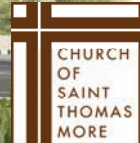


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Mass Schedule

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

October 21, 2012 • Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor's Column

Proposition 35—The Human Trafficking Initiative

Sr. Sheila Novak and Sr. Jean Schafer, Sisters of the Divine Savior, are members of St. Thomas More Parish and their ministry is to those who are victims of human trafficking. I have asked them to share "their story" as my Pastor's Column for this week.

The California Conference of Catholic Bishops is supporting Proposition 35—"The Human Trafficking Initiative."

An insert in today's Bulletin describes the Initiative.

As Election Day draws closer, Republicans and Democrats have their sound bites to get our attention. When Jesus began his public ministry, he announced who would be getting his attention. He stood up in the synagogue and declared his work would bring "release to the captives... freedom for the oppressed." (Lk. 4:18) This was no attention-getting device. It was Jesus' whole reason for coming among us.

Centuries later we still struggle with the need to "release the captives." In our country, it came with the Emancipation Proclamation of 1863 and the 13th amendment to our Constitution. We continue to struggle with it today. Now we call it human trafficking. Despite whatever



Sr. Sheila Novak, SDS

name we give, it is modern-day slavery. Today's tragic statistic—there are more people enslaved in our world now than ever before. The interplay of growing global poverty, global overproduction of cheap consumer goods, and the lure of over-sexualized, over-glamorized life styles set the stage for human exploitation. Desperately poor people look to the U.S. for jobs and security. Exploiters use such people as objects for profit.

At first we Americans thought this was an overseas problem, happening in countries far from our borders. Now, as more incidences have been uncovered, we see that human trafficking is



Sr. Jean Schafer, SDS

happening throughout the U.S.—in our own state, even in our own neighborhoods. The victims are not just immigrants looking to survive. Victims include our very own youth, by the thousands, also caught in this violence and coercive exploitation. We are beginning to pay attention.

Many efforts are in place to raise awareness about human trafficking, to provide healing and services so victims regain their lives.

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Forming
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for
Faithful
Citizenship

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**

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!

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

One of the needs, especially for immigrant survivors, is housing. In exchange for testifying against their trafficker, they are given a special visa and the permission to work. This process may take between 18 months to two years. Until their status is regularized, they are not allowed to work and therefore have no means of supporting themselves. We have responded to this need by establishing SDS Hope House in North County as a refuge for these persons. It is our way of giving the vulnerable among us a chance at life, following the mission of Jesus—"I have come that you may have life and have it in abundance." (John 10:10)

Members of the St. Thomas More Community sponsored an awareness session and volunteered to help when needs arose. Despite the magnitude of this injustice, each of us can be involved in reversing this terrible crime against humanity. Learn about human trafficking. Look up "human trafficking" on the internet. You will find a wealth of information to raise your awareness. Talk about what you learn with your acquaintances to spread that awareness. Work for legislation that addresses the issue. As you explore, you will get other ideas. What we each choose to do does make a difference! It is a practical way to live our call of following in the footsteps of Jesus.

Hear Ye, Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

The STM Gala Scotch and Wine Tasting Parties were a huge success and contributed to our ability to give a total of \$64,000 to the Parish. Mega thanks to all who supported these events!



Fred and Anna Colucci hosted the Scotch Tasting Party at their beautiful home for 50 attendees. The team of ladies that helped plan and host the party that day, along with the bag-piper and the Dawson's with their 'inside scoop' on all the meanings of things Scottish, all combined to make this a day to remember!

Janet Pozzuoli-Vallin hosted the Wine Tasting Party at her amazing home with its beautiful Tuscan-style garden, which included resort-style amenities! Denna Cleary and Robin Ratajczak provided all the right trimmings and were assisted by 12 more lovely ladies to hostess the evening. The 50 guests were dazzled and thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

We're grateful for all the ways so many have made the "extended" 2012 STM Gala a success!

To see more photos, visit www.stmoside.org and click on Event Pictures.



