

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 15, 2012 • Second Sunday of Easter • Sunday of Divine Mercy

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!

ST. THOMAS MORE

Gala

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.

Pastor's Column

The Wounds of Christ

As we continue to celebrate Resurrection Sunday, as we continue to meditate and reflect upon the various resurrection accounts given to us in Scripture during the “Great Fifty Days,” the wounds of Christ still present in Jesus’ resurrected body cry out for attention.

The wounds are a source of intrigue and curiosity. Why are they still there?

In today’s Gospel, we are given the account of Doubting Thomas who was not present the first time that the resurrected Jesus

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“Our Journey Into The Future . . . Together” 2012 Phase 2.1: “A Time to Build”

If you haven’t yet responded to our Phase 2.1 campaign, watch for a postcard requesting your help. More than half of our Parish families have responded. With responses from everyone else, we can meet our goal of \$500,000 for this year.

Our Mission is to:

worship God,

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

*For further information, contact Douglas Lynn,
Director of Liturgy and Music,
at 760-758-4100 x140 or douglasl@stmoside.org*

Matrimony (9 months advance notice required),
communion for the sick/homebound, and anointing
are available by request

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

teach and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ,

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

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

and serve God's people in word and deed.

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

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

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

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.

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.

Parish Website

Have you checked the Parish website lately? Go to www.stmoside.org, and click on the yellow 'Quick Clicks' in the lower center area, which pops up an alphabetical list of handy pages.

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

appears to the disciples. Thomas responds to the disciples who tell him that they have seen Jesus: "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

A week later, Jesus again appears to the disciples, and this time, Thomas is present as well. Jesus says to Thomas: "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe."

Thomas responds to Jesus: "My Lord and my God!"

To help us in our reflection upon the wounds of Christ, I share with you the words of Philip Yancey, taken from his book, *The Jesus I Never Knew*:

One detail in the Easter stories has always intrigued me: Why did Jesus keep the scars from his crucifixion? Presumably he could have had any resurrected body he wanted, and yet he chose one identifiable mainly by scars that could be seen and touched. Why?

I believe the story of Easter would be incomplete without those scars on the hands, the feet, and the side of Jesus. When human beings fantasize, we dream of pearly straight teeth and wrinkle-free skin and sexy ideal shapes. We dream of an unnatural state: the perfect body. But for Jesus, being confined in a skeleton and human skin was the unnatural state. The scars are, to him, an emblem of life on our planet, a permanent reminder of those days of confinement and suffering.

I take hope in Jesus' scars. From the perspective of heaven, they represent the most horrible event that has ever happened in the history of the universe. Even that event, though, Easter turned into a memory. Because of Easter, I can hope that the tears we shed, the blows we receive, the emotional pain, the heartache over lost friends and loved ones, all these will become memories, like Jesus' scars. Scars never completely go away, but neither do they hurt any longer. We will have re-created bodies, a re-created heaven and earth. We will have a new start, an Easter start.

As we journey through this Feast of the Resurrection, let us take time to reflect upon our wounds and lift them up to the Lord.

Allow them to be an emblem of life on this planet and a sign of future glory!

F. Mike

Vocations...Vocations!

As we celebrate our risen Lord and the love our God has shown us, we need to keep in mind God's command to love Him above all and our neighbor as our self. What better way to do this than to be of service to God's people?

If you feel the Spirit calling you to service as a priest, permanent deacon, or consecrated religious, contact Deacon Tom at thomasg@stmoside.org or 760-727-8442.

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

Sunday, April 15 (44)
Second Sunday of Easter
Sunday of Divine Mercy
 Acts 4:32-35
 Psalm 118:2-4,13-15,22-24
 1 John 5:1-6
 John 20:19-31

