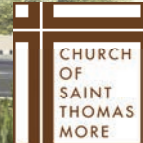


Church of St. Thomas More

A Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of San Diego

Spirituality † Tradition † Community



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StThomasMoreRCC



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

May 6, 2012 • Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

Hear ye! Hear ye! Hear ye! Your donations of new items that would make tempting raffle and auction prizes are most welcome!

A few seats are still available for the Gala dinner, as well as for the Pastor's Excursion (on calm waters) on August 26 and remember to get your raffle tickets for our fabulous diamond necklace!

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

New Construction Update—April 2012

(This is the fourth in a monthly series of updates to keep all Parishioners informed regarding the progress of the construction of our Permanent Church and our Parish Offices.)

1. Design Development continues...
2. Feasibility Studies and design options for key elements such as structural steel, exterior windows, doors and wood ceiling cladding are being reviewed by the architect, engineers, and consultants. This is a time-consuming, but required exercise, to confirm that the final design will be within our budget.

(Continued on page 2)



Annual Catholic Appeal Update—"Pay It Forward!"

The Diocese of San Diego has helped our Parish over the years with our building program. Now is our chance to help other Parishes as we have been helped, as well as support Diocesan charitable outreach and education efforts. Please join the 300 families who have already pledged \$38,469 and help us reach our assessment of \$48,000. 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)*

3. Electrical and mechanical engineering design continues.
4. The civil engineer is working to design the deep utilities including sewer, water, and storm drain site improvements.
5. Proposals from various landscape architects are now being reviewed.
6. The Interior Design Team (IDT) has decided that the Stations of the Cross will be located outside in the garden area on the north side of the Church. We will continue to use the John Paul II version of the Stations of the Cross.
7. The IDT will continue to discuss the possible location of another set of the Stations of the Cross in the Daily Mass Chapel.
8. The IDT has decided that Stephen Hirt, who will be designing the altar, ambo, and baptismal font, will also create the candle holders, the ambry, the processional cross, the sanctuary lamp, the Paschal Candle Stand, and the ossuary.
9. The IDT is considering tapestries for the St. Thomas More Shrine. That discussion continues.
10. The discussion regarding the Presider's Chair and the Associate Chairs continue. The discussion revolves around what kind of elements will be used in the creation of the chairs.
11. The IDT continues the discussion of the way in which all donors will be recognized. It has been decided that the names of all donors will be included on a "wall" in the Memorial Garden which will be located on the southwest side of the Church.
12. As we prepare for the sound system for our Church, we will include the "loop system." This technology will allow for many who are wearing "hearing aids" to be able to automatically connect to our sound system without the need for an extra "hearing device."

Each Sunday at Mass we pray for all the people who are working "behind the scenes." As you can see, much is happening, and soon, and very soon, construction will begin!

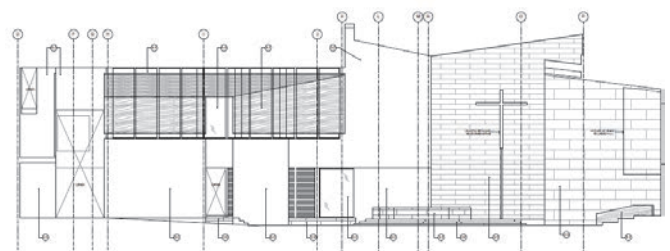
Continue to pray for the success of our building program. Also, if you have not yet made your pledge or given your gift to this year's "**Our Journey Into The Future . . . Together**" Phase 2.1 Capital Campaign, now is the time. We need you!

For all that has been, "Thank You!" For all that will be, "Yes!"

