

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

April 1, 2012 • Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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

Hear ye! Hear ye! Hear ye!
Make haste to secure your reservation for our St. Thomas More Gala on Friday, June 1. This grand gala features a fine feast, plentiful beverages, raffles, auctions, and portraits. The exciting Champagne Diamond Event, music, and dancing top off this brilliant evening!

Notices were mailed and also can be found at the Information Table, the Parish website—www.stmoside.org, click on the Gala logo—or the Parish Office.

SAVE THE DATE!

ST. THOMAS MORE

Gala

Pastor's Column

Celebrating and Living the Paschal Mystery

Today we celebrate Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord and begin Holy Week. This week is the most sacred and the most important week of our liturgical year.

Through a continuous series of liturgies, we celebrate the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus and the union of our daily sufferings, deaths, and resurrections to His. In this union we find the heart and foundation of our faith as Christians—the Paschal Mystery.

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HOLY WEEK

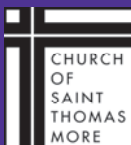
Monday, April 2: Morning Prayer, 8:15am

Thursday, April 5: Celebration of the Lord's Supper, 6:00pm

Friday, April 6: Morning Prayer, 8:15am; The Passion of the Lord, 12:00noon or 7:00pm

Saturday, April 7: Morning Prayer, 8:15am; Blessing of Food, 11:00am; Easter Vigil, 8:00pm

Sunday, April 8: Easter Sunday Masses at 6:30am, 8:30am, 10:30am



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

In the Paschal Mystery, we are mindful that the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus continues to bring salvation to the world in and through our lives, through the willful union of our lives to His.

As we begin this Holy Week, I recommend and encourage you to read this book in the near future: *The Jesus I Never Knew* by Philip Yancey. This book will give you a fresh perspective on Jesus and make you think of Him in ways that will be new to you. All of the thoughts that follow are taken from Yancey's book and specifically from Chapter 10, *Death: The Final Week*.

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

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at 760-758-4100 x100 or parishoffice@stmoside.org.*

teach and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ,

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

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

and serve God's people in word and deed.

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

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

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

Looking for Information on the Catholic Faith?

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

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

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.

Not only is the resurrection central to our faith, but also the death of Jesus is central! Death is not just the way leading to resurrection, but the death of Jesus is a focal point for our faith in and of itself. Our God allowed God to be killed. We have a God who, at a certain point in our human, planet Earth history, died! What is the meaning of this in terms of our faith?

Yancey says, "Of the biographies I have read, few devote more than ten percent of their pages to the subject's death—including biographies of men like Martin Luther King Jr. and Mahatma Gandhi, who died violent and politically significant deaths. The Gospels, though, devote nearly a third of their length to the climactic last week of Jesus' life. Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John saw death as the central mystery of Jesus."

What does this centrality of the death of Jesus teach us? "In a sense, the paired thieves present the choice that all history has had to decide about the cross.

Do we look at Jesus' powerlessness as an example of God's impotence or as a proof of God's love?

The Romans, bred on power deities like Jupiter, could recognize little godlikeness in a crumpled corpse hanging on a tree.

Devout Jews, bred on stories of a power Jehovah, saw little to be admired in this god who died in weakness and in shame.

The cross redefines God as One who was willing to relinquish power for the sake of love.

Jesus became, in Dorothy Solle's phrase, 'God's unilateral disarmament.'

Power, no matter how well intentioned, tends to cause suffering. Love, being vulnerable, absorbs it. In a point of convergence on a hill called Calvary, God renounced the one for the sake of the other."

The challenge of faith for us, in our day, is to follow the example of Jesus who in His humanity and divinity has shown us the way to eradicate evil from our world.

"M. Scott Peck writes, 'I cannot be anymore specific about the methodology of love than to quote these words of an old priest who spent many years in the battle: "There are dozens of ways to deal with evil and several ways to conquer it. All of them are facets of the truth that the only way to conquer evil is to let it be smothered within a willing, living human being. When it is absorbed there like blood in a sponge or a spear into one's heart, it loses its power and goes no further.'"

The healing of evil—scientifically or otherwise—can be accomplished only by the love of individuals. A willing sacrifice is required...I do not know how this occurs. But I know that it does."