Monday, April 16 (267)
 Acts 4:23-31
 Psalm 2:1-9
 John 3:1-8

Tuesday, April 17 (268)
 Acts 4:32-37
 Psalm 93:1-2,5
 John 3:7b-15

Wednesday, April 18 (269)
 Acts 5:17-26
 Psalm 34:2-9
 John 3:16-21

Thursday, April 19 (270)
 Acts 5:27-33
 Psalm 34:2,9,17-20
 John 3:31-36

Friday, April 20 (271)
 Acts 5:34-42
 Psalm 27:1,4,13-14
 John 6:1-15

Saturday, April 21 (272)
 Acts 6:1-7
 Psalm 33:1-2,4-5,18-19
 John 6:16-21

Sunday, April 22 (273)
Third Sunday of Easter
 Acts 3:13-15,17-19
 Psalm 4:2,4,7-9
 1 John 2:1-5a
 Luke 24:35-48

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

Mary Alexander
 Laura Allenfort
 Lucia Ambriz
 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
 Jean Calderone
 Shelby Campbell
 Brianna Campos
 Claudia Caplinger
 Paul Cassidy
 Lolly Cervantes
 Pat Christopherson
 Nancy Clancey
 Dick Clarke
 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.
 Sharon Evans
 Chuck Fay
 The Fiore Family
 Ryan Flum
 Ernie Follis
 Matthew Foster
 Kathryn Franklin
 Joe Freire
 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
 Sue Johnston
 Eileen Jones
 Paul Kennedy
 Rick Kent Family
 Peggy Kiernan
 Debbie Kinney
 John Kirk
 Itsie Kobayashi
 Dewey Kolbo
 Sr. Anne Kremenik
 Helen Kuhn
 Lillian Lachance
 The Lamelin Family
 Christopher Lawrence
 Roland Lawrence
 Brandon LeBlanc
 Jeremiah Lemus
 Ashley Load
 Cassandra Loretto
 Lauren Loretto
 James MacArthur
 Joaquin Maldonado
 Chandler May
 Mac McCullough
 Bob McWilliams
 Joyce Meehan
 Kalei Mendiola
 Phyllis Minaya
 Annie Mintle
 June Mitchell
 Nancy Moore
 Conrad Murphy
 Margie Myers
 The Nichols Family
 The O'Connell Family
 Heidi Olson
 Bernadette Padovan
 Art Palle
 Lupe Casas Pelletier
 Lorraine Phillips
 Helen Pingtella
 Douglas Price-Williams
 Barbara Ramm
 Clinton Ritchie
 Rita Ritchie
 Joanne Robinson
 Maria Rogers
 Dorothy Rouse
 The Russo Family
 Kimberly Schlunt
 Linda Schmidt
 The Douglas E. Schulte Family
 Pete Serle
 Bob, Joan, & Julie Shea
 Elizabeth Shirzad
 The Siersma Family
 Richard Sikora
 Jeanne Sisson
 Beth Snyder
 Mike Snyder
 Nick Softau
 Fred & Gilda Spiegel
 Darek, Vanessa, & Elba Spizewski
 Dorothy Staehr
 Ted Stanislawski
 The Stevenson Family
 Pete Sullivan
 David Sweet
 Mark Tellez
 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
 Germaine Wilmott
 Patricia Zavala

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

- The Week Ahead**
 April 15 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
 April 15 RE.A.CH classes at church including high school
- The Month Ahead**
 April 22 Knights of Columbus Breakfast
 April 23-26 Parish Mission
 April 22 RE.A.CH classes at church including high school
 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
 May 20 Confirmation at 10:30am Mass
 June 1 1st Annual St. Thomas More Gala
 June 2-3 First Communion
 July 6-8 Parish Campout
 July 16-20 Vacation Bible Camp
 Sep 30 New Member Reception

Questions? Contact Henny at
 760-758-4100 x100
hennyj@stmoside.org.

Mass Intentions
Saturday, April 14, 5:00pm Vivian Doering ☩
Sunday, April 15, 8:30am Gene Bell ☩
Sunday, April 15, 10:30am Robert Ratajczak ☩
Tuesday, April 17, 8:15am Virginia Escalante ☩
Wednesday, April 18, 8:15am Vickie Mulvey Jean Calderone
Thursday, April 19, 6:00pm Lorraine Jenkins ☩
Friday, April 20, 8:15am Arthur McCluskey ☩
Saturday, April 21, 5:00pm Herb & Jane Dimmitt ☩
Sunday, April 22, 8:30am Larry Solomon ☩
Sunday, April 22, 10:30am Joseph Vozza ☩

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
 Maj. Tom Browne, Jr., USMC
 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

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.

