

Church of St. Thomas More

A Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of San Diego

Spirituality † Tradition † Community



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Mass Schedule

Saturday at 5:00pm

Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am

Tuesday-Friday at 8:15am

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday-Friday, 6:30am-7:30pm

Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday, 4:00-4:30pm

July 1, 2012 • Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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 now and the first week in August!

The committee presented Fr. Mike with a \$60,000 check for the Parish this week as a result of a very successful event.

We broke our attendance record that evening as well as raffle and live auction records. Enjoy your keepsake photos, which were mailed out last week.

Check www.stmoside.org, click on Gala Logo for more photos.

Mark your calendars for Friday, June 7, 2013 Gala!



Pastor's Column

**For All That Has Been – Thank you!
For All That Will Be – Yes!**

July 1 is my ninth anniversary as the Pastor of the Church of St. Thomas More. I share with you, once again, my first Pastor's Column dated July 6, 2003.

It is my desire each year to give you my first Pastor's Column in which I shared with you the words of Archbishop Daniel Pilarczyk, as he talks about the meaning and purpose of a parish. His words have become over the years of my ministry, in the various Parishes in which I have served, my pastoral motivation and direction. May our yearly reflection upon these words help all of us in deepening our relationship with the Lord Jesus.

Over these nine years, I have thanked God constantly for your overwhelming positive response in your willingness to work together as we continue to witness to the Kingdom of God and move into our future.

In my over thirty-seven years of ministry, I have been in many faith-filled Parishes, but I must admit that St. Thomas More has strengthened me the most in my pastoral responsibilities. This Parish helps me so much to be a faithful pastor!

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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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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.

Rosary

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



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

First Annual Meeting/Potluck

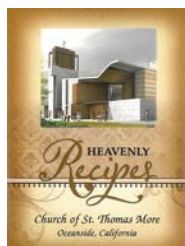
POSTPONED—watch for a new date.

Questions: Brenda Esitgoy at bquestigoy@cox.net or
Beverly Kowallek at bkowallek@sbcglobal.net

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.



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

As I begin my journey with the Church of St. Thomas More and become a member of this Faith Community, I share with you the words of The Most Reverend Daniel Pilarczyk, the Archbishop of Cincinnati, taken from his book, *The Parish: Where God's People Live*:

A Parish, then, is a moment, a chapter in God's love affair with us human beings. And being a member of a Parish does not mean just "belonging to something," but rather, being involved in a loving association with God in Christ Jesus and with each other in Him, and with all the world for Him.

Parish is therefore concerned with relationships—our relationship with Christ and our relationship with each other in Him.

Consequently, the main participant in every Parish is the Lord Himself. It is He around whom the people gather in worship. It is He whose word the Parishioners hear there. It is His work the Parishioners carry out in the context of the Parish's life and in their activity in the world, activity for which they are enlightened and strengthened in the Parish.

It is for the strengthening and expression of His Body, the Church, that the Parishioners build buildings and carry out programs.

It is in response to His love that the Parish engages in care for the poor and in outreach to those who have forgotten Christ or have never known Him.

I now have the privilege of joining you, the Church of St. Thomas More, on its Faith Journey, its Love Affair with God, in and through the Lord Jesus Christ. I pray that, because our paths now become one, we will continue to deepen our relationship with the Lord Jesus, and that we will continue to center our lives more completely on Him.

As I begin my ministry as your Pastor, I commit all of my time, talent, treasure, and energy in building on the strong foundation that has already been set, that is, the ongoing creation of a climate and an environment of hospitality that says: "The Church of St. Thomas More is holy ground. The Church of St. Thomas More is a people and a place where God is revered, and all God's People are treated with dignity, respect, and offered the opportunity to be challenged by the Gospel. The Church of St. Thomas More is the home of brothers and sisters in Christ who take time to support each other in deepening their relationship with Jesus the Christ for the purpose of making our world a better and safer place for all people.

I promise all of you that I will do all that I can, during this time of transition, that as a Faith Community, we do not experience "a loss of momentum," but rather, that we experience a "surge of energy."

As we pilgrimage through life, as individuals and as a community of Faith, our book of Life is being written. Some chapters we write. Other chapters are written for us. Chapters end. New chapters begin. Today we begin a new chapter in the Faith Life of the Church of St. Thomas More. With me, I ask that you "look forward to opportunities for growth that change affords."

