

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

March 11, 2012 • Third Sunday of Lent

First Annual St. Thomas More Gala— Friday, June 1

In our continuing efforts to make our major yearly fundraiser fresh and exciting, we have decided to forgo the golf tournaments and to focus all of our attention on the evening events—dinner, raffles, silent and live auctions, the Champagne Diamond event, dancing, and much more!

Please stay tuned for updates as we pay tribute to our patron, St. Thomas More, on the evening of Friday, June 1!



Pastor's Column

Towers of Faith—Be a Part of the Legacy!

The “Towers of Faith” is a grass-roots movement that has arisen due to the generosity of a number of Parishioners who wanted to ensure that the treasure they would leave behind upon their death would be a sign of life for future generations and a legacy that would continue to support the build-out of our Parish Campus.

As participants of the “Towers of Faith” program, these people share a common bond of overt generosity and visionary leadership which nourishes the ongoing success of our Parish.

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“Did You Know?”

We ended our last fiscal year on June 30, 2011. Thanks to your contributions to our “Did You Know Campaign?” we ended the fiscal year in the black!

But we did not resolve the \$28,000 deficit which we incurred in FY 2009-2010 and which we carried over into FY 2010-2011.

We are now in FY 2011-2012. Your gifts to the “Did You Know Campaign?” make an important difference not only to keep us “in the black,” but help us to resolve the deficit we have been carrying from FY 2009-2010.

When you have “a little extra,” please remember the “Did You Know Campaign?” It does make a difference!



Our Mission is to: worship God,

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

*For further information, contact Douglas Lynn,
Director of Liturgy and Music,
at 760-758-4100 x140 or douglasl@stmoside.org*
Matrimony (9 months advance notice required),
communion for the sick/homebound, and anointing
are available by request

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teach and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ,

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

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

and serve God's people in word and deed.

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

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

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

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

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

The "Towers of Faith" have included St. Thomas More in their estate planning—through Designated Beneficiary Accounts, Life Insurance, Wills, Living Trusts, Stocks and Gifts of Property. In some fashion, St. Thomas More is remembered, just as they remember family members and friends!

"Towers of Faith" is an important part of our future support. It helps to ensure that we can confidently move into the future and meet "head-on" the challenges that await us.

The Members of the "Towers of Faith" are the pioneers who are setting the example and encouraging other Parishioners to follow their lead.

Our "Towers of Faith" include *Regina Auliso, Geraldine Barton, Colleen Bechtold, Catherine and David Blecki, Michael Bosak, William Brincko, Louise and Ron Briseno, Pat and Roger Burkhardt, Charlotte Dale, Rosanna and Don Eppich, Lois and Len Garth, Charles "Robert" Hall, Mary and Bill Haynes, Paul Kennedy, Anne Marshall, Josephine Mase, Ann and Richard McGeary, Joyce Meehan, Lorraine Micallef, Beverly Miller, Ralph Mueller, Richard Obsitnik, John O'Donnell, Mary Anne Palmer, Natalie and Mike Provinse, Rev. Michael Ratajczak, Jana and Randy Reznicek, Connie Ringel, Maurine Shaughnessy, Christina Smith, Masako and Carl Streling, Maria Surmenidis, Mary Lou and Frank Thompson, Elaine Weiler and three households that wish to remain anonymous.*

We keep in memory those "Towers of Faith" who have gone before us in death: *Carl Bechtold, Hazel and George Bronzan, Jean and Lew Crowell, Jack Dale, Betty and Larry Dorsa, Virginia Frost, Barbara Geiss, Jim Kilian, William Mazzarella, Lillian Luisi, Patrick McCarthy, Leo Miller, and William Zontine.*

We welcome the newest "Towers of Faith." They are *G. Jay Falkenstein, Kathy and Paul Santy, and Barbara and Ed Upson.*

It is my hope that you would consider remembering St. Thomas More in your estate planning and participating in this venture that is so vital to our future.

This year's "Towers of Faith" reception is taking place on Sunday, March 11. At this reception, which is being held at the rectory, we will break bread together again and celebrate with those who have chosen to be a part of the legacy. We will remember and honor those "Towers of Faith" who have gone before us in death, and we will recognize and honor our newest members.

