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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

June 24, 2012 • Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Good News from Our Town Crier! Hear Ye, Hear Ye!



The spirit of St. Thomas More is alive and well in his Parish! The town crier is delighted to share the good news that our 2012 Gala raised \$60,000 for St. Thomas More!

The Gala mood was festive, the fine feast was enjoyed by all, and there were libations to suit everyone's fancy!

We broke our attendance record that evening as well as raffle and live auction records. Keepsake photos will be mailed out soon!

Festivities continue with the Pastor's Dinner/Excursion on August 26, Scotch

Tasting Party on September 23, and the Wine Tasting Party on October 5. Don't miss out on any of these fun activities! We are still counting and payments for all are welcome between ST. THOMAS MORE now and the first week in August!

Thanks to everyone for such amazing support and to our committee and helpers, one and all!



Pastor's Column

Summer—A Time of Recreation and Re-creation

There were times when I could not afford to sacrifice the bloom of the present moment to any work, whether of head or hands. Sometimes, in a summer morning, having taken my accustomed bath, I sat in my sunny doorway from sunrise till noon, rapt in a reverie, amidst the pines and hickories and sumachs, in undisturbed solitude and stillness, while the birds sang around. I grew in those seasons like corn in the night, and they were far better than any work of the hands would have been. They were not time subtracted from my life, but so much over and above my usual allowance.

-Henry David Thoreau

It is summer...Change the normal routine...Let July and August be different...

"Waste" time... "Waste" time alone... "Waste" time with family and friends...Recreate lavishly...

Be "re-created"...

For hike



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 760-758-410 x140 or douglasl@stmoside.org
Matrimony (9 months advance notice required),
communion for the sick/homebound, and anointing
are available by request

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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.*

Peter's Pence Collection for the Holy Father

The annual Peter's Pence Collection enables Pope Benedict XVI to offer emergency assistance to those suffering because of war, oppression, and natural disasters. The theme of the collection this year is *Cast the Peace of Christ upon the World*. Through works of charity, Catholics provide a quiet but powerful witness of love and deeds to empower the weak, the defenseless, and the voiceless, and to sustain those who suffer.

One beneficiary of the program is Nazareth Boys Town in Mbare, Rwanda, which received assistance from Pope Benedict XVI to take in abandoned orphans who are victims of genocide and civil war.

Envelopes were attached to the bulletin earlier this month, and you may return them any time during the month of June. Your prayerful consideration and generosity are much appreciated!





Fr. Mike's Scotch Tasting Party— Which Single Malt Scotch Will Win Our Taste Test?



Our Tasting Party will be hosted by Fred and Anna Colucci in their home: Sunday, September 23, 3:00-6:00pm.

\$100 per person (\$75 tax deduction) will bring you to a fun afternoon to discover the world of single malt scotch!

Participants will determine their favorite single malt scotch— only the best!

An abundance of appetizers will be available throughout our taste test!

Seven single malt scotches will be tasted.

Over 43 people have signed up, and there is room for a few more.

Just call the Parish Office or sign up at the Information Table on the Plaza to reserve a space by July 15!

All proceeds are a part of the First Annual St. Thomas More Gala and benefit the St. Thomas More Operations Budget.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

First Annual Meeting/Potluck
Saturday, June 30 - 11:30am-2:00pm
RSVP: Brenda Esitgoy at bquestigoy@cox.net or
Beverly Kowallek at bkowallek@sbcglobal.net

Catholic Widows and Widowers of North County

Expand your social life and meet a group of interesting and friendly widowed people! **Sunday, July 8**, 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 Barbara Hazlett at 760-806-3574. 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*.

