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> Reconciliation (Confession) Saturday, 4:00-4:30pm

#### October 14, 2012 • Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

# Pastor's Column

#### Proposition 34—California End the Death Penalty Act

The California Conference of Catholic Bishops is supporting Proposition 34 which will be on the ballot in the November Election.

Included in today's Bulletin is an insert stating the position of the California Bishops for your consideration as you prepare to vote in November.

I share with you a Pastor's Column that I wrote in May 2001. Through this reflection, I present one way which may help us to decide that the death penalty should be abolished.

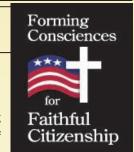
#### Timothy McVeigh and "The Hound of Heaven"\*

\*"The Hound of Heaven," a poem, by Francis Thompson, 1859-1907

Timothy, my son! Why? For what reason? How could you, with such calm and reason, kill 168 innocent people, especially infants and children? Doesn't life mean anything to you?

I know that you were trying to make a point, trying to get your perspective across to the world. I know it had to do with Waco, Texas, and the Branch Davidians. But taking revenge on innocent people in Oklahoma City is not justifiable. I do not understand the

logic. Two wrongs do not make a right! Killing people in order to say that killing people is wrong just doesn't make sense to me!



Timothy, I continue to love you. You are my son. I created you. I love you just as much as I love those 168 men, women, and children whose lives you cut short. They are with me now in my Reign, but they still had so much life to live! Some of them were going to make tremendous contributions to society.

You didn't know, of course, but one of the infants you killed was going to find the ultimate cure for cancer. Now it will take decades more before that happens. And another child would have created the technology to harness the sun's energy. In your lifetime, solar energy would have ended the need for nuclear power, coal, oil, and natural gas. Now it will take several more lifetimes before that happens. And in the meantime, nuclear waste is going to cause much damage to the human race and environment.

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#### Did You Know?

The cost of water (landscape and domestic/drinking water) for the Parish Center and the rectory amounted to \$29,962.65 for FY 2011-2012. It takes at least two Sunday collections just to pay for our yearly water bill!

Your gift to the "Did You Know?" Campaign will help us balance the Operations Budget.

#### **Opportunity to Help Local Families in Need**



North County Solutions for Change women and children's shelter needs volunteers for meal preparation, servers, and donations (food and paper goods). STM has committed to providing one meal per month for this ministry. In this way we answer the call of Jesus to feed the hungry and this is in our neighborhood. Any help you can provide is welcome!

Organizations as well as individuals are invited to participate with portions or entire meal preparation, drinks, desserts, and/or monetary contributions to offset the cost for those able to cook. Please prayerfully consider if you are able to help with this important ministry and call if you can help with one of the following available dates:

#### 2013

April 28 August 25 October 27 May 26 September 22 December 22 June 23

For more information, contact Kevin & Lyn Leahy at 760-643-0872 or *kleahy12@cox.net*.

#### **World Mission Sunday**

Envelopes were attached to the bulletin last week for World Mission Sunday, an annual collection that allows us to support the missionary work of the worldwide Church. The Society for the Propagation of the Faith distributes all funds collected to mission dioceses for catechetical programs, seminaries, the building of chapels, churches, orphanages, and schools, and disaster relief. The envelopes may be returned any time during the month of October. Your prayerful consideration is appreciated!

#### STM \$crip News

Our Parish has 1,045 registered families. On average, each household will spend at least \$200 per month on gas and groceries . That is collectively at least \$200,000 a month. Using various scrip cards for gas and grocery could earn the building fund up to \$7,500 per month. We buy groceries and purchase gas already. Together we can help build our church. Stop by the Scrip table or Parish Office to purchase your scrip cards today!

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

#### 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.

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

You killed those gifts when you killed those children. You took away my rightful opportunities to work with and inspire those people on behalf of the human race that I love so much. You do not yet understand that life is my gift. Life belongs to me. It is not yours to take, for any reason.

Timothy, my son, you must be held accountable for your actions. I am compassion and love, but I also am justice. Your life spent for its entirety in prison is the price for your actions. It will never equal, in punishment and pain, what you did, but it is the most just response, from a human perspective.

You do not know this yet, Timothy, but your years in prison will be the space in which a great gift will be created and given to the human race. I am the Hound of Heaven. I am not going to give up on you. And you know what? Finally, after many years, you will open your arms wide to my love. You will experience an earth-shattering conversion. Your years in prison will be a time of great spiritual growth. Your discoveries about the gifts of my life and love will be shared with the world through the books you will write and the speeches you will give from your prison cell. Your immense sin will result in profound virtue and gift for the human race. Believe it or not, because of your unwavering witness to the gift of life from your prison cell, you will help more and more people to appreciate life. Amazingly, your witness will help to bring an end to the legalization of abortion in the United States, because the law will no longer reflect the beliefs of most Americans.

