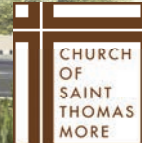


Church of St. Thomas More

A Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of San Diego

Spirituality † Tradition † Community



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StThomasMoreRCC



Mass Schedule

Saturday at 5:00pm

Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am

Tuesday-Friday at 8:15am

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday, 4:00-4:30pm

September 2, 2012 • Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor's Column

Labor Day

This week we celebrate Labor Day, but how many of us have any idea where the holiday came from or what it celebrates?

The first Labor Day was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City and was proposed by the Central Labor Union at a time when American workers were struggling for basic rights such as the eight-hour day.

The CLU moved the "workingman's holiday" to the first Monday in September, 1883 and urged other unions to celebrate the date as well. The movement grew throughout the 1880's with 23 states passing legislation recognizing Labor Day as a holiday. By 1894 Congress followed suit and Labor Day became a national holiday.

On that date, in 1894, most American workers still did not have an eight-hour day, the right to organize, social security, health care, or even a living wage. Child labor was common and there were no health and safety laws. Indeed, just being a unionist could get you fired or even killed in some quarters.

During the Progressive era, union activism began to bring some basic reforms, but it was not until the New Deal era in the 1930's that most of the basic rights we take for granted were won. And even then, many workers in the agricultural and public sectors were left out. It was not until the 1960's that public sector workers got the right to organize at the federal level. That only became true in California's education sector in the 1970's.

For much of the 20th century, Labor Day was a real celebration of American workers with parades, picnics, and speeches dedicated to the struggles and triumphs of American unions. The meaning of the holiday has been largely erased from the public memory. People enjoy the weekends by they have forgotten or never learned about the struggles of the American Labor Movement that made our weekends even possible. We lose this history at our peril.

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Women's Ministry

Friday, September 7, 7:00-9:00pm
continuing every first Friday

That Man Is You Men's Program

Saturday, September 8, 6:45-8:30am
continuing every Saturday



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

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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.

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 \$25,500
from this program. Thank you donors!



For more information, contact the Parish Office:
760-758-4100 x100 or parishoffice@stmoside.org

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

In the midst of our current economic crisis and growing inequality we need to remember the voices that seek to raise everybody up and proclaim that, "An injury to one is an injury to all."

All workers everywhere, union and non-union, deserve a decent job, basic rights, and the dignity that comes with work. We pray, God, that on this Labor Day we may celebrate the gains made to protect people in the workplace, and that those who are hurting during this time of turmoil may feel the presence and support of our Faith Family and Your nearness. We make this prayer through Christ, our Lord. Amen!

F. Mike

Join us for Mass at 8:15am
on Monday, September 3.
A great way to celebrate Labor Day!

Annual Catholic Appeal—So Close!

To date, \$47,652 has been pledged by 373 families, with an average of \$127.75 per family. **We need just \$350 more** to meet our assessment of \$48,000—can you help?

If 7 families pledge \$50 each, we'll reach our goal!

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.

Looking for Spiritual Growth?

Before Engaging Spirituality, I was not disciplined enough to take 10 minutes out of the day for prayer and meditation. Now it's so much a part of my life. I read the newspaper with opened eyes and prayers. I am more aware of Jesus in every person I meet.

—Engaging Spirituality Participant

The **JustFaith** program was life-changing for many of us, and we felt called to continue this commitment to social justice. **Engaging Spirituality** is designed to help us continue this journey (although **JustFaith** is not a prerequisite). It leads us to explore and experience Christ's call to care for the poor and vulnerable in a lively, challenging, multifaceted process in the context of a small church community.

This program will be offered at our Parish beginning with a day-long retreat on October 6 and weekly sessions starting the following week. If you are interested, please call Sr. Maureen at 760-758-4100 x131 by September 17.