Readings for the Week Ahead

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

Sunday, June 24 (587)

Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Isaiah 49:1-6

Psalm 139:1-3,13-15

Acts 13:22-26 Luke 1:57-66,80

Monday, June 25 (371)

2 Kings 17:5-8,13-15a,18

Psalm 60:3-5,12-13

Matthew 7:1-5 **Tuesday, June 26** (372)

2 Kings 19:9b-11,14-21,31-35a,36

Psalm 48:2-4,10-11

Matthew 7:6,12-14

Wednesday, June 27 (373)

Cyril of Alexandria, bishop, doctor

2 Kings 22:8-13; 23:1-3

Psalm 119:33-37,40 Matthew 7:15-20

Thursday, June 28 (374)

2 Kings 24:8-17

Psalm 79:1b-5,8,9

Matthew 7:21-29

Friday, June 29 (591)

St. Peter and St. Paul, apostles

Acts 12:1-11 Psalm 34:2-9

2 Timothy 4:6-8,17-18

Matthew 16:13-19

Saturday, June 30 (376)

First Martyrs of the

Holy Roman Church

Lamentations 2:2,10-14,18-19

Psalm 74:1-7,20-21 Matthew 8:5-17

Sunday, July 1 (98)

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24

Psalm 30:2.4-6.11-13

2 Corinthians 8:7,9,13-15

Mark 5:21-43

Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 23, 5:00pm Fred Spiegl

Sunday, June 24, 8:30am Mary Whiteman &

Sunday, June 24, 10:30am Ralph & Rafaella Vozza P

Tuesday, June 26, 8:15am Eunice Masseth &

Wednesday, June 27, 8:15am Fr. Ken Kieffer &

Thursday, June 28, 8:15am Mike Ludke

Friday, June 29, 8:15am Joe Kudzia 🕆

Saturday, June 30, 5:00pm Alfred Barmasse T

Sunday, July 1, 8:30am Arny Velasco &

Sunday, July 1, 10:30am Jack Ratajczak 🕈

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

Mary Alexander Laura Allenfort Lucia Ambriz Mary Balli

Alexandra Banwell Jose Luis Barbosa Patricia Barbour Clarice Bednarz John Bennici

Regina Bentz Roseanne Berg George "Whitey" Betus

Mary Betz Betty Jean Bielich Lynda Brady Bill Brincko Roy Bristol

Monica Broussard Janet Brown Shelby Campbell Brianne Campos Claudia Caplinger

Lolly Cervantes Pat Čhristopherson Dick Clarke

Paul Cassidv

Rose Coffey Dolly Cole Carl Coleman James Coleman

Thomas Cornwell & Family The Crafton Family Karen Flaharty Daley Beverly de Gelder Stephanie de Villeneuve

The DeForest & Reaves Families

Judith DiMatteo Art Dossman Dave Dossman John Drazkowski, Jr. Danielle Esper Sharon Evans

The Fiore Family Ryan Flum Matthew Foster Eugene Franciscus Kathryn Franklin Joe Freire

The Fresca Family Brian Frink Carmen Garcia Rick Gonzalez

Eileen Gough Rosemary Haeffelin Susan Hallahan

The Harker Family Elizabeth Harrison

Lilian Hills Susan Hori Iolanda Iacobelli

Linda Iacobelli Bennett Sue Johnston

Paul Kennedy Peggy Kiernan

Debbie Kinney John Kirk Dewey Kolbo

The Catherine Koonce Family The Kowallek/Gerenscer Families

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 The Marohnic Family

Chandler May Bob McWilliams Jovce Meehan Kalei Mendiola

Phyllis Minaya June Mitchell Nancy Moore Conrad Murphy Margie Myers

The Nucci Family Heidi Olson Bernadette Padovan

Art Palle Lupe Casas Pelletier Lorraine Phillips Helen Pingtella

Douglas Price-Williams Barbara Ramm Rita Ritchie Adela Rivera

Elena Rivera The Robles Famly 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 Soltau

Fred & Gilda Spiegl Darek, Vanessa, & Elba Spizewski

Dorothy Staehr Ted Stanislawski Pete Sullivan David Sweet The Terry Family Sarah Tillinghast Stephen Toth, Jr. Mary Tysko & Family Laurie Úpdyke Barbara Upson

The Vaeao Family Ethel Vanderhagen Robert Vasquez Sandra Vena Silvana Vettese Vanessa Vitiello Barbara Voelpel Charlotte Walters Kevin Watson-Graff John Whitton Helen Wodyka Patricia Zavala