Readings for the Week Ahead

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

Sunday, October 21 (146)
Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Isaiah 53:10-11
Psalm 33:4-5,18-20,22
Hebrew 4:14-16
Mark 10:35-45

Monday, October 22 (473)
Ephesians 2:1-10
Psalm 100:2-5
Luke 12:13-21

Tuesday, October 23 (474)
St. John of Capistrano, priest
Ephesians 2:12-22
Psalm 85:9-14
Luke 12:35-38

Wednesday, October 24 (475)
St. Anthony Mary Claret, bishop
Ephesians 3:2-12
Isaiah 12:2-6 (Psalm)
Luke 12:39-48

Thursday, October 25 (476)
Ephesians 3:14-21
Psalm 33:1-2,4-5,11-12,18-19
Luke 12:49-53

Friday, October 26 (477)
Ephesians 4:1-6
Psalm 24:1-6
Luke 12:54-59

Saturday, October 27 (478)
Ephesians 4:7-16
Psalm 122:1-5
Luke 13:1-9

Sunday, October 28 (149)
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jeremiah 31:7-9
Psalm 126:1-6
Hebrew 5:1-6
Mark 10:46-52

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

Mary Alexander
The Allenfort Family
Lucia Ambriz
The Ariz Family
Regina Aulio
Mary Balli
Alexandra Banwell
Jose Luis Barbosa
Patricia Barbour
Ray & Jeanne Bartman
Clarice Bednarz
John Bennici
Regina Bentz
Lisa Berg
Roseanne Berg
George "Whitey" Betus
Mary Betz
Betty Jean Bielich
The Bosak Family
James Bradley
Lynda Brady
Roy Bristol
Monica Broussard
Janet Brown
Todd Brown
Anita & Bill Buerger
Bridget Buford
The Bunuelos & Garcia Families
Shelby Campbell
Brianna 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 Draskowski, Jr.
Sharon Evans
The Fiore Family
Ryan Flum
Larry Fortier
Mike Franchino
Eugene Franciscus
Kathryn Franklin
Joe Freire
Sue Frost
Carmen Garcia
Jack & Marge Gillen
Rick Gonzalez
The Gough Family
Rosemary Haeffelin
Nan Hallbick
The Harker Family
Elizabeth Harrison
Lilian Hills
Susan Hori
Iolanda Iacobelli
Linda Iacobelli Bennett
The Joseph Floryance Family
Paul Kennedy
Peggy Kiernan
Debbie Kinney
Dewey Kolbo
Andrea Krohn
Helen Kuhn
Lillian Lachance
The Lamelin Family
Christopher & Roland Lawrence
Brandon LeBlanc
Jeremiah Lemus
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
The Douglas E. Schulte Family
Pete Serle & Family
Bob, Joan, & Julie Shea
Elizabeth Shirzad
Richard Sikora
Jeanne Sisson
Beth Snyder
Mike Snyder
Nick Softau
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

Calendar Highlights

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

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 Columbus 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 STM

2013

Jan 6 Stewardship Appreciation Reception

Jan 12-31 Stewardship Awareness/Renewal

Jan 25 Preview of Interior Church Elements

Apr 21 Towers of Faith Reception

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
hennyj@stmoside.org.

Mass Intentions
Saturday, October 20, 5:00pm Laura Ludke ☩
Sunday, October 21, 8:30am Ernesto & Elena Vozza ☩
Sunday, October 21, 10:30am Megan Weisberg ☩
Tuesday, October 23, 8:15am Frank & Donna Doherty
Wednesday, October 24, 8:15am Bill Votel ☩
Thursday, October 25, 8:15am For Peace in our hearts, our families and the world
Friday, October 26, 8:15am Thanksgiving for many blessings
Saturday, October 27, 5:00pm Leo Grassilli ☩
Sunday, October 28, 8:30am Ethel Brogan ☩
Sunday, October 28, 10:30am Charles Wehner ☩

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

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 22 Sr. Zita Toto, OLC
October 23 Sr. Martha Cecilia Tovar, CVI
October 24 Sr. Lisa Turay, CSJO
October 25 Sr. Maria Paz Uribe, SJS
October 26 Sr. Maria Luisa Valdez, OLVM
October 27 Sr. Lilia del Carmen Vega Moreno, SJS
October 28 Sr. Fatima Viamontes, RJM

Congratulations to

Barbara & Ed Upson

who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary October 20

Judy & Jerry Buoniconti

who celebrated their 43th wedding anniversary on October 25

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

Flower Donations

The Altar Flowers for this weekend were given by **Masako & Carl Streling** in honor of their anniversary.