"Did You Know" Collection for August 2012

\$4,125.00

Restaurant Fundraiser for August 2012

Mama's 'n Papa's Pizza Grotto

\$500.00

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

Sunday, September 2 (125)
Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8
 Psalm 15:2-5
 James 1:17-18,21b-22,27
 Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

Monday, September 3 (431)
Gregory the Great, pope, doctor
 1 Corinthians 2:1-5
 Psalm 119:97-102
 Luke 4:16-30

Tuesday, September 4 (432)
 1 Corinthians 2:10b-16
 Psalm 145:8-14
 Luke 4:31-37

Wednesday, September 5 (433)
 1 Corinthians 3:1-9
 Psalm 33:12-15,20-21
 Luke 4:38-44

Thursday, September 6 (434)
 1 Corinthians 3:18-23
 Psalm 24:1-6
 Luke 5:1-11

Friday, September 7 (435)
 1 Corinthians 4:1-5
 Psalm 37:3-6,27-28,39-40
 Luke 5:33-39

Saturday, September 8 (636)
The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Micah 5:1-4a or Romans 8:28-30
 Psalm 13:6
 Matthew 1:1-16,18-23 or 1:18-23

Sunday, September 9 (128)
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Isaiah 35:4-7a
 Psalm 146:7-10
 James 2:1-5
 Mark 7:31-37

Mass Intentions
Saturday, September 1, 5:00pm Patricia A. White ☩
Sunday, September 2, 8:30am Joseph Suozzo ☩
Sunday, September 2, 10:30am Mary Pinamonti-Whiteman ☩
Monday, September 3, 8:15am Jim and Nell McGlone
Tuesday, September 4, 8:15am Frances Hoogestraat ☩
Wednesday, September 5, 8:15am Mary Baker ☩
Thursday, September 6, 8:15am Maryanne Benjamin ☩ & Ralph Ludke ☩
Friday, September 7, 8:15am Poor Souls
Saturday, September 8, 5:00pm Philip & Jeff Lavelle ☩
Sunday, September 9, 8:30am Josephine Stephens ☩
Sunday, September 9, 10:30am Robert Hale ☩

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
 The Beach & Arciero Families
 Clarice Bednarz
 John Bennici
 Regina Bentz
 Roseanne Berg
 George "Whitey" Betus
 Mary Betz
 Betty Jean Bielich
 Lynda Brady
 Cathy Brennan
 Roy Bristol
 Monica Broussard
 Janet Brown
 Todd Brown
 Tom Browne
 Anita & Bill Buerger
 Bridget Buford
 Trinidad Bunuelos
 Shelby Campbell
 William Campbell
 Brianne Campos
 Claudia Caplinger
 Paul Cassidy
 Lolly Cervantes
 The Christopherson Family
 Dick Clarke
 Dolly Cole
 Carl Coleman
 James Coleman
 Thomas Cornwell & Family
 Lené Crowe
 Karen Flaharty Daley
 Beverly de Gelder
 Stephanie de Villeneuve
 Judith DiMatteo
 Art Dossman
 Dave Dossman
 John Drazkowski, Jr.
 Phyllis & Don Estes
 Sharon Evans
 Joanne Finnegan
 The Fiore Family
 Ryan Flum
 Larry Fortier
 Matthew Foster
 Mike Franchino
 Steve Franchino
 Eugene Franciscus
 Kathryn Franklin
 Joe Freire
 Carmen Garcia
 Jack & Marge Gillen
 Rick Gonzalez
 Eileen Gough
 Rosemary Haeffelin
 Susan Hallahan
 Nan Hallback
 The Harker Family
 Elizabeth Harrison
 Lilian Hills
 Susan Hori
 Iolanda Iacobelli
 Linda Iacobelli Bennett
 Sue Johnston
 Paula Keen
 Peggy Kiernan
 Debbie Kinney
 John Kirk
 Dewey Kolbo
 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
 Kalei Mendiola
 Bill Metzger
 Phyllis Minaya
 June Mitchell
 June Montgomery
 Nancy Moore
 Conrad Murphy
 Margie Myers
 Heidi Olson
 Bernadette Padovan
 Art Palle
 Helen Pingtella
 Marilyn Pirkola
 Douglas Price-Williams
 Barbara Ramm
 Mrs. Jack (Shirley) Riley
 Rita Ritchie
 Adela Rivera
 Elena Rivera
 Serena Rodarte
 Maria Rogers
 Dorothy Rouse
 The Russo Family
 Dan Ryan
 Kimberly Schlunt
 Linda Schmidt
 The Douglas E. Schulte Family
 Pete Serle & Family
 Bob, Joan, & Julie Shea
 Elizabeth Shirzad
 The Shultz Family
 Richard Sikora
 Jeanne Sisson
 Beth Snyder
 Mike Snyder
 Nick Soltau
 Fred & Gilda Spiegl
 The Spillane & Gill Families
 Darek, Vanessa, & Elba Spizewski
 Dorothy Staehr
 Ted Stanislawski
 The Stevens & Sawyer Families
 Pete Sullivan
 David Sweet
 Tommy & Ginger Thompson
 Valerie Thompson
 Sarah Tillinghast
 William Tompson
 Stephen Toth, Jr.
 Mary Tysko & Family
 Barbara Upson
 Ethel & Bob Vanderhagen
 Robert Vasquez
 Silvana Vettese
 Bob Vita
 Vanessa Vitiello
 Barbara Voelpel
 The Voyemant Family
 Kevin Watson-Graff
 John Whitton
 Helen Wodyka
 Erin Young
 Patricia Zavala
 Martin Zschoche