Deployed Military

Cathy Zych

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 Staff Sgt. Travis M. Meyers, USAF Col. Sean O'Doherty, USMC Pvt. 2 Jess Phillips, US Army

Sr. Airman Robert Spear, UŠAF

Tyler Timmerman, US Army

Sgt. Charles Watts, USMC

Calendar Highlights

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

The Week Ahead

Liturgy of the Word for June 24 Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses

June 26 EDGE-LITE for Middle Schoolers

The Month Ahead

Presentation on Christianity July 3 in China by Fr. Eugene Geinser

Parish Campout July 6-8 Restaurant Fundraiser at July 10-11 Elephant Bar

July 13 Men's Fellowship July 16-20 Vacation Bible Camp July 24-25 Restaurant Fundraiser at Mama's and Papa's Italian Restaurant

August 15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary—Masses at 8:15am and 7:00pm

The Year Ahead

Sanctuary Choir Retreat Sep 22 Sep 30 New Member Reception Oct 6 Treasures 2012 Oct 12-14 Men's Fellowship Retreat

> 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.

Welcome New Parishioner

Marilyn Angus

Congratulations to

Wendy & Richard McCarthy

who celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary on June 24.

Brenda & Walter Cobian

who celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary on June 25.

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

Social Ministries/Outreach

La Posada de Guadalupe Men's Shelter

La Posada de Guadalupe Men's Shelter is located in our Parish boundaries and is run by Catholic Charities. Almost seventeen years have passed since La Posada opened its doors to offer not only food and shelter to homeless men, but help in achieving independence by providing tools such as money management, English instruction, assistance in finding jobs and permanent housing—all in a genuinely caring and inspiring environment.

The weekend of June 23-24, we will be selling raffle tickets to help support this most important outreach to men who have fallen on difficult times but who are determined to restore their lives.

Scouting News—Congratulations!

Emilio Fermin was awarded the Ad Altare Dei Medal-a recognition the Church awards to a Boy Scout for advancement of spiritual growth and requires study of scripture and liturgy, as well as acts of charity and commitment to the Christian faith.

Chloe Fermin, Annika Jaksch, and Devin Oswald were awarded the Family of God Medal-awarded to Brownie Girl Scouts who have participated in a program to discover the presence of God in their lives as members of their family and Parish.

And finally, Judy Fermin was awarded the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Medal—awarded to adult Girl Scouts who support and participate in the spiritual development of the Catholic faith for youth.

STM \$crip News

Planning any summer projects? Buy your supplies with Scrip—we have Home Depot, Lowe's, and more.

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.

Congratulations, Graduates!











Name

Graduating from Kindergarten

Emma Ritter

Zane Breier Trevor Kizer Edward Spillane

Katie D'Agrosa Brendan Green Kathryn Harmata Nick Rogozinski Rachel Wilson

Matthew Abrahms Fvan Asaad Alevna Attardo Emily Cornwell David D'Agrosa Caitlin Devlin Scott Gisel Bree Hawkins Garrett Mitchell Annie Petroni Patrick Phelan Matilda Rudolph Bianca Sandoval Juliana Shaw Michael Sterling **Emilie Vancelette**

Elementary School

Monte Vista Elementary Monte Vista Elementary School Lake Elementary

Middle School

Madison Middle School Vista Magnet Middle School Rancho Minerva Middle School St. Francis of Assisi School Madison Middle School

High School

Cathedral Catholic High School Rancho Buena Vista High School Guajome Park Academy High School Guajome Park Academy Rancho Buena Vista High School Rancho Buena Vista High School Alexandria Gervasi Cathedral Catholic High School Rancho Buena Vista High School Cathedral Catholic High School Carlsbad High School Rancho Buena Vista High School Cathedral Catholic High School Guajome Park Academy High School Rancho Buena Vista High School

College

Terra Busse Marina Dawson Nicholas Dawson John McWilliams Chelsea Mitchell Laura Sterling

Timothy Yates

Joe Zepeda

Arizona State University Cal Poly San Luis Obispo Palomar College

Carlsbad High School

California State University-San Marcos California State University-Northridge

MiraCosta Community College

Rancho Buena Vista High School

Parish Cookbook

Be sure to pick up one of our Parish cookbooks. They'll be a perfect gift for any summer occasion! Available in the Parish Office during the week.