If you would like more information, please contact Chris Smith, our Director of Stewardship and Development, at 760-758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org. She will be more than happy to answer any questions that you may have.

F. n. Mike

Vocations

This Lenten season, are you praying for guidance on a career choice? Consider the vocation of Priesthood or of Consecrated Religious. Contact Deacon Tom at 760-727-8442 or thomasg@stmoside.org.

<p>Readings for the Week Ahead</p> <p>Sunday Year B; Weekday Year II Readings online at www.usccb.org.</p> <p>Sunday, March 11 (29) <i>Third Sunday of Lent</i> Exodus 20:1-17 Psalm 19:8-11 1 Corinthians 1:22-25 John 2:13-25</p> <p>Monday, March 12 (237) 2 Kings 5:1-15b Psalm 42:2-3; 43:3-4 Luke 4:24-30</p> <p>Tuesday, March 13 (238) Daniel 3:25,34-43 Psalm 25:4-9 Matthew 18:21-35</p> <p>Wednesday, March 14 (239) Deuteronomy 4:1,5-9 Psalm 147:12-13,15-16,19-20 Matthew 5:17-19</p> <p>Thursday, March 15 (240) Jeremiah 7:23-28 Psalm 95:1-2,6-9 Luke 11:14-23</p> <p>Friday, March 16 (241) Hosea 14:2-10 Psalm 81:6c-11b,14,17 Mark 12:28-34</p> <p>Saturday, March 17 (242) <i>Patrick, bishop</i> Hosea 6:1-6 Psalm 51:3-4,18-21b Luke 18:9-14</p> <p>Sunday, March 18 (32) <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i> 2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23 Psalm 137:1-6 Ephesians 2:4-10 John 3:14-21</p>

<p>Prayer List (Call 760-758-4100 x102 to add a name for four weeks.)</p> <p>Mary Alexander Laura Allenfort Lucia Ambriz The Anderson Family Mary Balli Alexandra Banwell Jose Luis Barbosa Patricia Barbour Clarice Bednarz Linda Bennett John Bennici Regina Bentz Roseanne Berg George "Whitey" Betus Mary Betz Betty Jean Bielich Lynda Brady Roy Bristol Monica Broussard Janet Brown The Budrejko Family Shelby Campbell Brianna Campos Claudia Caplinger Paul Cassidy The Cerniglia Family Lolly Cervantes Pat Christopherson Dick Clarke The Cobian Family Dolly Cole Carl Coleman James Coleman Karen Flaharty Daley Beverly de Gelder Ryan Devlin Judith DiMatteo Dave Dossman John Drazkowski, Jr. Virginia Dunbar The Elliott Family Sharon Evans The Everett Family Chuck Fay The Fiore Family Ryan Flum Matthew Foster Anthony Fowler Kathryn Franklin Joe Freire Ellen Fresca & Family Brian Frink Carmen Garcia Lois Garth Eric Gibbs Rick Gonzalez Eileen Gough Rosemary Haeffelin Susan Hallahan The Harker Family Elizabeth Harrison Barbara Hill Lilian Hills Nan Hollbick Susan Hori Iolanda Iacobelli Linda Iacobelli Bennett Sue Johnston Eileen Jones Paul Kennedy The Kerstenbach & Wilmott Families Peggy Kiernan Debbie Kinney John Kirk Dewey Kolbo Helen Kuhn The Kutler Family Lillian Lachance The Lamelin Family Christopher Lawrence Roland Lawrence Brandon LeBlanc Evelyn Levy The Little Family Ashley Load Cassandra Loretto Lauren Loretto James MacArthur Joaquin Maldonado Nancy Marley Chandler May</p>	<p>The McNabb Family Bob McWilliams Joyce Meehan Kalei Mendiola Phyllis Minaya June Mitchell The Moon & D'Acosta Families Nancy Moore Conrad Murphy Margie Myers Domenica Nocida Annie Noles Helen O'Connell Heidi Olson Juanita Matamala Pacheco Bernadette Padovan Art Palle Helen Pingtella Douglas Price-Williams Gloria Price-Williams The Quin Family Louie J. Ramirez Barbara Ramm Guadalupe Ramos Clinton Ritchie Rita Ritchie Joanne Robinson Maria Rogers Dorothy Rouse The Russo Family Kimberly Schlunt Linda Schmidt The Douglas E. Schulte Family Juanita Shaffer & Family Bob, Joan, & Julie Shea Elizabeth Shirzad Richard Sikora Jeanne Sisson Mike Snyder Nick Soltau Fred & Gilda Spiegl Darek, Vanessa, & Elba Spizewski Dorothy Staehr Ted Stanislawski Pete Sullivan David Sweet The Thiry & Hazlett Families Ginger Thompson Sarah Tillinghast Stephen Toth, Jr. John Treat Mary Tysko & Family Laurie Updyke Barbara Upson Ethel Vanderhagen Robert Vasquez Silvana Vettese Bob Vita Vanessa Vitiello Barbara Voelpel Ashley Wandell Kevin Watson-Graff John Whitton Patricia Zavala</p>
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<p>Mass Intentions</p>
<p>Saturday, March 10, 5:00pm Fred & Gilda Spiegl</p>
<p>Sunday, March 11, 8:30am Kathryn Ernst ☩</p>
<p>Sunday, March 11, 10:30am Joe Coccaro ☩</p>
<p>Tuesday, March 13, 8:15am Ernesto Vettese ☩</p>
<p>Wednesday, March 14, 8:15am Howard B. Dawson ☩</p>
<p>Thursday, March 15, 8:15am Donn Wilmott ☩</p>
<p>Friday, March 16, 8:15am Alfred Barmasse ☩</p>
<p>Saturday, March 17, 5:00pm Ruth O'Regan ☩</p>
<p>Sunday, March 18, 8:30am Dylan Weakly ☩</p>
<p>Sunday, March 18, 10:30am Robert Hale ☩</p>

