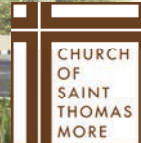


Church of St. Thomas More

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 29, 2012 • Fourth Sunday of Easter

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 gala features a fine feast, beverages, raffles, auctions, and portraits. The exciting Champagne Diamond Event, music, and dancing top off this brilliant evening!

Sponsor signs, item donations, Champagne Diamond tickets, and Pastor's Excursion reservations may be arranged at the Gala table. Normal dinner attire is fine, and costumes are optional.

More information on the Parish website—www.stmoside.org, click on the Gala logo—or the Parish Office.



Pastor's Column

God Is the Sea

During these Great Fifty Days of Easter, as we spend some time in contemplation, we naturally reflect on the ups and downs of life, on our successes and our failures, and on our joys and sorrows.

The following prayer, "A Prayer to the God of Ebb and Flow," is taken from Fr. Henri Nouwen's book, *A Cry for Mercy*. May this prayer help to set the stage for your meditation and contemplation!

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Annual Catholic Appeal Update

To date, \$38,469 has been pledged by 300 families, with an average of \$128.23 per family. Our assessment is \$48,000. 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.

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

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.

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 x100 or parishoffice@stmoside.org

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

Dear Lord, today I thought of the words of Vincent Van Gogh: "It is true there is an ebb and a flow, but the sea remains the sea." You are the sea. Although I experience many ups and downs in my emotions and often feel great shifts and changes in inner life, you remain the same. Your sameness is not the sameness of a rock, but the sameness of a faithful lover. Out of your love I came to life; by your love I am sustained; and to your love I am always called back. There are days of sadness and days of joy; there are moments of failure and moments of success; but all of them are embraced by your unwavering love. My only real temptation is to doubt in your love, to think of myself as beyond the reach of your love, to remove myself from the healing radiance of your love. To do these things is to move into the darkness of despair. O Lord, sea of love and goodness, let me not fear too much the storms and winds of daily life, and let me know that there is ebb and flow but that the sea remains the sea. Amen.

F. Mike

Rosary

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



Vocations

We Catholics are in a 50 day period of Easter celebrations of the Resurrection of our Lord. A time of joy! Not everyone, however, celebrates this time of joy. Either because they have not received the Word, or, because they have not taken it to heart. If you **think** you may have a calling to a life vocation of spreading the Word through service to the Church and mankind as an ordained Priest, Deacon, or consecrated Religious, contact Deacon Tom at 760-727-8442 or thomasg@stmoside.org, and we will explore this calling together.

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.

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.

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

Sunday, April 29 (50)
Fourth Sunday of Easter
 Acts 4:8-12
 Psalm 118:1,8-9,21-23,26,29
 1 John 3:1-2
 John 10:11-18

Monday, April 30 (279)
Pius V, pope
 Acts 11:1-18
 Psalm 42:2-3; 43:3-4
 John 10:1-10

Tuesday, May 1 (280)
Joseph the Worker
 Acts 11:19-26
 Psalm 87:1-7
 John 10:22-30

Wednesday, May 2 (281)
Athanasius, bishop and doctor
 Acts 12:24-13:5a
 Psalm 67:2-3,5-6,8
 John 12:44-50

Thursday, May 3 (561)
Philip and James, apostles
 1 Corinthians 15:1-8
 Psalm 19:2-5
 John 14:6-14

Friday, May 4 (283)
 Acts 13:26-33
 Psalm 2:6-11
 John 14:1-6

Saturday, May 5 (284)
 Acts 13:44-52
 Psalm 98:1-4
 John 14:7-14

Sunday, May 6 (53)
Fifth Sunday of Easter
 Acts 9:26-31
 Psalm 22:26-28,30-32
 1 John 3:18-24
 John 15:1-8