\$15 each, \$15 for a CD version or \$25 for the pair.



Parish Events

Women's Guild News

Our year has come to an end and will start again in September. We hope you all have a great summer.

In the meantime, we will have our membership drive during June, July and August. Use the registration form in the bulletin this weekend and listen for announcements at Mass to sign up for the fabulous Women's Guild of St. Thomas More!

Women's Guild at St. Thomas More provides lots of fun, food and fellowship at our monthly luncheon meetings. We offer prayers and spiritual growth for all our members.

We have many good times doing fund raising for our church. This year our amazing women raised \$18,000 to donate to the Building Fund.

We know we have a spot for you. Our dues are still only \$5. You can join us in any of the activities we have and it just may be the best decision you make in 2012.

Hope to see you soon.

-Vera Bayliss, President

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

Response Statistics as of June 15

of Families

Seven Months to Go! Responding

Total Responses \$445,632 587

Still Needed \$54,368 449

Total Goal \$500,000 1,036

Total Collected \$271,477



- † Thanks to all who have already responded to Phase 2.1 with responses totaling \$445,632!
- † If each of the remaining 449 families who have not yet responded donate \$17 per month or \$4.32 per week or 62¢ per day to the building fund for the remaining seven 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

2012 Pastor's Dinner Excursion Sunday, August 26, 1:30-6:00pm

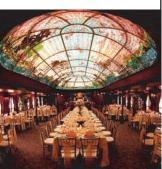
William D. Evans Sternwheeler, Mission Bay Featuring The Hot Pursuit Band Music from the 40's to present!

Let the good times roll!



Reserve your spot now
Pay by August 7
\$250/person
(\$125 tax deduction)





How would you like to benefit our church and have a wonderful afternoon all at the same time? This is your chance! Join us for:

- * The Fourth Annual Pastor's Dinner!
- * Sunday, August 26th from 1:30 to 6:00pm
- * Enjoy a smooth outing on the calm waters of Mission Bay aboard the William D. Evans Sternwheeler (flat bottom)
- * Three-hour open bar, delectable hors d'oeuvres, and choice of custom entrée selections awaits you
- * The Hot Pursuit Band is back with their award-winning music entertainment for dancing, listening, or both
- * Carpooling is available from St. Thomas More
- * 51 people have already signed up, excited about this new venue for our annual event
- * \$125 of the \$250/person is tax deductible
- * Payments accepted through the first week in August
- Photos with Fr. Mike

For information, please contact Chris Smith 760-758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org

Vocations

All of us have a vocation in life...to love God and our neighbor. The path we follow to fulfill this vocation varies. If you think the path you are called to follow is through service within the Church as a religious, priest, or deacon, contact Deacon Tom at 760-727-8442 or *thomasg@stmoside.org*.

Liturgy & Music



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

LITURGY WITHOUT WORDS

Prayer is not an effort to make contact with God, to bring God to our side. Prayer, as a discipline that strengthens and deepens discipleship, is the effort to remove everything that might prevent the Spirit of God ... from speaking freely to us and in us. The discipline of prayer is the discipline by which we liberate the Spirit of God from entanglement in our impatient impulses. It is the way by which we allow God's Spirit to move freely.

—Henri Nouwen, from Compassion: A Reflection on the Christian Life



Most Catholics associate the term "liturgy" with formal Christian community rituals—the Mass, Eucharist, prayer services and administration of sacraments—in which we pray, sing, gesture, and receive Christ together—a weaving together of scripture, music, vocal prayers, spoken reflections, holy food and holy drink. We touch and hear, sing and pray, taste and see that God is good. Words, water, wheat and wine; incense, oil, candles, and vestments; hands lifted to praise or to share peace; thoughts, feelings, and insights—all form our tapestry of worship.

