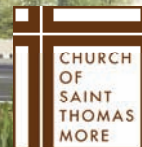


Church of St. Thomas More

A Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of San Diego

Spirituality † Tradition † Community



Rev. Michael Ratajczak, Pastor

Deacon Thomas A. Goeltz

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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 13, 2012 • Sixth 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 **due by Sunday, May 20!**

A few seats are still available for the Pastor's Excursion (on calm Mission Bay) on August 26! Payments can be made through June.

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

Happy Mother's Day

As we continue our celebration of the Feast of the Resurrection, we mark the Second Sunday of May as a national holiday, Mother's Day.

In the United States of America, Mother's Day was first suggested in the year 1872 by Julia Ward Howe, who wrote the words to the Battle Hymn of the Republic, as a day dedicated to peace. She would hold an organized Mother's Day meeting in Boston, Massachusetts, every year.

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Did You Know?

The total SDG&E bill for 2011 was \$37,100. It takes several weekly offertory collections to pay for just this one utility bill. Your gift to the "Did You Know?" Campaign helps the Finance Council's efforts to maintain a balanced budget year after year.

Please don't throw away the envelope that is attached to this week's Bulletin. Please use it and put in it whatever monetary gift you can afford. No gift is too small or too large!

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)*

It wasn't until 1907 when Anna Jarvis, from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, began a campaign to establish a national Mother's Day. Miss Jarvis persuaded her mother's Church in Grafton, West Virginia, to celebrate Mother's Day on the second anniversary of her mother's death, the second Sunday of May. By the next year, Mother's Day was also celebrated in Philadelphia.

She and her supporters began to write to ministers, businessmen, and politicians in their endeavor to establish a national Mother's Day. In 1910, the governor of West Virginia proclaimed the second Sunday of May as Mother's Day, and a year later every state celebrated it. In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson made the official announcement proclaiming Mother's Day as a national holiday that was to be held each year on the second Sunday of May.

But Jarvis' accomplishment soon turned bitter for her. Enraged by the commercialization of the holiday, she filed a lawsuit to stop a 1923 Mother's Day festival and was even arrested for disturbing the peace at a war mothers' convention where women sold white carnations—Jarvis' symbol for mothers—to raise money.

"This is not what I intended," Jarvis said. "I wanted it to be a day of sentiment, not profit!"

When she died in 1948, at the age of 84, Jarvis had become a woman of great ironies. Never a mother herself, her maternal fortune dissipated by her efforts to stop the commercialization of the holiday she had founded. Jarvis told a reporter shortly before her death that she was sorry she had ever started Mother's Day.

She spoke these words in a nursing home where every Mother's Day her room had been filled with cards from all over the world. Today, because and despite Jarvis' efforts, many celebrations of Mother's Days are held throughout the world.

As we remember and pray for our mothers, living and deceased, I share with you this quote from Washington Irving: "A father may turn his back on his child; brothers and sisters may become inveterate enemies; husbands may desert their wives and wives their husbands. But a mother's love endures through all; in good repute, in bad repute, in the face of the world's condemnation, a mother still loves on, and still hopes that her child may turn from his evil ways, and repent; still she remembers the infant smiles that once filled her bosom with rapture, the merry laugh, the joyful shout of his childhood, the opening promise of his youth; and she can never be brought to think him all unworthy."

F. A. Mike

Annual Catholic Appeal Update Can You Help?

To date, \$40,387 has been pledged by 307 families, with an average of \$131.55 per family. Our assessment is \$48,000. Please keep those checks/pledges coming!

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.

Readings for the Week Ahead

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

Sunday, May 13 (56)
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48
Psalm 98:1-4
1 John 4:7-10
John 15:9-17

Monday, May 14 (564)
Matthias, apostle
Acts 1:15-17,20-26
Psalm 113:1-8
John 15:9-17

Tuesday, May 15 (292)
Acts 16:22-34
Psalm 138:1-3,7c-8
John 16:5-11

Wednesday, May 16 (293)
Acts 17:15,22-18:1
Psalm 148:1-2,11-12,13,14
John 16:12-15

Thursday, May 17 (294)
Acts 18:1-8
Psalm 98:1-4
John 16:16-20

Friday, May 18 (295)
Acts 18:9-18
Psalm 47:2-7
John 16:20-23

Saturday, May 19 (296)
Acts 18:23-28
Psalm 47:2-3,8-10
John 16:23b-28

Sunday, May 20 (58)
The Ascension of the Lord
Acts 1:1-11
Psalm 47:2-3,6-7,8-9
Ephesians 4:1-13
Mark 16:15-20