Rev. Michael Ratajczak, Pastor

Brian Leahy, Chairperson, New Construction Committee

Phil & Pat Goscienski, Chairpersons, Interior Design Team



Interior Elevation

<p>Readings for the Week Ahead</p> <p>Sunday Year B; Weekday Year II Readings online at www.usccb.org.</p> <p>Sunday, May 6 (53) <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i> Acts 9:26-31 Psalm 22:26-28,30-32 1 John 3:18-24 John 15:1-8</p> <p>Monday, May 7 (285) Acts 14:5-18 Psalm 115:1-4,15-16 John 14:21-26</p> <p>Tuesday, May 8 (286) Acts 14:19-28 Psalm 145:10-13,21 John 14:27-31a</p> <p>Wednesday, May 9 (287) Acts 15:1-6 Psalm 122:1-5 John 15:1-8</p> <p>Thursday, May 10 (288) Acts 15:7-21 Psalm 96:1-3,10 John 15:9-11</p> <p>Friday, May 11 (289) Acts 15:22-31 Psalm 57:8-10,12 John 15:12-17</p> <p>Saturday, May 12 (290) Acts 16:1-10 Psalm 100:1-3,5 John 15:18-21</p> <p>Sunday, May 13 (56) <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i> Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48 Psalm 98:1-4 1 John 4:7-10 John 15:9-17</p>
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<p>Mass Intentions</p>
<p>Saturday, May 5, 5:00pm William Hoogestraat ☩</p>
<p>Sunday, May 6, 8:30am Edward Dapkus ☩</p>
<p>Sunday, May 6, 10:30am Tammy Petruzzella ☩</p>
<p>Tuesday, May 8, 8:15am Italino Norelli ☩</p>
<p>Wednesday, May 9, 8:15am Helen McCormack ☩</p>
<p>Thursday, May 10, 8:15am Reuben Quinn ☩</p>
<p>Friday, May 11, 8:15am Frances Hoogestraat ☩</p>
<p>Friday May, 11, 9:30am Hazel Bronzan ☩ <i>Aegis at Shadowidge</i></p>
<p>Saturday, May 12, 5:00pm Kathryn Ernst ☩</p>
<p>Sunday, May 13, 8:30am Fred Denando DiFelice ☩</p>
<p>Sunday, May 13, 10:30am Cosmo Nocida ☩</p>

<p>Prayer List (Call 760-758-4100 x102 to add a name for four weeks.)</p> <p>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 Brianna 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 Drazkowski, Jr. Sharon Evans Rebecca Eyer 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 The McCullough & Lynn Families Bob McWilliams Joyce Meehan Kalei Mendiola Phyllis Minaya Annie Mintle June Mitchell</p>	<p>Nancy Moore Mariana Mora Conrad Murphy Margie Myers The Nichols Family Heidi Olson Bernadette Padovan Art Palle Lupe Casas Pelletier Lorraine Phillips Helen Pingtella Douglas Price-Williams Barbara Ramm The Steve Rhee Family Mrs. Jack (Shirley) Riley Clinton Ritchie Rita Ritchie 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 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 Kevin Watson-Graff John Whitton Germaine Wilmott Helen Wodyka Patricia Zavala Stevan Zygutis</p>
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Calendar Highlights
More details at www.stmoside.org,
Schedule and Calendar

The Week Ahead

May 5-6	Baby Food Drive
May 6	Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
May 6	RE.A.CH classes at church, including high school
May 8-9	Restaurant Fundraiser at Mortony's in Vista
May 12	Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses

The Month Ahead

May 14	Women's Guild Luncheon
May 17	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
Sept 30	New Member Reception

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

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.

<p>May 7 Sr. Frances Michele Francese, CSJ</p>
<p>May 8 Sr. Claire Frawley, SFCC</p>
<p>May 9 Sr. Sally Furay, RSCJ</p>
<p>May 10 Sr. Patricia Gage, CSJ</p>
<p>May 11 Sr. Margarita Galardo-Rodriguez, SJS</p>
<p>May 12 Sr. Mary Gallagher, RSM</p>
<p>May 13 Sr. Gloria Galvan, SFCC</p>

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
- 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 New Parishioners

Joseph & Liza Cavarlez & Family
Andrea Voss

Congratulations to

Nancy & Glenn Busse

who celebrated their 23th wedding anniversary last week.