There is also, however, a kind of "liturgy without words" that requires no spoken prayers, tangible objects, or focused mental reflections. It is not intended to replace the other more well-known form of liturgy, but it can bring a new depth and dimension to it. It involves a prayer that is, according to Trappist priest Thomas Keating, "the opening of mind and heart—our whole being—to God, the Ultimate Mystery, beyond thoughts, words, and emotions." One sits quietly for twenty to thirty minutes, alone or with a group, and simply consents to the presence and action of the always-indwelling Trinity. We gently let go of the internal chattering, plans, and reflections that constantly swim inside our minds by returning to one silent sacred word, such as "Jesus" or "Love," whenever we notice that we have become distracted or caught up in any particular train of thought. Over time, when practiced consistently, this prayer of consent helps to nourish the soul, purify intentions, reduce resistances to grace, and deepen one's relationship with Christ. And, in the words of Gail Fitzpatrick-Hoppler, it can enable us to "live ordinary lives with extraordinary love."

Over the centuries, this prayer has been known by many names: Prayer of the Heart, Prayer of Simplicity, Prayer of Simple Regard. Its primary scriptural inspiration is Matthew 6:6—"Whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you." It also draws upon

teachings provided in the anonymously-written fourteenth-century classic, *The Cloud of Unknowing*. Today, the term "Centering Prayer"—a phrase first coined by Thomas Merton in the twentieth century—refers to this daily contemplative practice that invites us to surrender to God who dwells deep within our hearts as our "Center," holding and sustaining us through a wondrous and silent gravity of love.

Though I try hard, I still find it difficult to describe this prayer and its effects. Experience of the prayer itself is a much better teacher. If you would like to learn more about Centering Prayer, come join us in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at 1:00pm on Thursdays. We can introduce you to the prayer and provide you with more resources about it.

One more thought about Centering Prayer as "liturgy without words." It is a kind of liturgy—and even a subtle form of intercessory prayer— whether we pray with a group or alone in our own room. This is because our persistent, loving, silent consent to the divine presence—our "resting in God"—cannot help but be communal, reaching out to both God and neighbor. As Fr. Keating notes, "just to BE with God is to be with everyone else and with everyone else's needs, because that's where Abba [God as loving Father] IS and where the Divine concerns are also." Perhaps this is why some of our best-known contemplatives—Mother Teresa, Dorothy Day, Henri Nouwen, to name a few, also lived lives of service with and to the poor, embracing both Martha ("action") and Mary ("contemplation").

Through grace, says Keating, we can open our hearts wide to God, whom we know by faith is within us, closer than breathing, closer than thinking, closer than consciousness itself. Acquaintanceship with Christ can flower into friendship, trust, and love. Blockages to the Holy Spirit can dissipate. Conversation with Christ can simplify and deepen, giving way to communion. These are some of the fruits of Centering Prayer, which can build and strengthen communities of faith.

Upcoming Music

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JULY 1 Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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5:00pm Mass

Congregation & Cantor

8:30am Mass

Congregation & Cantor

10:30am Mass

Congregation & Cantor

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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

EDGE-Lite

Attention all tweens going into grades 6, 7, or 8!

Join us for a fun evening, this Tuesday, June 26, from 7:00-8:30 PM

Friends are welcome!

Marcus & Rory

PBJ Update

(Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center)

2012 GOAL: 365 jars Collected to date: 238 jars Every week until September 9th is a RE.A.CH week at home

Share faith by going around the table before dinner and ask each person present to thank God for one thing today for which s/he is thankful.



2012-2013

Enrollment is underway for our religious education classes that begin in September for ages 3 through 17.

Families not currently enrolled are welcome to sign up. Just stop by the Faith Formation Office or look for the table on the Plaza after Sunday Masses.

Kathleen

Get your music and T Shirts NOW!

