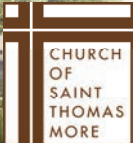


Church of St. Thomas More

A Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of San Diego

Spirituality † Tradition † Community



Rev. Michael Ratajczak, Pastor
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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 27, 2012 • Pentecost Sunday



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

Hear ye! Hear ye! Hear ye!
Seats are available for the
Pastor's Excursion (on calm
Mission Bay) on August 26!
Payments can be made through
June, so sign up now!

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—May 2012

This is the fifth of our monthly updates to keep all Parishioners informed in regard to the progress of the construction of our Permanent Church and our Parish Offices.

1. Brian Leahey, our Construction Chairperson, continues to manage the day to day coordination between Renzo Zecchetto Architects, T.B. Penick & Sons Construction

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Congratulations Deacon John!

Ordained to the Permanent Diaconate on May 25, 2012

Serving at the Church of St. Thomas More

Deacon John and Mrs. Debbie Fredette and Family



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.



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

Company and the various engineers and consultants, as we move through the Design Development Process.

2. Travertine flooring will be used within the church and will complement other interior finishes.
3. Large structural steel girders in the roof structure will allow for maximum clear spans over the seating area of the church. The structural steel costs are presently in line with our original budget estimates.
4. After a careful review of three proposals, a landscape architect was selected and this will complete the design team.
5. We are excited after our initial meeting with our Audio and Visual designer and the ideas and experience they bring to the team. An Acoustic Consultant will review final design.
6. The Interior Design Team (IDT) has hired Stephen Hirt to design the altar, ambo, baptismal font, ambry, processional cross, sanctuary lamp, Paschal Candle stand, ossuary, and candle stands. (www.stephenhirtstudios.com)
7. The IDT has chosen Lynn Kircher to create the Crucifix for the Church. (www.kirchersculpture.com)
8. The IDT has chosen Claire Wing to create the Marian Shrine for the Church. The Marian Shrine will be made of carved glass. An example of her work can be seen in the narthex of St. Peter the Apostle Church in Fallbrook. (www.clairewing.com)
9. Elizabeth Devereaux has been chosen to create the stained glass windows for the church. Discussion continues as to the exact number and placement of these stained glass windows. (www.devglas.com)
10. A meeting was held on Tuesday, May 8, with the artists, Stephen Hirt, Lynn Kircher, Claire Wing, and Elizabeth Devereaux; the architect, Renzo Zecchetto; the liturgical consultant, Robert Habiger; the IDT chairpersons, Phil and Pat Goscienski; and the Pastor, Fr. Mike Ratajczak. This meeting was an opportunity for everyone to meet each other, become familiar with the design of the church, and to begin the work of creating the various elements. The meeting was very fruitful!
11. Discussions continue with John Nava to create the tapestries for the St. Thomas More Shrine. John Nava created the "Communion of Saints" tapestries for Our Lady of the Angels Cathedral in Los Angeles. (www.johnnava.com)

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 Leahey, Chairperson, New Construction Committee

Phil & Pat Goscienski, Chairpersons, Interior Design Team

Readings for the Week Ahead

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

Sunday, May 27 (63)

Pentecost Sunday
Acts 2:1-11
Psalm 104:1,24,29-31,34
1 Corinthians 12:3b-7,12-13
John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Monday, May 28 (347)

1 Peter 1:3-9
Psalm 111:1-2,5-6,9-10
Mark 10:17-27

Tuesday, May 29 (348)

1 Peter 1:10-16
Psalm 98:1-4
Mark 10:28-31

Wednesday, May 30 (349)

1 Peter 1:18-25
Psalm 147:12-15,19-20
Mark 10:32-45

Thursday, May 31 (572)

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Zephaniah 3:14-18a or
Romans 12:9-16
Isaiah 12:2-6 (Psalm)
Luke 1:39-56

Friday, June 1 (351)

Justin, martyr
1 Peter 4:7-13
Psalm 96:10-13
Mark 11:11-26

Saturday, June 2 (352)

Jude 17,20b-25
Psalm 63:2-6
Mark 11:27-33

Sunday, June 3 (165)

The Most Holy Trinity
Deuteronomy 4:32-34,39-40
Psalm 33:4-6,9,18-20,22
Romans 8:14-17
Matthew 28:16-20