April 16 Sr. Pauline Dibb, CSJP
April 17 Sr. Mary Dietz, SSND
April 18 Sr. Carlotta DiLorenzo, CSJ
April 19 Sr. M. Ursula Doherty, RSM
April 20 Sr. Mary Agnes Dombroski, DMML
April 21 Sr. Maria Dowhaniuk, SFCC
April 22 Sr. James Louise Downey, OP

Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioners

Sofia Garcia & Family

Congratulations to

Pat & Dave Sweet

who celebrate their 59th wedding anniversary April 18

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

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.

Help Establish STM's Archives

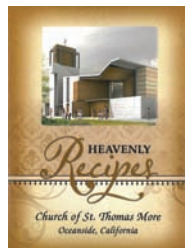
The STM Historian is looking for material from events and activities since our Parish was established in 1985. I am looking for photographs, newspaper clippings, brochures, fliers, reports, videos, drawings—anything that represents our congregational memory! Please check your drawers, file cabinets, 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 Scrip News

Hippity Hoppity

Thanks to all who used Scrip for their Easter shopping! A percentage of each gift card goes to the St. Thomas More Building Fund.

Scrip will be back on the Plaza this weekend, 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

Birth Choice Baby Food/Formular Drive

The annual Baby Food and Formula Drive to benefit Birth Choice, our local pregnancy resource center, will be the weekend of May 5-6 at all Masses. For more information, please contact Jane Kelleher at 760-822-7041.

Get On the Bus

Visit the table on the Plaza after Mass to ask questions about **Get On the Bus** or to drop off donations. Check the flyer in today's bulletin for specifics on what's still needed for this important event. Envelopes were attached to a bulletin last month, but monetary donations will be accepted in any envelope with **Get On the Bus** written on it. Donations will be accepted after Mass on the plaza through April 28 or in the church office through May 2.

For further questions contact Andrea Voss at 760-994-6147.

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

Got Chocolate?

The STM Social Justice Confirmation Project thanks you for your overwhelming support! We will return to the Plaza April 21-22 with a variety of 3.5 oz. bars of Equal Exchange Chocolate for \$4 each.

Our organic fairly-traded gourmet chocolate bars are a rich and delicious treat that supports small-scale farmers and their families. The bars combine famous Swiss standards in chocolate making with cocoa from the farmer co-operatives CONACADO, in the Dominican Republic, COCABO, in Panama, CACVRA, in Peru, and Fortaleza del Valle co-operative in Ecuador; fairly traded organic sugar from co-operatives in Paraguay; and fairly traded vanilla from Madagascar.

**Indulge your sweet tooth,
support economic justice
and encourage our Parish teens!**

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.

Parish Events

Women's Guild News

Since the Women's Guild will not have a meeting in April, I am publishing the results from the Nominating Committee. We will be voting in May and will take nominations from the floor. The slate stands as follows:

President Vera Bayliss
 1st Vice President Siggie Ogan
 2nd Vice President Mary Coxon
 Treasurer Marcy Bernier
 Recording Secretary Kathleen Gerhard
 Corresponding Secretary Lou Gordon
 Parliamentarian Barbara Hazlett

Thank you to Barbara Hazlett and the nominating committee for all the help with getting a slate together for us. Hope to see you all at the May meeting.

More information regarding our May meeting will be in the coming bulletins, as well as details on our annual quilt raffle.

—Vera Bayliss, President

Catholic Widows and Widowers of North County

Would you be interested in expanding your social activities and meeting a group of interesting and friendly widowed people? On Sunday, April 22, CWWNC will be gathering HERE for the 10:30am Mass followed by lunch at Mimi's. This would be a perfect time to get acquainted with our members! For more info. call Carol Kope at 760-726-0533. See the bulletin board on the lower level for our complete monthly calendar of social activities including a potluck, dining out, dancing, bowling, golf, and theatre. RSVP's are recommended.

Marriage & Family Life Corner

The Bishops' Letter on Marriage—Helpmates: "Marriage is a unique communion of persons. In their intimate union as male and female, the spouses are called to exist for each other. Just as Genesis describes Eve as a helper for Adam, we can see that in marriage, a husband and wife are meant to help each other through self-giving." To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/laity/loveandlife/>.