As we begin to walk together, may our prayer be: "For all that has been - Thank you. For all that will be - Yes!"

F. Mike

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

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

Monday, July 2 (377)
 Amos 2:6-10, 13-16
 Psalm 50:16b-23
 Matthew 8:18-22

Tuesday, July 3 (593)
Thomas, apostle
 Ephesians 2:19-22
 Psalm 117:1-2
 John 20:24-29

Wednesday, July 4 (379)
 Amos 5:14-15, 21-24
 Psalm 50:7-13, 16-17
 Matthew 8:28-34

Thursday, July 5 (380)
Anthony Zaccaria, priest
Elizabeth of Portugal
 Amos 7:10-17
 Psalm 19:8-11
 Matthew 9:1-8

Friday, July 6 (381)
Maria Goretti, virgin, martyr
 Amos 8:4-6, 9-12
 Psalm 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131
 Matthew 9:9-13

Saturday, July 7 (382)
 Amos 9:11-15
 Psalm 85:9,11-14
 Matthew 9:14-17

Sunday, July 8 (101)
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Ezekiel 2:2-5
 Psalm 123:1-4
 2 Corinthians 12:7-10
 Mark 6:1-6a

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

Mary Alexander	Joyce Meehan
Laura Allenfort	Kalei Mendiola
Lucia Ambriz	Phyllis Minaya
Mary Balli	June Mitchell
Alexandra Banwell	Nancy Moore
Jose Luis Barbosa	Conrad Murphy
Patricia Barbour	Margie Myers
Clarice Bednarz	Heidi Olson
John Bennici	Bernadette Padovan
Regina Bentz	Art Palle
Roseanne Berg	Lupe Casas Pelletier
George "Whitey" Betus	Lorraine Phillips
Mary Betz	Helen Pingtella
Betty Jean Bielich	Douglas Price-Williams
Lynda Brady	Barbara Ramm
Bill Brincko	Rita Ritchie
Roy Bristol	Adela Rivera
Monica Broussard	Elena Rivera
Janet Brown	The Robles Family
Todd Brown	Maria Rogers
Bill & Anita Buerger	Dorothy Rouse
Shelby Campbell	The Russo Family
Brianne Campos	Kimberly Schlunt
Claudia Caplinger	Linda Schmidt
Paul Cassidy	The Douglas E. Schulte Family
Lolly Cervantes	Pete Serle
Pat Christopherson	Bob, Joan, & Julie Shea
Dick Clarke	Elizabeth Shirzad
Rose Coffey	Richard Sikora
Dolly Cole	Jeanne Sisson
Carl Coleman	Beth Snyder
James Coleman	Mike Snyder
Thomas Cornwell & Family	Nick Soltau
The Crafton Family	Fred & Gilda Spiegel
Barbara Czintos	Darek, Vanessa, & Elba Spizewski
Karen Flaharty Daley	Dorothy Staehr
Beverly de Gelder	Ted Stanislawski
Stephanie de Villeneuve	Pete Sullivan
The DeForest & Reaves Families	David Sweet
Judith DiMatteo	The Terry Family
Art Dossman	Sarah Tillinghast
Dave Dossman	Stephen Toth, Jr.
John Drazkowski, Jr.	Mary Tysko & Family
Sharon Evans	Laurie Updyke
The Fiore Family	Barbara Upson
Ryan Flum	Ethel Vanderhagen
Matthew Foster	Robert Vasquez
Eugene Franciscus	Silvana Vettese
Kathryn Franklin	Vanessa Vitiello
Joe Freire	Barbara Voelpel
Brian Frink	Charlotte Walters
Carmen Garcia	Kevin Watson-Graff
Rick Gonzalez	John Whitton
Eileen Gough	Helen Wodyka
Rosemary Haeffelin	Patricia Zavala
Susan Hallahan	Cathy Zych
The Hanratty Family	
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	
Brandon LeBlanc	
Jeremiah Lemus	
Ashley Load	
Cassandra Loretto	
Lauren Loretto	
James MacArthur	
Joaquin Maldonado	
Chandler May	
Bob McWilliams	