May these reflections help us to enter into the spirit of Holy Week!

I encourage you to celebrate Jesus, not only on Easter Sunday, but join your Parish Family and participate in all the Triduum celebrations—Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday.

These are our most sacred days. Take seriously the responsibility to make them holy and special for you and your family.

Fa. Mike

Readings for the Week Ahead

Sunday Year B; Weekday Year II
Readings online at www.usccb.org.

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
Monday, April 2 (257)
Isaiah 42:1-7
Psalm 27:1-3,13-14
John 12:1-11
Tuesday, April 3 (258)
Isaiah 49:1-6
Psalm 71:1-6,15,17
John 13:21-33,36-38
Wednesday, April 4 (259)
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 69:8-10-21-22,31,33-34
Matthew 26:14-25
Thursday, April 5 (39)
Mass of the Lord's Supper
Exodus 12:1-8,11-14
Psalm 116:12-13,15-18
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-15
Friday, April 6 (40)
Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord
Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Psalm 31:2,6,12-13,15-17,25
Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9
John 18:1-19:42
Saturday, April 7 (41)
Easter Vigil in the Holy Night
Genesis 1:1-2:2
Psalm 104:1-2,5-6,10-12,13-14,24,35
Genesis 22:1-18
Exodus 14:15-15:1
Isaiah 54:5-14
Isaiah 55:1-11
Baruch 3:9-15,32-4:4
Ezekiel 36:16-17a,18-28
Romans 6:3-11
Psalm 118:1-2,16-17,22-23
Mark 16:1-7
Sunday, April 8 (42,46,41)
The Resurrection of the Lord
Acts 10:34a,37-42
Psalm 118:1-2,16-17,22-23
1 Corinthians 5:6b-8
John 20:1-9

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
Jean Calderone
Shelby Campbell
Brianna 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
Stephanie de Villeneuve
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
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
Bob McWilliams
Joyce Meehan
Kalei Mendiola
Phyllis Minaya
June Mitchell
Nancy Moore
Conrad Murphy
Margie Myers
The O'Connell Family
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 Spiegel
Darek, Vanessa, & Elba Spizewski
Dorothy Staehr
Ted Stanislawski
The Stevenson Family
Pete Sullivan
David Sweet
Mark Tellez
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 Zuniga Villasenor
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

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 Home Dinners 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

The Month Ahead

April 14 Women's Guild Game Day
April 15 RE.A.CH classes at church including high school
April 22 Knights of Columbus Breakfast
April 22 RE.A.CH high school classes
April 29 RE.A.CH classes at church including high school

The Year Ahead

May 5-6 Baby Food Drive
May 8-9 Restaurant Fundraiser at Mortony's in Vista
May 19 Women's Prayer Breakfast

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.

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|---------|--------------------------|
| April 2 | Sr. Sheila Collins, CSJP |
| April 3 | Sr. Sheila Collins, DMJ |
| April 4 | Sr. Gail Colquhoun, SMSM |
| April 5 | Sr. Roseann Cordova, OP |
| April 6 | Sr. Claudia Cortez, SJS |
| April 7 | Sr. Elaine Coutu, CSJ |
| April 8 | Sr. Camille Crabbe, CVI |

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 31, 5:00pm
Peggy Fischer ☩
Sunday, April 1, 8:30am
Elizabeth Nead ☩
Sunday, April 1, 10:30am
Jack Ratajczak ☩
Tuesday, April 3, 8:15am
Mingo Aguilar ☩
Wednesday, April 4, 8:15am
Otila Quiroz ☩
Thursday, April 5, 6:00pm
Terence Flanagan ☩
Sunday, April 8, 6:30am
Dolores St. Ours ☩
Sunday, April 8, 8:30am
Bill Carrothers ☩
Sunday, April 8, 10:30am
Eileen Flood ☩

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

Robert & Cara Ratajczak & Family

Congratulations to

Sr. Annette Bower

who is celebrating her diamond jubilee, 60 years, as a Sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet. Sr. Annette is a member of our Parish and lives in community with our staff member, Sr. Maureen Brown. Congratulations, Sr. Annette!