Oh, but Timothy, my son, this will never happen, because my people are doing to you what you did to my 168 loved ones! You are being killed in order to send the message that killing is wrong. That just doesn't make sense to me.

I am being deprived of my opportunity to be the *Hound of Heaven* and to bring you into my circle of light and love. I just need more time with you. They are taking that time away from me just as you took that time away from the 168 in Oklahoma City.

How the world suffers and deprives itself of what I can do for it when anyone cuts life short.

I am so sad. I want to love all of you into peace, joy, and freedom, but you, humans, keep killing my chances to help.

Please, please, my people! Stop depriving me of my opportunities to be the *Hound of Heaven*.

Please let me be God!

#### 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 \$26,000
from this program. Thank you donors!









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

#### Readings for the Week Ahead

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

Sunday, October 14 (143)

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Wisdom 7:7-11 Psalm 90:12-17 Hebrews 4:12-13 Mark 10:17-30

Monday, October 15 (467)

Teresa of Jesus, virgin, doctor Galatians 4:22-24,26-27,31–5:1 Psalm 113:1-7

Luke 11:29-32

Tuesday, October 16 (468)

Hedwig, religious;

Margaret Mary Alcoque, virgin Galatians 5:1-6

Psalm 119:41,43-45,47-48

Luke 11:37-41

Wednesday, October 17 (469)

Ignatius of Antioch, bishop, martyr Galatians 5:18-25

Psalm 1:1-4,6 Luke 11:42-46

Thursday, October 18 (661)

Luke evangelis 2 Timothy 4:10-17b Psalm 145:10-13,17-18

Luke 10:1-9

**Friday, October 19** (471)

John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, priests and martyrs, and their companions, martyrs

Ephesians 1:11-14 Psalm 33:1-2,4-5,12-13 Luke 12:1-7

Saturday, October 20 (472)

Paul of the Cross, priest Ephesians 1:15-23

Psalm 8:2-7 Luke 12:8-12

Mark 10:35-45

Sunday, October 21 (146)

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Isaiah 53:10-11 Psalm 33:4-5,18-20,22 Hebrews 4:14-16

#### Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 13, 5:00pm Larry Dorsa 🕈

Sunday, October 14, 8:30am Robert M. Butler 🕆

Sunday, October 14, 10:30am Nina Garrisi 🕆 Tuesday, October 16, 8:15am

Eugene Masseth & Wednesday, October 17, 8:15am

Judith Peralta 🕆 Thursday, October 18, 8:15am Rita Angela Mazzarella 🕆

Friday, October 19, 8:15am Vickie Mulvey

Saturday, October 20, 5:00pm Laura Ludke 🗗

Sunday, October 21, 8:30am Ernesto & Elena Vozza

Sunday, October 21, 10:30am Megan Weisberg &

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

Mary Alexander The Allenfort Family Lucia Ambriz The Ariz Family Mary Balli Alexandra Banwell Jose Luis Barbosa Patricia Barbour Ray & Jeanne Bartman Clárice Bednarz John Bennici Regina Bentz Lisa Berg Roseanne Berg George "Whitey" Betus Mary Betz Betty Jean Bielich The Bosak Family Lynda Brady Roy Bristol Monica Broussard Janet Brown Todd Brown Anita & Bill Buerger Bridget Buford The Bunuelos Family Shelby Campbell Brianne Campos Claudia Caplinger Paul Cassidy The Cervantes & Hamasaki

Families Dick Clarke Darlene Cole Dolly Cole Carl Coleman James Coleman Thomas Cornwell & Family Eileen & Gary Crafton

Lené Crowe Karen Flaharty Daley Beverly de Gelder Stephanie de Villeneuve Sally DeLaura Judith DiMatteo Art Dossman

Dave Dossman John Drazkowski, Jr. Sharon Evans The Fiore Family Joseph Floryance Ryan Flum Larry Fortier Mike Franchino Eugene Franciscus Kathryn Franklin

Sue Frost Carmen Garcia Jack & Marge Gillen Rick Gonzalez The Gough Family Rosemary Haeffelin Nan Hallbick The Harker Family

Joe Freire

Elizabeth Harrison Lilian Hills Susan Hori Iolanda Iacobelli

Linda Iacobelli Bennett

Sue Johnston
The Joseph Floryance Family

Paul Kennedy Peggy Kiernan Debbie Kinney Dewey Kolbo Andrea Krohn Helen Kuhn Lillian Lachance

