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Eucharistic Adoration Monday-Friday, 6:30am-7:30pm

Reconciliation (Confession) Saturday, 4:00-4:30pm

March 25, 2012 • Fifth 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! SAVE THE DATE! ST. THOMAS MORE

Watch your mailbox for your invitation, or visit the Parish website, *www.stmoside.org*, and click on the Gala logo.

Pastor's Column

The Mark of a Christian

As we continue to journey through this Season of Lent, as we lose ourselves in the disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we ready ourselves to be refreshed and renewed in our Baptismal Promises.

On Easter Sunday, with renewed vigor, as we renew our Baptismal Promises, we take on again "The Mark of a Christian." May these words of St. Basil strengthen us in these efforts:

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Join Us for… Morning Prayer, Monday, March 26, 8:15am Knights of Columbus Lenten Dinner, Friday, March 30, 5:30-6:30pm Stations of the Cross, Friday, March 30, 7:00pm



Our Mission is to:

worship God,

In addition to Mass, Reconciliation, and Eucharistic Adoration (see page 1 for schedules), there are opportunities to participate in liturgical and music ministries. For further information, contact Douglas Lynn, Director of Liturgy and Music, at 760-758-410 x140 or douglasl@stmoside.org Matrimony (9 months advance notice required), communion for the sick/homebound, and anointing are available by request

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

teach and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ,

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

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

and serve God's people in word and deed.

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

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

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

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.*





The Little WHITE Book is available to help you celebrate the Easter Season each day through Pentecost! These six-minute meditations reflect on the Sunday Gospels of Easter.

Your \$2 donation helps cover the cost of the book. They are available at the information table on the Plaza or on the lower level of the Parish Center. There are a few in Spanish as well.

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.

Pastor's Column (continued from page 1)

"What Is the Mark of a Christian?"

That we be holy and blameless and so eat the Body of Christ and drink His Blood.

And what is the mark of those who eat the Bread and drink the Cup of Christ?

That they keep in perpetual remembrance Him who died for us and rose again.

What is the mark of those who keep such remembrance?

That they live not for themselves but for him who died for us and rose again.

What, then, is the mark of a Christian?

That our justice abound in all things, to watch daily and hourly and to stand prepared in that state knowing that the Lord comes when we least expect Him.

So, then what is the mark of a Christian? That we love one another as Christ loves us.

What is the mark of a Christian? To set the Lord always in our sight.

-St. Basil (329-379AD)

Continue to be faithful to your Lenten resolutions so that these days of Lent will help us to bear the mark of a Christian, to carry and wear the wounds of Christ Crucified!

Fr. Mike

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 25 (35) Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 51:3-4,12-15 Hebrews 5:7-9 John 12:20-33 Monday, March 26 (545) Annunciation of the Lord Isaiah 7:10-14: 8:10 Psalm 40:7-11 Hebrews 10:4-10 Luke 1:26-38 Tuesday, March 27 (252) Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 102:2-3,16-18,19-21 John 8:21-30 Wednesday, March 28 (253) Daniel 3:14-20,91-92.95 Daniel 3:52-56 (Psalm) John 8:31-42 Thursday, March 29 (254) Genesis 17:3-9 Psalm 105:4-9 John 8:51-59 Friday, March 30 (255) Jeremiah 20:10-13 Psalm 18:2-7 John 10:31-42 Saturday, March 31 (256) Ezekiel 37:21-28 Jeremiah 31:10-13 (Psalm) John 11:45-56 Sunday, April 1 (37) Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Mark 11:1-10 or John 12:12-16 Isaiah 50:4-7 Psalm 22:8-9,17-20,23-24 Philippians 2:6-11 Mark 14:1-15:47

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 24, 5:00pm Linda Dossman 🕆 Sunday, March 25, 8:30am For Peace in our hearts, families, and the world Sunday, March 25, 10:30am Carla Fisher 🕆 Tuesday, March 27, 8:15am Barbara Foster 🕆 Wednesday, March 28, 8:15am J. C. Gonzalez 🕈 Thursday, March 29, 8:15am Lupe Diaz 🕆 Friday, March 30, 8:15am Sylvia Bravo 🕆 Saturday, March 31, 5:00pm Peggy Fischer 🕈 Sunday, April 1, 8:30am Elizabeth Nead 🕆 Sunday, April 1, 10:30am Jack Ratajczak 🕆

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 Jean Calderone Shelby Campbell Brianne 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 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 Chandler May