VACATION BIBLE CAMP In

weeks

EVERYTHING IS POS

Join us on Tuesday, July 3, at 7:00pm for...

The Search to Believe in China

with Fr. Eugene Geinzer, SJ

What is the condition of Christianity in China today? Fr. Gene has experienced many Chinese people who call themselves Christian, their faith is very strong, but they have not been baptized. He asks, "Is this a new example of Baptism by Desire?"

Fr. Gene will lead a conversation in regard to the 1500 year-old tradition of Christianity in China, with its "ups and downs," conflicts, and purges. He will also talk about Pope Benedict's recent "Letter to China," and give first-hand anecdotal some information on the practices and policies of the conflict between Church and State in present day China, as well as stories about Christians in China today.

Rev. Eugene Geinzer, SJ has been a Jesuit for fifty years and was ordained a priest in 1974. His studies have included Classical Languages, English Literature, Fine Arts, and Theology.

He was Chairman of the Fine Arts Department at Loyola University in Chicago before taking up his new challenge in China. He is the local superior of the Jesuits working in Beijing and, at the Beijing Center, he supervises four annual Academic Excursions for 80 to 125 students.

These journeys have taken him across the breadth of China by train, boat, bus, camel, and taxi.

He has been in China for six years and hopes to stay for many more years.

July 16-20 8:45am-12:00noon

Flight Crew Members:

Age 3 through grade 5 Flight Crew Leaders:

High Schoolers + adults Flight Crew Asst. Leaders:

Finishing grades 6,7,8

Sign up NOW Registration form in Parish Office www.stmoside.org, Quick Clicks

Stewardship & Development



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

Where Does Christian Stewardship Fit in Our Life?

Today we celebrate the birth of St. John the Baptist. In his life, with profound humility, John directed attention, not to himself, but to Jesus. "He must increase, I must decrease" (*John 3:30*).

Like John the Baptist, stewards turn attention away from themselves and toward Jesus. Are we prepared to "decrease" and allow Jesus to "increase" in our hearts, minds, and actions.

—ICSC Parish Stewardship, June 2012 (with permission)

The feast of our own patron, St. Thomas More, was on Friday, June 22. We are blessed to have a patron saint who was not only married with children, but who also set a solid example of God coming first in life. "The King's Good Servant, but God's First" are words that echo in our minds as the supreme example of the importance of our patron's faith.

It is now summer, which means vacations, rest, and renewal if possible. Ideally, we renew ourselves mentally, physically, and also spiritually!

More and more, when I have time to step off the busy treadmill of life with its many responsibilities, I exhale and take in the beauty of the simplest things. This immediately reminds me of God's presence and the beauty that surrounds each of us.

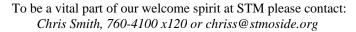
It also reminds me that, while we all need breaks and rest, that God is always present to us . . . whether we are sleeping, working, or vacationing, God is there for us and doesn't take vacations, breaks, or retirement. We are blessed to always be under this loving care. Amazing!

As summer continues, please take the time to fully appreciate the beauty that is in life. Even problems are opportunities for growth. As I look back on my life, I am grateful today for many things that were very distressing at various times in my life. Without those events, I would never have grown and learned valuable lessons that accompanied those challenges.

Stay in touch with God. Give serious thought to decreasing a bit of "self" so that Jesus might increase. You will be glad you did.

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

- † Greet fellow worshipers 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.



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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 ×100 or parishoffice@stmoside.org

Annual Catholic Appeal—Let's Meet Our Goal!

To date, \$45,137 has been pledged by 352 families, with an average of \$128.23 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 June 16/17, 2012

Total	\$ 13.971.93
Children's envelopes	8.00
Offertory (Loose Collection)	1,057.00
Offertory*	\$ 12,906.93
Number of Registered Households	1,037

* 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 parish office@stmoside.org.

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News and Information from the Larger Church

University of San Diego High School 40th Reunion—If you graduated Uni High in 1972, you will want to attend the 40th reunion on August 4 at Riverwalk in Mission Valley! Go to UNI72.COM for information and a reservation form; get a discount if reserved in June! Attending or not, fill out the online alumni survey. No internet? Call Pete Girard 619-286-9441.

