

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 18, 2012 • Fourth 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!

Watch your mailbox for your invitation!

SAVE THE DATE!

ST. THOMAS MORE

Gala

Pastor's Column

A Lenten Reflection by

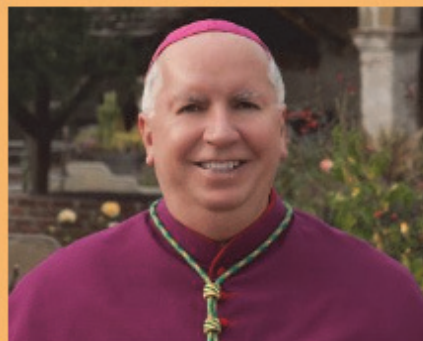
Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa, OFM Cap.

Raniero Cantalamessa is a Franciscan Capuchin Catholic Priest, born in Ascoli Piceno, Italy on July 22, 1934, ordained a priest in 1958. Divinity Doctor and Doctor in classical literature. Former Professor of History of Ancient Christianity and Director of the Department of religious sciences at the Catholic University of Milan. Member of the International Theological Commission (1975-1981)...

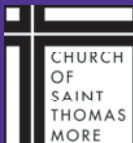
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Friday, March 23
12:00noon
San Diego County
Admin. Bldg.
1600 Pacific Coast
Hwy., San Diego

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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)*

In 1980 he was appointed by Pope John Paul II as "Preacher to the Papal Household" preaching a weekly sermon in Advent and Lent in the presence of the Pope, the cardinals, bishops, and prelates of the Roman Curia and the general superiors of religious orders... —www.cantalamesa.org

"It is just as deadly to try to forego either of the two guides of the Spirit. When the interior testimony is neglected, we easily fall into legalism and authoritarianism; when the exterior, apostolic testimony is neglected, we fall into subjectivism and fanaticism..."

When everything is reduced to just the personal, private listening to the Spirit, the path is opened to a unstoppable process of division and subdivision and multiplication of denominations and sects, often contrasting each other in their essential points, demonstrates that the same Spirit of truth in speaking cannot be in all, because otherwise he would be contradicting himself...

We should recognize however that there is also the opposite risk: that of making the external and public testimony of the Spirit absolute, ignoring the internal testimony that works through the conscience enlightened by grace. In other words, it is the risk of reducing the guidance of the Paraclete to only the official magisterium of the Church, thus impoverishing the variegated action of the Holy Spirit.

In this case, the human element, organizational and institutional, can easily prevail. The passivity of the body is fostered and the doors are opened to the marginalization of the laity and the excessive clericalization of the Church.

Even in this case, as always, we should rediscover the whole, the synthesis, that is truly 'catholic.' It is the ideal of a healthy harmony between listening to what the Spirit says to me, as an individual, and what he says to the Church as a whole and through the Church to individuals."

—Raniero Cantalamessa OFM Cap.
Preacher of the Papal Household
Lenten Reflection, 27 March 2009

Rosary

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



Food Bank Contributions

Look for the blue barrels on the Plaza at weekend Masses to deposit your contributions for North County Community Services Food Bank in San Marcos. Thank you for your support! For more information, contact Ron Briseno at 760-758-4100 x153 or ronb@stmoside.org.

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.

Readings for the Week Ahead
 Sunday Year B; Weekday Year II
 Readings online at www.usccb.org.

Sunday, March 18 (32)
Fourth Sunday of Lent
 2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23
 Psalm 137:1-6
 Ephesians 2:4-10
 John 3:14-21

Monday, March 19 (543)
Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 2 Samuel 7:4-5a,12-14a,16
 Psalm 89:2-5,27,29
 Romans 4:13,16-18,22
 Matthew 1:16,18-21,24a or Luke 2:41-51a

Tuesday, March 20 (245)
 Ezekiel 47:1-9,12
 Psalm 46:2-3,5-6,8-9
 John 5:1-16

Wednesday, March 21 (246)
 Isaiah 49:8-15
 Psalm 145:8-9,13-14,17-18
 John 5:17-30

Thursday, March 22 (247)
 Exodus 32:7-14
 Psalm 106:19-20,21-23
 John 5:31-47

Friday, March 23 (248)
Toribius Mogrovejo, bishop
 Wisdom 2:1a,12-22
 Psalm 34:17-21,23
 John 7:1-2,10-25-30