Calendar Highlights

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

The Week Ahead

Mar 11	Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
Mar 11	RE.A.CH classes at church including high school
Mar 11	Rescheduled Towers of Faith Reception
Mar 12	Morning Prayer
Mar 12	Women's Guild Luncheon Meeting
Mar 16	Knights of Columbus Fish Dinner
Mar 16	Stations of the Cross
Mar 18	Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
Mar 18	RE.A.CH classes at church including high school

The Month Ahead

Mar 22	Day of Recollection for Men and Women
Mar 24-25	Women's Guild Bake Sale

The Year Ahead

April 3-4	Restaurant Fundraiser at Mrs. Taco in Vista
April 8	Easter Sunday
April 14	Women's Guild Game Day
May 8-9	Restaurant Fundraiser at Mortony's in Vista
May 20	Confirmation at 10:30am Mass
June 1	1st Annual St. Thomas More Gala
July 6-8	Parish Campout
July 16-20	Vacation Bible Camp
Sep 30	New Member Reception

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.

March 13	Sr. Ada Burns, RSCJ
March 14	Sr. M. Joanna Calderon, DCJ
March 15	Sr. Celestine Callaghan, RSM
March 16	Sr. Annice Callahan, RSCJ
March 17	Sr. Irma Leticia Campos, SJS
March 18	Sr. Dolores Carlos/Coutu, OLVLM
March 19	Sr. Mary Lou Carlson, OSF

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
- StfSgt Evans Formica, USMC
- Grant Fischer
- MSGT Steve Gallegos, USMC
- Sgt. Alex Garcia
- FCCM Adam Gregory, USN
- Staff Sgt. Travis M. Meyers, USAF
- Col. Sean O'Doherty, USMC
- Pvt. 2 Jess Phillips, US Army
- Sr. Airman Robert Spear, USAF
- Sgt. Charles Watts, USMC

Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioners

Seth & Teresa Wolcott & Family

Congratulations to

Ethel & Bob Vanderhagen

who celebrate their 68th wedding anniversary March 15.

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

Annual Catholic Appeal Update

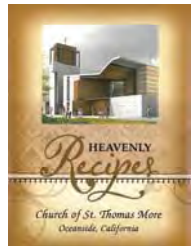
To date, \$10,651 has been pledged by 94 families, with an average of \$113.42 per family. Our assessment is \$48,000. We are off to a good start! Keep those checks/pledges coming!