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:

Maria Surmenidis, who died on April 20. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, May 18, at 10:30am at St. Thomas More. Please keep her daughters, Marion Yerxa and Viktoria Voll, and her family in your prayers.

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

“Did You Know” Collection for April 2012

\$10,328

Restaurant Fundraiser for April 2012

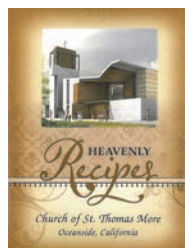
Mrs. Taco

\$350

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 Scrip News

Attention all Dads and Children: Mothers Day is one week 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

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 have received 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.

More than 120 people have already responded. Thank you!

—Parish Social Justice Committee

Blood Drive

It is time for our Spring Blood Drive. The Bloodmobile 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.

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.

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

Our May meeting will be Monday, May 14, 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 Elizabeth Haynes who will present a talk accompanied by a video presentation on costumes she made for Lucille Ball over many years during which she collaborated with the film star. She will explain how she made the costumes and show scenes from the movies that featured her costumes, giving background information and details of her time with Lucille Ball. She will also have a display of memorabilia. Elizabeth is a fascinating woman with much to share and I am sure all of you will be very interested to hear her many stories of her Hollywood days. Please call me for reservations at 760-739-9061 or Siggie Ogan at 760-994-4727.

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

We will vote for our new board at our general meeting as well. Our slate stands as follows: Vera Bayliss, President; Siggie Ogan, First Vice President; Mary Coxon, Second Vice President; Marcy Bernier, Treasurer; Kathleen Gerhard, Recording Secretary; Lou Gordon, Corresponding Secretary; and Barbara Hazlett, Parliamentarian. We will also take nominations from the floor.

Hope to see you at the next meeting. Also, mark your calendar for the Installation Luncheon on Saturday, June 9.

—Vera Bayliss, President

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.

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.

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

Response Statistics as of May 1

		# of Families Responding
Eight Months to Go!		
Total Responses	\$401,211	547
Still Needed	\$98,789	483
Total Goal	\$500,000	1,030
Total Collected	\$202,808	



† **Thanks to all who have already responded to Phase 2.1 with responses totaling \$401,211!**

† **If each of the remaining 483 families who have not yet responded donate \$26 per month or \$6.50 per week or 87¢ per day to the building fund for the remaining eight months, we will make our goal!**

† **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

Eucharistic Adoration



Monday-Friday • 6:30am-7:30pm
Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Exposition of the Eucharist on First Fridays.
Next date: Friday, June 1.

*For more information, contact
the Parish Office at 760-758-4100 x100.*

Vocations

Prayer itself, born in Catholic families, nurtured by programs of Christian formation, strengthened by the grace of the sacraments, is the first means by which we come to know the Lord's will for our lives...but the discernment of a vocation is above all the fruit of an intimate dialogue between the Lord and his disciples.

—Pope Benedict XVI

Are you hearing a call to the life as an ordained priest or deacon or consecrated religious? Contact Deacon Tom at 760-727-8442 or thomasg@stmoside.org.

Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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

HARNESSING THE POWER OF A HEARTFELT HELLO

Shortly before I accepted my position at St. Thomas More, my wife and I attended Mass to get a feel for the place. We attended the 5:00pm Mass since I was usually at church on Sunday mornings.

The ushers welcomed us and gave us a worship aid with the music printed on it—we saw this as a sign of the Parish's commitment to music. Fr. Ken Kieffer was the celebrant, starting off a solid homily with his trademark humorous opening story—we remarked that if the “number two” guy was this good, hearing a good homily wasn't going to be a problem. We were sitting in the middle of one of the center sections as we like to do when visiting a church when the lady sitting next to us noticed we were unfamiliar, gave us a big smile, and said hello.

I am sure we stood out during that Mass, two people singing strongly, sometimes in harmony, probably sitting in someone else's usual seats, but this lady had turned to us, saying she didn't recognize us, asking if we

were new before Mass began. At the end of Mass, she said she hoped we might come back next week. “You really should sing in the choir,” she said. Little did she know!