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

Special All Souls Day Mass

There will be a special All Souls Day Mass Friday, November 2, at 7:00pm on the upper level of the Parish Center. Let us gather as a Parish community to remember our loved ones who have gone before us and now rest in the peace and joy of God's presence.

All Souls Envelopes

Envelopes for remembering the dearly departed are attached to the bulletin this week and are available at the information table on the Plaza. Envelopes returned by November 1 will be placed on the altar during the month of November.

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.

STM Scrip 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.

Social Ministries/Outreach

Christmas Angel Ministry 2012-2013

As of this weekend, there are only 64 days left 'til Christmas! Christmas Angels start preparing stockings, gift bags, and delivering gifts beginning December 8, so we need your help now. The first meeting for the Christmas Angel Ministry is Tuesday, October 23, at 7:00pm on the lower level of the Parish Center. For those who have commitments on Tuesday, there's a second meeting the following evening, Wednesday, October 24, at 7:00pm. 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 ensure another successful year.

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

Blood Drive

Time to increase the shrimp, spinach, and broccoli in your diet. Our fall blood drive will be held Sunday, November 4, 8:30am-2:30pm at the Bloodmobile in the lower driveway. Sign ups on the Plaza after Mass on the weekends of October 20-21 and 26-27. Please be generous. For more information, contact Linda Dicus at 760-726-5081.

Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive

There are 330,000 children and adults in California with intellectual 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.

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.

Parish Events

Women's Guild News

This is the weekend! Our semi-annual "Bake Sale" and our "Small Quilted Items Sale" will be held before and after each Mass. Our bake sale items are all homemade and donated by Women's Guild members and Parishioners as well. All of our quilted items have been hand made and donated by the Women's Guild Quilt Group. We will have some new items for sale this year. Remember all those birthdays ahead and Christmas, too! Please stop by our tables before or after each Mass. Everyone is welcome and we need you all.

Next Board Meeting will be on November 5 at 10:15am.

Our next General Meeting will be on Monday, November 12, at 11:00am on the lower level of the Parish Center. We will be hosting "Harvest Bingo," with a great luncheon. Hope to see you there.

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 Bus Trip to See the 2013 Pageant of Our Lord in Rolling Hills

The Spirited Seniors are 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.

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.

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.

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

October 17 Response Statistics

THREE Months to Go!

Total Responses	\$502,798 !!!
Total Collection Goal	\$500,000
Collected to Date	\$461,059
Payments Still Needed	\$38,941



- † WOW! Thanks to the 689 dedicated households (66% of the Parish) who have helped us to exceed our \$500,000 campaign 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! No gift is too small or too large!**

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

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

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 in 2013:

**April 28, May 26, June 23,
September 22, October 27, December 22**

For more information, contact Kevin & Lyn Leahy at
760-643-0872 or k Leahy12@cox.net.

Liturgy & Music

Worship God

Douglas Lynn
Director of Liturgy and Music
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ALL YOU HOLY MEN AND WOMEN

Surrounded by the Communion of Saints

by **Peg Ekerdt**
who is a pastoral
associate at Visitation
Church, Kansas City,
Mo., where her work
includes pastoral care,
adult formation,
marriage preparation
and spiritual
direction.

Excerpted from
Celebration
November 2012,
with permission.

Not long ago I sat among a crowd of mourners at a funeral Mass and listened to a granddaughter proclaim the second reading. This adult granddaughter, large with child, walked to the ambo with quiet dignity and began to read Paul's first letter to the Corinthians in such a way that made it clearly a love letter to her grandmother. The young woman had made the connection between the word of God and her lived experience, and the word was indeed alive in our midst.