Praver List (Call 760-758-4100 x102 to add a name for four weeks.) Bob McWilliams Joyce Meehan Kalei Mendiola Phyllis Minaya June Mitchell Nancy Moore Conrad Murphy Margie Myers 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 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 Soltau Fred & Gilda Spiegl 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 Robert Vasquez Silvana Vettese Carmen Zuniga Villasenor Stephanie de Villeneuve Bob Vita Vanessa Vitiello Barbara Voelpel Achley Wendell Ashley Wandell Kevin Watson-Graff John Whitton Patricia Zavala **Deployed Military**

As a faith community let us pray for all who serve our country in these troubled times. We pray especially for those connected to our Parish who have been deployed:

Gunnery Sgt. Fernando Andrade, Jr. 1st Lt. Jeffrey Bauer, USMC PFC John Brandone Corp. Willie Deel Chaplain Van Dinh Lance Corp. Brandon Doyle, USMC 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

Calendar Highlights

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

The Week Ahead

Mar 24-25 Women's Guild Bake Sale Mar 25 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses The Month Ahead Liturgy of the Word for April 1 Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses April 3-4 Restaurant Fundraiser at Mrs. Taco in Vista Holy Thursday April 5 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 Easter Sunday April 8 Masses at 6:30am. 8:30am, and 10:30am Women's Guild Game Day April 14 April 15 RE.A.CH classes at church including high school April 22 Knights of Columbus Breakfast RE.A.CH high school April 22 classes April 29 RE.A.CH classes at church including high school

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 26
Sr. Justine C. Church, MMS
March 27
Sr. Lucy Cisneros, SJS
March 28
Sr. CarolAnn Clark, CJM
March 29
Sr. Kathleen Clausen, OP
March 30
Sr. Marie Pascale Clisson, UCSC
March 31
Sr. Maura Coakley, OCD
April 1
Sr. Roberta Collins, CSJP

Congratulations to

Louann & Fernando Rodriguez

who celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary March 21.

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

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!

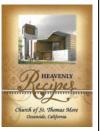
Help Establish STM's Archives

The STM Historian is looking for material from events and activities since our Parish was established in 1985. I am looking for photographs, newspaper clippings, brochures, fliers, reports, videos, drawings-anything that represents our congregational memory! Please check your drawers, file cabinets, and that creepy ol' box in the attic. You can drop off your donation at the Parish Office. Thanks!

For more information and questions, please feel free to contact: Brandon at 760-845-5450 or brandon.oswald@gmail.com.

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 \$crip 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 Penneys, or Sears 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

When does it take place?

Each year around Mothers Day and Father's Day, hundreds of children and their caregivers board buses and travel from cities all over the State of California to be united with incarcerated family members. St. Thomas More is co-sponsoring two buses with other Churches in North County to travel to the two women's prisons in Chowchilla on May 12 and one bus to the Men's Colony in San Luis Obispo on June 2. It costs \$4,000 for each bus to cover all the expenses for the children, caregivers, and travel.

"I got to see my Mom today and I adore her. There is no one in the world I have like my Mom." -- Chris, age 14

Did vou know . . .

- Children's odds of delinquency increase dramatically when visits with their incarcerated parent are denied.
- Children who are allowed regular visits with their incarcerated parent demonstrate better emotional and social adjustment; they can be assured they are loved and that their parents have not abandoned them by choice.

Our Parish will be participating again this year. Watch future bulletins for ways to be involved! One way will be monetary contributions. An envelope is attached to today's Parish bulletin.

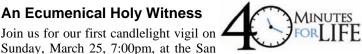
-Excerpts from Get On the Bus Brochure 2011

Voter Registration

We will be setting up a table for voter registration after the weekend Masses April 15, 22, and 29 (for the primaries) and again in October (for the November election). We are looking for Parishioners who would like to help with registration, and we hope to get a tremendous response. You would only have to stay for a short while. If you're on board or have questions contact me at theberliner@sbcglobal.net or 760-434-3710. We will have a brief training session once I have your contact information. Thank you for your consideration.

-Evi Quinn, Parish Social Justice Committee

An Ecumenical Holy Witness



Sunday, March 25, 7:00pm, at the San Marcos Abortion Clinic, 120 Craven Rd., San Marcos. We will be meeting on the fourth Sunday of each month to pray for life.

Opportunity to Help Local Families in Need

North County Solutions for Change women and children's shelter needs volunteers for meal preparation, servers, and donations (food and paper goods). STM has committed to providing one meal per month for this ministry. In this way we answer the call of Jesus to feed the hungry and this is in our neighborhood. Any help you can provide is welcome!