Jeremiah Lemus

The Lamelin Family
Christopher & Roland Lawrence Brandon LeBlanc

Claudia Leué Dave Leué
The Paul Leué Family
The Lilly Family
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 Bernadette Padovan Art Palle Ed Paprocki Helen Pingtella

Marilyn Pirkola Douglas Price-Williams Maria Elena Quiroz Barbara Ramm Mrs. Jack (Shirley) Riley Rita Ritchie Adela Rivera Elena Rivera

The Robinson Family Maria Rogers Dorothy Rouse The Russo Family Dan Ryan Kimberly Schlunt Linda Schmidt

Linua Schmidt
The Douglas E. Schulte Family
Pete Serle & Family
Bob, Joan, & Julie Shea
Elizabeth Shirzad Richard Sikora Jeanne Sisson Beth Snyder Mike Snyder

Nick Soltau Fred & Gilda Spiegl Darek, Vanessa, & Elba Spizewski Patricia St. Pierre

Dorothy Staehr Ted Stanislawski 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

Vanessa Vitiello Barbara Voelpel Kevin Watson-Graff John Whitton Helen Wodyka Erin Young Patricia Zavala

#### **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 Corp. Willie Deel Chaplain Van Dinh Lance Corp. Brandon Doyle, USMC StfSgt Evans Formica, USMC Grant Fischer MSGT Steve Gallegos, USMC Sgt. Alex Garcia BM2 Bobby Hartdegen, US Navy Staff Sgt. Travis M. Meyers, USAF 2nd Lt. Janelle Peske, 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

Oct 14	Liturgy of the Word for
	Children at 8:30am and
	10:30am Masses
Oct 14	What to Do in an
	Emergency If You Don't
	Know CPR Presentation
Oct 14	EDGE-Lite
Oct 14	RE.A.CH High School
	Classes
Oct 16	Scout Venturing Meeting
Oct 20-21	Women's Guild Bake Sale
	and Quilt Items Sale
Oct 21	RE.A.CH Classes at
	Church, including High
	School
Oct 23-24	Restaurant Fundraiser at
	El Torito
Oct 27	Life Walk in San Diego
Oct 28	Knights of Columbus
	Breakfast
Nov 3-4	Knights of Colulmbus
	Tootsie Roll Drive
Nov 6	Election Day—
	Remember to Vote!
Nov 10-11	St. Bonaventure
	Clothing Drive
Nov 18	Hymn Festival
Nov 22	Thanksgiving Dinner at

#### 2013

Jan 6 Stewardship Appreciation Reception Stewardship Awareness/ Jan 12-31 Renewal Preview of Interior Church Jan 25 Elements Towers of Faith Reception Apr 21 June 7 Second Annual STM Gala Jul 15-19 Vacation Bible School: Kingdom Rock! Sep 29 Pastor's Dinner/Excursion

> Questions? Contact Henny at 760-758-4100 x100

#### **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.

October 15
Sr. Margaret Spence, CSN
October 16
Sr. Virginia (Gloria) Sturgeon, SSND
October 17
Sr. Columba Joseph Sullivan, CSN
October 18
Sr. Adrienne Taitano, SSND
October 19
Sr. Mary Maselina Tevaga, CSN
October 20
Sr. Joyce Anne Thomas, CSJO
October 21
Sr. Maria Thomas, OCD

# Announcing the Baptism of

**Finn William Haubert** on October 14



Our Christian community welcomes you with great joy!

#### In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Martin Stephen Lilly, Jr., who died on October 7. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, October 26, at 12:00pm at St. Thomas More. Please keep his parents, Marilyn & Steve Lilly, 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.

# What to Do in a Medical Emergency If You Don't Know CPR

Sunday, October 14, 1:00pm on the lower level of the Parish Center. A 90-minute PowerPoint presentation that explains how to recognize an emergency even before a collapse, how to properly and quickly get trained medical responders to the scene, and what to do while waiting for the ambulance to arrive.

#### **Vocations**

In today's Gospel, Jesus promises that those who give up everything to follow him will receive goods a hundred times more in the present and eternal life in the age to come. Do you hear a calling to cast aside the things of this life to follow Christ? Do you want to explore the life of a priest, deacon, or religious as your life's vocation? If so, contact Deacon Tom at thomasgoeltz@aol.com or 760-727-8442.

#### St. Bonaventure Clothing Drive "Surprise Barrels"

The St. Bonaventure Mission and School, located near Gallup, NM, serves poverty-stricken families in the southeast portion of the Navajo Indian reservation. The School provides a free Catholic education for over 200 students. The Mission provides essential services such as food, transportation for the elderly, and water delivery in 55-gallon barrels.