Saturday, March 24 (249)
 Jeremiah 11:18-20
 Psalm 7:2-3,9-12
 John 7:40-53

Sunday, March 25 (35)
 Jeremiah 31:31-34
 Psalm 51:3-4,12-15

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

Mary Alexander
 Laura Allenfort
 Lucia Ambriz
 The Anderson Family
 Mary Balli
 Alexandra Banwell
 Jose Luis Barbosa
 Patricia Barbour
 Clarice Bednarz
 John Bennici
 Regina Bentz
 Roseanne Berg
 George "Whitey" Betus
 Mary Betz
 Betty Jean Bielich
 Lynda Brady
 Roy Bristol
 Monica Broussard
 Janet Brown
 The Budrejko Family
 Shelby Campbell
 Brienne Campos
 Claudia Caplinger
 Paul Cassidy
 The Cerniglia Family
 Lolly Cervantes
 Pat Christopherson
 Nancy Clancey
 Dick Clarke
 The Cobian Family
 Dolly Cole
 Carl Coleman
 James Coleman
 Thomas Cornwell & Family
 Karen Flaharty Daley
 Beverly de Gelder
 Judith DiMatteo
 Dave Dossman
 John Drazkowski, Jr.
 The Elliott Family
 Sharon Evans
 The Everett Family
 Chuck Fay
 The Fiore Family
 Ryan Flum
 Ernie Follis
 Matthew Foster
 Anthony Fowler
 Kathryn Franklin
 Joe Freire
 Ellen Fresca & Family
 Brian Frink
 Carmen Garcia
 Rick Gonzalez
 Eileen Gough
 Rosemary Haeffelin
 Susan Hallahan
 The Harker Family
 Elizabeth Harrison
 Barbara Hill
 Lilian Hills
 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
 Sr. Anne Kremenik
 Helen Kuhn
 The Kutler Family
 Lillian Lachance
 The Lamelin Family
 Christopher Lawrence
 Roland Lawrence
 Brandon LeBlanc
 Jeremiah Lemus
 The Little Family
 Ashley Load
 Cassandra Loretto
 Lauren Loretto
 James MacArthur
 Joaquin Maldonado
 Nancy Marley
 Chandler May
 Bob McWilliams
 Joyce Meehan
 Kalei Mendiola
 Phyllis Minaya
 June Mitchell
 Nancy Moore
 Conrad Murphy
 Margie Myers
 Annie Noles
 Helen O'Connell
 Heidi Olson
 Bernadette Padovan
 Art Palle
 Lupe Casas Pelletier
 Lorraine Phillips
 Helen Pingtella
 Douglas 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
 The Siersma Family
 Richard Sikora
 Jeanne Sisson
 Mike Snyder
 Nick Softau
 Fred & Gilda Spiegel
 Darek, Vanessa, & Elba Spizewski
 Dorothy Staehr
 Ted Stanislawski
 The Stevenson Family
 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
 Carmen Zuñiga Villaseñor
 Stephanie de Villeneuve
 Bob Vita
 Vanessa Vitiello
 Barbara Voelpel
 Ashley Wandell
 Kevin Watson-Graff
 John Whitton
 Patricia Zavala

Calendar Highlights

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

The Week Ahead

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
 Mar 25 Liturgy of the Word for
 Children at 8:30am and
 10:30am Masses

The Year Ahead

April 1 Liturgy of the Word for
 Children at 8:30am and
 10:30am Masses
 April 3-4 Restaurant Fundraiser at
 Mrs. Taco in Vista
 April 5 Holy Thursday
 Celebration of the Lord's
 Supper at 6:00pm
 Dinners in Parishioner's
 Homes
 Exposition of the
 Eucharist until 10:00pm
 April 6 Good Friday
 Morning Prayer at 8:15am
 Celebration of the Lord's
 Passion at 12:00noon and
 7:00pm
 Stations of the Cross at
 3:00pm
 April 7 Holy Saturday and
 Easter Vigil
 Morning Prayer at 8:15am
 Blessing of Easter Food at
 11:00am
 Easter Vigil at 8:00pm
 April 8 Easter Sunday
 Masses at 6:30am,
 8:30am, and 10:30am
 April 14 Women's Guild Game Day

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 19
Sr. Mary Lou Carlson, OSF
March 20
Sr. Maria Casas, SJS
March 21
Sr. Margaret Castro, SFCC
March 22
Sr. KyungAh Chang, RSCJ
March 23
Sr. Abigail Chavez, SJS
March 24
Sr. Katia Chavez, SJS
March 25
Sr. Ancilla Chen, SSS

Mass Intentions
Saturday, March 17, 5:00pm Ruth O'Regan ☩
Sunday, March 18, 8:30am Dylan Weakly ☩
Sunday, March 18, 10:30am Robert Hale ☩
Tuesday, March 20, 8:15am Andy Murchison ☩
Wednesday, March 21, 8:15am Terry Adams ☩
Thursday, March 22, 8:15am John Drazkowski ☩
Friday, March 23, 8:15am <i>All Living Priests</i>
Saturday, March 24, 5:00pm Linda Dossman ☩
Sunday, March 25, 8:30am <i>For Peace in our hearts, families, and the world</i>
Sunday, March 25, 10:30am Carla Fisher ☩

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
 St/Sgt 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

Richard & Rachel Davis & Family
Matt & Ramona Ogden & Family

Congratulations to

Connie & Paul Hopkins

who celebrate their 13th wedding anniversary March 20.