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
 Major Seth Wolcott, USMC

Calendar Highlights

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

- Sept 2 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
 - Sept 7 Women's Ministry
 - Sept 8 *That Man Is You* Men's Group
 - Sept 9 RE.A.CH Classes resume
 - Sept 11-12 Restaurant Fundraiser at O's American Kitchen
 - Sept 14 Men's Fellowship
 - Sept 15 Women's Guild Luncheon Meeting
 - Sept 16 Knights of Columbus Breakfast
 - Sept 18 Spirited Seniors' Ice Cream Social
 - Sept 22 Sanctuary Choir Retreat
 - Sept 22-23 Brother Benno's Toiletries Drive
 - Sept 21-23 Confirmation Retreat
 - Sept 23 Scotch Tasting Party
 - Sept 24-25 Restaurant Fundraiser at Mrs. Taco
 - Sept 30 New Member Reception
 - Oct 5 Wine Tasting Party
 - Oct 6 Treasures 2012
 - Oct 9-10 Restaurant Fundraiser at Famous Dave's BBQ
 - Oct 12-14 Men's Fellowship Retreat
 - Oct 14 *What to Do in an Emergency if You Don't Know CPR* Presentation
 - Oct 20-21 Women's Guild Bake Sale
 - Oct 23-24 Restaurant Fundraiser at El Torito
 - Oct 27 Life Walk in San Diego
- 2013**
- Jan 6 Stewardship Appreciation Reception
 - Jan 12-31 Stewardship Awareness/Renewal
 - Jan 25 Preview of Interior Church Elements

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.

September 03 Sr. Ma. Esther Nunez, SJS
September 04 Sr. Frances Obrovac, FSP
September 05 Sr. Anne O'Connor, CSN
September 06 Sr. LaVern Olberding, OSF
September 07 Sr. Francisca Olvera, OLVM
September 08 Sr. Ramona Oppenheim, MM
September 09 Sr. Eugenia Mayela Ortega, HCJS

Welcome New Parishioners

William & Dianne Haas & Family
Thomas & Jacqueline Casper & Family

Congratulations to

Diane Pal & Paul West

who celebrated their 9th wedding anniversary August 30

Joyce & Mike Malloy

who celebrated their 49st wedding anniversary August 31

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:

Mona Gill, who died August 16. Her Funeral Mass was celebrated in Ireland. Please keep her niece, Parishioner Esther Spillane, and her family in your prayers.

Anna Sawyer, who died recently. Her funeral services were out of town. Please keep her sister, Parishioner Leah Stevens, and her family in your prayers.

John Kirk, who died on August 29. His funeral arrangements are pending. Please keep his wife, Lorraine, and his family in your prayers.

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

St. Bonaventure Clothing Drive

A clothing drive to benefit the St. Bonaventure Indian Mission and School will be conducted November 10-11. Begin now to save your clean, gently-used, clothing, blankets, and jackets. Ask your friends and neighbors to save, too. The clothing drive is conducted by the Knights of Columbus.

The Mission is solely dependent on donations to support its operations. St. Thomas More parishioners have been a major supporter through our annual clothing drives. Donated items are given directly to residents of the Navajo Reservation at the Mission's annual Christmas dinner and give-away event. Any remaining items are placed in their thrift shop.