When there are excess items from a clothing drive, the Mission assembles "surprise barrels." For a few dollars, a family gets a new water barrel that is filled with an assortment of needed clothing. The needy Navajo families look forward to receiving your donated clothing and the "surprise barrels." Support the clothing drive scheduled for November 10-11.

#### **Christmas Angel Ministry 2012-2013**

Isn't it irritating when someone tells you there's only 71 days left 'til Christmas? Well, would it help if you knew Christmas Angels has one to two weeks less than that to deliver items for our holiday gift-giving program? So, the first meeting for the Christmas Angel Ministry is Tuesday, October 23, at 7:00pm on the lower level of the Parish Center. Please join us to see how easily you can help with this rewarding ministry. With several volunteers completing small tasks, none too difficult or time consuming, we can assure this year's success. We will discuss changes and improvements, plan our calendar schedule, and prepare ornaments for the tree. Help us make this year even better than the last!

John & Marti Harper • 4johnnysangel@cox.net • 760-724-1181

#### Social Ministries/Outreach

#### **Voter Registration**

STM will conduct voter registration after the Masses this weekend. Please register if you have moved since the last election, or if you will turn 18 years of age by November 6, 2012.

#### **Parish Social Justice News**

Our Parish Social Justice Committee invites you to a Candidates Night for Vista City Council sponsored by San Diego Organizing Project (SDOP) on Monday, October 15 at 6:30pm at St. Francis Parish, Fr. Ullman Hall, 525 W. Vista Way, Vista.

Join us to meet the Council candidates and find out which ones will best respond to the needs of the families in our communities.

For more information or questions, contact emily@sdop.net or 760 670 8435.

#### **Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive**

There are 330,000 children and adults in California with Iintellectual disabilities, and they need our help. Nationwide, 60,000 members of the Knights of Columbus in California and their volunteers will conduct their annual fund raising drive in communities across the state to raise funds to benefit People with Intellectual Disabilities. Our goal this year is to raise \$1,000,000 in California

The drive at St Thomas More will be held the weekend of November 3-4 after all Masses. Knights of Columbus volunteers will be easily visible because of the bright yellow aprons they will be wearing, and the canisters and candies set up on the table in the courtyard after Mass. We are asking for your donations for this worthy cause. For every contribution you will receive a free piece of candy. Other than the cost of the candy, expenses are negligible so your contributions will go directly to those who need it.

The funds we raise will be donated to a local non-profit organization called The Arc of San Diego. For more information on the Arc of San Diego please visit: www.arc-sd.com. Last year, thanks to the generosity of the Saint Thomas More community, we raised just over \$800 in one weekend after Masses!

People with Intellectual Disabilities need the support of the general public so that they can develop and be productive contributing members of society.

If you have any questions or are interested in more information please contact Andy Frost, Drive Chairman, at 858-245-6305.

#### Scout Venturing at St. Thomas More

Orientation and formation meeting, Tuesday, October 16, 7:00pm on the lower level of the Parish Center. For young men and women 14-20 years. Explore the outdoors, learn important practical life skills, build confidence, trust, and teamwork, and be purposefully Catholic. Questions? Contact Martin Zschoche at 760-518-0208 or *mrzschoche@yahoo.com* 

#### **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.

#### Parish Events

#### Women's Guild News

Next weekend we will be holding our semi-annual Bake Sale. Please remember to bake to donate to our sale and also to stop by and purchase a delicious treat. We will be there after each Mass. We appreciate your support.

Our one-time "Small Quilted Items Sale will be next weekend as well. Our quilted items have all been hand made and donated. We will have some new items for sale this year from last time. Remember all those birthdays ahead and Christmas, too! They will make great gifts. Please stop by our tables before or after each Mass. We welcome you all.

Thank you to all our Women's Guild members and all the parishioners who support us. We couldn't do this without you.

-Vera Bayliss, President

#### **Spirited Seniors Upcoming Activities**

The Spirited Seniors are sponsoring a trip to the Broadway Theater in Vista for the hilarious play "Over the River and through the Woods" on Sunday, October 28 at 1:00pm.

The price for each ticket is \$16.50. Thirty tickets have been reserved. Deadline for reservations is October 19. Carpooling will be available. Lunch is on your own with friends.

The Spirited Seniors are also sponsoring a bus trip to the 2013 Pageant of Our Lord at Rolling Hills Covenant Church on March 23 at 1:00pm.

The Pageant of Our Lord is a program whose concept originated from Laguna Beach's Pageant of the Masters. Tickets will be \$50 prepaid for members and \$55 for nonmembers and include bus transportation, show, early dinner, and all gratuities. Deadline for reservations is Sunday, November 18.