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

In Memoriam

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:



Tom Siersma, who died on March 9. His Funeral Mass was celebrated on March 15 at St. Patrick Church in Carlsbad. Please keep his family in your prayers.

Robert Stevenson, who died on March 8. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on March 23 at 12:30pm at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside. Please keep his wife, Marie, and his family in your prayers.

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

Parish Cookbook

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

Annual Catholic Appeal Update

To date, \$17,411 has been pledged by 135 families, with an average of \$128.97 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!

STM Scrip News

Hippity Hoppity

From Easter Bonnets to Easter Baskets the Scrip program has what EVERYBUNNY needs. Whether you are Shopping for suits and dresses at Macy’s, JC Penney’s, or Sear’s or stopping by See’s, Walmart, or Target to buy treats to fill your baskets, make sure you HOP on by the Scrip table to pick up preordered gift cards or to place an order today.

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

Get on the Bus

Why do the children need transportation?

Children with a parent in prison are usually cared for by relatives, often grandparents. Many caregivers are unable to make the drive due to distance or expense. **Get On the Bus** offers a priceless opportunity—a mother’s touch, a father’s hug, a family photo, a private conversation and a connection with hope and healing.

“Even though she’s in here (prison), she’s still in my heart. It’s been four years since I’ve seen her and I’m so happy.”

—Michael, age 10

Did you know . . .

- 200,000 California children have at least one parent in prison.
- Approximately 2/3 of women who go to prison have minor children at the time of their incarceration. Most mothers report that they do not see their children throughout the entire time they are in prison.

Our Parish will be participating again this year. Watch future bulletins for ways to be involved! One way will be monetary contributions. An envelope will be attached to the Parish bulletin next weekend.

—(Excerpts from *Get On the Bus Brochure 2011*)

Thank You from Birth Choice

Dear St. Thomas More Parishioners,

What a wonderful sight we saw when we walked into our offices Monday morning, January 9. A mountain of clothing, diapers, and baby items all there as a result of your giving nature. You Parishioners responding to the leadership of the Culture of Life and Christmas Angel committees made that happen.

Both of our Birth Choice centers are staffed totally by volunteers and rely 100% on the support of the community. Therefore, your support is very important to our continuing ministry of aiding ladies in crisis situations. Thank you for being our partner in helping so many of these women. All of the items you donated are available to our clients through various programs.

We welcome visitors to our centers at any time, so please stop by and see either of our facilities (277 S. Rancho Santa Fe Rd., Ste. S, San Marcos, or 611 Mission Ave., Oceanside or www.birthchoice.net).

Please know you are in our prayers daily.

Thank you—the Birth Choice Volunteers

Catholic Widows and Widowers of North County

Did you know that CWWNC is not a bereavement program, but we do understand and support the grieving process? On the fourth Sunday of each month, we gather for Mass at various North County Parishes—March 25 at St. Patrick in Carlsbad followed by lunch in Oceanside. On April 15 our general meeting and potluck will be in Escondido. For more information call Carol Kope at 760-726-0533 or Gerri Wilmott at 760-758-9949. See the bulletin board on the lower level for our complete monthly calendar of social activities including dining out, dancing, bowling, golf, and theatre. RSVP’s are recommended.

Parish Events

Knights of Columbus Fish Dinners

Every Friday during Lent, 5:30-7:00pm. Join us on March 23!

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

Women's Guild News

Our next program is coming up very fast. On Thursday, March 22, we will be holding, along with the Spirited Seniors, our Day of Recollection. All men and women of the Parish are invited as well as friends you have that may want to come join us. See below for details.

Our Bake Sale will be held on March 24-25. We appreciate any baked goods you can donate to our table. We will be out on the Plaza, easy to see, so stop by and enjoy some homemade goodies from the parish. You can bring your baked goods before the Mass you attend.

Game Day is reserved for Saturday, April 14. We will be on the Plaza for that event too this weekend and next. Please stop by and get your tickets. It will be a fun day of games and prizes. Everyone is welcome—all members of the Parish, men and women, friends and relatives!! Hope to see you all there.