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

July 1	Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
July 2	IGNITE High School Youth Group
July 3	Presentation on Christianity in China by Fr. Eugene Geinzer
July 4	Independence Day Holiday Mass at 8:15am Parish Office and Blessed Sacrament Chapel closed
July 5	Young Adult LEAD
July 6-8	Parish Campout
July 8	Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
July 10	EDGE-LITE for Middle Schoolers
July 10-11	Restaurant Fundraiser at Elephant Bar
July 13	Men's Fellowship
July 15	Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
July 16-20	Vacation Bible Camp
July 24-25	Restaurant Fundraiser at Mama's and Papa's Italian Restaurant
Aug 15	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary—Masses at 8:15am and 7:00pm
Aug 26	Pastor's Excursion
Sep 22	Sanctuary Choir Retreat
Sep 23	Scotch Tasting Party
Sep 30	New Member Reception
Oct 5	Wine Tasting Party
Oct 6	Treasures 2012
Oct 12-14	Men's Fellowship Retreat

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

Mass Intentions
Saturday, June 30, 5:00pm Alfred Barmasse ☩
Sunday, July 1, 8:30am Army Velasco ☩
Sunday, July 1, 10:30am Jack Ratajczak ☩
Tuesday, July 3, 8:15am Mary Farrell
Wednesday, July 4, 8:15am Jerry Ludke ☩
Thursday, July 5, 8:15am Douglas Price-Williams
Friday, July 6, 8:15am Jim Parker ☩
Saturday, July 7, 5:00pm Alice Sullivan ☩
Sunday, July 8, 8:30am Lorraine Christianson ☩
Sunday, July 8, 10:30am Carl & Peg Ayers ☩

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.

July 2 Sr. Astrid Kershaw, OCD
July 3 Sr. Mary Kiely, OSF
July 4 Sr. Justina Kim, OCD
July 5 Sr. Joan King, OSB
July 6 Sr. Alice Kole, OP
July 7 Sr. Joan Kowalski, OP
July 8 Sr. Maxine Kraemer, RSCJ

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
Staff Sgt. Travis M. Meyers, USAF
Col. Sean O'Doherty, USMC
Pvt. 2 Jess Phillips, US Army
Sr. Airman Robert Spear, USAF
Tyler Timmerman, US Army
Sgt. Charles Watts, USMC

Welcome New Parishioner

Ruth Ann Dorado

Congratulations to

Maureen & Paul Ibbetson

who celebrated their 29th wedding anniversary on June 24.

Janice & Jim Treat

who celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on June 26.

Dorothy & Al Rouse

who celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on June 30.

Carol & Rick Ritter

who celebrate their 12th wedding anniversary on July 1.

Cathy & Wayne Zych

who celebrate their 42th wedding anniversary on July 4.

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

In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Dorothy Hanratty, who died on June 22. Her funeral arrangements are pending. Please her family in your prayers.

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

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone at St. Thomas More for their prayers for Enrique's (Henry's) recovery and now for the repose of his soul. I know that there has been a special place prepared for him and that I may be worthy to join him when the time is right. Henry loved St. Thomas More and chose it to be his spiritual home and family. We were married in the church shortly after my confirmation and first communion after some gentle prodding by Fr. Mike. This August would have marked our 48th wedding anniversary. He would have been seventy-four on June 30. Again I would like to sincerely thank you all for your prayers. Please pray that God will make known to me the path I am to follow now, and that He gives me the grace to recognize and obey.

Sincerely, Donna Robles

STM Scrip 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.

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.

Thanks to all who purchased tickets last weekend to support this cause. Once again you have been most generous! Our Parish response to the raffle was \$1,092! This does not include the individual contributions many of you make from direct mail requests from La Posada. Good luck in the drawing!

Vacation Bible Camp in 3 Weeks!

Visit www.stmoside.org, Quick Clicks or Call 760-758-4100 x110 or Stop by the Parish Office for details.



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.

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.



Parish Events

Women's Guild News

With our glorious weather and summer upon us, we should all be enjoying ourselves this year.

In the meantime, we will have our membership drive during July and August. Please check the bulletin and listen for announcements at Mass for signing up for the fabulous Women's Guild of St. Thomas More!

The 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 are planning another awesome year of programs for you, so please join us—we will make it easy for you. We'll be on the Plaza soon. Our dues are still only \$5. You can join us in any of our activities. Joining the Women's Guild just may be the best decision you make in 2012.

Hope to see you soon.