For more information, contact Jerry and Judy Buoniconti 760-758-5113.

#### **Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast**

The Knights of Columbus will be serving their delicious pancake breakfast on Sunday, October 28, from 9:00-10:30am. Come and enjoy a full breakfast which includes eggs, sausage, pancakes, hash browns, mixed fruit, and coffee. This is a great opportunity to socialize with fellow Parishioners. To make reservations for six or more, call Dick at 760-295-1431.

#### **Knights of Columbus Entertainment Books**

The Knights of Columbus will be selling Entertainment Books for \$40 on the Plaza after weekend Masses, and the proceeds will go to helping our church and community. Please contact Matt Perun at 760-734-1934 if you are interested or have any questions.

#### Thanksgiving Is Coming!

Is your family out of town? Would you like the day off from cooking? Do you always have too much turkey left over?

Celebrate Thanksgiving Dinner with your St. Thomas More family! Spread the word, and look for your invitation in next week's bulletin!

# 2012 Phase 2.1 "... A Time to Build!" October 10 Response Statistics

# of Families
THREE Months to Go ~ WOW! Responding
Total Responses \$500,598 !!! 679
Total Collection Goal \$500,000 366
Collected to Date \$448,222 1,045

Payments Still Needed \$51,778



- † WOW! Thanks to our dedicated supporters who have helped us to reach our \$500,000 response goal!
- † Please remember that it is key for all of us to complete our building payments through December to collect this \$500,000 goal!
- † Special thanks for our 61 "Adopt a Family" gift donations and to all those households who have increased their dollar amounts in Phase 2.1.
- † EVERY contribution continues to help!

www.stmoside.org; click on Our New Church. Chris Smith, Director of Stewardship and Development 760-758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org

#### **Parish Potluck**

Friday, October 26, at 6:00pm is the next Parish Potluck in the lower level of the Parish Center. As a follow up to our immigration survey, please bring your favorite ethnic main dish, salad, or dessert (and the recipe, too!). Don't forget the wine! This is also a chance to enjoy old friends and make new friends. Please RSVP! Call Germaine Wilmott at 760-758-9949 or see her on the Plaza after Masses.

#### Women's Ministry

Next Women's Ministry meeting on Friday, November 9, at 7:00pm. We will be discussing the book, *Made to Crave*, by Lysa Terkeurst—satisfying your deepest desire with God, not food. A discussion for women who feel overweight physically, but underweight spiritually. Some books available after Masses, but can also be purchased on line or at most retail bookstores. For more information, contact *womensministry@stmoside.org*.

# **Liturgy & Music**



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

#### **ASKING THE RIGHT QUESTIONS**

In a couple of weeks, I will be traveling to Chicago and Pittsburgh to interview five people who were instrumental in creating the Catholic Church's first modern American hymnal, and I will be inquiring about how and why they went about that journey.

Questions will be asked and answers given, but the most important part of each interview will happen immediately after I ask a question. At that point, it is my job to sit and listen—ears open, mouth shut, mind engaged. It will be important for me not to worry about the next question—and there are many questions on my prepared list—but rather to listen carefully to what my colleague is saying.

So often, our conversations seem more like those of actors on stage; each person knowing what the other is going to say next, reciting lines from a script. Acting is difficult for many reasons, but I have always thought the most difficult part is reciting lines night after night as if it was the first time one says them, every ... single ... time.

For my interviews, I will not know what the person across from me will be answering, but I might be in such a hurry to get to the next question on my list that I forget to listen to what they are saying. And if that happens, I might miss the most important part, the nugget of information or insight or history that wasn't really part of the original question, but which turns out to be the best part of the story behind the creation of this wonderful hymn book.

In our Gospel this weekend, we hear the story of a man who asks the question, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" and then insists he has done everything the law requires. Jesus replies, "You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me."

The Gospel relates that at this point that the man's face fell, "and he went away sad, for he had many possessions."

I always wonder if the man actually heard anything after Jesus told him to sell everything. Did he hear Jesus' assurance that he *will* have treasure in heaven? Did he hear Jesus' invitation to *join* him on the journey to everlasting life? Or, did he just turn away without hearing the best part of the answer?

As I prepare for these interviews with people who made musical history in the Catholic Church, I pray for guidance in listening so that I too may hear the best part of the story—even if I haven't asked the right questions.

—Douglas



#### Upcoming Music

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OCTOBER 21 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

X

5:00pm MassHandbell Choir8:30am Mass

Sanctuary Choir

# SINGING GLORY TO GOD!

A CELEBRATION OF SONGS OF PRAISE

Lift your voice in this varied program of sacred song, featuring American hymns and songs of many styles!