As Katy read, "Love is patient and kind, love is never jealous...it is never rude and never seeks its own advantage," I heard the message anew. My initial thought was that this reading is wasted on weddings. It is used so often that I don't think anyone listens anymore, unless the lector is far beyond the norm. And because it is so frequently read at weddings, we presume it is intended only for newly married couples.

But that is not the case. Paul wrote the letter to the people of Corinth, not to their newlyweds, and its message was intended for all the faithful. So as Katy continued to read, I had a more jarring second thought: This is the measure of a faithful life. These are the criteria against which I will be judged at the moment of my own death. I will be asked, "Have you been kind and patient? Have you been rude or conceited? Have you rejoiced in others' wrongdoings? Have you found joy in the truth, and lived with trust and hope? Have you loved above all else?"

Have I lived such a generous love? Examples to the contrary ran amok in my brain during that funeral reading. How will I be judged? It was a moment of stunning inner silence and examination of conscience.

May I suggest that it is a good time of year for such introspection and review?

For November is soon upon us. Thanksgiving dinners loom large at the end of the month. But before we celebrate this feast of great gratitude, we in the Catholic community will gather on the first day of the month to remember the communion of saints, their stories and inspiration, their intercession and assistance, and their presence yet among us.

I am not quite sure when the saints began to reappear in my adult spirituality. I was intrigued by a homily on Teresa of Avila and subsequently read her biography as I made my only-ever trip to Spain and her home in Avila. My interest in the saints was further encouraged as I stood amid the Los Angeles Cathedral's tapestries that, with breathtaking realism, give human form to named and unnamed saints. And as I stood at the altar in San Salvador where Oscar Romero surrendered his life for his people, I was haunted by the sacrificial love that imitated Christ's own. The saints are indeed among us.

And then there is this. Over 30 years ago a group of six young mothers began the practice of praying together each month. Distance now separates us, but each year we gather for a retreat at an East Coast monastery. A few years ago, the 23-year-old daughter of one among us died inexplicably in her sleep. As we gathered for the annual retreat some months later, we wept, we prayed



and we felt the deep anguish of our friend who mourned her beloved Sheila. On the last evening together, we sat in the silence that is our prayer habit, and then talked about where the silence had led us. I am not sure how it happened, but after a few moments we started to sing the litany of saints. As the first name filled the room, we all invoked her intercession: Sheila Eileen...pray for us. The prayers continued for several minutes. Somewhat incredulous, we were nonetheless aware that the Spirit was present in our midst and we were surrounded by God's communion of saints.

The evening's prayer was a graced event when a tenet of faith came home to a place deep in our hearts. Yes, we do believe in the communion of saints. We profess it every Sunday in our creed. We sing it at liturgical celebrations and name this belief in our baptismal rites.

And we knew it on this funeral day as the young woman stepped to the ambo and proclaimed the word of God. It was clear to all in the church that her grandmother, who knew "without love I am nothing," had gone home to God to live among the communion of saints.

Upcoming Music

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OCTOBER 28
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

✠

8:30am Mass

Praise Team

10:30am Mass

Handbell Choir

SINGING GLORY!

A Hymn Festival hosted by the Sanctuary Choir & Handbell Choir

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

A free-will offering benefits the music ministry.

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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

Sunday is a RE.A.CH day at Church

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

New Members!

At the 8:30am Mass next Sunday we welcome four new catechumens and one candidate to our Parish community:

- ◆ **Frank Gilchrist**
- ◆ **Megan House**
- ◆ **Ari Layoun**
- ◆ **Alison Scardino**
- ◆ **Paul Smith**

Since all the St. Thomas More community shares in their formation, please take the opportunity over the next few months to introduce yourselves personally to them.

Your example at liturgy, in ministry, a smile, a word of welcome and support are essential parts in their formation in the Christian way of life.

They and their families will join us at the Knights of Columbus breakfast . . . stop by and introduce yourself!

