Visa, MC, or Discover) and automatic checking/savings account deduction. For more information, contact the Parish Office at 760-758-4100 x100 or [parish\\_office@stmoside.org](mailto:parish_office@stmoside.org).

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## News and Information from the Larger Church

**Scripture Unlocked! Series in San Diego**—John Paul the Great Catholic University brings to San Diego a new series of *free* dynamic talks led by top Biblical Theology and Philosophy scholars. *Scripture Unlocked* will kick off the first talk on Monday, February 6 at 7:00pm at John Paul the Great Catholic University. Plus! A historical display of historical Bibles will be featured from the Fowler Bible collection. To register: [www.jpccatholic.com/scriptureunlocked](http://www.jpccatholic.com/scriptureunlocked) or contact Colleen Monroe at 858-653-6740 x1713.

**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 Sobeks, and more. For information, call 619-276-6637.

**Catholic University Open House in San Diego**—John Paul the Great Catholic University seeks to Impact the Culture for Christ through media and business. Join us on Saturday, February 11, for our open house and learn more! We'll begin with Mass at 11:00am. For more information, email [fovaldez@jpccatholic.com](mailto:fovaldez@jpccatholic.com).

**"Star-Spangled Salute" Luncheon in San Diego**—Thursday, February 16, 10:45am, Hilton Mission Valley, 901 Camino Del Rio South, San Diego. Sponsored by the St. Vincent de Paul Village Ladies Guild and includes silent auction, luncheon, and live music/entertainment. \$45 per person. Proceeds to benefit the children at Fr. Joe's Villages. For reservations and information, contact Jane Hargrove by February 3 at 858-453-7016.

**Sung Contemplative Rosary for Lent in Rancho Bernardo**—Friday, February 24, 7:00pm, San Rafael Catholic Church, 17252 Bernardo Center Dr., San Diego. All are welcome to sing and pray along with members of the Parish Choir to better focus on the last days of Christ through visual means (beautiful icons), scriptural readings, and song. For more information, call 858-587-4314.

**Elizabeth Hospice Volunteer Training in Escondido**—Three Sundays: February 26, March 3 and 10, 8:30am-3:00pm, at The Elizabeth Hospice, 150 W. Crest St., Escondido. For more information, contact 760-737-2050.

## News from St. Francis Church

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

- Parishioner priority for enrollment at St. Francis School,
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For more information, contact the school at 760-945-7960.

**Mainly Mozart Concert Series in Carlsbad**—February 26, and March 18, 2:00pm at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 6628 Santa Isabel St., Carlsbad. Tickets and more information available at 619-239-0100 or [www.mainlymozart.org](http://www.mainlymozart.org).

**Catholic Radio in San Diego**—Includes Catholic Answers, interviews and discussions by Diocesan staff, youth programs, and more. Visit [www.catholicradioofsandiego.com](http://www.catholicradioofsandiego.com) for details or tune in to AM 1000 Monday-Friday, 6:00-8:00pm.

**Pregnancy Resource Center in San Marcos**—Birth Choice of San Marcos, 760-744-1313 or [www.birthchoice.net.a](http://www.birthchoice.net.a)

**Natural Family Planning Course in San Diego**—February 23, March 8, April 5, and May 3. For more information and/or to register for the series, contact 619-303-5053 or [davidandcheryross@gmail.com](mailto:davidandcheryross@gmail.com).

**Marriage Encounter Program in San Diego**—Resolving to have a better relationship? Choose a Marriage Encounter weekend to start that process! For more information, contact [barfive@cox.net](mailto:barfive@cox.net) or 866-473-7730.

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

### Marriage & Family Life Corner

**The Bishops' Letter on Marriage—Living Chastely:** "Married people are called to love with conjugal chastity. That is, their love is to be total, faithful, exclusive, and open to life...The practice of marital chastity ensures that both husband and wife will strive to live as a gift of self, one to the other, generously. In other words, marital chastity protects a great good: the communion of persons and the procreative purposes of marriage." To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

**Marriage Moments**— "They brought to [Jesus] all who were ill." (Mk 1:32) How do you like to be treated when you are ill? Do you want to be left alone or fussed over? What about your spouse? Don't assume that what you like is what your beloved would like. Ask.

**Parenting Pointers**—Parents naturally want their children to be successful in life and love. "When raising children focus on enduring values and character—the success that counts will fall into place." (Raising Kids Who Will Make a Difference). Wealth and good looks are nice but can be false friends. Go for integrity and compassion.

**Special Message—Real Marriage Tour: *The Truth about Sex, Friendship, and Life Together*.** Marriage is a wonderful gift, but it takes work, growth in Christ, and patience to love the other more than ourselves. Single individuals will be ahead of the curve after hearing these truths that will transform their dating life and shape their future marriage. Join Pastor Mark and wife Grace Driscoll for an event that will encourage, enlighten, and equip you in your romantic relationship. Whether you are married or single, learn how Pastor Mark and Grace have navigated their marital journey through biblical teaching and humor. Tour dates: February 24 from 7:00pm-9:00pm and February 25 from 9:00am—12:00pm. For more information, Google: "real marriage tour san diego" or visit <http://www.gotothehub.com/liveevents/real-marriage/>.

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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## Support Replacing the Death Penalty

The Bishops of California support the effort to place an initiative on the November 2012 ballot that will replace the use of the death penalty for a capital crime with the penalty of life imprisonment without the possibility of parole.

In their statement they say:

“As Catholics, we hold human life as sacred. In the exercise of justice, this principle must prevail in the manner we treat one another, even for those who have done grave harms. Justice requires proportionate and effective means in the protection of society. As citizens, we find the use of the death penalty unnecessary, impractical and expensive.”

### How can you help now?

- Collect petition signatures
- Spread the word
- Raise funds.

Sign both petitions after all Masses the weekend of February 11-12.

For more information, contact Jane Kelleher at 760-822-7041

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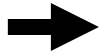
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## Support Parental Notification

The Bishops of California support the effort to place an initiative on the November 2012 ballot that will require a doctor to notify parents 48 hours prior to an abortion being performed on their minor daughter.

In their statement they say:

“As Catholics, we believe and teach that we bear the image of God. We come to life as the result of humanity’s collaboration in God’s creative work... As citizens, we believe that government serves best when it supports families in their irreplaceable task of nurturing the next generation.”

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