A FESTIVAL HOSTED BY THE

Sanctuary Choir & Handbell Choir

Sunday, November 18 • 4:00pm • Parish Center

Bring your friends and a canned good or three for the Interfaith Community Services food pantry (the *food* goes to the pantry!) A free-will offering benefits the music ministry.

# **Faith Formation**



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

Sunday is a RE.A.CH day at Home

#### **PBJ Update**

(Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center)

2012 GOAL: 365 jars Collected to date: 312 jars



#### **RCIA**

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

#### **Sponsors**

The RCIA team is ready to embark on another exciting year.

As we continue this process, we extend an invitation to each of you to consider being a sponsor for an adult seeking full initiation into the Catholic faith.

We are currently establishing a list of interested persons who are ready to dedicate themselves to a relationship of faith-based mentorship in a shared spiritual journey of conversion.

We would like to welcome YOU in this calling.

We thank you for your prayerful consideration and discernment.

Please contact Henri or Jerry Black at 760-758-8137 or hblack2@cox.net to sign-up and/or get questions answered.

# YOUTH MINISTRY

Marcus Cabrera Youth Advocate 760-758-4100 x161 marcusc@stmoside.org

#### **EDGE**

EDGE is the name of the LifeTeen curriculum for middle school. We have adopted it to name our religious education program for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders.

Like our other children's programs, they meet here at church two Sundays a month from 5:00-6:30pm.

These 60 youth meet in small groups with parent and teen volunteers and in a whole group with a core of catechists. Experiencing the faith and coming to know Christ is exciting and thought-full.

EDGE-Lite is an additional youth group opportunity for middle schoolers, both those enrolled in EDGE, and any other Parish tween or friend who would like to join in.

EDGE-Lite meets on the other Sundays of the month at the same time and offer tweens more time to experience community and find Christ in shared friendship and fun.

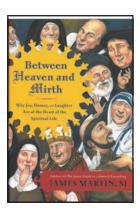
All are welcome!

#### Fr. Mike's Bookies

Between Heaven and Mirth by James Martin, SJ

"Not only is this book on to something good, but it is on to something foundational. I have never met a somber believer who does much good for others in the long run. I have met joyous believers, who heal, change, and transform the world. Jim Martin will tell you why this is true!"

Richard Rohr, OFM



Available for review or purchase (\$15) outside the Faith Formation Office.

Post your comments or favorite quotation on Facebook (search Fr. Mike's Bookies and ask to join if you are not already a member of the group.)

"Jim is a Jesuit priest and a funny guy. I'm grateful to know both of him."

Stephen Colbert

# Stewardship & Development



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

#### A Christian Stewardship Prayer for October

On October 11, 1962, Blessed Pope John XXIII prayed the following prayer to open the Second Vatican Council. Thereafter, the bishops at the Council continued to pray this prayer together before every session.

We stand before you, Holy Spirit, conscious of our sinfulness, but aware that we gather in your name.

Come to us, remain with us, and enlighten our hearts.

Give us light and strength to know your will, to make it our own, and to live it in our lives.

Guide us by your wisdom, support us by your power, for you are God, sharing the glory of Father and Son.

You desire justice for all: enable us to uphold the rights of others; do not allow us to be misled by ignorance; or corrupted by fear or favor.

Unite us to yourself in the bond of love
And keep us faithful to all that is true.
As we gather in your name
may we temper justice with love,
so that all our decisions may be pleasing to you,
and earn the reward promised to
good and faithful servants.

You live and reign with the Father and the Son, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.



"Let us touch the dying, the poor, the lonely, and the unwanted according to the graces we have received and let us not be ashamed or slow to do the humble work."

—Blessed Mother Teresa

# GOT DEDUCTIONS? HELPFUL YEAR-END PLANNING TIPS

#### 2012 YEAR-END CHECKLIST

- ♦ BE SURE TO COMPLETE all gifts by December 31 to qualify for tax savings on this year's tax return. Advance planning with the Parish Office is essential, since the office will be closed from December 25, 2012-January 2, 2013. Please contact the office BEFORE December 25 to make arrangements if necessary.
- ♦ Donations received the weekend of December 29-30 (or on December 31), will be credited in 2012.
- ♦ Envelopes POSTMARKED by Monday, December 31, 2012 will be credited for the 2012 tax year.
- ♦ Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) ~ If you have a balance due on this year's ACA pledge, please complete payments by December 31, 2012. (*Tithing families, know that your tithe covers your ACA contribution.*)
- Keep all gift receipts and acknowledgment letters, especially for gifts of \$250 or more.
- If you sold securities this year and will owe capital gains tax, remember that gifts of cash or other securities may partially or fully offset any tax on your gains.