—Vera Bayliss, President

"Did You Know" Collection for June 2012

\$8,249.00

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

Response Statistics as of June 26

Seven Months to Go!		# of Families Responding
Total Responses	\$448,482	591
Still Needed	\$51,518	443
Total Goal	\$500,000	1,034
Total Collected	\$304,021	



† **Thanks to all who have already responded to Phase 2.1 with responses totaling \$448,482!**

† **If each of the remaining 443 families who have not yet responded donate \$19.38 per month or \$4.85 per week or 69¢ per day to the building fund for the remaining six 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!

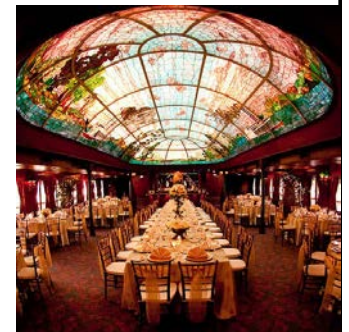
Let the good times roll!

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
- * 53 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
- * Keepsake 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

Worship God

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

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The writer of the Book of Wisdom reflects the theology of his day: “God did not make death” (v 13), he tells us. Rather, God made everything to be good. As for humanity, “God formed [us] to be imperishable” (v 23). It is only through the devil that death comes into the picture. We are called, then, to choose God and the way of life.

In light of a collection being taken up for the needy within the church, Paul appeals to the generosity of the Corinthians by speaking of the example of Jesus, who “though he was rich” (v 9) became poor for the sake of the believers. This kenosis or self-emptying of Christ is to serve as an example for us. Appealing to the example of God’s gift of manna in the wilderness (v 15), Paul writes that it is God’s will that none should go without, which means “your abundance ... should supply their needs” (v 14). God gives generously of his abundance; so must we.

The two miracles in today’s Gospel — the healings of Jairus’s daughter and the woman with the hemorrhage — exemplify people with great faith. Jairus’s daughter “is at the point of death” (v 23), and the woman, who has been suffering for 12 years, has depleted her funds “but only grew worse” (v 26). Yet they both believe that Jesus can do something for them. Both the young girl and the woman are cut off from society: the girl by her illness and the woman because her hemorrhage makes her unclean. In reaching out to Jesus, Jairus and the woman express their faith that he can make them whole, restoring them to the fullness of life. These sicknesses would be seen as the work of the devil in Jesus’s day. By healing them Jesus shows that he has power over the devil. The story of Jairus’s daughter, complicated by her death, shows that Jesus even has power over death.



*Oh Lord
 my God,
 I cried out to you
 for help, and
 you healed me.*

Psalms 30:2

Upcoming Music

✠

JULY 8
Thirteenth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time

✠

5:00pm Mass
 Sanctuary Choir
8:30am Mass
 Praise Team
10:30am Mass
 Congregation &
 Cantor

For Reflection:

How have I shared in the abundance of God’s graces?

How have I shared that abundance with others?

What personal brokenness do I need to bring to the Lord for healing?

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

Kathleen Bell
Director of Faith Formation
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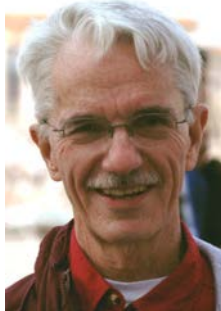
Join us this Tuesday, July 3, at 7:00pm for...

The Search to Believe in China

Rev. Eugene Geinzer, SJ has been a Jesuit for fifty years.

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.



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 some first-hand anecdotal 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.



How To Taste Chocolate

Before eating your chocolate make sure you smell it. The aroma often gives hints of what flavors you will experience once you bite into the chocolate. Is it pleasant? Do you smell the chocolate liquor? Do you smell something sweet or floral; or is it musty or smoky? Chocolate is a complex food that can have many aromas and flavors.

The Youth Justice Foundation will return to the Plaza next weekend, July 7 and 8, with a variety of 3.5 oz bars of Equal Exchange Fairly Traded Chocolate for \$4 each.

*Treat your taste buds,
support economic justice
and encourage our parish teens!*

YOUTH MINISTRY

GET PLUGGED IN!!!

Sundays: Catechism Q&A

When: 6:00-8:00pm lower level

Who: ALL are invited!

What: Come explore any topic about our Catholic faith and *why* we believe what we do! Have questions? Leave with answers!



Mondays: Youth Group!

When: 7:00-8:30pm lower level

Who: High schoolers!

What: Play awesome games, sing worship music, and make lifelong friends with other Catholics who seek to live the gospel in everyday life.

Tuesdays: Middle School!