This is hospitality at its finest!

St. Thomas More is a powerhouse of hospitality. When members of our Welcome Ministry meet with people who are interested in joining the Parish, one of the most common reasons people give for wanting to join up is the welcoming spirit that permeates this faith community. The chatter before Mass begins, the heartfelt passing of the Christ's peace, and the milling crowd on the plaza after the final song finishes are all indications of our vibrant Christ-centered energy.

So why are we perpetually short of Hospitality Ministers at Mass?

Recently, we have had just *two or three* people taking care of the *three to five* hundred people who celebrate Mass together. Ideally, we should have *five* Hospitality Ministers at every liturgy.



Upcoming Music

✘

MAY 13
6th Sunday of
Easter

✘

5:00pm Mass

Cantor and
Congregation

8:30am Mass

Cantor and
Congregation

10:30am Mass

Cantor and
Congregation

Are we too shy?

Not a chance. Well, maybe, but how much can smiling and saying “Good morning” or “Good evening” hurt us?

Are we too busy?

Perhaps, but surely some of us can arrive twenty minutes ahead and stay ten minutes after two Masses each month to welcome the stranger and friend alike.

Is there danger of paper cuts from the worship aids and bulletins?

Some, but our first aid kits have lots of antiseptic and adhesive bandages to fix you right up.

So, think about becoming a Hospitality Minister. Yes, you!

Ponder it in your heart!

Pray about it!

Or, maybe, just do it!

Someone once smiled and held out their hand to you the first time you visited this faith community. They said hello. It probably was one of the reasons you joined up.

Is it your turn? We certainly need you right away!

—Douglas

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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



Today is a RE.A.CH day at Church

*Please remember to return your
2012-2013 Enrollment Packet TODAY!*

PBJ Update

(Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center)

2012 GOAL: 365 jars
Collected to date: 218 jars



Remaining 2012 RE.A.CH Classes:

May 6
(May 13—Home session)
May 20

STM Social Justice Confirmation Project

We thank you for your overwhelming support!

We will return to the Plaza next weekend, May 12 and 13, with a variety of 3.5 oz bars of Equal Exchange Chocolate for \$4 each.

*Buy Mom some chocolate,
support economic justice
and encourage our Parish teens!*

THE FATHER'S LOVE



Women's Prayer Breakfast

with Tammy Evevard
Saturday, May 19
8:00-10:30am

Lower Level of the Parish Center

Sign up after weekend Masses
or call 760-758-4100 x159



Parishioners without Children at Home



*If you are able to scholarship a student
in religious education, there are several
families who would be most
appreciative.*

*Any amount would be a grateful
donation to our Scholarship Fund.*

Checks are payable to STM.

*Thank you for your help in sharing our
Catholic faith with our future church.*

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.

Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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

Christian Stewardship: Our Way of Life

Jesus tells us that upon earth we are in charge of things that are not really ours. We cannot take them with us when we die.

Someone inquired about Howard Hughes' will. "How much did he leave?" they asked.

"He left it all," they answered. "He did not take any of it with him."

None of us ever do. What we have is only on loan to us. We are a steward of it, manager of it, an accountant for it, an agent for another. It is not permanently ours because we are not permanently here.

DeWitt Wallace was the owner of the Reader's Digest, and his father was a minister and the first president of Macalester College. Over the years he gave the college over ten million dollars, and numerous other institutions other millions. He has said that "the dead carry with them to the grave in their clutched hands only that which they have given away."

Taking our clues from nature, is nothing less than a way of life. It is the understanding that everything we have, including our own lives, is a gift from God.

It is a way of looking at the world ... at everything that touches our lives ... through the eyes of faith.

—Parish Publishing LLC, May 2012 (with permission)



"George, about that collection plate of yours . . ."