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**Lectures and Retreats at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside**—Visit *www.sanluisrey.org* or call 760-757-3659 for details on upcoming events.

**Tatiana "Tajci" Cameron in Concert**—Monday, October 15, at St. Stephen Church in Valley Center. Visit *www.idobelieve.com* for more details and other concert dates in the San Diego area.

**Cathedral Catholic High School Open House**—Saturday, October 20, 10:00am-2:00pm, 5555 Del Mar Heights Rd., San Diego. Open to families and students of all ages. Will include tours, panel sessions, and an information fair. For more information, visit *www.cathedralcatholic.org* or call the Parish Office at 760-758-4100 x102 to meet Parish families with students at Cathedral Catholic.

**Braille Institute Mega Fiesta Celebration**—Wednesday, October 24, 10:00am-1:30pm, 4555 Executive Dr., San Diego. Food and drink, music, activities, diabetes and vision wellness education. RSVP by October 20 to Ann Eriksson, 760-599-7151.

White Mass for Health Care Workers in San Diego—Saturday, October 27, 10:00am, St. Thérèse of Carmel Parish, 4355 Del Mar Trails Rd., San Diego. Please join Coadjutor Bishop Cirilo Flores and Culture of Life Family Services (COLFS) staff for Mass and a reception to honhor all health care workers. Co-sponsored by St. Gianna Physician's Guild and COLFS. All those who work in the health care fields are invited. For more information, contact 619-692-4401 or <code>esantana@colfs.org</code>.

**Choral Concert in Rancho Bernardo**—Sunday, October 28, 4:00pm, San Rafael Parish, 17252 Bernardo Center Dr., San Diego. Featuring the Greater San Diego Community Orchestra and the Festival Choir performing C.P.E. Bach's *Magnificat*. For more information, contact 858-487-4314 x1225.

**AutumnFest 2012 in Oceanside**—Wednesday, October 31, 5:00-9:00pm at New Venture Christian Fellowship, corner of Cannon & Mystra. Live music, bounce houses/jumpees, pony rides, The Zipper and ferris wheel, food, candy, and more. For more information, visit *www.newventure.org*.

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

**St. Augustine Catholic High School (for boys) Open House**—Saturday, November 4, 1:00-4:00pm, 3266 Nutmeg St., San Diego. Includes tours, presentations, and Q&A sessions. For more information, contact 619-282-2184 x5521 or *www.sahs.org*.

**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.

**Shred-a-thon in Carlsbad**—Saturday, November 10, 9:00am-12:00pm, St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church lower parking lot, 6628 Santa Isabel, Carlsbad. Proshred will destroy confidential information onsite: \$5 per copy box of papers, \$10 per removed hard drive, and \$5 for anything with a plug or battery. For more information, contact 760-419-9243.

Casa de Molina/Friends of the Poor Annual Children's Christmas Party—Saturday, December 15, 4833 Morning Canyon Rd., Oceanside, 12:00-2:00pm. Parishioner Vicky Molina and her family and friends have been hosting this event for over 25 years. They can use help with time, money, and/or toys. If you are interesting in participating, please contact Vicky at motherV5@cox.net or 760-630-1983.

#### **Young Adult Ministry Activities**

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#### Marriage & Family Life Corner

The Bishops' Letter on Marriage—Growing Together in Virtues: "There is another way to look at growth in marriage: namely, as growth in virtue. As a couple grows in virtue, they grow in holiness. In other words, the couple acquires, by prayer and discipline, those interior qualities that open them to God's love and allow them to share in his love more deeply. Couples instinctively understand this when they speak about their marriage being a means of leading each other to heaven." To read the document go to <a href="https://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/">https://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/</a>.

**Marriage Moments**— "God made them male and female." (Mk 10:6) How do you fit the stereotype of your gender? i.e., males are strong, females are sensitive. How do you differ? Would your spouse agree with you?

**Parenting Pointers**—Kids' self-doubts are never ending. Am I good enough? smart enough? pretty enough?... One way to Counsel the Doubtful is to help your child recognize his/her genuine strengths—not the superficial ones. Reinforce them as they struggle to be true to their best convictions.