When: Tuesday July 10th 7:00-8:30pm

What: Pass the time playing games and enjoying fellowship through this laid-back summer program for middle schoolers.

Wednesdays: Rosary Hour

When: 4:00-5:00pm (*but not July 4*)

Who: Anyone with a soul

What: Come grow in holiness by spending time in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel and praying with Mary and all the Saints.

Thursday: Young Adult LEAD

When: 7:00-8:30pm

Who: Those Confirmed or 18+

What: Delve into Scripture, prayer, and the saints as we become better leaders of our Catholic faith.

Marcus

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Youth Advocate
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Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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

Spiritual Benefits of Giving

God's desire for cheerful givers is not to help God, but to help us. Even if our church didn't need financial resources to fund ministry, we still need to grow in the understanding and practice of whole-life stewardship.

We should understand the scriptural benefits we can expect when we give. Here are three:

Giving helps us know God

God invented giving. Giving is God's nature, and he built his nature into us. God so loved that he gave . . . and we meet the God of the universe in our own giving!

Giving helps us know ourselves

We were created to imitate God by giving and to experience God's joy in giving. Giving helps us offset our tendencies to trust our abilities rather than God. As we resist those inclinations, we become the people God intends us to be.

Giving helps us to know our mission

Giving is God's only plan for redeeming a lost world. That giving started with Jesus, and it is to continue with us, his disciples.

Only as the world sees our faith extend to include the sacrificial giving of our energies and possessions does the power of our invisible Savior become visible to the people Christ calls us to save.

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Annual Catholic Appeal—Let's Meet Our Goal!

To date, \$45,827 has been pledged by 358 families, with an average of \$128.01 per family. **We need about \$2,200 more** to meet our assessment of \$48,000—can you help?

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 23/24, 2012

Number of Registered Households		1,034
Offertory*	\$	5,748.61
Offertory (Loose Collection)		974.50
Children's envelopes		6.00
Total	\$	6,729.11

* 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.

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News and Information from the Larger Church

Volunteer Opportunity at Mission San Luis Rey—Learn about the history of early California and the missions. Volunteers are needed to share this history with visitors and school groups in our historic church, welcome center and as museum docents. No experience necessary; training provided. For more information, contact www.sanluisrey.org, 760-757-3651 x167, or volunteer@sanluisrey.org.

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. 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.

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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:

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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.

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Also watch EWTN for coverage of events, including a closing Mass in Washington, DC on July 4.

Marriage & Family Life Corner

The Divorce Healing Ministry of St. Luke’s Parish invites those going through a separation and divorce to a 12-week program of recovery entitled, *The Catholic’s Divorce Survival Guide*. Our support group meets on the first and third Tuesdays, from 7:00-9:00pm at the Church of St. Luke, 1980 Hillsdale Rd., El Cajon. You can start and end the series at any time. No charge. Seating limited; call to reserve your place with us: 619-401-6445.

The Bishops’ Letter on Marriage—Same-Sex Unions: “Marriage is a unique union, a relationship different from all others. It is the permanent bond between one man and one woman whose two-in-one-flesh communion of persons is an indispensable good at the heart of every family and every society. Same-sex unions are incapable of realizing this specific communion of persons. Therefore, attempting to redefine marriage to include such relationships empties the term of its meaning, for it excludes the essential complementarity between man and woman, treating sexual difference as if it were irrelevant to what marriage is.” To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

Marriage Moments—Blending personalities, customs, family traditions, and financial decision making can be a challenge to any marriage but especially those in the first seven years. Which type of blending has been easiest for you? For your spouse? Which has been the hardest?

Parenting Pointers—Teaching politeness, Part 1: Beyond “Please” and “Thank You” children need to learn how to respond to an introduction to a new person, give a firm handshake, look a person straight in the eye, and how to respectfully address adults. Can you check these life lessons off your parenting “to do” list?

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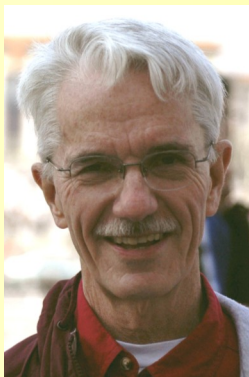
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He was Chairman of the Fine Arts Department at Loyola University in Chicago before taking up his new challenge in China. He is the local superior of the Jesuits working in Beijing and, at the Beijing Center, he supervises four annual Academic Excursions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

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

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