Congratulations to

Sheila & Eddie Murphy

who celebrate their 15th wedding anniversary April 5.

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 soul of:

Helen O'Connell, who died on March 20. Her funeral service will be celebrated in Utah. Please keep her family in your prayers. Online condolences can be posted at

www.starksfuneral.com.

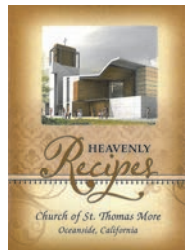
May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

The Parish Office and Blessed Sacrament Chapel will be closed from 12:00noon on Thursday, April 5 until 8:30am on Thursday, April 12.

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

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 into the Parish Office during the week. Scrip will be back on the Plaza the weekend of April 14-15.

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

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.

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

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

Parish Social Justice Committee Report

The Social Justice Committee has made efforts to become more familiar with the work and efforts of other North County faith communities. On March 10, Sr. Maureen joined with the Social Justice Ministries of St. Francis of Assisi to meet with representatives of the Sheriff's Department to discuss and become informed on law enforcement procedures related to the towing and impounding of automobiles which so often adversely affect the migrant community.

SDOP (San Diego Organizing Committee) leadership training meeting for representatives of other churches was held at STM on March 14 to learn and share information on Social Justice efforts within their church communities. Many North County Churches were included. The reports were interesting and thought-provoking for our representatives.

Several members of our Parish Social Justice Committee attend the meeting of Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice held in North County each month. They recently reported that ICWJ is supporting the efforts of the In-Home Support Workers to defeat county efforts to lower their wages 20%. There was also a report given on the Janitor's campaign for affordable health care. Other efforts to support less skilled workers will be upcoming. We firmly believe that each person is worthy of a just wage, no matter what his/her skills.

—Submitted by Mary Anne Lucio

Women's Guild Bake Sale Results

A great big THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the bake sale last weekend, from callers, to bakers, and donators. Due to your wonderful generosity we raised over \$900. Again, thank you!!

Parish Events

Women's Guild News

Game Day is reserved for Saturday, April 14. 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, 10:30am, on the lower level of the Parish Center.

Wishing you all a blessed week.

—Vera Bayliss, President

Annual Catholic Appeal Update

Have You Made Your Contribution for This Year?

To date, \$22,861 has been pledged by 175 families, with an average of \$130.63 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!

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.

**Little Books
for Easter**



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.

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

Response Statistics as of March 31

| | | # of Families Responding |
|---------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| Nine Months to Go! | | |
| Total Responses | \$376,908 | 501 |
| Still Needed | \$123,092 | 526 |
| Total Goal | \$500,000 | 1,027 |
| Total Collected | \$149,347 | |



† **Thanks to all who have already responded to Phase 2.1 with responses totaling \$376,908!**

† **If each of the remaining 526 families who have not yet responded donate \$26 per month (or \$6 per week or \$.85 a day) to the building fund for the remaining nine months, 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

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, Apr. 2 | 6:30pm | St. Mark, San Marcos |
| Tue, Apr. 3 | 6:00pm | St. Peter, Fallbrook |

Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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

The honor of your presence is requested.

Triduum—The Three Days

We celebrate one great liturgy, with our prayer flowing without interruption, from one celebration to the next.

Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper
Washing of Feet
Eucharistic Adoration

Our Thursday liturgy does not simply tell us about Christ's love. Through word, ritual action, and sacrament, we experience it.

Good Friday

Celebration of the Passion of the Lord
Adoration of the Holy Cross

On Friday, we ponder the mystery of Christ's sacrifice.

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

Blessing of the Easter Fire
Lighting of the Paschal Candle
Easter Proclamation
Our Salvation Story
Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation
Holy Eucharist

"This is the night!" We celebrate the "solemnity of all solemnities" and the crown of the Church's liturgy.