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
 Shelby Campbell
 Brianne Campos
 Claudia Caplinger
 Paul Cassidy
 Lolly Cervantes
 Pat Christopherson
 Dick Clarke
 Dolly Cole
 Carl Coleman
 James Coleman
 Thomas Cornwell & Family
 Karen Flaharty Daley
 Beverly de Gelder
 Judith DiMatteo
 Dave Dossman
 John Draskowski, Jr.
 Sharon Evans
 Rebecca Eyer
 Chuck Fayer
 The Fiore Family
 Ryan Flum
 Matthew Foster
 Eugene Franciscus
 Kathryn Franklin
 Joe Freire
 Ellen Fresca & Family
 Brian Frink
 Carmen Garcia
 Rick Gonzalez
 Eileen Gough
 Rosemary Haeffelin
 The Hall Family
 Susan Hallahan
 The Harker Family
 Elizabeth Harrison
 Barbara Hill
 Lilian Hills
 Susan Hori
 Iolanda Iacobelli
 Linda Iacobelli Bennett
 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
 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
 The Robinson Family
 Maria Rogers
 Dorothy Rouse
 The Russo Family
 Kimberly Schlunt
 Linda Schmidt
 The Douglas E. Schulte Family
 Pete Serle
 Bob, Joan, & Julie Shea
 Elizabeth Shirzad
 Richard Sikora
 Jeanne Sisson
 Beth Snyder
 Mike Snyder
 Nick Sohtau
 Fred & Gilda Spiegel
 Darek, Vanessa, & Elba Spizewski
 Dorothy Staehr
 Ted Stanislawski
 Pete Sullivan
 The Surmenidis Family
 David Sweet
 The Szwaja Family
 Mark Tellez
 Sarah Tillinghast
 Stephen Toth, Jr.
 John Treat
 Mary Tysko & Family
 Laurie Updyke
 Barbara Upson
 Ethel Vanderhagen
 Robert Vasquez
 Silvana Vettese
 Bob Vita
 Vanessa Vitiello
 Barbara Voelpel
 Ashley Wandell
 Kevin Watson-Graff
 John Whitton
 Germaine Wilmott
 Patricia Zavala

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

The Week Ahead
 April 29 Liturgy of the Word for
 Children at 8:30am Mass
 April 29 RE.A.CH classes at church
 including high school

The Month Ahead
 May 5-6 Baby Food Drive
 May 6 Liturgy of the Word for
 Children at 8:30am Mass
 RE.A.CH classes at church,
 including high school
 May 6 Restaurant Fundraiser at
 Mortony's in Vista
 May 8-9 Women's Guild Luncheon
 Spirited Seniors Trip to the
 Cathedral of Our Lady of
 the Angels and San
 Antonio Winery
 May 19 Women's Prayer Breakfast
 May 20 Confirmation at 10:30am
 Mass
 May 20 RE.A.CH classes at church,
 including high school

The Year Ahead
 June 1 1st Annual St. Thomas
 More Gala
 June 2-3 First Communion
 June 9 Women's Guild Luncheon
 with Installation of
 Officers and Quilt Raffle
 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 28, 5:00pm Mary & Steve Montella ☩
Sunday, April 29, 8:30am Dominic Vienna, Jr. ☩
Sunday, April 29, 10:30am Joseph Immerso ☩
Tuesday, May 1, 8:15am Owen Fredette ☩
Wednesday, May 2, 8:15am Bud Flanagan ☩
Wednesday, May 2, 9:30am Kay Kutler ☩ <i>Emeritus at Oceanside</i>
Thursday, May 3, 8:15am All Priests
Friday, May 4, 8:15am Dorothy Jensen ☩
Saturday, May 5, 5:00pm William Hoogestraat ☩
Sunday, May 6, 8:30am Edward Dapkus ☩
Sunday, May 6, 10:30am Tammy Petruzzella ☩

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 30 Sr. Suzanne Ensminger, CSJ
May 1 Sr. Maria Eugenia Espinoza, MFP
May 2 Sr. Carmen Figueroa, SFCC
May 3 Sr. Anne G. Fitzgerald, CSJ
May 4 Sr. Madeline Fitzgerald, OSC
May 5 Sr. Cecilia Flores, OP
May 6 Sr. Mary Ann (Sis) Flynn, RSCJ

Welcome New Parishioners

Jeff & Marilyn Laake
Chris & Shirley Perez

In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Mac McCullough, who died last week. His funeral services were held in Arizona. Please keep his stepdaughter and stepson-in-law, Gail and Douglas Lynn, and his family in your prayers.

Joanne Robinson, who died on April 19. Her Vigil Service will be on Wednesday, May 2, at 7:00pm at St. Thomas More. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, May 3, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Wladyslaw Szwaja, who died on April 16. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, May 5, at 2:00pm at St. Thomas More. Please keep his family in your prayers.

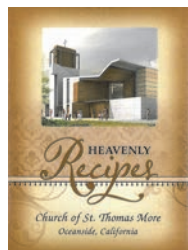
Maria Surmenidis, who died on April 20. Her Funeral arrangements are pending. Please keep her daughters, Marion Yerxa and Viktoria Voll, and her family in your prayers.

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

Parish Cookbook

Just imagine..one gift for Mom..a year of meals! Be sure to pick up one of our Parish cookbooks.

