

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 19, 2012 • Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



Our Journey to Easter:
Friday night fish dinners,
distribution of palms,
washing of feet, and
stations of the cross.

Pastor's Column

The Forty Days of Lent

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. We begin the Season of Lent. In these days, as we embrace the disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, as we focus upon the Passion of Jesus the Christ.

Through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving we clear our minds and hearts a bit in order to make more room in our lives for the Paschal Mystery of Christ, his suffering, death, and resurrection.

We dare to ask ourselves "What meaning does the Passion of the Christ have for me?" and "How am I uniting my life to the Paschal Mystery of Christ?"

I encourage you to take seriously what our Parish offers you during this Season of Lent. Let your Lenten journey be not only private, but also communal.

Begin your walk with your Parish Family on the road of renewal and refreshment, by attending Mass on Ash Wednesday and being signed with ashes. This external sign is a commitment of

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Join us for Mass on Monday, February 20, at 8:15am (President's Day Holiday)

Join us for Mass (with distributions of ashes) on Ash Wednesday, February 22

8:15am, 12:00noon, 5:30pm, and 7:30pm

Soup Supper 5:30-7:30pm



**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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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.

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**

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your desire and readiness for interior renewal. Take advantage of the Stations of the Cross that will be prayed on Friday evenings.

Attend Mass each Sunday as a family, ALL household members present together. Plan ahead for the Triduum—Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday...

Mark your calendars for the days and times. Will it be necessary to rearrange some family schedules and work schedules in order to participate in Holy Week activities? Are you willing to make this a family priority?

Unite your crosses to the Cross of Christ. In that union you will find, not suffering and death, but new life, new hope, and new beginnings.

In these days, let us once again die to sin, to selfishness, to our own needs and concerns, and rise to new life on high with Jesus the Christ!

F.A. Mike

Lenten Reconciliation Services at Local Parishes

Date	Time	Parish
Wed, Feb. 29	7:00pm	St. Margaret, Oceanside
Tue, Mar. 6	6:30pm	Mary Star of the Sea, Oceanside
Wed, Mar. 7	7:00pm	St. Thomas More, Oceanside
Thu, Mar. 8	7:00pm	St. James, Solana Beach
Mon, Mar. 12	7:00pm	Nativity, Rancho Santa Fe
Thu, Mar. 15	7:00pm	Mission San Luis Rey, Oceanside
Sat, Mar. 17	10:00am	Mission San Luis Rey, Oceanside
Wed, Mar. 21	7:00pm	St. John, Encinitas
Mon, Mar. 26	7:00pm	St. Elizabeth Seton, Carlsbad
Wed, Mar. 28	7:00pm	St. Patrick, Carlsbad
Thu, Mar. 29	1:00pm	St. Francis, Vista
Thu, Mar. 29	7:00pm	St. Francis, Vista
Mon, Apr. 2	6:30pm	St. Mark, San Marcos
Tue, Mar. 3	6:00pm	St. Peter, Fallbrook

Rosary

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



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.

Sunday, February 19 (80)
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Isaiah 43:18-19,21-22,24b-25
 Psalm 41:2-5,13-14
 2 Corinthians 1:18-22
 Mark 2:1-12

Monday, February 20 (341)
 James 3:13-18
 Psalm 19:8,9,10,15
 Mark 9:14-29

Tuesday, February 21 (342)
 James 4:1-10
 Psalm 55:7-11,23
 Mark 9:30-37

Wednesday, February 22 (219)
Ash Wednesday
 Joel 2:12-18
 Psalm 51:3-6,12-14,17
 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2
 Matthew 6:1-6,16-18

Thursday, February 23 (220)
 Deuteronomy 30:15-20
 Psalm 1:1-4,6
 Luke 9:22-25

Friday, February 24 (221)
 Isaiah 58:1-9a
 Psalm 51:3-6,18-19
 Matthew 9:14-15

Saturday, February 25 (222)
 Isaiah 58:9b-14
 Psalm 86:1-6
 Luke 5:27-32

Sunday, February 26 (23)
First Sunday of Lent
 Genesis 9:8-15
 Psalm 25:4-9
 1 Peter 3:18-22
 Mark 1:12-15