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

Parish Events

Knights of Columbus Fish Dinners

Every Friday during Lent, 5:30-6:30pm. Join us on March 30 last one, so don't miss it! Menu includes baked cod, potatoes, vegetables, or cole slaw, beverages, and Bob Wong's famous dessert bar.

Women's Guild News

Game Day is reserved for Saturday, April 14. We will be on the Plaza for this event this weekend, so please stop by to purchase your ticket for some fun with us and good food, too. 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. If you have any questions, please call one of Game Day's chairpersons, Mary Vernaci at 760-727-2318. Vikki Ramey is also available for questions and to get you a ticket. We are working hard so you all can join in and have a good time.

Our nominating committee is also in progress for next year's board. Names of officers elect will be announced in April. We will not have a meeting in April because of Game Day, but we will have a board meeting on Monday morning, April 2, 10:30 am, on the lower level of the Parish Center.

Wishing you all a blessed week.

-Vera Bayliss, President

Holy Thursday Dinners on April 5 after Mass

Our Parish has a tradition on Holy Thursday to have dinners in Parishioners' homes after the liturgy. Loaves of bread and bottles of wine are blessed at Mass for consumption at these dinners. We need "Hosts" who provide the setup and main dish in their home, and "Guests" who will be assigned to those homes and bring a dish to share. Host families determine the number of Guests they can accommodate and if their home is suitable for children. This is a random assignment of Guests to Host homes, meant as a way to meet new fellow Parishioners as well as extend the blessings and meaning of this holy night.

If you would like to organize your own gathering with friends on this day, please feel free to let us know the numbers of guests participating and we will include you in our numbers and offer you blessed bread and wine to take home after Mass.

Deadline for signups: Tuesday, March 27. For more information, contact Henny at 760-758-4100 x100.

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 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. RSVPs are recommended.

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

Response Statistics as of March 20

		# of Families
Ten Months to Go!		Responding
Total Responses	\$358,738	487
Still Needed	\$141,262	542
Total Goal	\$500,000	1,029
Total Collected	\$142,980	



- † Thanks to all who have already responded to Phase 2.1!
- If each of the remaining 542 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 our 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.

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

Women's Prayer Breakfast—Save the Date! Saturday, May 19, 8:00-10:30am

Plan to join us for a great breakfast to feed our bodies and a spiritual presentation to nourish our souls!

Walking Ministry

Join the Walking Ministry on Tuesday mornings at 9:30am starting from the Parish Center parking lot. For more information, contact Diane Pal at 760-815-8529.

Lenten Reconciliation Services at Local Parishes			
Date	Time	Parish	
Mon, Mar. 26	7:00pm	St. Elizabeth Seton, Carlsbad	
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

A MIND TO MAKE OUR OWN

Scripture themes for April

by Patricia Datchuck Sánchez and Rafael Sánchez Alonso, excerpted from Celebration April 2012.

with permission.

As we make our way through the sacred texts next month, and as we remember and celebrate, yet again, the salvific gifts of God in Jesus, we will benefit from the many guides God has placed along our path. Prophets, evangelists, and epistolary writers work together, sharing their insights and teaching the lessons that they themselves learned through their believing.

One voice, however, seems to stand out among all the rest: That voice is Paul's.

On April's first Sunday, when the community marks Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem as well as his suffering, passion, and death, Paul sounds the clarion call: "Have this mind in you which was also in Christ Jesus" (Phil 2:5). Like a drum major who sets the pace for the rest of the marching band, Paul encourages believers not merely to remember what God has done for sinners in Jesus but also to let that redemptive action transform our hearts so that we will make our own the very mind and attitude of Christ.

Have in you the mind of Jesus, who

knew that the very people who

revered and recognized him as Son

of David on Palm Sunday would be

shouting for his death on Good

Friday. Have in you the mind of him

who was willing, nevertheless, to

suffer for these very people and for

you and for me (April 1). Have in

you the mind of Jesus, who went

about doing good to all. In his

greatest act of goodness, he died and

rose from the grave so that everyone

who believes in him will know their

sins to be forgiven. Have in you the

mind of him who accepted to be the

unleavened bread of sincerity and

truth as well as the paschal lamb by

whose sacrifice our bond with God

is sealed and secured (April 8).