*"Tell them to do good,
to be rich in good works,
to be generous, ready to share."*

—1 Timothy 6:17-19

TOWERS OF FAITH Future Support & Estate Planning Options

Towers of Faith is a movement that has arisen due to the visionary leadership and generosity of several of our parishioners. We stress that this is not about the gift amount, but rather the love and thought behind the gift.

These individuals (*several anonymous*) have included STM in their estate planning. This helps to ensure their ongoing support and a legacy for our Parish. *Towers of Faith* is a valuable portion of our future support.



Examples of the various future planning vehicles are:
**Designated Beneficiary Accounts,
Last Will and Testament, Living Trust, Life Insurance,
Stocks and Bonds, Real Estate, and Endowments.**

Any parishioners who have already included STM in their estate plans are *Towers of Faith* participants. If you are interested, please contact us. Your participation is most welcome and appreciated!

Chris Smith at 760-758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org.

**Do two people in your family know the location of
your will and/or living trust?**

Collection for Week of April 28/29, 2012

Number of Registered Households		1,030
Offertory*	\$	6,401.56
Offertory (Loose Collection)		1,165.00
Children's envelopes		0.00
Total	\$	7,566.56

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News and Information from the Larger Church

Scripture Unlocked: Purposeful Loving in God's Home—Monday, May 7, 7:00pm, John Paul the Great Catholic University, 10174 Old Grove Rd., San Diego. Biblical theology graduate student, William Huff, will reflect on the metaphor of the vine and the branches in the Gospel of John, explaining how this reveals the nature of God's love and how we can tap into it. For more information, contact Colleen Monroe at 858-653-6740 x1713 or jpcatholic.com/scriptureunlocked.

"Maintaining a Spiritual Life in a Much Too Busy World"—Friday, May 18, 5:30-8:30pm, Mission San Luis Rey, 4050 Mission Ave., Oceanside. Presented by Msgr. Mark A. Campbell. For more information, contact 760-757-3659 x111 or www.sanluisrey.org.

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.

A Celebration in Song—Sunday, May 27, 7:00pm, San Rafael Catholic Church, 17252 Bernardo Center Dr., San Diego. Songs and hymns of the Easter Season and Pentecost, as well as other music. For more information, contact 858-487-4314.

Elizabeth Hospice Volunteer Training—May 29, 30, and 31, 8:30am-3:00pm, Escondido Elks Lodge, 2430 S. Escondido Blvd., Escondido. Those who complete the training will be invited to volunteer for the hospice in the areas of patient care, caregiver respite, support services, and complementary therapies. For more information, contact 760-737-2050.

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.

News from St. Francis Church

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

Lango Baya Mission Presentation (new date)—Monday, May 14, 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.

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>.

Pauline Books and Media—5945-B Balboa Ave., San Diego, carries a wide selection of gifts, books, and bibles—great for First Communion and Confirmation gifts. For more information, contact 858-565-9181.

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

Employment Opportunity at the Pastoral Center

Staff Accountant, Office for Finance—The position requires a B.A. in accounting and 5-7 years of accounting experience. To apply, please forward your resume to the attention of Amy Merrow at amerrow@diocese-sdiego.org or fax: 858-490-8272. Detailed job description is available on the Diocesan web page: www.diocese-sdiego.org/employment.aspx.

Marriage & Family Life Corner

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 Hillside 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—Procreation: "It is the nature of love to overflow, to be life-giving. Thus, it is no surprise that marriage is ordained not only to growing in love but to transmitting life. 'By its very nature the institution of marriage and married love [is] ordered to the procreation and education of the offspring and it is in them that it finds its crowning glory'" (*Gaudium et Spes*). To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

Marriage Moments— "Let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." (1 Jn 3:18) Saying "I love you" is good. Being true to your words is better. Showing your love by doing something nice or sacrificing for your beloved is true love. What act of love can you do today?

Parenting Pointers— "Diana (age 4) stepped onto the bathroom scale and asked: 'How much do I cost?'" The economy continues to struggle and so do we parents. No matter how little money you have, can you give a child a break—buy some lemonade or Girl Scout cookies, contribute to a scholarship fund...

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