Mass Intentions	
Saturday, February 18, 5:00pm	Mervin & Tommy Bensmiller ☩
Sunday, February 19, 8:30am	Pete Depietro ☩
Sunday, February 19, 10:30am	Bob Hale ☩
Monday, February 20, 8:15am	Ann Couture ☩
Tuesday, February 21, 8:15am	Siggie Ogan
Wednesday, February 22, 8:15am	Kay Forman ☩
Wednesday, February 22, 12:00pm	Bridie Byrne
Wednesday, February 22, 5:30pm	Hans Thielemann ☩
Wednesday, February 22, 7:30pm	Jim Tutino ☩
Thursday, February 23, 8:15am	Marge Gillen
Friday, February 24, 8:15am	Jim Golden ☩
Saturday, February 25, 5:00pm	Eugene Masseth ☩
Sunday, February 26, 8:30am	Frances M. España ☩
Sunday, February 26, 10:30am	Missa Pro Populo

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

Mary Alexander	Chandler May
Laura Allenfort	Brian McKinney
Lucia Ambriz	The McNabb Family
Mary Balli	Bob McWilliams
Alexandra Banwell	Joyce Meehan
Jose Luis Barbosa	Kalei Mendiola
Patricia Barbour	Phyllis Minaya
Colleen Bechtold	June Mitchell
Clarice Bednarz	The Moon Family
John Bennici	Nancy Moore
Regina Bentz	Conrad Murphy
Roseanne Berg	Margie Myers
George "Whitey" Betus	Domenica Nocida
Mary Betz	Annie Noles
Betty Jean Bielich	Helen O'Connell
The Bock & Pal Families	Heidi Olson
Allan Boehne	Juanita Matamala Pacheco
Lynda Brady	Bernadette Padovan
Roy Bristol	Art Palle
The Bronzan Family	Alice Paolina
Monica Broussard	Lupe Casas Pelletier
Janet Brown	Helen Pingtella
Bridget Buford	Douglas Price-Williams
Shelby Campbell	Gloria Price-Williams
Brianne Campos	Barbara Ramm
Claudia Caplinger	Guadalupe Ramos
Paul Cassidy	Fr. Mike Ratajczak
Lolly Cervantes	Clinton Ritchie
Donna Cestari	Rita Ritchie
Marjorie Chapin	Joanne Robinson
Pat Christopherson	Maria Rogers
Dick Clarke	Dorothy Rouse
Dolly Cole	The Russo Family
Carl Coleman	Kimberly Schlunt
James Coleman	Linda Schmidt
Thomas Cornwall & Family	The Douglas E. Schulte Family
Elizabeth Cox	Bob, Joan, & Julie Shea
Karen Flaharty Daley	Elizabeth Shirzad
Beverly de Gelder	Richard Sikora
Ryan Devlin	Jeanne Sisson
Judith DiMatteo	Mike Snyder
Dave Dossman	Nick Soltau
John Drazkowski, Jr.	Fred & Gilda Spiegl
Virginia Dunbar	Darek, Vanessa, & Elba Spizewski
Sharon Evans	Dorothy Staehr
The Falkenstein Family	Ted Stanislawski
Chuck Fay	Pete Sullivan
The Fiore Family	David Sweet
Ryan Flum	Dorothy Thomas
Matthew Foster	Jim Thompson, Sr.
Anthony Fowler	Sarah Tillinghast
Kathryn Franklin	Stephen Toth, Jr.
Joe Freire	John Treat
Brian Frink	Mary Tysko & Family
Carmen Garcia	Laurie Updyke
Lois Garth	Barbara Upson
Eric Gibbs	Ethel Vanderhagen
Rick Gonzalez	Silvana Vettese
Eileen Gough	Bob Vita
Rosemary Haeffelin	Vanessa Vitiello
Charles Hall	Barbara Voelpel
Susan Hallahan	Ashley Wandell
The Harker Family	Kevin Watson-Graff
Elizabeth Harrison	John Whitton
Stephnie Herman	Patricia Zavala
Lilian Hills	
Nan Hollbick	
Susan Hori	
Iolanda Iacobelli	
Sue Johnston	
Eileen Jones	
Paul Kennedy	
Peggy Kiernan	
Debbie Kinney	
Dewey Kolbo	
Sr. Anne Krememik	
Helen Kuhn	
Lillian Lachance	
The Lamelin Family	
Christopher Lawrence	
Roland Lawrence	
Brandon LeBlanc	
Evelyn Levy	
Ashley Load	
Cassandra Loretto	
Lauren Loretto	
James MacArthur	
Joaquin Maldonado	
Nancy Marley	