Marriage Moments—"No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common." (Acts 4: 32) What's your attitude toward his money and her money? Does it matter who earns it? Does one of you have more say in how it's spent than the other?

Parenting Pointers—Lent is over. One of the unintended side effects of "giving something up" for Lent is the renewed pleasure in indulging in the sacrificed treats. Chocolate can taste so much better if you've refrained from it for a while. Enjoy.

For more information, visit [www.diocese-sdiego.org/Ministries/Marriage & Family Life](http://www.diocese-sdiego.org/Ministries/Marriage%20&%20Family%20Life) or call Jen Frost at 760-758-4100 x100.

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

Response Statistics as of April 2

		# of Families Responding
Nine Months to Go!		
Total Responses	\$378,871	516
Still Needed	\$121,129	515
Total Goal	\$500,000	1,031
Total Collected	\$159,906	



† **Thanks to all who have already responded to Phase 2.1 with responses totaling \$378,871!**

† **If each of the remaining 516 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 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.**

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 Chris Smith, Director of Stewardship and Development
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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.

Rosary

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



Liturgy & Music

Worship God

Douglas Lynn
Director of Liturgy and Music
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THE EASTER PROCLAMATION

The Easter Proclamation, or Exsultet, is the splendid song of praise which the Church offers to Christ on the night of his rising. This great poem urges us to rejoice with all creation in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

It begins with a series of exuberant exclamations, takes us through the long journey of humanity, and ends with a cosmic look into the future, to the second coming of Christ.

Exult, let them exult, the hosts of heaven, exult, let Angel ministers of God exult, let the trumpet of salvation sound aloud our mighty King's triumph!

Be glad, let earth be glad, as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal King, let all corners of the earth be glad, knowing an end to gloom and darkness.

Rejoice, let Mother Church also rejoice, arrayed with the lighting of his glory, let this holy building shake with joy, filled with the mighty voices of the peoples.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, with ardent love of mind and heart, and with devoted service of our voice, to acclaim our God invisible, the almighty Father, and Jesus Christ, our Lord, his Son, his Only Begotten.

Who for our sake paid Adam's debt to the eternal Father, and, pouring out his own dear Blood, wiped clean the record of our ancient sinfulness.

These, then, are the feasts of Passover, in which is slain the Lamb, the one true Lamb, whose

Blood anoints the doorposts of believers.

This is the night, when once you led our forebears, Israel's children, from slavery in Egypt and made them pass dry-shod through the Red Sea.

This is the night that with a pillar of fire banished the darkness of sin.

This is the night that even now, throughout the world, sets Christian believers apart from worldly vices and from the gloom of sin, lending them to grace, and joining them to his holy ones.

This is the night, when Christ broke the prison-bars of death, and rose victorious from the underworld.

Our birth would have been no gain, had we not been redeemed.

O wonder of your humble care for us!

O love, O charity beyond all telling, to ransom a slave you gave away your Son!

O truly necessary sin of Adam, destroyed completely by the Death of Christ!

O happy fault that earned so great, so glorious a Redeemer!

O truly blessed night, worthy alone to know the time and hour when Christ rose from the underworld!

This is the night of which it is written:

The night shall be as bright as day, dazzling is the night for me, and full of gladness.

The sanctifying power of this night dispels all wickedness, washes faults away, restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to mourners, drives out hatred, fosters concord, and brings down the mighty.

On this, your night of grace, O holy Father, accept this candle, a solemn offering, the work of bees and of



your servants' hands, an evening sacrifice of praise, this gift from your most holy Church.

But now we know the praises of this pillar, which glowing fire ignites for God's honor, a fire into many flames divided, yet never dimmed by sharing of its light, for it is fed by melting wax, drawn out by mother bees to build a torch so precious.

O truly blessed night, when things of heaven are wed to those of earth, and divine to the human.

Therefore, O Lord, we pray you that this candle, hallowed to the honor of your name, may persevere undimmed, to overcome the darkness of this night.

Receive it as a pleasing fragrance, and let it mingle with the lights of heaven.