Upcoming Music

APRIL 2 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

5:00pm Mass

Cantor and Congregation

8:30am Mass

Cantor and Congregation

10:30am Mass

Cantor and Congregation with no thought about their weakness in abandoning him in his hour of need, appeared to his disciples with gifts of peace and forgiveness. His peace, his breath, his Spirit conferred upon them and upon us the power to continue his ministry of healing and forgiveness. With Thomas, we may, at times, allow doubt to dissuade us, but the Spirit of Jesus abides within and offers the coping skills we need to continue to believe in Jesus and forgive one another (April 15).

Have in you the mind of Jesus, who,

Have in you the mind of the risen Jesus, who strengthened the nascent and shaky faith of his disciples by appearing to them after his death and rising. Through the grace afforded them in the resurrection appearances, those early believers were able to reflect on all that Jesus had said and done and to begin to comprehend the salvific plan of God as revealed in both testaments and as fulfilled in Jesus. Through those appearances, the risen Lord revealed the several means by which his presence would remain with his own-through the Spirit, through the sacred word, in their eucharistic sharing and through the bonds of communal love that strengthened and united them (April 22).

From the first to the 21st centuries, believers have communed with their risen Lord through these same venues until he comes again. This sacred communion stirs our faith, feeds our hope, and inspires our loving service on behalf of all God's precious poor ones. For those whose faith falters, our own belief offers strength. When others sink into hopelessness, our firm hope offers them a foothold from which to make a new start. To all who feel unwanted and unloved, our own efforts on their behalf extend the

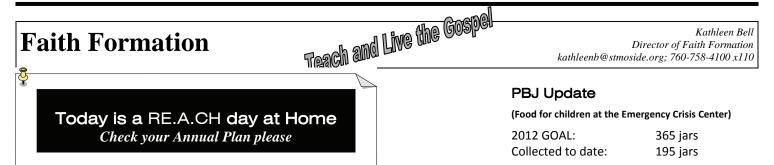


love and care we are privileged to know in Jesus. Most of all, our continuing communion with the risen Christ prepares us for the fullness of communion we will know beyond the grave in eternity.

But ours is not a mind that is content to wait and see or grin and bear it here and now since there will be "pie in the sky when we die." On the contrary, we who grow daily into the mind and attitude of Jesus Christ are privileged to taste and touch and know the experience of the everlasting in the present moment. These experiences are possible because, amid the cacophony of voices that may divert our attention or lure us elsewhere, the voice of our one true and loving Shepherd Jesus continues to call us forward into the future. We are of kindred minds and spirits. We know that we are his and he is ours. He will not lead us into any place where grace does not also enter with us. He who has laid down his life for us and has taken it up again is ever at our side, with rod and staff, to give us courage. It is at his table that we are fed and in his presence that we will always find repose and refreshment. Have in you his mind, his heart, his spirit, now and forever (April 29).

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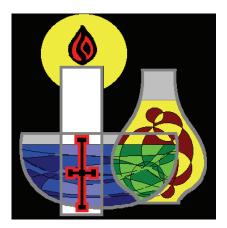
The Easter Vigil

The community of St. Thomas More continues to be essential mentors for Greg Abrahms, Kalei Cornejo, Amanda Splinter, and Jennifer Thieme as they approach the day of fulfillment for which they have longed.

The Great Vigil of Easter is the "night of nights" during which the Church keeps vigil for the Resurrection of Jesus. During the Easter Vigil, the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation are celebrated, and our new members are welcomed into the Church and receive the Eucharist for the first time.

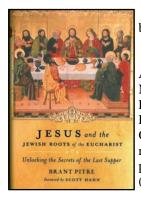
Through ancient rituals, this "most blessed of all nights" celebrates the central mysteries of our faith. Yes, it's a long celebration, but it's also the heart of the Church's worship, and the powerful and abundant signs speak to our hearts and fill us with the joy of the Resurrection.

Consider joining in this celebration on Saturday, April 7, at 8:00pm.



Fr. Mike's Bookies

Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist



by Brant Pitre

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

In recent years, Christians everywhere are rediscovering the Jewish roots of their faith. Every year at Easter time, many believers now celebrate Passover meals, seeking to understand exactly what happened at Jesus' final Passover, the night before he was crucified.

This book shines fresh light on the Last Supper by looking at it through Jewish eyes.

Reading this book will add great depth to your celebration of Holy Week.

Discussion is available online if you wish.

You can add your comments about the book, ask questions, and respond to others.

Search for *Fr. Mike's Bookies* group on Facebook and join the group.

The STM Social Justice Confirmation Project

thank you for your overwhelming support!