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

The Week Ahead

Feb 19	Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
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 24	K of C Fish Dinner
Feb 24	Stations of the Cross
Feb 25	Men's Prayer Breakfast
Feb 26	Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
Feb 26	RE.A.CH Classes at church

The Month Ahead

Mar 2	K of C Fish Dinner
Mar 4	High School RE.A.CH
Mar 2	Stations of the Cross
Mar 9	K of C Fish Dinner
Mar 11	RE.A.CH classes at church including high school
Mar 11	Rescheduled Towers of Faith Reception
Mar 18	RE.A.CH classes at church including high school
Mar 22	Day of Recollection for Men and Women
Mar 24-25	Women's Guild Bake Sale

The Year Ahead

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

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 20	Sr. Mary Jo Anderson, CHS
February 21	Sr. Pia Anderson, OCD
February 22	Sr. Flavia Arellano, CVI
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February 24	Sr. Rosemary Babbitt, IHM
February 25	Sr. Joanna Baker, OCD
February 26	Sr. Maria Teresa Bandera, CVI

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

Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioners

John Bock
Gerald & Jenny McGuire
Ari & Clarissa Layoun & Family

Announcing the Baptism of

Aiden Quinn Marlaire
David Lee Navadel
Savana Teresa Navadel
on February 19



Our Christian community welcomes you with great joy!

Congratulations to

Kathy & Tony Arciero

who celebrate their 41st wedding anniversary this weekend.

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

Flower Donations

The Altar Flowers for this weekend were given by **Kathy & Tony Arciero** in honor of their anniversary.



In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Carol Bock, who died on January 20. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, March 1, at 3:00pm at St. Thomas More. Please keep her sister, Parishioner Diane Pal, and her family in your prayers.

Eileen McNabb, who died on February 3. Her Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Friday, February 24, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Paola D'Acosta, who died on February 3. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, February 28, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep her father, Charlie Moon, 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.

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

The Mission of the St. Thomas More Social Justice Committee is to:

- † provide awareness and education of Catholic social justice teaching;
- † participate in creating a society with more just laws and social structures;
- † work with other faith groups on justice issues within social, economic, and political structures.

Brother Benno Food Drive

It is time for our annual food drive for the poor served by Brother Benno's. Your continuing generosity has always been appreciated and is even more important in these distressed economic times. Deacon Tom will have trucks available for your donations before all Masses the weekend of March 10-11. Please help!

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!

Books for Change

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

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

One used book, CD or DVD =

One Homeless Child's Life Changed for One Day

www.solutionsforchange.org

Food Bank Contributions

Look for the blue barrels on the Plaza at weekend Masses to deposit your contributions for North County Community Services Food Bank in San Marcos. The most needed items include canned meats and protein, pasta and pasta sauce, boxed macaroni and cheese, and canned fruit. Thank you for your support! For more information, contact Ron Briseno at 760-758-4100 x153 or ronb@stmoside.org.