May this flame be found still burning by the Morning Star, the one Morning Star who never sets, Christ your Son, who, coming back from the death's domain, has shed his peaceful light on humanity, and lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

Upcoming Music

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APRIL 22
3rd Sunday of
Easter

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5:00pm Mass
Handbell Choir

8:30am Mass
Praise Team

10:30am Mass
Sanctuary Choir

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

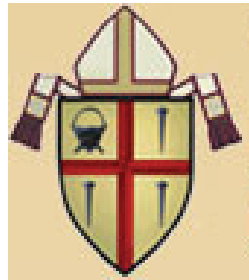
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Sunday is a RE.A.CH day at Church
A great day to return your RICE BOWLS!

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 as 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.

Safe Environment

In compliance with the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, our catechists in Levels 1, 4, EDGE and IGNITE annually review the topic of safe environments with their classes.

This will take place on Sunday, April 29 and Monday, April 30.

Acknowledging that parents are the primary educators of their children in all matters, our brief discussion is supplemented by a packet sent home to parents. In the safe environment of the home, parents can provide the appropriate information regarding how to keep their child safe from sexual abuse.



PBJ Update

(Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center)

2012 GOAL: 365 jars
 Collected to date: 209 jars

Youth Ministry

**Core Courses begin
 Sunday, April 15
 and continue April 22, 29,
 May 2, 20
 6:30-8:30pm**

Core Course 2

This is the last required course to complete Phase 1 of Confirmation Preparation.

Core Course 5

The Bible: Power and Promise

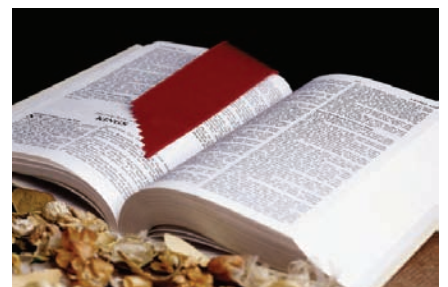
This is the first time we are offering this course in order to help our teens appreciate the Bible as a part of our culture, how it came to be, and how it can be a deeper part of their lives.

It is open to any teen (and friends) in our Parish who will make a commitment to the ten hours involved.

We particularly encourage our juniors and seniors to take advantage of this opportunity.

Those involved in LEAD are asked to be present because this will give you solid background for your ministry with our younger teens.

To sign up, just contact Kathleen Bell at kathleenb@stmoside.org.



Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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

Christian Stewardship God Calls Us to Service

A long time member of a congregation was asked to consider serving as a greeter. She was both surprised and appalled; after all, everyone knew she had a severe speech impediment! Reluctantly she agreed to give it some thought.

By the following Saturday she felt certain her response would be a polite refusal, "... there must be someone better suited for such a task."

However, as she began her evening prayers a picture of Christ came to mind. There he stood with hopeful eyes and outstretched arms. She was reminded of the posters of Uncle Sam as he beckoned to people's consciences to come and serve.

The vision was so overwhelming she was moved to reread the story of Moses in Exodus. There she found God asking Moses to lead the people out of Egypt, and Moses throwing up barriers: "I am not eloquent; I am slow of speech." Instead God directed him to Aaron. The woman thought, "If God could use, and in fact, chose Moses for such a great task, then certainly God could use me. After all, who am I to refuse?" The next morning she eagerly accepted the task as greeter.

Our greatest misconception of Christ is that he seeks the perfect. If that were the case, there would be none fit to serve him! When, in fact, Christ desires all to serve: the timid, weak, faint-hearted, wavering, reluctant, shy, inhibited, old, young. We should remember how he used Paul, formerly an unbeliever!

It is through Christ we are empowered to be the best suited. He can change our fears to confidence, erase our doubts and turn our inadequacies into a bold belief and the ability to carry out a given task.

We all have some talent to give. Our own growth and the growth of our church depends on the willingness of us all to invest that talent for others.

As a member of your church, you are called to share in all aspects of its life. Membership is responsibility, the response to the call to ministry and service. To be a church member is to answer that call with time and talent.

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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! Packets are available at the information table on the Plaza.