Materials were mailed to all registered households, and packets are also available at the information table on the Plaza and at the Parish Office. This annual appeal from the Diocese is our opportunity to “pay it forward” and help other Parishes as we have been helped, as well as support Diocesan charitable outreach and education efforts. Your prayerful consideration is appreciated!

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

Kick It Up a Notch!

Scrip representatives will be on the Plaza the weekend of March 3-4 to sell Chili's gift cards prior to the restaurant fundraiser at Chili's on March 6-7. By using Scrip gift cards, you can help earn an extra 11% for the STM building fund. Thank you for your support!

Don't forget when you shop for your Brother Benno's donations Albertson's, Smart & Final, Stater Brother's, Target, and Walmart gift cards are available for sale by the Scrip Program. You can support both our church building fund and Brother Benno's when you use Scrip to go shopping for your items to donate.

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

Social Ministries/Outreach

What is Get On the Bus?

Get On the Bus brings children and their guardians/caregivers from throughout the state of California to visit their mothers and fathers in prison. An annual event, *Get On the Bus* offers free transportation for the children and their caregivers to the prison, provides travel bags for the children, comfort care bags for the caregivers, a photo of each child with his or her parent, and meals for the day (snacks on the bus, lunch at the prison, and dinner on the way home, all at no cost to the children's family). On the bus trip home, following a four-hour visit, each child receives a teddy bear with a letter from their parent and post-event counseling.

I noticed things about my mother: she was pretty and she looked like me. I found something in common with all the children on the bus. They have a mother in prison too.

—Natasha, age 7

An estimated 856,000 children in California have a parent currently involved in California's adult criminal justice system, nearly 9% of the state's children...

"Children of Incarcerated Parents" Simmons, Charlene Wear. California Research Bureau, CRB Note. Vol. 7, No.2, March, 2000"
(excerpts from *Get On the Bus* Brochure 2009)

Our Parish will be participating again this year. Watch future bulletins for ways to be involved! One way will be monetary contributions, and an envelope will be attached to the Parish bulletin the weekend of March 25-26.

Global Poverty

On February 3, our Parish, through the JustFaith Program hosted an evening on Global Poverty. About 85 people attended the evening, which included a soup supper; the opportunity to purchase Fair Trade coffee, crafts, and chocolate; and a thought-provoking presentation on the issue of Global Poverty by Cara McMahon.



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!

Parish Events

Knights of Columbus Fish Dinners

Every Friday during Lent, 5:30-7:00pm. Join us on March 2!

Menu includes baked cod, potatoes, vegetables, or cole slaw, beverages, and Bob Wong's famous dessert bar.

Women's Guild News

It's not too late to reserve a spot for our wonderful General Meeting this Monday, March 12, 11:00am in the lower level of the Parish Center. We will have a tribute to St. Patrick's Day with a entertaining quartet called "Sugartime." They will wow us with great Irish songs. Our menu will be as "Irish" as possible. We will be on the Plaza after each Mass for two other events and can take your reservation then. You can call me at 760-739-9061 or Siggie Ogan at 760-994-4727.

Our Day of Recollection will be Thursday, March 22. We will be on the Plaza the next two weekends so you can get more information and buy your tickets.

Our Spring Bake sale will be March 24-25. Mark your calendars for this event and see more details below.

Also, remember to save the date for Game Day, Saturday, April 14. We will be on the Plaza for that event too the next two weekends. There's also a flyer in the bulletin this weekend.

There is nothing like keeping busy. You know what they say about idle hands...

—Vera Bayliss, President

Day of Recollection—Thursday, March 22

All men and women of the Parish and friends are invited to join us on our Lenten journey. The Women's Guild and the Spirited Seniors are sponsoring a Day of Recollection on Thursday, March 22, 9:00am-2:20pm on the upper level of the Parish Center. Rev. Efrain Bautista from St. Francis Church will be our guest speaker. A sack lunch will be provided after Mass and Stations of the Cross will conclude the day. Please make your check in the amount of \$12 each to the STM Women's Guild and place it in an envelope marked "Day of Recollection." You may put the envelope in the offertory collection or the Parish Office Box 35. The deadline to register is Monday, March 19. You may also sign up on the Plaza after Masses on March 10-11 and March 17-18. For more information, please contact Pat Wong at 760-806-1310 or Judy Buoniconti at 760-758-5113.