FILL A GROCERY BAG
FOR A HUNGRY FAMILY



Parish Events

Women's Guild News

Please also keep these dates on your calendar: March monthly meeting, March 12, a tribute to St. Patrick's Day; Day of Recollection on Thursday, March 22; and Game Day will be held on Saturday, April 14. Look for more information in the bulletin in the coming weeks. We will also have announcements at Mass on these activities. Our Spring Bake Sale will be on March 24-25.

There is no joy that can compare with the joy of knowing you are in God's care.

—Vera Bayliss, President

Knights of Columbus Fish Dinners

Every Friday during Lent, 5:30-7:00pm, starting February 24. Watch for details in upcoming bulletins!

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
northcounty.youngadults@gmail.com
www.yamsd.org

Facing Surgery or a Serious Illness?

If you, a family member or close friend is facing surgery or has been diagnosed with a serious illness, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick can be powerful and comforting.

For more information, call the Parish Office at 760-758-4100.

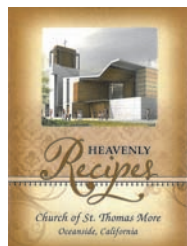
Facing a Hospital Stay?

If you or someone you know is planning a hospital stay or ends up in the hospital, marking the 'Catholic' box on the registration form ensures that the Catholic Chaplain assigned to the hospital will know the patient is Catholic. You may also want to request a visit by the Catholic Chaplain. Most hospitals also have teams of ministers from local Parishes who bring Holy Communion to Catholic patients.

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.



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

Response Statistics as of February 14

Phase 2.1		# of Families Responding
Total Responses	\$312,496	428
Still Needed	\$187,504	601
Total Goal	\$500,000	1,029
Total Collected	\$82,122	



† 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 2012 commitment and return your envelope to us as soon as possible. Envelopes are available in the Parish Office and on the Parish information table after all Masses.*

† **If each of the remaining 601 families who have not yet responded donated \$28/month (or \$7/week) to the building fund for the rest of 2012, we would make our goal!**

† We are still accepting family stones at the information table and in the Parish Office. These will go into the foundation of our church when it is built.

† **Thanks to all who have already responded to Phase 2.1!**

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

Catholic Widows and Widowers of North County

On the fourth Sunday of each month (February 26) CWWNC gathers for Mass at various North County Parishes (St. James in Solana Beach) followed by lunch (in Del Mar). On the second Sunday of each month we hold a general meeting and potluck at 2:00pm (March 11 in Rancho Bernardo). 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

LENT

A Sense of the Season

“Repent, and believe in the Gospel.” These or similar words will swirl around the sanctuary as we say Amen to the cross of ashes placed on our foreheads as a sign to all that being a Christian is serious business. The ashes are an austere and eloquent symbol of our will to be converted, our understanding of penance, and the grace of forgiveness won and offered by Jesus.

These forty days of our Lenten journey begin on Ash Wednesday and end on Holy Thursday when we celebrate the Lord’s Last Supper. How do we begin this journey? What is our aim in this time and place? What will you give up? Do we really need to give up something? We might experience *metanoia*, Greek for “change of heart.” There are many ways to experience Lent—choosing NOT to do something or beginning to DO something. It is a chance for renewal in our lives and in our world.

We will walk with our Catechumens and Candidates during these forty days as they experience the final days of preparations for full initiation into our Catholic faith. Listen with fresh ears on the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent... as our Catechumens celebrate the Scrutinies of purification that lead to Baptism, please keep them in your prayers and remember your own Christian Initiation.

To reflect this period of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, our liturgical environment décor is sparse and subdued. Vestment color for our celebrant is purple and we will use fabrics colored with darker shades of purple to punctuate our space. Purple signifies great solemnity, with connotations of both penance and royal dignity.