Scripture Unlocked Continues at John Paul the Great Catholic University—Monday, July 2, 7:00pm. The topic will be "Encountering Christ," with speaker Mary Lane. For more information, contact 858-653-6740 x1104 or fovaldez@jpcatholic.com.

Weekend Retreat at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside—July 6-8, "Message of St. Francis for Contemporary Society" with Br. Mark Schroder, OFM. For more information, contact 760-757 -3659 or *www.sanluisrey.org*

Brother Benno's Auxiliary Annual Restaurant Fundraising Event—Saturday, July 14, at the Outback. The monies from this fundraiser will help us buy supplies and backpacks for the Back to School program. There will be two seatings: 11:30am and 1:00pm. Adult tickets are \$20; your choice of sirloin steak, chicken, or salmon. There's also a children's menu for \$10 per child. We are continuing our support of military personnel with our "Sponsor A Marine" program. Last year, we had over 50 Marines/Corpsmen sponsored who joined us. There will be door prizes and "Name Game" cash drawing per seating. For reservations, please contact Vicky Squires at 760-724-7371 or send check(s) payable to Brother Benno's Auxiliary to her at 681 Matagual Dr., Vista, CA 92081.

Free Concert in Oceanside—Thursday, July 19, 6:00-8:00pm, Aegis at Shadowridge (across from STM), featuring *The Working Cowboy Band*. RSVP by Monday, July 16 to 760-806-3600. Also mark your calendars for August 16!

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—

News from St. Francis Church

St. Francis School is our Parish School. St. Thomas More Parishioners are extended the same benefits and rewards as a St. Francis Parishioner, including:

- Parishioner priority for enrollment at St. Francis School,
- Equal tuition rates,
- Financial aid opportunities, and
- Fundraising support.

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

Summer Camp—Call the school or visit *www.sfs-vista.org* for details on full-time and half-time summer camp opportunities for Preschool through grade 5.

July 27-29, University of San Diego. For more information, visit www.allforgodcatholic.com.

Young Adult Ministry Activities

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. There are special events this summer geared for 18-25 year-olds. Also, search Office of Young Adult Ministry on Facebook.

San Diego Has a Full-Time Catholic Radio Station!

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Fortnight for Freedom

June 21-July 4

Sponsored by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops Visit www.Fortnight4Freedom.org for details. Also watch EWTN for coverage of events, including an opening Mass in Baltimore on June 21 and a closing Mass in Washington, DC on July 4.

Marriage & Family Life Corner

On April 12, the Ad Hoc Committee on Religious Liberty of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) issued a document, "Our First, Most Cherished Liberty," outlining the bishops' concerns over threats to religious freedom, both at home and abroad. The bishops called for a "Fortnight for Freedom," a 14-day period of prayer, education and action in support of religious freedom, from June 21-July 4. Find out more at: www.fortnight4freedom.org.

The Bishops' Letter on Marriage—Responsible Parenthood: Natural Family Planning: "Natural family planning (NFP) methods represent authentic family planning. They can be used both to achieve and to postpone a pregnancy. NFP makes use of periodic abstinence from sexual intercourse based upon the observation of the woman's natural signs of fertility, in order to space births or to limit the number of children when there is a serious reason to do so. NFP methods require that couples learn, accept, and live with the wonders of how God made them. This is essentially different from contraception."

Marriage Moments—We remember what we want to hear. For example, recently my husband asked me to take out the compost after dinner. I unintentionally but conveniently "forgot" because it was rainy and I figured it could probably wait another day. Sound at all familiar?

Parenting Pointers—Are you too busy? Too busy to waste time with your child? Too busy to sweat in the sun at your child's game? Too busy to take a walk and pause while your child picks a dandelion? You're too busy. Slow down, don't move so fast - at least for today.

For more information, visit www.diocese-sdiego.org/Ministries/Marriage & Family Life or call Jen Frost at 760-758-4100 x100.



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