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
Ed 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
Brenda Cobian
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
Lois "Boo" Falconer
The Fiore Family
Ryan Flum
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
Roxanne Kamel
Paul Kennedy
Rick Kent Family
Peggy Kiernan
Debbie Kinney
John Kirk
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
June Mitchell
Nancy Moore
Mariana Mora
Conrad Murphy
Margie Myers
The Nichols Family
Heidi Olson
Bernadette Padovan
Art Palle
Lupe Casas Pelletier
Paxton Peterson
Lorraine Phillips
Helen Pingtella
Douglas Price-Williams
Barbara Ramm
The Steve Rhee Family
Mrs. Jack (Shirley) Riley
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
Helen Wodyka
Patricia Zavala
Stevan Zygutis

Calendar Highlights

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

- #### The Week Ahead
- May 13 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
 - 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
 - May 22 Presentation on Human Trafficking

- #### The Month Ahead
- May 27 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses

- #### 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
 - Oct 12-14 Men's Fellowship Retreat

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

Mass Intentions
Saturday, May 12, 5:00pm Kathryn Ernst ☩
Sunday, May 13, 8:30am Fred Denando DiFelice ☩
Sunday, May 13, 10:30am Cosmo Nocida ☩
Tuesday, May 15, 8:15am <i>Mother's Day Triduum</i>
Wednesday, May 16, 8:15am <i>Mother's Day Triduum</i>
Thursday, May 17, 8:15am <i>Mother's Day Triduum</i>
Friday, May 18, 8:15am Ernesto Vettese ☩
Saturday, May 19, 5:00pm Hazel Bronzan ☩
Sunday, May 20, 8:30am Elena Vozza ☩
Sunday, May 20, 10:30am Confirmation Candidates ☩

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

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.

May 14 Sr. Ruth Garbani, CSJ
May 15 Sr. Dina Marie Garcia, RJM
May 16 Sr. Mary Joseph Garcia, DCJ
May 17 Sr. Paula Garcia, HMSS
May 18 Sr. Peggy Garfield, CSN
May 19 Sr. Lorraine Genest, RJM
May 20 Sr. Virginia Gillis, RSM

Welcome New Parishioners

**Kenneth & Frances Kern
Andrew & Kelly Kennerly & Family**

Announcing the Baptism of

**Jameson Alexander Davis
David Robert Hartdegen
Cole Aiden Layoun
Samuel Owen Nichols**
on May 13



Our Christian community welcomes you with great joy!

In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the souls 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.

Robert Daly, who died on November 21, 2011. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, May 25, at 10:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep his mother, Parishioner Dorothy Hanratty, and his family in your prayers.

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

Rosary

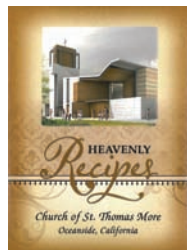
A communal Rosary is prayed after every morning Mass (Tuesday-Friday) in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Please join us!



Parish Cookbook

Graduation is coming up fast. Be sure to pick up one of our Parish cookbooks. They'd also be perfect as a birthday gift.

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



STM Scrip News

Now that you've survived Mothers Day, come back to the Scrip table to shop for Fathers Day and Graduation! Review the Scrip List for items that might appeal to dads and grads.

Every Scrip purchase helps the Building Fund!

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 140 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.

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.

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 Events

Women's Guild News

Our May meeting will be May 14 starting at 11:00 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. Elizabeth is a fascinating women with much to share. Please call me for reservations at 760-739-9061 or Siggie Ogan at 760-994-4727.

We will vote for our new board at our general 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; Barbara Hazlett, Parliamentarian. We will also take nomination from the floor.

Our quilts will be displayed at the May meeting as well. The tickets for the raffle have been mailed, so we would be pleased if you return your tickets stubs and checks as soon as you can. There will be several lucky winners this year, announced at our Installation luncheon. Mark your calendars for June 9.

We will be on the plaza soon with quilt display and taking reservations for the very important Installation luncheon. We will be presenting Father Mike with a check from Women's Guild. Hope to see you at the next meeting and the Installation Luncheon.

With God, nothing is impossible.

—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.

Women's Prayer Breakfast

- ◆ Saturday, May 19 from 8:00-10:30am
- ◆ Tammy Evevard returns as guest speaker
- ◆ Sign up on the Plaza after Masses or call 760-758-4100 x159 and bring friends!