STM Scrip News

It's that time of year! Ralph's requires everyone to sign up their Preferred Customer card in order to receive the Community Rewards for St. Thomas More every year in September. Please do this on line or see the folks on the plaza to give you instructions. Once you sign up, all you do is shop, and the Building Fund reaps the benefits.

Check online for an updated Scrip list and online ordering system: www.stmoside.org, Contact Us, then Scrip.

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

Dramatic Presentation Sponsored by *JustFaith*

SAVE THE DATE:

Friday, September 14, 7:00-9:00 pm

Fr. Ullman Hall

Sr. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

525 W. Vista Way, Vista, CA

**THOMAS MERTON & DOROTHY DAY:
 PILGRIMS AND PROPHETS OF PEACE**

**A readers' theatre style dramatic presentation
 featuring these two "saints" of our time,
 presented by Sharon Halsey-Hoover and David Hoover**

Relax and surrender yourself into the world which the performers create, letting the spirits of Dorothy Day and Thomas Merton come to life for us. Thomas Merton and Dorothy Day never physically met each other, though they read each others' writings and frequently exchanged letters in which they shared their deepest concerns. The presentation is a reflective memory poem about their lives in which they take stock of their lives through a final truthful gaze on all that has happened on their way home to God.

Sponsored by *JustFaith*

**Admission: Canned Food Donation for Catholic Charities
 Free Will Offering
 Bring the Whole Family**

STM Social Justice Committee News

Members of the Social Justice Committee have been busy this summer and as a result of their joint efforts:

Janitors in the suburbs are now eligible for individual and family healthcare benefits, thanks to ICWJ's (Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice) involvement.

Also, as part of ICWJ, members were present and spoke at the Oceanside Council meeting this month which resulted in approval of housing construction for low income citizens.

A "Get Out the Vote" campaign for November's election found STM SJC members meeting at St. Francis of Assisi parish with other SDOP members joining our efforts in registering new voters; including both non-registered and previously inactive registered voters.

Parish support of the Committee is most appreciated as you share the mission and results of our Christian calling for Social Justice.

Vocations

In this week's Gospel, Jesus criticizes the Pharisees and scribes for burdening the Jews with trivial man-made rules rather than God's true message. If you fell you may have a calling to spread the true message of God as a Priest, deacon or religious and wish to explore that feeling, contact Deacon Tom at: thomasgoeltz@aol.com or 760-727-8442.

Parish Events

Women's Guild News

TAP! JAZZ! THEATER DANCE! BELLY DANCE! HAWAIIAN! You will be entertained by all of these forms of dance when The Village Tappers bring their music, talent, and fabulous costumes to the Women's Guild's first meeting of the year on Saturday, September 15.

The show begins at 11:00am on the upper level of the Parish Center, as the performance will be on the stage. Following the 45-minute presentation, members and guests will head downstairs for another one of our delicious luncheons and a short business meeting. Lunch and the show will cost only \$10. For this meeting, husbands and other guests are welcome. Please call in a reservation so that we will know how many to prepare for. Reservations may be made with Vera Bayliss at 760-295-0059 (new phone number). Hoping to see all our members at this amazing show and meeting.

I especially encourage all new members to attend so you may get acquainted with our Guild. —*Vera Bayliss, President*

Free Ice Cream Social

The Spirited Seniors are sponsoring a **Free Ice Cream Social** on Tuesday, September 18, 6:30-8:00pm, for members and prospective members who are 50 years and older. The deadline for reservations is September 10. Contact Jim and Marilyn Day at 760-509-4545 or jandmday@cox.net.

Walking Ministry

Join the Walking Ministry on Tuesday mornings at 8:00am starting from the Parish Center parking lot. For more information, contact Diane Pal at 760-815-2519.

Little Rock Scripture Study

Wednesday, September 19 at 9:00am or Thursday, September 20 at 7:00pm we begin our 14-session study of Paul's letters to the Galatians and the Romans. These sessions are open to all who would like to spend time in a small group growing in love for the scriptures through study and discussion.