Bake Sale

The Ladies of St. Thomas Women's Guild will be calling Parishioners whose last names begin with letters A through H requesting donations of home made baked goods for the bake sale on March 25-25. Please bring your baked goods when you come to Mass and drop them off at the designated tables. Please note if the items contain nuts. Also please, nothing that would require refrigeration. Your support is greatly appreciated. For further information, call Pat Wong at 760-806-1310 or Nancy Wozniak at 760-729-0782.

Annual Lenten Collection

Envelopes were attached to the bulletin last weekend for this collection which supports the works of Catholic Relief Services, the Church in Africa, and the Church in Latin America. You may return the envelopes any time during March. Thank you!

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

Response Statistics as of March 6

		# of Families Responding
Ten Months to Go!		
Total Responses	\$346,710	470
Still Needed	\$153,290	563
Total Goal	\$500,000	1,033
Total Collected	\$120,364	



† **If each of the remaining 563 families who have not yet responded donate \$26 per month (or \$6 per week or \$.86 a day) to the building fund for the rest of 2012, we will make our goal!**

† **Please prayerfully consider your 2012 commitment and return your envelope to us as soon as possible. Extra envelopes are available in the Parish Office and on the information table on the Plaza after all Masses.**

† *The success of Phase 2.1 will make up for our shortfall of \$500,000 in Phase II.*

† **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*

Lenten Reconciliation Services at Local Parishes

Date	Time	Parish
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

Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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

THOSE NEW WORDS

An occasional series on the new *Roman Missal*, third edition

During Lent, the themes of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving permeate the season. We are encouraged to offer up our prayers in a more deliberate way, to fast from things that will harm us or to add something to our lives that will enhance our walk with God, and to give to the poor and the needy in some extraordinary way.

Bishop Brom often reminds us that everything we have is gift, freely offered from our Creator, without price, and that our response to God's gift must be love, for God and for neighbor. We must offer our love, our whole being to God.

The Church uses the word *oblation* for a solemn offering or presentation to God. Oblation, meaning an offering, comes from the Late Latin word *oblatio*, from *offerre* and *oblatum*, meaning to offer.

In the Roman rite, there are two oblations: the lesser oblation, generally known as the offertory, in which the bread and wine yet unconsecrated are presented, and the greater oblation, the oblation proper, forming the latter part of the prayer of consecration, when the Body and Blood are ceremonially presented during the Eucharistic Prayer.

The Eucharistic Prayer is the center and high point of the entire celebration. It offers praise, even as it asks God to change the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ. In the latter part of the prayer, the priest says, "Therefore, Lord, we pray: graciously accept this oblation of our service" or "Look, we pray, upon the oblation of your Church" as he extends his hands over the gifts. This section of the Eucharistic Prayer asks God to accept the service of the Church in return for peace and redemption.

So our offering, our oblation, is more than the bread and wine and monetary gifts that are brought up to the altar during the Mass. It is our whole being, the living of our lives, devoted to the mission and ministry of Christ in this time and in this place.

In his letter to the Romans, Paul writes, "I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship" (12:1).

May our prayers, fasting, and almsgiving this Lent, and beyond, be a worthy oblation to God.

—Douglas



Children's Easter Choir

The Children's Choir
returns for Easter!

All children, grades 2-8 are
invited to sing in the
Children's Easter Choir.

REHEARSALS

Wednesdays
March 14, 21, and 28
5:00-6:15pm

Tuesday, April 3
7:00-8:00pm
(with the combined choirs)

EASTER DAY

Sunday, April 8
10:30am Mass

JOIN US!!!

Upcoming Music

MARCH 18
4th Sunday of
Lent

5:00pm Mass
Sanctuary Choir
8:30am Mass
Handbell Choir
10:30am Mass
Praise Team



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 Church
Still accepting Progress Reports back!

PBJ Update

(Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center)

2012 GOAL: 365 jars
 Collected to date: 178 jars

YOUTH MINISTRY

The Scrutinies

In order to inspire in our Elect a desire for purification and redemption by Christ, three scrutinies are celebrated on the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent.