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



STM \$crip News

Attention all Dads and Children: Mothers Day is two weeks away. We know how difficult it can be to shop for the perfect gift. Why? What more could they want??? They already have a husband who adores them and children who love them unconditionally. Well, we have a few ideas. Send her to the Bella D'ora Spa, order her a bouquet of flowers from 1-800-flowers, buy her jewelry from Macy's or JC Penney, or treat her to dinner at Ruth Chris. Get your order in soon to receive it by Mothers Day.

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

Today's the last day to drop off donations on the Plaza for **Get on the Bus**. Items needed were listed on a flyer in the bulletin earlier this month. 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 also be accepted in the Parish Office through May 2. For further questions, contact Andrea Voss at 760 994-6147.

Voter Registration

We will have a voter registration table after the weekend Masses April 29 (for the primaries) and again in October (for the November election). Please stop by if you need to register to vote or re-register because of an address change, name change, or party affiliation change.

—Evi Quinn, Parish Social Justice Committee

Disability Facilitation

This ministry coordinates and addresses the needs of Parishioners with disabilities. There is always a need for more volunteers. Drivers are needed to provide transportation for the disabled Parishioners who no longer drive. Some volunteers drive individuals to Church, grocery shopping, and doctor appointments.

At St. Thomas More Catholic Church we are providing accommodations for the visually impaired and the hearing impaired. There are planned workshops and conferences for the visually impaired with the support of the Braille Institute. The elevator, wheelchairs, assisted listening system, and large print worship aids are ways that accommodate our disabled Parishioners. Whether the Parishioner is visually impaired, hearing impaired, or has a cognitive disability, our Parish family at St. Thomas More welcomes them with love and support. Any questions or concerns, please call Ann Eriksson 760-599-7151 or email eriksson1@mindspring.com.

Project Linus Spring Coffee

Project Linus Coffee will be held on Thursday, May 3, at 10:30am on the lower level of the Parish Center. We will be collecting your Spring Bouquet of beautiful baby blankets to be distributed to sick/abused children. Thank you for your generosity. Contact Mary Coxon at 760-599-8760 for more information.

Stamp Out Hunger Annual Food Drive

Catholic Charities needs your help on Saturday, May 12, sorting food during the annual National Association of Letter Carriers food drive. Shifts are open from 2:00-7:00pm that day. For more information and to sign up, please call 760-631-4792.



You are also invited to donate non-perishable food items by placing them near your mailbox that day. Watch for a postcard from the U.S. Postal Service with details.

Parish Events

Women's Guild News

Our Quilt Raffle will be coming up soon. On Thursday, May 3, we will be stuffing envelopes at at 9:30am on the lower level of the Parish Center. If you would like to help, please join us. The quilts will be displayed at our May meeting.

Our May meeting will be May 14 starting at 11:00am, on the lower level of the Parish Center. I hope you mark your calendar for this very exciting meeting. Come and meet a Hollywood dress designer and see some of the clothes she made. We will also have a slide show of our past few years. Our meal will be delicious as always. Please call for reservations Vera at 760-739-9061 or Siggie Ogan at 760-994-4727.

We will vote for our new board at this meeting as well. Our slate stands as follows: Vera Bayliss, President; Siggie Ogan, 1st Vice President; Mary Coxon, 2nd Vice President; Marcy Bernier, Treasurer; Kathleen Gerhard, Recording Secretary; Lou Gordon, Corresponding Secretary; and Barbara Hazlett,, parliamentarian. We will also take nomination from the floor.

Our next board meeting will be at on Monday, May 7, at 10:30am on the lower level of the Parish Center.

Also, mark your calendar for the Installation Luncheon on Saturday, June 9.

Remember to take time to be humble, take time to give praise, take time to love one another through all difficult days.

—Vera Bayliss, President

Immigration Survey: A Snapshot of Our Parish

In 2011 our Parish hosted an Immigration Reflection Day attended by members of many congregations throughout North County. It was a wonderful experience for each of us sharing our family immigration stories. Listening to each other's stories helped us get in touch with what we held in common and what was unique to each family. Through the use of a time line, we were able to see from which countries we had come to the United States and when—from early times to the present.

Although we cannot replicate that day, the Parish Social Justice Committee is offering a survey to our Parishioners to help us get a "snapshot" of the history of our Parish families, so that we too can celebrate who we are and from where we have come. Parishioners with an email address on record will receive a message with the online survey link. (For those without an email address on record, go to the Parish website (www.stmoside.org) and click on Quick Clicks) or pick up a copy at our table on the Plaza or at the Parish Office. The paper surveys can be returned to the people at the table, to the Parish office, or in the offertory collection basket.) Please respond as soon as you can.