Mary Castle has created a very special art work to be our focal point this season. Birch trees along a path offer us an opportunity to walk with God and demands that we bring order to our lives and put first things first. We’re all imperfect but perfectible. Mary was inspired by the writings of Matthew Kelly, who offers Lenten reflections on the “seven pillars of Catholic spirituality”: Confession, Daily Prayer, the Mass, the Bible, Fasting, Spiritual Reading, and the Rosary—which help us sink our roots of faith deep so that we can weather any storm and come to know the abundant life—here and in eternity—that Jesus promises. Thank you Mary for sharing your brilliant gift with us! Thank you too, to our intrepid Art and Environment team for all the extra care they give during this season both inside and out!

We will have the opportunity during this season to write our prayers, our cares and worries on prayer cards (attached to this week’s bulletin) and place them in the basket at the foot of the altar. Please feel free to add your prayers as often as you need. Our entire Parish family prays with you.

Let us praise our loving redeemer, who gain for us this season of grace, and pray to him, saying; Lord create a new spirit in us. Amen.

Kathy Arciero
 Liturgy Chairperson
 Art and Environment



Upcoming Music

FEBRUARY 22
Ash
Wednesday

8:15am Mass

Cantor &
 Congregation

12:00pm Mass

Cantor &
 Congregation

5:30pm Mass

Sanctuary Choir

7:30pm Mass

Handbell Choir

FEBRUARY 26
1st Sunday of
Lent

5:00pm Mass

Praise Team

8:30am Mass

Sanctuary Choir

10:30am Mass

Handbell Choir



After our funerals
 All gather together
 To share and compare
 Memories of loved ones dear
 Coffee and tea are served to
 our guests
 As well as **Salads, Desserts**
 and the rest
 However, we find that our
 table is bare
 And in need of people to help
 us here.
 So put on your apron and light
 your oven
 Bring out your wares and
 bake a **Dessert**
 Or open your fridge
 make a fine tasty **Salad**.

We ask, please don't be silent
 Call and volunteer your
 talents.

—Diane Morgan

Sr. Maureen
 Bereavement Facilitator
 760-758-4100 x131
 maureenb@stmoside.org

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
Check your Annual Plan for details

PBJ Update

(Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center)

2012 GOAL: 365 jars
 Collected to date: 178 jars

YOUTH MINISTRY

Little Books for Children



If you have a child between the ages of 6 and 12, *The Little Purple Book* is an excellent way to guide your child through the Lenten Season.

It is filled with “kid-friendly” activities for each day of Lent that would promote some good family conversation.

Can you set aside 15 minutes each day as your family Lenten practice to

- ◆ Be together, and
- ◆ Grow in understanding the faith treasures contained in the Lenten Season?

Get yours at the Parish Information Table or in the Parish Office while supply lasts.

Men’s Prayer Breakfast

**Saturday,
 February 25
 8:00-10:30am**

Join us for a great breakfast and a kick start into Lent with a deeper understanding of the Scriptures.



John Vignol

Sign up after Mass or call
 760-758-4100 x157

✦ IGNITE

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

✦ Mini Course

Our next mini courses will be held March 4, 11, and 18 from 6:30-8:30pm. All Parish teens are welcome to sign up by contacting Kathleen Bell. The topics are:

- ◆ Praying All Ways
- ◆ Death, Grief, and Christian Hope

✦ STM Social Justice Confirmation Project



This year’s Confirmation group is partnering with Catholic Relief Services 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.

Back by popular demand, the STM Social Justice Confirmation Project will return to the Plaza after Masses on March 3-4, offering a variety of bars of Organic Fair Trade Chocolate for only \$4.

✦ Steubenville San Diego

July 27-29, 2012

This is an amazing gathering of Catholic teens at the University of San Diego. Join over 4,000 teens and youth leaders for a weekend of fun, friendship, and faith.

There is great music, incredible speakers, time for prayer, and good food!

Don’t miss one of the best weekends of your life!

Space is limited. Sign up forms available outside the Youth Office.

**Get your reservation and deposit in by the deadline
 February 27.**

FINAL CALL !

for



Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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

Christian Stewardship Prayer for February

Gracious God,
You sent us Your Spirit
to help us
live the Gospel
according to the gifts
we have been given.