Galatians and Romans are pivotal for those seeking to understand the faith and teaching of the Apostle Paul. Many of Paul's themes are shared by Galatians and Romans, but the tone and length of the two works differ sharply.

Galatians addresses Paul's understanding of Christian freedom and justification by faith. He reprimands the Galatians for deserting the Gospel by seeking justification through circumcision rather than through faith in Christ, who achieved our salvation by his sacrifice on the cross. Romans is the longest of Paul's letters. It addresses the universal reality of sin in the world and the need for salvation in Jesus Christ. It explores both the strength and limits of the law of Moses. Paul examines the new life attained in the Holy Spirit as God's gift and proclaims the mystery of God's plan to save Israel. Romans also highlights the ethical demands of the gospel.

Plan to join us as we discover why the scriptures offer us reasons for hope and joy. For more information, contact Kathleen Bell at 760-758-4100 x110 or kathleenb@stmoside.org.



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

September 1 Response Statistics

		# of Families Responding
FOUR Months to Go!		
Total Responses	\$475,514	631
Still Needed	\$24,486	405
Total Goal	\$500,000	1,036
Total Collected	\$386,178	



- † We continue to celebrate **all gifts**, large and small, that help us reach our goal. Thank you!
- † Special thanks for our sixteen "Adopt a Family" gift donations and to all those households who have increased their dollar amounts in Phase 2.1.
- † **We ask the families who have not responded to this campaign to consider donating \$15/month through December. EVERY contribution helps!**
- † The success of Phase 2.1 will make up for our shortfall of \$500,000 in Phase II.

www.stmoside.org; click on Our New Church.

Chris Smith, Director of Stewardship and Development
760-758-4100 x120 or chris@stmoside.org

Eucharistic Adoration



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

Exposition of the Eucharist on First Fridays.
Next date: Friday, September 7.

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

Treasures 2012

This year's Treasures Flea Market will be **Saturday, October 6**. Save your gently used "treasures" for donation. In the last two years we have raised over \$20,000. Help us turn clutter into cash, garage fodder into gold, and cast-offs into coins! Wait until you see the plant sale. It is shaping up to be another big success with over 45 nurseries donating and counting!

We will need lots of help to pull this off. 75 volunteers are needed over a two-day period. Once again, we will accept donations the Friday before and the morning of. Look for more details to come soon and save those treasures! Any questions or early volunteer sign ups? Contact Chairperson John Murphy at 760-497-6117.

Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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

HOW I BECAME A ROCK STAR HANDBELL RINGING LEGEND

I became interested in handbells when Andy and I first got married. For our first Christmas together, we went to see the San Diego Symphony. They were wonderful, but what I remember most was this group of people behind the orchestra who—get this—RANG BELLS to make music! I had never seen anything like them, I was totally engrossed as they accompanied so many of the songs alongside the rest of the symphony and then completely blown away when they played *Carol of the Bells*, my all time favorite Christmas song ever! It was as if the rest of the theater faded away and all I could do was hear and see this amazing group making music right in front of me. We drove home that night listening to the *Carol of the Bells* song from our newly purchased CD. On repeat. For the entire 36 mile return trip. My husband is a very patient man.

A few years later, we joined St. Thomas More. Back barely a month, we heard an announcement of an opening in the handbell choir and anyone interested should contact Douglas. I remember an almost urgent rush feeling and telling Andy I had to do this—I was totally paranoid all weekend. What if I didn't have what it takes to ring? What if I failed miserably at tryouts?? What if someone else called first and took "the spot"???

I didn't sleep much that Sunday night and called Douglas first thing Monday morning...straight to voicemail. I left what felt like a long rambling message as to why I was qualified—piano lessons in elementary school, color guard in

college must count for something, right?—and asked him to please call me back with information on when tryouts were. He called back that afternoon, and when I realized who was ringing through, I ran into the parking lot near my office so we could talk "in private." Douglas was wonderful...he let me continue my ramble on my (ahem) "qualifications" and then suggested I come by that Wednesday evening to give it a try.

The rest of Monday dragged by—and my boss did ask if I got a new job offer after witnessing me run off into the parking lot to take an "urgent call" on my cell and seeing me coming back into the office with the cheesiest grin ever on my face.