Upcoming Music

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APRIL 5
Holy Thursday

6:00pm Mass
Handbell Choir
Sanctuary Choir

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APRIL 6
Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord

12:00noon
Liturgy
Cantor and
Congregation

3:00pm
Stations of the Cross
Congregation

7:00pm Liturgy
Sanctuary Choir

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APRIL 7
Easter Vigil

8:00pm Mass
Handbell Choir
Praise Team
Sanctuary Choir

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APRIL 8
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

6:30am Mass
Cantor and
Congregation

8:30am Mass
Handbell Choir
Sanctuary Choir

10:30am Mass
Children's Choir
Praise Team
Sanctuary 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 Home
Check your Annual Plan please

PBJ Update

(Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center)

2012 GOAL: 365 jars
Collected to date: 205 jars

New Catholics

Hey Kathleen!

You keep telling us that we are to mentor those coming into the Church this Saturday at the Easter Vigil. What specifically can I do?

A Wondering Parishioner

Dear Parishioner,

Some suggestions on how we can all be good mentors:

- ◆ Participate in the Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 7, 8:00pm
- ◆ Write a friendly note of welcome to one or more of our new members:
 - Greg Abrahms
 - Kalei Cornejo
 - Amanda Splinter
 - Jennifer Thieme
- ◆ Greet one of them on the plaza and share your pride in STM
- ◆ Invite one of them to join a ministry in which you are active
- ◆ Invite one of them and their family to your home for dinner during the Easter Season
- ◆ Pray for them that they remain as faithful and excited about their faith at they are at the Vigil

Just remember that these newest Catholics look to us to learn how to be Catholic!

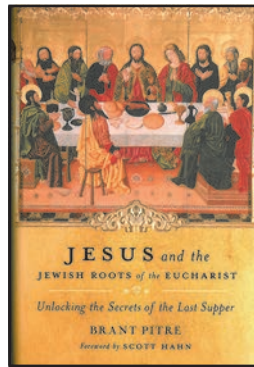
With you in mentoring,

Kathleen

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)

This book pairs together the Jewish Scriptures and the Jewish tradition to frame the actions of Jesus at the Last Supper and to provide a fresh look at the heart of Christ practice—the Eucharist.

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.

Parish Mission

Calendar these dates: April 23-26!
Join us for our Annual Parish Mission as we live out the Easter Season by celebrating

God's Abundant Love

Fr. William Adams and Fr. Richard Schiblin, Redemptorist priests from the Berkeley area, will preach on the abundant love that God has for the People of God proclaimed in Jesus Christ.

Each morning at 8:15am, Monday through Thursday, they will celebrate Mass with a special mission homily.

Each evening at 7:00pm, Monday through Thursday, they will invite us to make a personal response to God's Word or a renewal of our Baptismal vows.

The Mission will close with a Mass on Thursday evening at 7:00pm with a special instruction about the meaning of the Eucharist and its central place in Catholic life.

Invite family, friends and neighbors—Help to spread the great Easter message of God's Abundant Love for EVERYONE!



Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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

Christian Stewardship Answering a Noble Calling Means Sacrifice

In today's Gospel, the Passion of Jesus Christ is proclaimed. He suffered and died a cruel death for the sake of sinners—for the sake of all of us.

And St. Paul tells us in today's second reading that Jesus Christ "humbled Himself becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." St. Paul tells the Philippians in today's second reading. "Because of this ... at the name of Jesus every knee shall bend and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

So, by sacrificing Himself the way He did (for the sake of others), Jesus gave glory to the Father. What does that mean for us today? As His disciples, we follow in Jesus' footsteps. We follow His example.

This does not mean that we are all called to die a cruel torturous death. But we are all called to live lives of sacrifice—offering ourselves—our time, our talents, and our treasure—to love and serve the Lord by loving and serving others.

What's more, we do not do so in such a way that we give of our excess. Quite the opposite, in fact. Jesus' Passion and Death shows us that this gift of self should be sacrificial. It should come from the first fruits of ourselves.

In fact, we are to give our whole lives—everything we say and do should be done for the glory of God and the service of others.

It is not an easy calling, but it is a noble one. The goal of it all: to give glory to the Lord our God.



—excerpted from *The Catholic Steward*, April 1, Fr. Michael Troha, (with permission)

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The goal of it all, to give glory to the Lord our God.*

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|--------------|-------------------|
| Nucci's | \$ 623.61 |
| Elephant Bar | 313.33 |
| Chili's | <u>380.00</u> |
| Total | \$1,316.94 |

Collection for Week of March 24/25, 2012

| | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|------------------------|
| Number of Registered Households | | 1,027 |
| Offertory* | \$ | 6,486.85 |
| Offertory (Loose Collection) | | 1,266.00 |
| Children's envelopes | | 0.00 |
| Total | \$ | <u>7,752.85</u> |

* 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).