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

Response Statistics as of May 8

		# of Families Responding
Eight Months to Go!		
Total Responses	\$413,691	555
Still Needed	\$86,309	477
Total Goal	\$500,000	1,032
Total Collected	\$220,506	



† **Thanks to all who have already responded to Phase 2.1 with responses totaling \$413,691!**

† **If each of the remaining 477 families who have not yet responded donate \$23 per month or \$5.65 per week or 80¢ 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

FOUR SOLEMNITIES (AND A CONFIRMATION)



The church of Christ does not so much have a mission as the mission of Christ has a church.

—Stephen Bevans and Roger Schroeder,
*Constants in Context:
A Theology of Mission for Today*



Next Sunday marks the Ascension of the Lord, the first of four consecutive Sunday solemnities, two that mark the end of the Easter season and two that begin Summer Ordinary Time. Taken as a set, they offer a powerful transition from the celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord to that of the mission and ministry that necessarily follow from it.



The Ascension of the Lord

The solemn festival of the Ascension directs our attention to the risen Jesus who takes his rightful place in glory. At the same time, however, the Ascension reminds us that the risen Lord's saving work on earth continues now through his disciples, whom he sends "into the whole world [to] proclaim the gospel" (Mark 16:15). The Ascension is not an abandonment of the disciples by Jesus but a way for Jesus to be present in a new way, continuing the saving mission given to him by the Father. The double consequence of this festival of the Ascension is Jesus entering into glory and us taking up his mission as our own.

On this Ascension Sunday, Bishop Cirilo Flores will administer the sacrament of Confirmation at the 10:30am Mass.

Confirmation completes the grace of Baptism by a special outpouring of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, which seal or "confirm" the baptized in union with Christ and equip them for active participation in the worship and apostolic life of the church.

Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost Sunday marks the end of Easter Time. We celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and the beginning of the church, the beginning of our new life in Christ.

In the second creation account in Genesis we are reminded of the creating power of the breath of God. Formed from the clay of the earth, the first humans were simply a lump of clay until the Lord God breathed divine life into them (Genesis 2:7).

In the Pentecost story in John's gospel, Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit into the disciples and by doing so he recreates them (John 20:19-22). The life-giving breath poured forth at the dawn of creation is now the Spirit-breath, the very indwelling of God.

As with those receiving the sacrament of Confirmation, we receive the Spirit in order to be strengthened to take up Jesus' mission. This mission/discipleship motif is what occupies us during the coming weeks of Ordinary Time. The solemnities the church celebrates following Pentecost are solemnities in Ordinary Time—solemnities are connected to the Easter mystery, but not of the Easter season.

The Most Holy Trinity

The gospel reading for Trinity Sunday (Matthew 28:19-20) is sometimes called the "great commission":

Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.

And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.



The life of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—the very power of God to bring salvation to others—is poured into us at Baptism. This life is gift. We share in God's life and mighty deeds, the same deeds that form the pattern of our daily living and bring God's presence to all we meet.

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

This solemnity is all about giving oneself, completely. Christ offering his body and shedding his blood on the cross were total self-gift. His gift of the Eucharist is an ongoing expression of this gift of self.

As we share in Christ's Body and Blood, we surrender ourselves to be like Christ—a Passover Lamb for our world today. For the most part we don't need to look for opportunities for total self-giving; the circumstances of daily life generously present them to us. In the Eucharistic feast, God draws us into his divine life and offers us food for our earthly pilgrimage to continue with faith and hope our mission and ministry as disciples of Jesus Christ.

The church of Christ does not so much have a mission as the mission of Christ has a church.

Upcoming Music



MAY 20
Ascension of the Lord



5:00pm Mass
Handbell Choir
8:30am Mass

Cantor and Congregation

10:30am Mass
Praise Team
Sanctuary Choir

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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

Today is a RE.A.CH week at home
Celebrate MOM!

STM Social Justice Confirmation Project

We thank you for your overwhelming support!



Look for us on the Plaza this 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!



Prayer Partners

If you have been praying for those preparing for Confirmation or First Communion, you are welcome to leave cards or messages for them in the container outside the Faith Formation Office.

All are invited to celebrate these sacraments with our families:

Confirmation: May 20, 10:30am Mass

First Communion: June 2 and 3, all Masses

We continue to celebrate with our newest members as they complete their process on Pentecost, May 27.