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
Bill Brincko
Roy Bristol
Monica Broussard
Janet Brown
Helen Burton
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
Stephanie de Villeneuve
Judith DiMatteo
Dave Dossman
John Drazkowski, Jr.
Danielle Esper
Sharon Evans
Lois "Boo" Falconer
The Fiore Family
Ryan Flum
Matthew Foster
Eugene Franciscus
Kathryn Franklin
Joe Freire
The Fresca Family
Brian Frink
Carmen Garcia
Gloria Garcia
Rick Gonzalez
Eileen Gough
Rosemary Haeffelin
Susan Hallahan
Nan Hallbick
The Harker Family
Elizabeth Harrison
Lilian Hills
Susan Hori
Iolanda Iacobelli
Linda Iacobelli-Bennett
Sue Johnston
Roxanne Kamel
Paul Kennedy
Peggy Kiernan
Debbie Kinney
John Kirk
Dewey Kolbo
Sr. Anne Kremenik
Helen Kuhn
Lillian Lachance
The Lamelin Family
Christopher Lawrence
Roland Lawrence
Stephanie Layman & Family
Brandon LeBlanc
Jeremiah Lemus
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 Nucci Family
Heidi Olson
Bernadette Padovan
Art Palle
Lupe Casas Pelletier
Paxton Peterson
Lorraine Phillips
Helen Pingtella
Douglas Price-Williams
Bettie Provinse
Barbara Ramm
The Steve Rhee Family
Mrs. Jack (Shirley) Riley
Rita Ritchie
The Robinson Family
Henry Robles
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 Softau
Fred & Gilda Spiegl
Darek, Vanessa, & Elba Spizewski
Dorothy Staehr
Ted Stanislawski
Pete Sullivan
The Surmenidis Family
David Sweet
Sarah Tillinghast
Stephen Toth, Jr.
Grace Trugillo Schrup
Mary Tysko & Family
Laurie Updyke
Barbara Upson
The Vaeao Family
Ethel Vanderhagen
Robert Vasquez
Sandra Vena
Silvana Vettese
Vanessa Vitiello
Barbara Voelpel
Kevin Watson-Graff
John Whitton
Helen Wodyka
Patricia Zavala
Stevan Zygitus

Calendar Highlights

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

The Week Ahead

May 26-27 Deacon John's first weekend with reception after 10:30am Mass
May 27 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses

The Month 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
June 10 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses

The Year Ahead

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 26, 5:00pm Al & Dorothy Rouse
Sunday, May 27, 8:30am Robert Rees ☩
Sunday, May 27, 10:30am Mari-Jo Porter ☩
Monday, May 28, 8:15am J. C. Gonzalez ☩
Tuesday, May 29, 8:15am Annamae & Marie Lavelle ☩
Wednesday, May 30, 8:15am <i>All Living Priests</i>
Thursday, May 31, 8:15am Theodore & Josphine Norelli
Friday, June 1, 8:15am Eileen Flood ☩
Saturday, June 2, 5:00pm <i>First Communicants</i>
Sunday, June 3, 8:30am <i>First Communicants</i>
Sunday, June 3, 10:30am <i>First Communicants</i>

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 28 Sr. Michaela Gresko, OCD
May 29 Sr. Trinidad Guerrero, HMSS
May 30 Sr. Luz Eugenia Guitron, SJS
May 31 Sr. Charlotte Gulban, FDC
June 01 Sr. Blanca Patricia Gutierrez, SJS
June 02 Sr. Ana Maria Guzman, SJS
June 03 Sr. Maria Javier Guzman, DCJ

Congratulations to

Fr. Jerry Nadine

who celebrated his 54th anniversary of ordination on May 24.

*May God bless you with abundant joy,
just as you have blessed so many with your priestly ministry.*

Congratulations to

Mario & Diane Alesi

who celebrated their 42nd wedding anniversary this week

Jodi & Bob Wojcik

who celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary May 29

Irene & Chester Wojcik

who celebrate their 63rd wedding anniversary May 29

Marilyn & Dick Clarke

who celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary May 30

*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 souls of:



Eleanor Marie Nucci, who died on May 14. Her funeral services were on May 22. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, June 5, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Clarence Marohnic, who died on May 20. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, June 8, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep 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.*

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

Please submit your surveys either on line or by paper copy as soon as you can. If you did not receive the survey link via email, visit 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.)

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 145 people have already responded. Thank you!