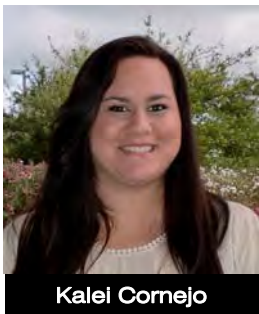
These are meant to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the Elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong and good.



Greg Abrahms

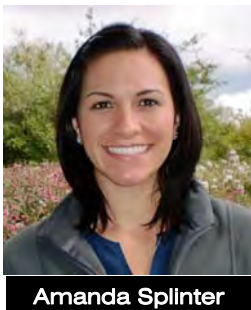
We are called to join with our Elect as they are instructed gradually about the mystery of sin from which the whole world and every person

longs to be delivered.



Kalei Cornejo

May these rites deepen in all of us our resolve to hold fast to Christ.



Amanda Splinter

St. Thomas More Youth Justice Foundation

Armenia, Rwanda, U.S., Kyrgystan, Kenya, Mongolia, Dominican Republic, Iraq, Phillipines, Senegal, Lebanon, Uganda, Peru, Mexico, Bolivia, and Colombia. These are the countries that our Youth Justice Foundation has loaned to over the last three years.

In total, our Parish teens have made 18 loans to the international microloan program, KIVA, which allows people in poverty to access the funds to build their businesses, access education, and increase their standard and quality of living. We have done all of this on an initial investment of \$350 by the Confirmation social justice project in 2009 and an additional \$130 by the Confirmation project in 2010. Less than \$500 was enough to contribute to the advancement of a large number of people.

Some of the borrowers are individuals and some are groups. The KIVA website tracks our borrowers and gives us updates on their progress.

Susan in Kenya used the loan to buy inventory for her tile business. She is using her profits to educate her daughter. Bertha from Peru uses the loan money to buy products from the local farms and resell them in the public markets. She is saving to construct a home for her two teenage children. The best part is, the borrowers pay the loans back and we get to relend the money. We never lose our initial funds and borrowers keep benefitting.

It has been very rewarding to see the beginnings of a social justice awareness occurring in the youth of our Parish. We would like to see this focus continue and grow. We are inviting interested high school teens to contact Kathleen Bell (kathleenb@stmoside.org) if you would like to participate in a youth advisory board for the STM Youth Justice Foundation.

In addition to offering a chance for leadership, stewardship and fun, it would also meet your community service requirements for high school or college preparation.

We look forward to your energy, enthusiasm, and participation. KIVA is just the beginning of what we might accomplish.

Susan Lagasse
 STM Advisor



2012 Social Justice Confirmation Project March 17 and 18

Ordinarily Organic Fair Trade Chocolate will be available once a month after all Masses. We have a second opportunity for March with some Easter chocolate available as well.

Thank you for supporting Catholic Relief Services and lifting our brothers and sisters from poverty.

Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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

Christian Stewardship Give ~ Share ~ Serve

God has taught that you cannot love without giving. God so loved you that he gave his Divine Son. And the son so loved you that he gave his life on the cross for you.

Now it is our turn to show our love.

During Lent, a time of prayer and penance, think seriously of your need to be responsible to demonstrate your love.

Stewardship is accountability

Be aware that to Christ all of life is stewardship and that we are all responsible to the God who made us for every capacity with which we have been endowed.

Someone once asked Daniel Webster about the greatest thought he ever had. Without a moment's hesitation, Mr. Webster replied, "The greatest thought my mind has ever grasped is my accountability to Almighty God."

Stewardship is the means by which we satisfy that accountability, for it places every man on his own feet. It makes him a steward of what he has, and is, and can become.

Good disciples

In a very real sense it is the only way we can be sure that we have been good disciples of Christ—that we have carried our full share of the work of the kingdom, and in some small way, we have helped to make the Word become flesh in our life and time.

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Give ~ Share ~ Serve

"The greatest thought my mind has ever grasped is my accountability to Almighty God."

—Daniel Webster

TOWERS OF FAITH

Future Support & 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 760-758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org.