Human Trafficking— What It Is and What We Can Do

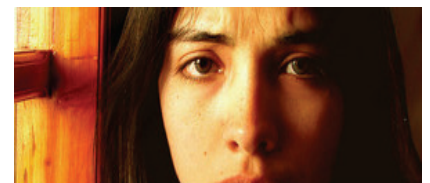
Tuesday, May 22, 7:00pm

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.

Stop Trafficking



Awareness

Advocacy

Action

Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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

Christian Stewardship Prayer for May

Heavenly Father,
Your Son ascended in great triumph
to sit at your right hand.
You sent your Spirit to watch over us,
guide us and teach us to be better stewards
of your abundant gifts.

May this Spirit of wisdom
make us better stewards of our planet.
May your Spirit increase
our awareness of the dignity
of every human life,
and show us the way to be better
stewards of our neighbor.

And through your Spirit,
may we be inspired every day
to live in accordance with the Gospel,
and to give witness to our risen Lord.

We ask this through Jesus Christ,
Your Son, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God forever and ever.

Amen.

—ICSC Catholic Stewardship, May 2012 (with permission)



*A very Blessed and Happy Mother's Day
to all who give so much and set a Christian example
so that we may share and spread our love ~*

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Children's envelopes		0.00
Total	\$	18,329.87

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News and Information from the Larger Church

“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.

Jason Evert: “Romance Without Regret”—Friday, May 24, 7:00pm, St. Stephen Church, 31020 Cole Grade Rd., Valley Center. For more information, contact Ellen at 760-749-3324.

A Celebration in Song—Sunday, May 27, 7:00pm, San Rafael 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, caregive respite, support services, and complementary therapies. For more information, contact 760-737-2050.

Christian Poetry Conference—Saturday, June 9, St. Joseph Cathedral, downtown San Diego. For more information, visit www.PoetryInTheCathedral.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.

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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.

St. Francis School Annual Performing Arts Night—Friday, June 8, 5:30pm, St. Francis School, 525 W. Vista Way, Vista. Mark your calendars, grab those lawn chairs, and start planning your picnic dinner for our annual Performing Arts Night—“Broadway Bound.”

www.allforgodcatholic.com.

Young Adult Ministry Activities in San Diego County—Visit www.yamsd.org for complete information on events for young adults, including *Theology on Tap* in San Marcos during 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.

Foster Children Need Advocates—Voices for Children is looking for volunteers to be Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs). Information meetings on May 22 and June 6. For more information, call 858-598-2235 or visit www.speakupnow.org.

Vatican Secret Archives

If you're traveling to Rome this summer, you will be in for a treat. And if you do not have plans to travel to Rome this summer, you may want to change that. For the first (and probably only) time in history, 100 of the most historically significant documents held by the Vatican's Secret Archives are to go on public display in Rome. Organizers point out that the word “Secret” comes from the latin word, “Secretum”, which translates as ‘private.’ Thus, these are the private archives of the popes. The exhibition, called “*Lux in Arcana: The Vatican Secret Archives Revealed*”, runs from February to September 2012 in the Capitoline Museums. For more information, please visit the official Website: <http://www.luxinarcana.org/en/>.

Marriage & Family Life Corner

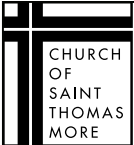
It's Mothers Day! Whether it be a home-made card from your kids or a sweet note from your spouse, help make mom feel extra special today!

The Bishops' Letter on Marriage—Life-Affirming: “Even when their child-bearing years have passed, a couple should continue to be life affirming. They do this by staying involved in the lives of young people, and especially their grandchildren, as spiritual mentors, teachers, and wisdom figures.” To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

Marriage Moments—(Mother's Day) “No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.” (Jn 15: 13) In addition to Jesus, who has given their life for you? Perhaps it is your mother, or someone who has been like a mother to you.

Parenting Pointers—“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.” (Mt 18.5) We parents are responsible for our children and we must carry out this vocation conscientiously. But think beyond your own child today to the kid down the block who hangs around your home, the child in your kid's school whose parent doesn't make the teacher conference, the child in Sudan who doesn't have a school to go to. Can you stretch yourself to welcome one of them too?

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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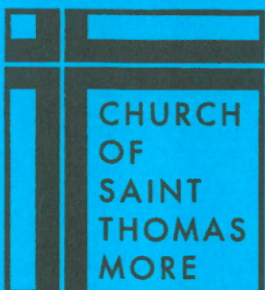
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