—Parish Social Justice Committee

Get On the Bus--Big Thanks

The children, families, and volunteers of the Get on the Bus Program give you a great big thank you for the many gifts you gave us to make this family-building program successful. On May 11, 201 children, caretakers, and volunteers got on buses starting at 2:30am to begin the long trek to Chowchilla. Participants from South County didn't return home until 22 hours later. For many of the children this is the only time they see their mothers each year. Your donations included money for bus expenses (each bus costs \$4,000), "blankies" to help keep the children warm in the wee hours of the morning, backpacks filled with activities and books to occupy the hours of the long bus ride, homemade cookies for participants as well as to give to prison guards at both prisons, teddy bears to cuddle after hugging mom goodbye for another year, note cards and stamps to send letters to mom, and lots of snack items to keep hungry bellies full. Thanks again for your generous response to the call to help those in need.

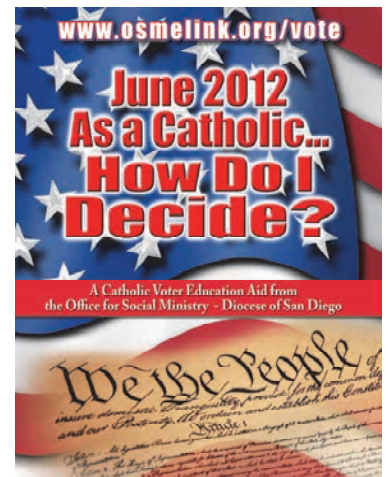


Voting Aids

The Primary Election in California will be held on Tuesday, June 5. Catholics eligible to vote are encouraged to register by May 21 and to vote in the Primary Election.

June 2012—As a Catholic...How Do I Decide?

is available online in both English and Spanish. Please use this resource in preparation for voting and pass on the links to the Voter Aids to anyone you know will be voting in the June 5 Primary Election in California. Thank you. For questions on the voter aids, contact 858-490-8323. The Catholic Voter Education Aid can be accessed at: www.osmelink.org/VoteEnglish.pdf or www.osmelink.org/VoteSpanish.pdf



Parish Events

Women's Guild News

Our next and final event for the year will be the Installation Luncheon, Saturday, June 9, at 11:00am at Shadow Ridge Country Club. We will be on the Plaza this weekend and next to take your reservations for this very exciting event. Please join us. We really need your company! Tickets are \$25.

We will also hold our annual quilt raffle at the luncheon. The quilt group will have quilts on display this week and next weekend so you can see what beautiful work has been done by our quilters. If you haven't returned your tickets for a chance to win a quilt, please do so. They are very special items, made with love. Only \$1 for each chance to win and you can have a special item for your home. Thank you to all members of St. Thomas More who have supported our Women's Guild for this event and all year.

Our next board meeting will be Monday, June 4, at Vera's house. Details in the next bulletin.

Take the time to love, and remember you are your own best friend!

—Vera Bayliss, President

Annual Parish Campout

Come camping with us!!!

July 6-8 in Valley Center.

There are still some spots available. There will be Mass on Saturday afternoon. For more information, call Henny Jocelyn at 760-758-4100 x100.



Catholic Widows and Widowers of North County

Expand your social life and meet a group of interesting and friendly widowed people! Sunday, June 10, is our general meeting and potluck HERE at St. Thomas More at 2:00pm. This would be a perfect time to get acquainted with our members. To RSVP for the potluck, call Carol Kope at 760-726-0533. See the bulletin board on the lower level for our complete monthly calendar of social activities including dining out, dancing, bowling, golf, and theatre. RSVP's are recommended.

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 15

		# of Families Responding
Eight Months to Go!		
Total Responses	\$418,256	565
Still Needed	\$81,744	469
Total Goal	\$500,000	1,034
Total Collected	\$226,424	



† Thanks to all who have already responded to Phase 2.1 with responses totaling \$418,256!

† If each of the remaining 469 families who have not yet responded donate \$22 per month or \$5.45 per week or 78¢ 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

Planning your life vocation...single, married, ordained, religious?
Spend quiet time with God and listen to what he wants for you.

Considering ordained or religious life? Contact Deacon Tom at thomasg@stmoside.org or 760-727-8442.

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.

Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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

THE FIFTIETH DAY

The Season of Easter comes to its glorious conclusion with the great solemnity of Pentecost.