If you would still like to fill your Easter Baskets with Fair Trade chocolate, you may stop by the Faith Formation Office where you will find 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 \$5 each.

St. Thomas More Youth Justice Foundation

We are looking for a few additional teens or young adults who would like to be members of the Advisory Board to manage our KIVA project money and other funds as they become available.

Contact Kathleen Bell at kathleenb@stmoside.org

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March 25, 2012

Stewardship & Development

Our Work is Loving the World: A Lenten Stewardship Reflection

Insightful stewardship expressions can be found in any number of poems we read reflectively. In the poem Messenger for instance, the poet Mary Oliver writes: "My work is loving the world."

What does the poet mean by her use of the word "work" in relationship to "loving?"

How can Christian stewards make prayerful use of this reflection during the season of Lent? Being reminded to take a meaningful and substantive spiritual "pause" in our lives for forty days is a gift in itself.

As we imagine that Jesus must have done in the desert for forty days, we have the opportunity to examine our lives and vocation, as well as our strengths, weaknesses, and temptations.

Sometimes, we have good intentions to improve our spiritual lives. But we tend to put it off.

The season of Lent begins by reminding us of the brevity of our lives, and then presents us with the immediacy of forty days to focus more intensely on our life in Christ.

This is the first step toward embracing Christian stewardship as a way of life.

Oliver probably realizes that if most of us are asked what our "work" is, we would reply with a description of how we earn our paycheck or take care of our family. In a sense, this is correct. We all have to support ourselves and provide for our families.

Oliver would hardly reject that necessity. But her poem also suggests that, no matter how we spend our lives, there must be a deeper dimension to our life's purpose; a way of engaging the world with our loving presence.

Indeed, there is a Catholic worldview that encourages us to pray for and to act in ways that make a difference in a world that is hungry for Christ's love.

Bringing Christ's loving presence into our work and our workplace is necessary in order to live in the world as disciples of the Lord. It is key to living the Christian life in our world today.

The very word "work" connotes a certain obligation. This rings true in Oliver's simple line. As Christian stewards, we have a fundamental obligation to love and embrace the world as ambassadors of Christ.

The season of Lent provides us with a singular opportunity to examine how well we're doing and to make an even greater commitment to exercising good stewardship of all the Lord has entrusted to us.

-excerpted from ICSC Catholic Stewardship, March 2012 (with permission)

As Christian stewards, we are obligated to love and embrace the world as ambassadors of Christ.

<u>Serve</u> God's People

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

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 \$25,400 from this program. Thank you donors!



For more information, contact the Parish Office: 760-758-4100 ×100 or *parishoffice@stmoside.org*

Annual Catholic Appeal Update

To date, \$19,121 has been pledged by 153 families, with an average of \$124.97 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!

Collection for Week of March 17/18, 2012

Number of Registered Households	1,029
Offertory*	\$ 9,955.81
Offertory (Loose Collection)	1,291.00
Children's envelopes	0.00
Total	\$ 11,246.81

⁶ 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

Choir Concert in San Diego—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*.

Healing Mass in Carlsbad—Thursday, March 29, 9:30am, St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church Conference Center, 6628 Santa Isabel St., Carlsbad. Celebrated by Fr. Mike Barry and sponsored by Women's Christian Fellowship. For more information, contact Angie at 760-436-3875 or *www.womenschristianfellowship.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?*

Women's Retreat in Ramona—April 27-29, Oakbridge Christian Conference Center, sponsored by St. Francis Church Women's Ministry. For more information, visit *www.stfrancisvista.org/sfwr*

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.

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.

Ignatian Volunteer Corps for Retired or Semi-Retired—Serve people who are poor one or two days a week, grow deeper in faith through reflection and prayer, and meet monthly with other IVC members and a spiritual guide. For more information, visit *www.ivcusa.org* or contact 619-881-9509.

Marriage & Family Life Corner

The Bishops' Letter on Marriage—What Is Marriage? "Marriage is a lifelong partnership of the whole of life, of mutual and exclusive fidelity, established by mutual consent between a man and a woman, and ordered towards the good of the spouses and the procreation of offspring." To read the document go to *http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/*.

Marriage Moments— "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." (Jn 12:24) Has anyone close to you died who has enriched your life? Loss is always hard, but having a life partner to share it with makes it bearable.

Parenting Pointers—Parenting does not only involve caring for the younger generation but for many it also calls us to care for our own aging parents. Is it time for a call, a visit, to forgive a past hurt, watch a TV show or movie together. Take a child along. CHURCH

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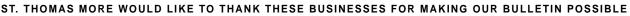
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Our Parish will be joining this very important endeavor. There are many ways to become involved in this program, including making a donation using the envelope attached to the bulletin this weekend.