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

Collection for Week of March 3/4, 2012

Number of Registered Households		1,033
Offertory*	\$	18,244.44
Offertory (Loose Collection)		1,073.00
Children's envelopes		1.00
Total	\$	19,318.44

* 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.

St. Francis and St. Thomas More Offertory Envelopes

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News and Information from the Larger Church

Vocation Retreat Day for Young Women in San Diego—Sunday, March 11, 9:00am-2:30pm, Nazareth House, 6333 Rancho Mission Rd., San Diego. For more information, contact Sr. Margaret at 619-560-0480 or sfintan@nazarethhouse.org.

JSerra Catholic High School Information Night in San Juan Capistrano—Thursday, March 15, 6:30pm, 26351 Junipero Serra Rd., San Juan Capistrano. Contact 949-493-9307 for more information.

Choral Concert in San Diego—Sunday, March 18, 3:00pm, Trinity Episcopal Church, Ninth and Chestnut, San Diego. The early music vocal ensemble *Pacific Camerata* will present music of the Spanish Renaissance master, Tomás Luis de Victoria. A free-will offering will be accepted.

Mainly Mozart Concert Series in Carlsbad—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.

Pregnancy Resource Center in San Marcos—Birth Choice of San Marcos, 760-744-1313 or www.birthchoice.net.

Natural Family Planning Course in San Diego—For more information and/or to register for the series, contact 619-303-5053 or davidandcherylross@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 or 866-473-7730.

Retrouvaille for Troubled Marriages—Call 951-259-9474 or visit www.RetroCA.com.

Healing Ministry in Solana Beach—Healing prayer ministers are available to pray over you at St. James Church, 625 S. Nardo, Solana Beach, every Sunday after the 9:00am Mass, on first Mondays from 9:00-10:00am, on second Tuesdays from 7:00-8:15pm, and on third Saturdays after the 5:00pm Mass.

Young Adult Ministry Activities in San Diego County—Visit www.yamsd.org for complete information on events for young adults.

Catholic Radio in San Diego—Immaculate Heart Radio broadcasts Catholic programming full-time on KCEO AM 1000. For more information, visit <http://ihradio.com/sandiego>.

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,
- Equal tuition rates,
- Financial aid opportunities, and
- Fundraising support.

For more information, contact the school at 760-945-7960.

Lenten Mission with Msgr. Ray East

March 26-29, morning and evening meetings. For more information, call 760-945-8000. Msgr. East has been a speaker at the LA Religious Education Congress. The theme is *The New Evangelization: If We Build It, Will They Come?*

Try us, you'll like us—Limited time offer!

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. **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.

Part-Time Teaching Position

St. Francis School is seeking applicants for a part-time (20-25 hours per week) Middle School Math and Religion Teacher for April 16 through the end of this academic year, with a possibility of a permanent position for the 2012-13 school year. Interested candidates should forward an electronic resume and cover letter to Principal Brian Wheeler, bwheeler@sfs-vista.org. For more information, call 760-630-7960.

Marriage & Family Life Corner

Next week is Saint Patrick's Day! Take the time now to re-learn who St. Patrick was...and why he's important to our faith. Plan a special family activity to celebrate the day...whether it be green pancakes for breakfast or an education to your children on the meaning of the day, make it something special!

The Bishops' Letter on Marriage—Marriage and the Kingdom of God: "A marriage that is truly in Christ, a marriage upon which his school of gratitude and openness has left its mark of joy and warmth, is a sign of the Kingdom that is coming. It is a blessing to the couple, to their children, and to everyone who knows them. It offers a sign of hope and a loving witness to human dignity in a world where hope often seems absent and human dignity is often degraded. It is a sign of the Kingdom because the love of Christ moves the married couple to ever greater heights of love." To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

Marriage Moments— "Then God delivered all these commandments." (Exodus 20:1) Which commandment is most difficult for you? Are you too lenient or too harsh on yourself? Sometimes a spouse can be a window into your soul, knowing you even better than you know yourself. Do you dare ask for his/her opinion?

Parenting Pointers—Teach them to wait. One of the best lessons parents can teach their children is delayed gratification. Wait for the next meal, for a parent to stop talking, for a ride.

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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