Wednesday finally came and I went to my first practice half an hour early to get a feel for the bells. I remember Douglas picking up one and showing me how to ring, "You make a big "D" shape with your arm." I watched intently, trying to memorize everything he said and exactly how he did it. Then, he turned to me. "Ok, your turn." Wait...what? It was the same feeling as when the Drivers Ed instructor looks at you and tells you that it's your turn to drive. Difference between a 4000-pound auto and a 1-pound bell? Absolutely. Same look of terror on my face when I'm told it's "my turn"? Absolutely. I found my gumption, picked up the bell, moved it in the same "D" shape...and nothing. No sound. Gaa! I ring again—still nothing! Panic creeps in and Douglas calmly adjusts my hand position. Ladies and gentlemen, WE HAVE SOUND! It



rings, and I restrain myself to not call my parents to tell them, "Guess what, ma? I rang a bell! I'm in the church handbell choir!!!" Images of becoming a rock star handbell ringing legend flash through my mind. I am suddenly standing on the stage with the Symphony, ringing four bells at once, making the most amazing sound as the stage lights flash and the audience claps! "Jen? Nice job. Let's try ringing now with the other hand now." Oh.

It's been four years now, and the rest is—as they say—history. Do I consider myself musical? I'll always prefer Britney to Bach and still get nervous each time we ring, but I have developed such a deep appreciation for music and musicality. I have found friendships that span generations, and have come to know and serve God in a way that I would never have thought. I still have that dream of becoming part of the Symphony some day, but I am content and happy playing, celebrating, and serving each weekend as part of this wonderful ministry.

...and if you ever want an autograph from a rock star handbell ringing legend, just let me know. I'm available after all weekend Masses.

Jen Frost

Upcoming Music

✕

SEPTEMBER 9
23rd Sunday in
Ordinary Time

✕

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

Prays Twice!

Handbell Choir — Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30pm, contact Douglas at 760-758-4100 x140

Praise Team — Wednesdays, 7:00-9:00pm, contact Joleen at 760-295-7170

Sanctuary Choir — Thursdays, 7:00-9:00pm, contact Douglas at 760-758-4100 x140

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

Kathleen Bell
Director of Faith Formation
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RE.A.CH

Religious Education for Adolescents and Children

Religious Education classes
begin next Sunday,
September 9

9:45-10:20am Open House
for PK through EDGE,
Parents and Students
Lower Level

10:30-11:45am Class for 3, 4, 5 year olds

12:30- 2:00pm Class for Levels 1-5 or

5:00- 6:30pm Class for Levels 1-8

High School Phase 1 Orientation:
Sunday, September 16 at high noon!

*For last minute enrollment, contact
Kathleen Bell
760-758-4100 x110*

PBJ Update

(Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center)

2011 GOAL: 365 jars
Collected to date: 269 jars

YOUTH MINISTRY

*What's the meaning of life?
Were you secretly adopted?
Will you get a date to Homecoming?*

These, and other important questions are all discussed at IGNITE Youth Group every Monday from 7:00-8:30pm. Anyone in high school can tell you how awesome these nights have been. They get the opportunity to step outside their world and enjoy a night of faith, friends, and fun!

We've started our talk on vocations for the next couple of weeks, and how exciting it's been! Those who attended our wedding reception held in honor of Holy Matrimony could tell you about the awesomeness of the evening.

The post-Confirmed teens have been eagerly preparing for the Confirmation Retreat the Phase 2 teens will soon experience September 21-23. The amount of anticipation and excitement from the post-Confirmed leaders is very invigorating, and this is sure to be an amazing retreat that nobody is going to want to miss!!

Retreat teens: forms are due this week!

Want to get plugged in to the vibrant youth life of STM? Be in touch. . .I'm waiting to meet you!

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Lord Jesus Christ, with hearts on fire we welcome you.

You approach us and walk with us.

Remove all that restrains us from recognizing you;
and whatever stops us from putting
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Open the Scriptures to us.

Teach us to know you and to see you and to hear you
in the assembly of the Baptized,
in the ministries of the Church,
in the proclamation of the Word,
and in the Breaking of the Bread.

School us in the ways of the Gospel.

Coach us in the ways of Christian Stewardship.

Show us how to use wisely the blessings given to us.