We are so blest to have these folks in our midst!

Benedict XVI proclaims The Year of Faith

October 2012–November 2013

“The ‘door of faith’ (Acts 14:27) is always open for us, ushering us into the life of communion with God and offering entry into God’s Church.

It is possible to cross that threshold when the word of God is proclaimed and the heart allows itself to be shaped by transforming grace.

To enter through that door is to set out on a journey that lasts a lifetime.

It begins with baptism (cf. Rom 6:4), through which we can address God as Father, and it ends with the passage through death to eternal life, fruit of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, whose will it was, by the gift of the Holy Spirit, to draw those who believe in him into his own glory (cf. Jn 17:22).

To profess faith in the Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – is to believe in one God who is Love (cf. 1 Jn 4:8):

the Father, who in the fullness of time sent his Son for our salvation;

Jesus Christ, who in the mystery of his death and resurrection redeemed the world;

the Holy Spirit, who leads the Church across the centuries as we await the Lord’s glorious return.”



YEAR OF FAITH 2012 2013

Fr. Mike’s Bookies

Between Heaven and Mirth
by James Martin, SJ

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.)

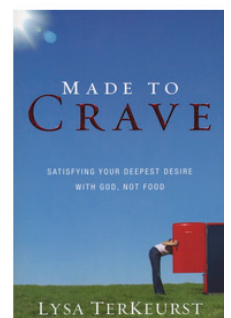


“Winsome and comical but also provocative and thoughtful, Martin’s books is a breath of fresh air.”

—Publishers Weekly

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.

Stewardship & Development

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Christian Stewardship Three Stages of the Dollar

A generation ago, William Allen White was the brilliant editor of a newspaper in Emporia, Kansas. He was also a very generous person. One day he decided to give a fairly large piece of land to his city.



In doing so, he wrote that he always found three kicks in a dollar. The first kick, he explained, was in making a dollar. "I dearly love to make a dollar," he said.



The second kick he indicated is in having a dollar. His father had been a frugal Yankee who had taught the importance of saving money. Therefore, Mr. White said, "I greatly enjoy having it."



Then the wise editor went on to say, "The third kick is when you give the dollar away." With exultation, he told his fellow citizens that he was getting a big kick that day in giving them the dollars represented by the piece of land he had turned over to the city.

It's OK to Have Money

Christians would do well to remember those three kicks Mr. White mentioned. There is nothing wrong with making a dollar legitimately. It is not the quest for money that is wrong, it is making an idol of money. It is putting the quest of wealth ahead of the quest for obedience to God.

It is also permissible for Christians to have money. Better to be in a position of having resources than being dependent upon the government or beholden to people who misuse power and authority.

There is a certain healthy freedom that comes to those who have proper resources. If we are proper stewards of money, there is a legitimate "kick" in having it.

Stewards Always Share

But, of course, being a good steward of money always involves sharing it with God's Church and with others. Those who practice such giving invariably testify as to the enjoyment of being able to give. They know that it is indeed more "blessed to give than to receive."

That, too, is a "kick."

—Stewardship, Fall 2012, Parish Publishing LLC (with permission)

"It is God's power to provide you richly with every good gift; thus you will have ample means in yourselves to meet each and every situation, with enough to spare for every good cause.

—II Corinthians 9:8

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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All gifts to St. Thomas More are deeply appreciated!

Collection for Week of October 13/14, 2012

Number of Registered Households		1,039
Offertory*	\$	8,330.45
Offertory (Loose Collection)		988.50
Children's envelopes		3.00
Total	\$	9,321.95

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

Ways to Help Support Your Parish

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

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News and Information from the Larger Church

Volunteers Needed at Birth Choice of Oceanside—Training provided for those interested in volunteering as counselors for this pro-life, Christ-centered pregnancy resource center offering free pregnancy testing, ultrasound, and options counseling for women in crisis. For more information, contact Mary Rose Stearns at 760-434-5063 or mrstearns@birthchoice.net.

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

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 honor 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 esantana@colfs.org.