"Games can't be won, unless they are played. Prayers can't be answered until they are prayed." —*Helen Steiner Rice*

—*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 earlier this month 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 13

		# of Families Responding
Ten Months to Go!		
Total Responses	\$356,630	480
Still Needed	\$143,370	552
Total Goal	\$500,000	1,032
Total Collected	\$127,533	



† **If each of the remaining 552 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*

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.

Lenten Reconciliation Services at Local Parishes

Date	Time	Parish
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

PINK VESTMENTS?

So, what's with the rose-colored vestments? Fr. Mike reminds us that they are not pink! Despite their beauty, the rose vestments are worn only two Sundays each year: the Third Sunday of Advent and the Fourth Sunday of Lent.

These are the two Sundays that mark the halfway point of those seasons. During the Advent season of expectation, the readings and the liturgical prayers of third Sunday encourage a sharpening of our focus upon the Incarnation. During the Lenten season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, the readings and prayers of fourth Sunday contain a certain urgency in which we ask for strength to hasten with love and faith toward the solemn celebrations that lie ahead.

But wait, isn't "solemn celebration" an oxymoron?

In English, the word "solemn" is an adjective that means somber or serious. But it *also* means "with great ceremony" or "sacred" or "festive." This is the meaning the Church incorporates when we speak of the solemnities, the solemn days of Easter, Pentecost, Christ the King, Christmas, and the others.

Which is why one might have heard

these two halfway-point Sundays being referred to as Gaudete Sunday (in Advent) or Laetare Sunday (in Lent).

Gaudete (gow-DEH-teh) and Laetare (leh-TAR-eh) are Latin words with joyful connotations. They appear as the first word of the Entrance antiphon of the Mass, the words we say at the beginning of Mass when there is no Entrance song.

In Advent, the antiphon on the third Sunday is:

*Gaudete in Domino semper:
 iterum dico, gaudete.
 Dominus prope est.*

*Rejoice in the Lord always;
 again I say, rejoice.
 Indeed, the Lord is near.*

In Lent, the antiphon on the fourth Sunday is:

*Laetare Jerusalem,
 et conventum facite omnes
 qui diligitis eam
 gaudete cum laetitia,
 qui tristitia fuistis:
 ut exsultetis, et satiemini ab
 uberibus consolationis vestrae.*

*Rejoice, Jerusalem,
 and all who love her.
 Be joyful,
 all who were in mourning;
 exult and be satisfied at her
 consoling breast.*

We may not get to wear the rose-colored vestments, but we can mark the day, this halfway point to the Easter celebration, the beginning of the end of our Lenten journey. Rejoice!

—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 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 25
5th Sunday of
Lent

5:00pm Mass

Praise Team

8:30am Mass

Sanctuary Choir

10:30am Mass

Handbell Choir



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
YES, two-in-a-row!

PBJ Update

(Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center)

2012 GOAL: 365 jars
Collected to date: 185 jars

Prayer Partners



On the First Sunday of Lent prayer partner cards were offered at all the Masses so that each of us can

pray specifically for a member of our family that is depending on us.

If you did not get a prayer partner, there are more cards on the lower level, outside the Faith Formation Office.

Please pray for the members of our community that you select. You can use the prayer on the back of the name card or any form of prayer. This creates a spiritual bond between you and this child or adult.

Through your prayer ask God to strengthen and support your partner through the final stage of preparation to receive the Sacrament.

Being a Prayer Partner is a spiritual relationship, so we ask that no material gifts be given. Spiritual gifts are welcome....that might be a card or letter of support and congratulations. Some like to share their experience of receiving the Sacrament for the first time or another special memory with their Prayer Partner in a written note.

These spiritual gifts may be left at the Faith Formation Office any time between now and the above dates. They are delivered at the time of reception.

**Thank you for being
a mentoring member
of our community!**

The STM Social Justice Confirmation Project

thanks you for your overwhelming support!

We return to the Plaza this weekend with a variety of 3.5 oz. bars of Equal Exchange Chocolate for \$4 each plus Spring Gift Boxes filled with 20 Dark Chocolate Minis for \$7 each.

Fill your Easter Basket with Fair Trade!

Indulge your sweet tooth,

support economic justice,

and encourage our Parish teens!



Spotlight on EDGE



Last August, we took a very quick leap of faith, prompted by the Holy Spirit and re-structured our religious education program for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders.

Instead of small classes by grade, our new program, EDGE, brings all middle school together in one group for a comprehensive youth ministry program based on, focused on, and directed toward Jesus Christ.