In the survey, we are asking questions about you and your family and the way they came to the United States. From the results, we will compile some facts and stories that we will share with you in the Parish bulletin. Ultimately, we would like to work out a time line to show how we all came to be in this place, at this time.

The survey will only take 5-10 minutes to fill out. We will keep the results anonymous. Please help develop this snapshot of our Parish. For more information, contact Cathy Blecki at 760-603-8930.

—Parish Social Justice Committee

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

Response Statistics as of April 25

		# of Families Responding
Eight Months to Go!		
Total Responses	\$392,542	543
Still Needed	\$107,458	486
Total Goal	\$500,000	1,029
Total Collected	\$195,472	



† **Thanks to all who have already responded to Phase 2.1 with responses totaling \$392,542!**

† **If each of the remaining 486 families who have not yet responded donate \$27 per month to the building fund for the remaining eight 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.**

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

Walking Ministry

Join the Walking Ministry on Tuesday mornings at 9:30am starting from the Parish Center parking lot. For more information, contact Diane Pal at 760-815-2519.

Trip to LA Cathedral and San Antonio Winery

The Spirited Seniors are sponsoring a bus trip to the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in Los Angeles on Thursday, May 17, **and the bus has been filled!** For more information or to get on the waiting list, please call Judy or Jerry Buoniconti at 760-758-5113.

Blood Drive

It is time for our Spring Blood Drive. The Blodmobile will be in the upper parking lot on Sunday, May 27, from 8:30am-2:30pm. Sign up for your donation time on the Plaza after Masses on the weekends of May 12-13 and May 19-20. Please be generous! For more information, contact Linda Dicus at 760-726-8081.

Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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

PEOPLE MAY SAY I CAN'T SING, BUT NOBODY WILL SAY I DIDN'T SING!



This sticker lives on the bumper of Rhode Island resident Tom Padwa and refers to his love of a historic style of sacred choral music that has its roots in 18th century New England. Sacred harp singing nearly died away in the face of newer, more modern styles of choral singing, but it continues even today fueled by devoted fans from all walks of religious and non-religious life who gather for sacred harp's come-one-come-all approach to singing.

For modern-day Catholics, our approach is the same, but the words are more formal because the bishops don't write for bumper stickers:

The quality of our participation in...sung praise comes less from our vocal ability than from the desire of our hearts to sing together of our love for God.

—*Sing to the Lord*, §13

The bottom line? Sing! It is our desire, not our ability, that matters most.

Our Parish sings! It sings well! It sings with conviction! We know this because when we visit other Parishes, we might notice fewer people singing during the liturgy.

Your voice is part of it. Your voice can be part of it if it isn't already.

For some, there are impediments—medical issues with the vocal apparatus or with the lungs—and these are valid reasons for not singing aloud. But I encourage those of us with these types of concerns to sing along silently, mouthing the words, actively praying the lyrics in your heart as part of the gathered worshipping assembly.

Sometimes the impediment is something more insidious.

The most common reason I hear from people for not singing in church is they have been told they cannot sing by some malicious, though well-intentioned person.

Parents, teachers, siblings, and friends have all struck a blow for lessened participation by these sorts of comments. Maybe you respected them for lots of other reasons, but trust me on this, God doesn't care.

God gave you the voice you have. Don't you think God welcomes that voice in our worship? Besides, that's the voice God is going to be hearing when you get to heaven. And eternity is a long time!

So, as far as singing at church goes, how strong is the desire of your heart? What does *your* bumper sticker say?

Upcoming Music

✘

**MAY 6
 5th Sunday of
 Easter**

✘

5:00pm Mass

Praise Team

8:30am Mass

Sanctuary Choir

10:30am Mass

Handbell Choir

Friday, May 4 ♦ 8:45am - 7:30pm ♦ Eucharistic Exposition

FRIDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER

We pray...that the actions of our lives will speak the Truth that is Jesus.

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

Kathleen Bell
Director of Faith Formation
kathleenb@stmoside.org; 760-758-4100 x110

Sunday is a RE.A.CH day at Church
Still accepting Rice Bowls!

Sign-Up Sunday

for 2012-2013 RE.A.CH
Religious Education for Adolescents and Children

- ◆ If your family is currently enrolled in St. Thomas More's Religious Education program (including high school),
OR
- ◆ If you have children between ages 3 and 17 and would like to partner with your parish in their faith formation,
- ◆ Pick up and complete your enrollment packet
Sunday, April 29
between 9:45am-2:00pm or 4:00-6:30pm
outside the Faith Formation Office on the lower level.

Tuition for the year is \$100 for the first child and \$50 for each additional child to a maximum of \$250 per family. This would be a great use for your tax refund! If you are not able to pay the tuition at this time, we are happy to work out a Payment Plan over the next few months.