Collection for Week of April 5-8

Number of Registered Households		1,031
Holy Thursday	\$	1,207.00
Good Friday (designated for the Holyland)		1,400.97
Easter Sunday*		38,032.33

* 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

Presentation Featuring Mark Mallett 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 Mallett is a Canadian singer/songwriter and Catholic evangelist (www.markmallett.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.

Healing Mass at St. James Church in Solana Beach—Wednesday, April 25, 6:30pm, 625 S. Nardo Ave., Solana Beach. Fr. John Howard, CJM, will celebrate Healing Mass at 7:00pm; preceded by music and testimony at 6:30 p.m. For information, call 888 590-5095.

Central San Diego Magnificat Women's Group Breakfast Meeting—Saturday, May 5, 9:30am, Mission Valley Sheraton. How can we make God's kingdom more visible? Speaker: Debbie Bradel, wife, mother, and pregnancy director. RSVP by April 23

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:

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

Yom Hashoah Observance Planned—St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School cordially invites the public to the 7th annual Yom Hashoah observance at St. Francis School in Vista. Please join us at 1:30pm on April 26 in St. Clare Hall, 525 W. Vista Way, Vista, for a prayer service remembering the 6 million Jews and particularly the 1.5 million children who were slaughtered in the Holocaust. It has been over 60 years since the atrocities of the Holocaust were first revealed. Many of the people who survived to tell the world of the horrors have since died, and the number of survivors is dwindling every day. We must now be the "witnesses," as this is probably the last generation to be able to meet or hear a survivor speak. Please RSVP by April 19 to glavoice@sfs-vista.org, koconnell@sfs-vista.org, or call the school office at 760-630-7960.



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

to 858-342-9022 or www.magnificate-sd.org.

Shred-a-thon at St. Elizabeth Seton Church in Carlsbad—Saturday, May 5, 9:00am-12:00noon, 6628 Santa Isabel, Carlsbad. \$5 per copy box full of personal papers and \$10 for hard drives removed from computers. Proshred will handle the shredding. Proceeds will benefit the new Parish Center, which was dedicated in September. For more information, call 760-419-9243.

JP II Catholic University Open House in San Diego—Saturday, May 19, John Paul the Great Catholic University seeks to Impact the Culture for Christ through media and business. We'll begin with Mass at 11:00am. For more info, email fvaldez@jpcatholic.com.

Marian Pilgrimage—June 18-30 with Fr. Pedro Rivera. Includes Fatima, Eucharistic Miracle of Santarem, Avila, Loyola, Lourdes, and Medjugorje/Croatia. \$4,100 round trip from LAX. For more information, call Sandra at 760-535-9845.

Young Adult Ministry Activities in San Diego County—Visit www.yamsd.org for complete information on events for young adults, including *How to Start and Grow a Young Adult Ministry* on April 28 and *Theology on Tap* in San Marcos during May. Also check www.gracebeforemeals.com for information on a presentation relating martial arts techniques to the spiritual life by Fr. Leo Patalinghug in San Diego in May.

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>.

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.

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.

Sunday of Divine Mercy

The Second Sunday of Easter is observed throughout the Church as Divine Mercy Sunday. To encourage its celebration with special devotion, this Sunday has been enriched by a plenary indulgence (complete forgiveness of sins and punishment) which is granted to the faithful by the Pope under the usual conditions:

1. sacramental confession;
2. Eucharistic communions;
3. prayers for the intentions of the Holy Father.

The requirement of sacramental confession is satisfied by all who remain in the state of grace following their Lenten celebration of the Sacrament of Penance. The other conditions for the plenary indulgence will be included within all celebrations of the Eucharist in this Parish on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 15.



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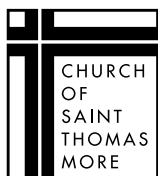
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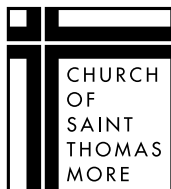
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Ages 16-17 yrs.	5	5
Totals	26	38

PLEASE, NO RAISINS, NUTS, GUM OR CANDY



Donations may be delivered to the Plaza after masses on the weekends of April 21-22 and April 28-29. Items may also be brought to the Parish Office before May 1. For further information, call Andrea Voss at 760-994-6147.

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