Young adolescents are trying to figure out who they are and what they believe. EDGE meets them right where they are and draws every aspect of a tween's life into a faith connection and a journey with and for Jesus.

Each RE.A.CH Sunday there is a lot of spiritual energy shared among 70 tweens and a team of 40 adults and teens! Small groups also provide time to discuss the topic of the night with peers, parents, and catechists.

We are grateful to Rory Griffin for taking on the leadership of EDGE, making good use of the talents of core catechists, and keeping everyone excited and involved. Special thanks to Stacey Griffin for the endless details she organizes to keep us all on track!



Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

Chris Smith
Director of Stewardship & Development
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Fasting is Good for Christian Stewards (Really!)

Many who are serious about using the season of Lent for spiritual preparation find that the discipline of fasting helps them in a number of ways.

Three reasons to fast during Lent come quickly to mind:

Fasting increases our sense of gratitude.

We celebrate the blessing of food as coming from the Lord. Our denial of food for a time serves to keep us all the more aware of this essential gift. Moreover, how can we not be grateful when we end our fast? Tasting food again serves to celebrate our discipline, persistence and commitment to prayer during a fast.

Fasting speeds up our journey to self-discovery.

We are creatures of habit, and eating is a habit. When we fast, it jostles our daily routine. It messes up our schedule. This becomes a perfect time to reflect on our routines and how we want our lives to move forward in a positive manner.

Take time ordinarily spent on eating to write a reflection, meditate or engage in some other form of reflection

Fasting helps condition us to meet our spiritual goals.

How many times do we set goals and fail to meet them? The habit of fasting will help us set a goal and exercise control over a habit in order to meet that goal. The discipline of fasting encourages us to see that we can attain our goals and helps condition us to succeed at the next goal we set.

Catholics are called to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and during the Fridays in Lent. Additionally, we are asked to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting consists of one full meatless meal and other limited meatless meals as required to maintain strength.

The young, the elderly and those with health issues are not required to fast. The discipline of fasting and abstinence should always be approached in a spirit of prayer and with the goal of making a sacrifice in order to draw closer to the Lord.

—ICSC Catholic Stewardship, March 2012 (with permission)



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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 10/11, 2012

Number of Registered Households		1,032
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Offertory (Loose Collection)		1,569.50
Children's envelopes		1.00
Total	\$	9,561.23

* 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.

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News and Information from the Larger Church

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.

Choir Concert in San Diego—Saturday, March 24, 1:00pm or Sunday, March 25, 7:00pm, United Methodist Church, 211 Camino del Rio S., San Diego. The Masterworks Choral/PACEM Singers/Chancel Choir will perform “Ein Deutsch Requiem” by Brahms. For more information, contact 619-297-4366 or www.FUMCSD.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,
- 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?*

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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. **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.

Rachel's Vineyard Post Abortion Healing Weekend Retreat—March 30-April 1. An opportunity for any woman or man who has struggled with the emotional and spiritual pain of abortion. Strictly private and all inquiries are answered confidentially. For more information, contact Dolores at 951-325-7702 or RVTemecula@msn.com or visit www.rachelsvineyard.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>.

Lectures and Retreats at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside—Visit www.sanluisrey.org or call 760-757-3659 for details on upcoming events.

Marriage & Family Life Corner

The Bishops' Letter on Marriage—A Natural and Spiritual Blessing: “While marriage is a special blessing for Christians because of the grace of Christ, marriage is also a natural blessing and gift for everyone in all times and cultures. It is a source of blessing to the couple, to their families, and to society and includes the wondrous gift of co-creating human life.” To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

Marriage Moments—March 19 is the feast of St. Joseph, the patron saint of workers and foster parents. Value your spouse's work this week, whether it be paid or freely given for the good of the family. Have you ever considered being foster parents to a child in need?

Parenting Pointers—March 21 is National Single Parent Day (sometimes celebrated on the 3rd Sunday of March). If you are a single parent we honor you for doing double duty and award you a day of rest. If you are not a single parent, perhaps you can provide some of that rest or respite for a single parent that you know.



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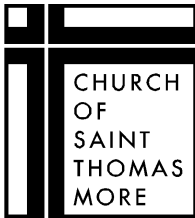
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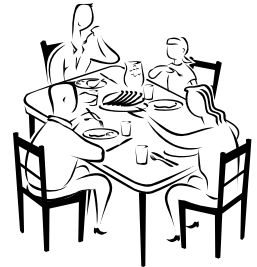
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LAST DAY TO SIGN UP: Tuesday, March 27th

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