Please sign up soon so we can plan our classes for September. Please don't wait until you have the money. We'd like to be able to "count you in" and know that the tuition will follow when it works in your family budget.

Please let me know if you have questions or concerns.

Kathleen Bell
Director of Faith Formation

Remaining 2012 RE.A.CH Classes:

April 29
May 6
May 20

Two In a row

PBJ Update

(Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center)

2012 GOAL:	365 jars
Collected to date:	215 jars



Women's Prayer Breakfast

- ◆ Saturday, May 19 from 8:00-10:30am
- ◆ Tammy Evevard returns as guest speaker
- ◆ Save the date and invite a friend!



Human Trafficking— What it is and what it can do

- ◆ Tuesday, May 22, 7:00pm
- ◆ Sisters Jean and Sheila operate SDS Hope House, a confidential and safe shelter for women coming out of human trafficking situations.



The sisters will give an overview of human trafficking and outline how we, as Catholics, can become involved in working against this modern day slavery.



Youth Advocate

Please pray for guidance as the Search Committee nears a selection of a full-time Youth Advocate for our young people. With close to 40 applicants, it has been a very fruitful process.

Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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

Christian Stewardship is our Ministry, by which we Nurture and Share our Gifts.

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" to God. Yet, God would not let Moses off the hook. 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 that 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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Number of Registered Households		1,029
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Offertory (Loose Collection)		1,167.50
Children's envelopes		0.00
Total	\$	11,383.16

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News and Information from the Larger Church

Easter Season Contemplative Sung Rosary—Friday, May 4, 7:00pm, San Rafael Catholic Church, 17252 Bernardo Center Dr., Rancho Bernardo. For more information, call 858-487-4314.

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 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 fovaldez@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.

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

Lango Baya Mission Presentation—Monday, April 30, 7:00pm in St. Clare Hall at St. Francis Church, 525 W. Vista Way, Vista. The presentation will include recent slides and video of the mission work in the rural villages of Lango Baya, eastern Kenya. Come and see the exciting work that Fr. Pedro Gonzalez and the Missionaries of Mary are doing and learn how we as Catholic Parishioners are reaching out to orphaned children, widows, and those in need. If you are already an orphan sponsor, please come and bring a friend.

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the right and the duty to worship you, the only true God,
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you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world,
bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel
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in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty.

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to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened;
give us courage in making our voices heard
on behalf of the rights of your Church
and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.

Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father,
a clear and united voice to all your sons and daughters
gathered in your Church

in this decisive hour in the history of our nation,
so that, with every trial withstood
and every danger overcome—

for the sake of our children, our grandchildren,
and all who come after us—

this great land will always be “one nation, under God,
indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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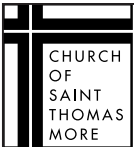
Marriage & Family Life Corner

The Bishops' Letter on Marriage—God's Love, Our Love: “God established marriage so that man and woman could participate in his love and thus selflessly give themselves to each other in love. A man and a woman who by their act of consent are no longer two but one flesh (see Mt 19:6ff.) render mutual help and service to each other through an intimate union of their persons and of their actions.” To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

Marriage Moments—“A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.” (Jn 10:11) In today's world time is often our most precious commodity. It reflects your priorities. When you give time and attention to your beloved, it's like laying down your life for the other. Save time for each other today.

Parenting Pointers—April 30-May 6 is Screen Free Week - a national celebration where children and families spend 7 days turning off entertainment screen media and turning on life. It's a time to unplug and play, read, daydream, create, and spend time with family and friends. Afraid you can't do a full week? Start with a day.

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



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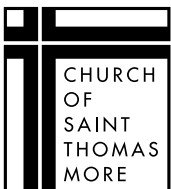
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27 Pentecost Sunday Blood Drive 8:30 AM-Mass/LOWC 10:30 AM-Mass/LOWC 12:00 PM-Reception for Deacon John Fredette on the Plaza	28 Memorial Day Parish Office and Chapel Closed 8:15 AM-Mass 7:00 PM-IGNITE/High School	29 8:15 AM-Mass 9:00 AM-Donuts and Coffee 9:30 AM-Walking Ministry 7:00 PM-Praise Team	30 8:15 AM-Mass 6:30 PM-Handbell Choir	31 8:15 AM-Mass 9:00 AM-Donuts and Coffee 1:00 PM-Centering Prayer 7:00 PM-Youth Ministry LEAD 7:00 PM-Sanctuary Choir	Church of St. Thomas More 1450 South Melrose Drive, Oceanside, CA 92056 (760) 758-4100 www.stmoside.org	