Show us how to take good care of those whose happiness
and well-being you have entrusted to us.

Bless our lively exchange as we discuss all that has happened,
and as we continue to dream of all that might be.

Astonish us, when we have little sense and are so slow
to believe the prophets.

Encourage us, when we are overwhelmed.

Strengthen us, when we are so easily frightened.

Challenge our complacency and our temptation to quit.

Stir the embers that have grown cold.

And more than anything else, stay with us, Lord.

For the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours,
now and forever.

Amen.

—Rev. Tim Piasecki, Diocese of Rockford, Illinois,

ICSC Catholic Stewardship, September 2012 (with permission)

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Nothing can be done without hope and confidence.**

—Helen Keller

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

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

Collection for Week of August 25/26, 2012

Number of Registered Households		1,036
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Offertory (Loose Collection)		1,175.50
Children's envelopes		3.00
Total	\$	7,052.92

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Pillars of Catholicism Free Online Course—Open for registration at www.pillarsofcatholicism.com. Sponsored by John Paul the Great University. Includes 13 half-hour videos and supporting materials.

Scripture Unlocked at John Paul the Great University—Tuesday, September 4, 7:00pm, 10174 Old Grove Rd., Suite 200, San Diego. Sr. Tarbytha Raban will speak on *The Sacrifice on the Cross: God's Perfect Set-Up and Payoff*. For more information or to register, contact 858-653-6740 x1104 or www.jpccatholic.com/scriptureunlocked.

Scout Leader Training—Saturday, September 8 for counselors/coordinators of Catholic Cub, Boy, and Venture Scout Religious Emblems. For more information, contact Jim Freed at 619-446-2116.

Support Group for Separated/Divorced in Solana Beach—Starting Sunday, September 9, 10:15am, St. James Catholic Church, Ministry Center, Solana Beach. For more information, contact Frank Grant at 760-533-1520 or fwgrant@gmail.com.

Fr. Stan Fortuna, CFR, in Concert at Mission San Luis Rey—Friday, September 14, 7:00-9:30pm, Serra Center, Mission San Luis Rey Parish, 4050 Mission Ave., Oceanside. Tickets \$10 in advance from www.event-brite.com or \$15 at the door. For more information, contact 760-547-0702.

Vatican Photographic Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles—September 14-16 at St. James Parish, Solana Beach. For information, call 858-481-5631 or 858-481-6911.

Joint Reunion for Graduates of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart and Rosary High Schools—Saturday, September 15, 6:30pm, 4106 42nd St., San Diego. Bring memoirs or scrapbooks to share and renew friendships. RSVP by August 31 at OLSHalum@gmail.com or 858-349-9149.

Starry, Starry Night Event to Benefit Voices for Children—Saturday, September 29, Rancho Valencia Resort. Voices for Children serves abused and neglected children in San Diego County foster care. For more information, contact Rebecca Reyes at 858-598-2232 or RebeccaR@speakupnow.org.

Pilgrimage to Greece—October 9-19, 2012, with Fr. Mike Sinor and Fr. Chuck Fuld. Includes a three-day cruise of the Greek Isles. For more information, contact frc@frchuck.com or frsinor@yahoo.com.

Beginning Experience Weekend for Widowed, Divorced, and Separated—November 9-11, Prince of Peace Abbey, Oceanside. A trained team of peers leads participants through a healing and growth experience. For more information, contact Cathy at 619-222-9093 or Maureen at 619-447-0622.

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.

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

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Friar Fest 2012—Sunday, October 7, 9:00am-6:00pm with live entertainment, food, blessing of animals, dog show, fun zone, games, contests, and vendors.

For more information, contact Julie Kaiser at 760-945-8044 or visit www.stfrancis-vista.org and click Friar Fest.



Marriage & Family Life Corner

The Bishops' Letter on Marriage—The Trinity and Marriage: “To be created in the image and likeness of God means, therefore, that human beings reflect not the life of a solitary deity, but the communal life of the Trinity. Human beings were created not to live solitary lives, but to live in communion with God and with one another, a communion that is both life-giving and loving.” To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

Marriage Moments—Balancing couple, parent, work, and personal time is a challenge in marriage. Which one gets the least attention in your marriage? Fix it.