In the Jewish tradition, Pentecost was a harvest-feat, celebrated fifty days after Passover (hence the name *Pentecost*, which means “fiftieth “ in Greek). At this feast, bread made from the newly harvested grain would be offered to God. Later, this feast also became associated with the giving of the law on Mount Sinai. The latter view of the feast is clearly in the mind of Saint Luke, as

his description of the Pentecost event evokes the giving of the law to Moses.

For us, Pentecost is the great celebration of the Holy Spirit. The contrast between the giving of the law and the giving of the Holy Spirit could hardly be greater. At Sinai, Moses alone went up to receive the immutable word of God carved on tablets of stone. One the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit comes down t the people and rests on each of them in a play of wind and fire. For us revelation is never a closed book. Thought, as the *Constitution on the Divine Revelation* says, revelation of God on Jesus Christ is complete, but the “Holy Spirit constantly perfects faith by the Spirit’s gifts, so that Revelation may be more and more profoundly understood.” By the power of the Spirit, “there is growth in insight into the realities and words that are being passed on.”

Throughout the Church’s history, the dynamic—even playful—quality of the Holy Spirit has been expressed in the liturgy of Pentecost. In the French cathedrals of the Middle Ages, wind instruments would fill the church with sound, while roses and other flowers would be dropped on the assembly during the singing of the *Veni, Sancte Spiritus*. In other places, live doves would be set free to fly throughout the church. These and many other colorful customs speak to the nature of the Holy Spirit: gentle, yet impossible to contain or control.



Upcoming Music

✠

JUNE 3
The Most Holy Trinity

✠

5:00pm Mass
Sanctuary Choir
8:30am Mass
Handbell Choir
10:30am Mass
Praise Team

Friday, June 1 ♦ 9:00am - 7:30pm ♦ Eucharistic Exposition

FEAST OF ST. JUSTIN

We pray ... that we will be fervent in prayer.

Fresh Flowers for Our Weekend Mass Celebrations

If you would like to remember, honor, or celebrate someone special or a special occasion with the addition of an arrangement of flowers at our weekend Masses during Ordinary Time, please see our Parish Receptionist during the week.

Your flower donation of \$75 will provide a lovely arrangement on the altar platform, including all taxes and delivery.

A note in the weekend’s bulletin will announce your special person or event.

Only one flower arrangement may be offered each weekend and payment must be made at the time you reserve your weekend. Two week’s notice is required. We are sorry that we are not able to take your reservation over the phone at this time. Thank you!



Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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

Every week until September 9th
is a RE.A.CH week at home

Share faith by having a family dinner more regularly
or memorizing the basic prayers of our Catholic faith.

PBJ Update

(Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center)

2012 GOAL: 365 jars
Collected to date: 234 jars

. . . and the Holy Spirit dwelt among us!



Enroll NOW for

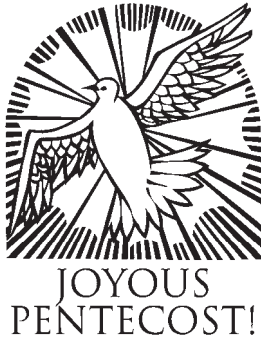
- ◆ Religious Education Classes for September 9, 2012-May 19, 2013
(Enrollment packet at Faith Formation Office)
This includes
all children ages 3 through high school,
those preparing for First Communion or Confirmation who may be in a Catholic School
- ◆ Vacation Bible Camp—July 16-20, 8:45 am-12:00noon
(Enrollment form on STM website: QUICK CLICKS)

Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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

Christian Stewardship



At the time of the Haitian earthquake in 2010, hundreds of missionaries were on the island. Did you know any of them? Probably not. They were anonymous mostly, known only to a few. Nevertheless, they were faithful souls who gave God their private and public lives.

In every congregation there are quiet servants of the Lord, who rather anonymously go about their duty to God and humankind, giving of their time and talent to their church.

There are more than a few such quiet, faithful souls who take seriously the teaching of Jesus. Someone wrote "of the plain heroic breed that loved Heaven's silence more than fame."

They are indeed all about us. Anonymous followers perhaps, living faithful, almost hidden lives, but like numerous Johnny Appleseeds, casting seeds wherever they go. Seeds of love and hope and joy without which any church cannot exist, nor the church fulfill its mission.