Please watch upcoming bulletins to learn other ways you can help.

For more information, contact Andrea Voss at 760-994-6147 or *ADV@vosses.us.*



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 (breakfast, 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.





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April 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord 8:30 AM-Mass/LOWC/RCIA 9:00 AM-Confirmation 2012 10:30 AM-Mass/LOWC	2 8:15 AM-Morning Prayer 10:30 AM-Women's Guild Board Meeting 7:00 PM-IGNITE/High School	3 Mrs. Taco Restaurant Fundraiser (Vista) 8:15 AM-Mass 9:00 AM-Donuts and Coffee 9:30 AM-Walking Ministry 6:30 PM-Handbell Choir 7:00 PM-Combined Choirs Rehearsal 7:00 PM-Knights of Columbus	4 Mrs. Taco Restaurant Fundraiser (Vista) 8:15 AM-Mass 1:30 PM-Spirited Senior Board Meeting 6:30 PM-STM Gala Planning Meeting 6:30 PM-Handbell Choir	5 Holy Thursday Parish Office and Chapel Closed at Noon 1:00 PM-Centering Prayer 6:00 PM-Mass 8:00 PM-Holy Thursday Dinners	6 Good Friday Parish Office and Chapel Closed 8:15 AM-Morning Prayer 12:00 PM-Good Friday Liturgy 3:00 PM-Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM-Good Friday Liturgy	7 Holy Saturday 8:15 AM-Morning Prayer 11:00 AM-Blessing of Easter Food 8:00 PM-Mass-Easter Vigil
8 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord 6:30 AM-Mass 8:30 AM-Mass/LOWC 10:30 AM-Mass/LOWC	9 Parish Office and Chapel Closed 7:00 PM-IGNITE/High School	10 Parish Office and Chapel Closed 8:15 AM-Mass 9:00 AM-Donuts and Coffee 9:30 AM-Walking Ministry 7:00 PM-Baptismal Preparation Part I 7:00 PM-Praise Team 7:00 PM-Interior Design	11 Parish Office and Chapel Closed 8:15 AM-Mass 6:30 PM-Handbell Choir	12 8:15 AM-Mass 9:00 AM-Donuts and Coffee 1:00 PM-Centering Prayer 7:00 PM-Scripture Study 7:00 PM-Youth Ministry LEAD 7:00 PM-Sanctuary Choir	13 8:15 AM-Mass 7:00 PM-Men's Fellowship	14 Knights of Columbus Membership Drive 11:00 AM-Women's Guild Game Day 4:00 PM-Reconciliation 2nd Sunday of Easter Sunday of the Divine Mercy 5:00 PM-Mass
15 2nd Sunday of Easter Sunday of the Divine Mercy Knights of Columbus Membership Drive 8:30 AM-Mass/LOWC 9:00 AM-Confirmation 2012 10:20 AM-RE.A.CH. 10:30 AM-Mass 12:30 PM-RE.A.CH. 5:00 PM-RE.A.CH. 6:30 PM-RE.A.CH Core Course	16 11:00 AM-Women's Guild Luncheon 7:00 PM-IGNITE/High School	17 Parish Office and Chapel Closed at 11:30AM for Staff Retreat 8:15 AM-Mass 9:00 AM-Donuts and Coffee 9:30 AM-Walking Ministry 7:00 PM-Baptismal Preparation Part II 7:00 PM-Interior Design 7:00 PM-Praise Team	18 8:15 AM-Mass 9:00 AM-Scripture Study 10:30 AM-ICWJ/Parish Social Justice Committee 6:30 PM-STM Gala Planning Meeting 6:30 PM-Handbell Choir 7:00 PM-Finance Council Meeting	19 8:15 AM-Mass 9:00 AM-Donuts and Coffee 10:00 AM-Women's Guild Quilters 1:00 PM-Centering Prayer 7:00 PM-Scripture Study 7:00 PM-Scripture Study 7:00 PM-Sanctuary Choir 7:00 PM-Youth Ministry LEAD 7:00 PM-Inquiry	20 8:15 AM-Mass 7:00 PM-Hands Only CPR	21 8:30 AM-Liturgy Committee 8:45 AM-Chair Set Up 4:00 PM-Reconciliation 3rd Sunday of Easter 5:00 PM-Mass
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