Parenting Pointers—Is there a vowed religious (sister or brother) who has taught, helped, or inspired you? Tell your child about it. Nuns need our support these days and we must remember how they have educated, healed, and served the least of God's people.

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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Labor in the Pulpits 2012
**Reflections on U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’
Labor Day Statement 2012**

by Sister Justine Church, Medical Mission Sisters

In their Labor Day Statement 2012, our Catholic Bishops remind us that America continues to struggle with a broken economy, and all that this means in terms of millions of people unemployed, underemployed, or the “working poor” who must work multiple jobs to make ends meet. In fact currently there are some 46 million people living in poverty, and worse yet, there are 16 million children who grow up poor in our nation. Moreover these men, women and children are not abstractions: they are our neighbors, friends, and parishioners; mothers and fathers, sisters and brothers; aunts, uncles, and cousins; possibly our own children!

The Bishops quote Pope Benedict XVI who reminds us that poverty is in fact a violation of the dignity of human work “because a low value is put on work and the rights that flow from it, especially the right to a just wage and to the personal security” of workers and their families (*Caritas in Veritate*, no. 63). Our broken economic system, with its lack of economic opportunities, also contributes to different forms of inequities and discriminations: wage theft, unsafe workplaces, exploitation, and even abuse. These injustices which “threaten the human dignity of vulnerable workers”, put additional strains on families and their ability to participate in social, civil, political, religious and educational activities. This thinking is very much in line with the letter from James which reminds us that we must never stop looking at the perfect law which sets us free – with God’s blessing. (James 1:25)

In effect, this means that the multiple forms of worker injustice that surround us “require our care and solidarity.” Specifically, as the Bishops point out in their letter *Catholic Framework for Economic Life*: “By our choices, initiative, creativity, and investment, we enhance or diminish economic opportunity, community life, and social justice.”

What is most radical in the Bishops' thinking, though no more radical than today's Gospel passage from Mark 7.21-23, in which Jesus tells his disciples what makes people unclean: greed, meanness, unfaithfulness, deceit, stealing, and evil thoughts, etc., is their call to every one of us to both build a more just economy and support our workers. In these times of too much poverty and too little work, we must "reflect on the moral and human dimensions" of the marketplace. We must change those policies and institutions which do not create jobs with decent working conditions and just wages. This "we" includes business, labor and government.

As a way of understanding how we are to go about this task, the Bishops suggest that Catholics review and act on the economic issues presented in *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*. In keeping with the body of Catholic social teaching begun by Pope Leo XIII, in *Rerum Novarum* (1891), they focus again and again on our inherent human dignity and the respect due workers, a notion rooted in the scriptural concept of Creation and humanity's activities in God's vineyard.

In keeping with today's realities the Bishops remind us that:

"Economic decisions and institutions should be assessed according to whether they protect or undermine the dignity of the human person. Social and economic policies should foster the creation of jobs for all who can work with decent working conditions and just wages....Catholic social teaching supports the right of workers to choose whether to organize, join a union, and bargain collectively, and to exercise these right without reprisal. It also affirms economic freedom, initiative, and the right to private property. Workers, owners, employers and unions should work together to create decent jobs, build a more just economy, and advance the common good (no. 76)."

As we all know on this Labor Day 2012, there are millions of working people and their families in our country who are in desperate need of jobs with justice and dignity. Let us not only pray for them but also join together to create a more just, equitable, and sustainable economic system that "truly honors the dignity of work and the rights of workers".

Complete U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Labor Day Statement 2012 can be found on www.usccb.org.

Women's Guild

FIRST EVENT

Show/Luncheon/Meeting



Saturday, September 15, 11:00am
Upper Level of the Parish Center



Enjoy a dazzling show with the Village Tappers, Jazz Dancers, and one Theater Dance from their recent sold-out June show at Ocean Hills Country Club. They will delight you with their talent! It should be one of the highlights of our year.

Lunch will follow on the lower level.

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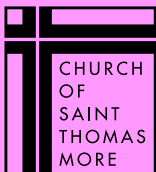
All Parishioners, especially new members, husbands, and guests are welcome!

Call Vera Bayliss at 760-295-0059

You must reserve ahead of time.



WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!



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