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News and Information from the Larger Church

IVC to Honor Rosemary Johnson—The Executive Director of Interfaith Shelter Network will receive the 2012 Della Strada Award from the Ignatian Volunteer Corps on Sunday, April 15, 2:00-5:00pm at St. Catherine Laboure Parish. For information, visit www.ivcusa.org or contact Margie Carroll (mcarroll@ivcusa.org) 619-881-9509.

Presentation Featuring Mark Mallet in Carlsbad—Thursday, April 19, 9:30am-12:30pm, St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church Conference Center, 6628 Santa Isabel St., Carlsbad. Sponsored by Women's Christian Fellowship. Mark Mallet is a Canadian singer/songwriter and Catholic evangelist (www.markmallet.com). For more information about this event, contact Ellie at 760-930-4014.

JSerra Catholic High School Information Night and Campus Tour—Thursday, April 19, 6:30pm, JSerra Library, 26351 Junipero Serra Rd., San Juan Capistrano. For more information, contact Karen Testa at 949-493-9307 x2 or ktesta@jserra.org.

News from St. Francis Church

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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.stfrancis-vista.org/sfwr

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.

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.

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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

General Message—The Divorce Healing Ministry of St. Luke Parish invites those going through a separation and divorce to a 12-week program of recovery entitled *The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide*. Our support group meets on the first and third Tuesdays, from 7:00-9:00pm at the Church of St. Luke, 1980 Hillsdale Rd., El Cajon. You can start and end the series at any time. No charge. Seating limited; call to reserve your place with us: 619-401-6445.

The Bishops' Letter on Marriage—Children: "Marriage is not merely a private institution. It is the foundation for the family, where children learn the values and virtues that will make good Christians as well as good citizens. The importance of marriage for children and for the upbringing of the next generation highlights the importance of marriage for all society." To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

Marriage Moments—From the ecstasy of Palm Sunday to the crucifixion on Good Friday; it all seems so foolish and surreal. Is your life ever like this roller coaster? How do you calm each other in the midst of joy and tragedy?

Parenting Pointers—This week will include Good Friday: "Humility is the virtue of parenthood. It usually comes unbidden after the pride of being the perfect parent is punctured by our children's honesty and raw edges. (*Raising Kids Who Will Make a Difference*) Not all suffering is physical. How have your children purified you this Lent?"



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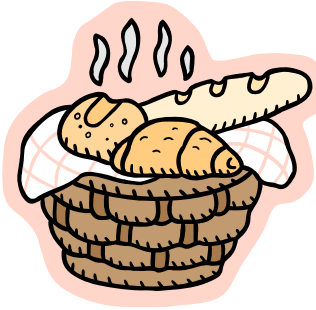
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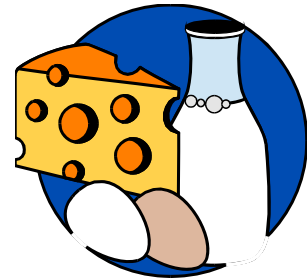
In earlier times, meat and dairy products were excluded from the daily diet during the entire season of the Great Fast (Lent).

As the end of the strict fast approached, the people showed their joy and gratitude by taking their food to church to be blessed and eaten after the Easter Liturgy.

As we celebrate the Pasch, a feast of new life, we bless the food sustaining our physical life. Thus this custom has its meaning even today and, so we are encouraged to observe this ritual for our time.

The foods traditionally blessed for Easter can be reduce to three categories:

1. Easter bread;
2. Meat products, like ham, stuffed veal, suckling pig or lamb, sausage, bacon
3. Dairy products, like butter, cheese, eggs.



We will celebrate a Blessing of Easter Foods this year on Holy Saturday, April 7, at 11:00 a.m. on the lower level of the Parish Center.

Everyone is invited to come with an “Easter Basket of Food” and to partake in this ancient tradition and blessing.