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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# Proposition 34 End the Death Penalty



# The Bishops of California endorse Proposition 34

#### Summary: Proposition 34 would:

- Replace the death penalty as the maximum punishment for persons found guilty of murder with life imprisonment without possibility of parole
- Apply retroactively to persons already sentenced to death
- Create a \$100 million fund to be distributed to law enforcement agencies

#### **Reflections on Church Teaching:**

The nature and extent of the punishment ought not to go to the extreme of executing the offender, except in cases of absolute necessity...Today, however, as a result of steady improvements in...the penal system, such cases are very rare if not practically nonexistent. —Pope John Paul II, Evangelium Vitae #56 (1995)

If...non-lethal means are sufficient to defend and protect people's safety from the aggressor, authority will limit itself to such means, as these are more in keeping with the concrete conditions of the common good and more in conformity with the dignity of the human person. —Catechism of the Catholic Church #2267

Ending the death penalty would be one important step away from a culture of death and toward building a culture of life. —U.S. Bishops, A Culture of Life and the Penalty of Death (2005)



In light of Catholic teaching, the BISHOPS ask that you carefully and prayerfully consider your vote on PROPOSITION 34, which will appear on California's NOVEMBER 6, 2012 BALLOT.

A summary of the text and the arguments of the proponents and opponents of **Proposition 34** as well as links to more information on Catholic teaching can be found at <a href="https://www.cacatholic.org">www.cacatholic.org</a>.

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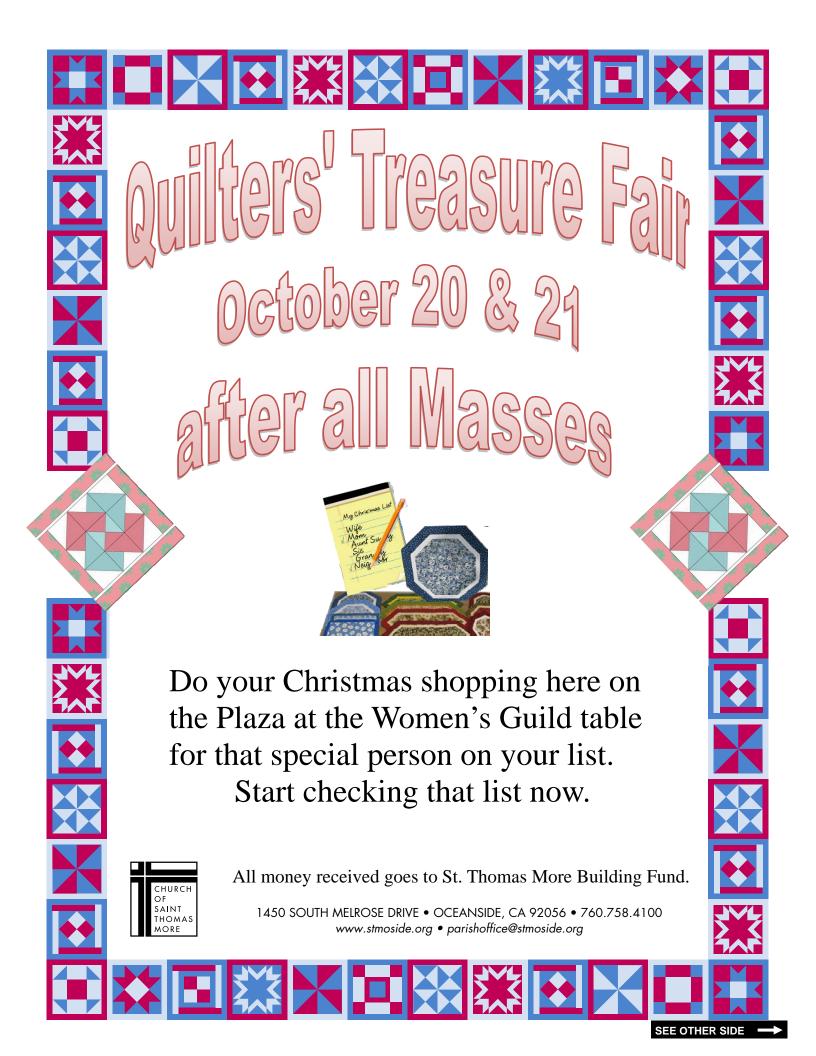
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25 – Nov.	At Sea with Father Mike		
26 – Nov.	At Sea with Father Mike		
27 – Nov.	Barbados/West Indies	8:00 AM	5: 00 PM
28 – Nov.	Thanksgiving Day with Father Mike		
29 – Nov.	Devil's Island, French Guiana	8:00 AM	1:00 PM
30 – Nov.	At Sea with Father Mike/Coast of Brazil		
1 – Dec.	Belem, Brazil	8:00 AM	6:00 PM
2 – Dec.	At Sea with Father Mike/Coast of Brazil		
3 – Dec.	Fortaleza, Brazil	Noon	6:00 PM
4 – Dec.	Natal, Brazil (Maiden Call)	9:00 AM	5:00 PM
5 – Dec.	Maceio, Brazil	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
6 – Dec.	Salvador, Brazil	8:00 AM	5:00 PM
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