Show us how to be
good stewards of
your grace and
passionate followers
of Christ, Your Son.

Grant us the wisdom
to recognize that through
His gift of the Eucharist
there is one bread,
and we are one body.

Give us the strength
to proclaim His Good News
in word and deed.

And teach us to live,
no longer for ourselves,
but in Jesus Christ
who lives and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit,
one God forever and ever.

Amen.

—February 2012, ICSC Parish Stewardship (with permission)



*It is God's house in which we live,
and it is to God that we are responsible.
We are God's managers.*

—Parish Publishing, LLC 2/12, with permission

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Collection for Week of February 11/12, 2012

Number of Registered Households		1,029
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Offertory (Loose Collection)		1,201.00
Children's envelopes		0.00
Total	\$	9,092.41

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News and Information from the Larger Church

Norwegian and Danish Choirs Concert in Oceanside—Sunday, February 19, 4:00pm, First Presbyterian Church, 2001 S. El Camino Real, Oceanside. Vanse Guttekor—Deo Gloria, a Norwegian boys' choir, and Vor Frue Kirkes Dreng—Mandskor, a Danish boys' and men's choir, will be performing.

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.

Birth Choice of San Marcos Open House—Sunday, February 26, 1:00-3:00pm, 277 S. Rancho Santa Fe Rd., San Marcos.

Celebrate the opening of our new expansion and remodel. Refreshments served.

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.

Human Trafficking Community Panel in Oceanside—Sunday, March 4, 3:00pm, San Luis Rey Valley United Methodist Church, 5570 Old Ranch Rd., Oceanside. For more information, call 760-758-9817.

Scripture Unlocked Series at John Paul the Great Catholic University in San Diego—Monday, March 5, 7:00pm. For more information, visit jpcatholic.com/scriptureunlocked.

Teacher Job Fair in San Diego—Saturday, March 10, 9:00am-12:00pm, Cathedral Catholic High School, 5555 Del Mar Heights Rd., San Diego. For more information, visit www.dioceses-sdiego.org.

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.

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New students can now try St. Francis Catholic School for free! Families with children in **grades Kindergarten through 8** are invited to register their child to attend St. Francis School!* At the end of nine weeks, if you like what you see, just pay the balance of the year's tuition in payments through the end of the school year. If you decide St. Francis School is not a good fit for your child, you are free to walk away without any obligation.

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Offer ends April 3, 2012. For more information and application, contact the school office at 760-630-7960 or visit www.sfs-vista.org.

*Registration fee required. Offer valid pending space availability, and applies to new families who register on November 1, 2011 or later. Other restrictions may apply.

Golf Tournament

Join St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School for a most enjoyable and winning day of golf on Friday, March 16 at Twin Oaks Valley Golf Course in San Marcos. Registration available at www.sfs-vista.org. Sponsorships and donations also welcome! For more information contact 760-630-7960.

Marriage & Family Life Corner

The Bishops' Letter on Marriage—Gratitude: “As a husband and wife are thankful for one another and express this gratitude in the giving of themselves completely to one another, so this gratitude is open to the further gifts that this self-giving literally embodies: that is, a gratitude for the possible further gift of children. Inherent within a husband's gratitude for his wife is that together with her he can beget children. Inherent within a wife's gratitude for her husband is that together with him she can conceive children. Together a husband and wife are gratefully open to the gift of children.” To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

Marriage Moments—“Your offenses; your sins I remember no more.” (Is 43:25) “Child, your sins are forgiven.” (Mk 2:5) We humans hold grudges—but that is not the way of God, the way of love. With Ash Wednesday approaching consider letting go of an annoyance or fault of your beloved for Lent. Don't bring it up again—at least for 6 weeks.

Parenting Pointers—February 22 is Ash Wednesday. Talk with your kids about whether there is something the whole family might give up or DO for Lent. For example: omit desserts, TV, or videos except on Sunday; eat dinner together more, give each other one sincere compliment a day...

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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