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 and Mystra. Live music, bounce houses/jumpees, pony rides, The Zipper and ferris wheel, food, candy, and more. For more information, visit www.newventure.org.

After-Abortion Healing Retreat for Catholic Women—November 2-4, given by Rachel's House at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 3888 Paducah Dr., San Diego. Closing Mass included. For information/registration, contact Rosemary Benefield at 858-581-3022 or rachels_hope@juno.com.

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.

Support Group for Separated/Divorced—An ongoing support group meeting Sundays at 10:15am at St. James Catholic Church in Solana Beach. For more information, contact Frank Grant at 760-533-1520 or fwgrant@gmail.com.

Young Adult Ministry Activities

Visit www.yamsd.org for complete information on events for young adults, including *Theology on Tap* series and outreach projects.

Also, search *Office of Young Adult Ministry* on Facebook.

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Marriage & Family Life Corner

The Bishops' Letter on Marriage—God always present: "They [married couples] are to foster this gospel faith among themselves and within their children through their teaching and example. Likewise, they live in hope of God's kindness, mercy, and generosity. In the midst of the inevitable trials and hardships, they trust that God is graciously watching over them and their family. They trust that the Father's love will never abandon them, but that, in union with Jesus, they will always remain in his presence." To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

Marriage Moments— "The spirit of wisdom came to me." (Wisdom 7:7) What's the wisest thing your beloved has ever said or done (besides marrying you)? Tell him or her. What's the dumbest thing you've ever done? Forgive yourself.

Parenting Pointers—As your children become young adults, you may still be tempted to rescue them from problems. Ask yourself, "Will this action empower my child to become more independent or will it foster continuing dependence on me?" (Parenting Your Adult Child)

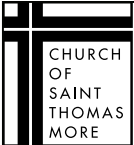
For more information, visit [www.diocese-sdiego.org/Ministries/Marriage & Family Life](http://www.diocese-sdiego.org/Ministries/Marriage%20&%20Family%20Life) or call Jen Frost at 760-758-4100 x100.

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“Human trafficking, which involves the enslaving of individuals in order to use them for financial gain, is an intolerable affront to human dignity.

“As Catholics, we are called to listen to the wisdom of Pope Paul VI in the Vatican II document, *Gaudium et Spes*:

‘...[W]hatever is opposed to life itself...whatever violates the integrity of the human person...whatever insults humanity—such as subhuman living conditions, arbitrary imprisonment, deportation, slavery, prostitution...all these things...poison human society...Moreover, they are a supreme dishonor to the Creator.’

“As President of the California Catholic Conference of Bishops, I speak for my brother bishops when I call upon all people of good will to support those who are working to eradicate this violent and oppressive practice—especially our Catholic women religious, who besides their advocacy for the elimination of trafficking, have provided healthcare and social services for those rescued from their enslavers

“In particular, this November, we are supporting a ballot measure—Proposition 35, *Californians Against Sexual Exploitation Act*—which will both increase criminal penalties for human trafficking and direct fines to enhanced victim services and law enforcement.

“We ask that you also prayerfully consider supporting Proposition 35.”

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Thanksgiving Dinner at St. Thomas More



*Our Parish family will be hosting a Thanksgiving Dinner
on Thursday, November 22, 2012 at 1:00 p.m.
We would love to have you share this holiday with us!*

*The traditional dinner dishes (all of the hot dishes and
cranberry sauce) will be provided, although if you would like to
bring an appetizer or a dessert, it will be welcomed. We serve the
Dinner in family style, so please return this form to the Parish
office as soon as possible, so we can plan for seating.*

*For more information, or to RSVP, please call Henny at the
Parish office, 760-758-4100 ext. 100.*

*I/we will be attending the Thanksgiving Dinner
at St. Thomas More on November 22.*

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Number of people attending: _____

*(A free-will offering will be taken at the Dinner. This will be used to
pay personnel hired to help serve and clean up. Any additional donations
will go to the Church of St. Thomas More.)*

(This event is not Church funded.)