—Parish Stewardship, May 2012 (with permission)

Opportunity Knocks! Hospitality Ministers (a.k.a. Ushers)

- † Greet fellow worshippers as they arrive and later as they as they leave. You arrive 20-25 minutes before Mass and leave by 10 minutes after Mass! **This is less than one hour once or twice a month to welcome all to St. Thomas More!**
- † Hand out worship aids/collect them after Mass.
- † Help with the Offertory Collection.
- † Assist with seating, directions to restrooms, etc.
- † Distribute bulletins at the end of Mass.



To be a vital part of our welcome spirit at STM please contact:
Chris Smith, 760-758-4100x120 or chriss@stmoside.org

**Take time to let the Holy Spirit fill your heart
so that you fulfill God's Will during your time on earth.**

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**

Annual Catholic Appeal—Have You Responded?

To date, \$43,662 has been pledged by 334 families, with an average of \$130.73 per family. Our assessment is \$48,000. We are almost there—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.

Collection for Week of May 19/20, 2012

Number of Registered Households		1,033
Offertory*	\$	10,003.86
Offertory (Loose Collection)		1,182.00
Children's envelopes		0.00
Total	\$	11,185.86

* Offertory envelopes, credit card withdrawals, automatic checking or savings account deductions (credit card and automatic bank account withdrawals are posted at STM on the 5th and/or 20th of each month).

Ways to Help Support Your Parish

We offer a variety of options for easier giving. In addition to the extra 'mail-back' envelopes included in your packet, we offer automatic credit card withdrawal (Visa, MC, or Discover) and automatic checking/savings account deduction. For more information, contact the Parish Office at 760-758-4100 x100 or parishoffice@stmoside.org.

St. Francis and St. Thomas More Offertory Envelopes

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News and Information from the Larger Church

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.

Scripture Unlocked: Signs and Symbols? Understanding the Genesis Creation Narratives—Monday, June 4, 7:00pm, John Paul the Great Catholic University. For more information, call Colleen Monroe at 858-653-6740 x1713.

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

16th Annual Inter-Tribal Pow Wow at Mission San Luis Rey—June 9-10, 4050 Mission Ave., Oceanside. Sponsored by the San Luis Rey Mission Indian Foundation. For more information, call 760-724-8505.

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.

Magnificat Women's Ministry Presentation—Saturday, July 21, 9:00am-12:00pm with Mass at 8:00am, St. Gabriel Catholic

Church, 13734 Twin Peaks Rd., Poway. Guest speaker Fr. Larry Dolan, OFM, presently guardian of Mission San Luis Rey. For more information, contact Elise Botch at 858-436-4946 or elisebotch@msn.com.

18:23@Steuby SD Conference for Young Adults Ages 18-23—July 27-29, University of San Diego. For more information, visit www.allforgodcatholic.com.

Senior Vacation Retreat at Mission San Luis Rey—August 13-17 with Fr. Tom Herbst, OFM, Fr. John Keller, OSA, kay Sempel, and Pat Julian. For seniors 55 and older. For more information, contact 760-757-3659 or www.sanluisrey.org.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land—November 25-December 6, 2012, with Fr. Adrian Peelo, OFM, Associate Pastor of Mission San Luis Rey Parish. For more information, call Linda and Don Patera at 619-370-90654.

Young Adult Ministry Activities in San Diego County—Visit www.yamsd.org for complete information on events for young adults, including *Faith on Fire* series in July, outreach projects, and a bonfire at Crown Point in August.

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/>.

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St. Francis Alum Receives Award—Congratulations to St. Francis School alum Amy Wikle who received the Outstanding Freshman of the Year Award for achievement in academics, citizenship and extracurricular activities at Cathedral Catholic High!

Marriage & Family Life Corner

The Bishops' Letter on Marriage—Society's Challenges: "We recognize that couples face many challenges to building and sustaining a strong marriage. Some challenges, however, are fundamental in the sense that they are directed at the very meaning and purposes of marriage. (Here) we want to discuss four such challenges: contraception, same-sex unions, divorce, and cohabitation." To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

Marriage Moments—"Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven...but each one heard them speaking in his own language." (Acts 2:5-6) Do either of you know a foreign language? You don't have to be fluent to welcome an immigrant. Say hello to someone who is different from you today.

Parenting Pointers—The "Silent Treatment" is often considered a communication No-No, but there are times when it's better for a parent to say little than to repeatedly nag. Tell your child firmly once to pick up the toys. If ignored, calmly do it yourself and put the toys into quarantine for a period of time. Enough said.

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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