

# Church of St. Thomas More

A Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of San Diego

Spirituality † Tradition † Community



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## Mass Schedule

Saturday at 5:00pm

Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am

Tuesday-Friday at 8:15am

## Eucharistic Adoration

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

## Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday, 4:00-4:30pm

November 4, 2012 • Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Pastor's Column

### We Need a Quieter, Listening Church

*I share with you this information taken from "NEWS.VA—THE VATICAN TODAY." The article gives the comments of Cardinal-designate Luis Antonio Tagle, the Archbishop of Manila in the Philippines.*

*In my opinion, many statements of religious leaders today are conveyed in a very triumphal fashion. I find this unfortunate.*

*I resonant with Cardinal-designate Tagle's words. I find them refreshing and hopeful!*

(Vatican Radio)—Cardinal-designate Luis Antonio Tagle of Manila in the Philippines is one of just six Church leaders named by Pope Benedict to receive the red hat in a consistory to take place on November 24.

Archbishop Tagle is currently here in Rome taking part in the Synod of Bishops on the new evangelization which comes to a conclusion this weekend.

Reacting to the announcement of the consistory on Wednesday, the new Cardinal said he was grateful to the Pope for his trust and confidence in the Church of the Philippines, spread throughout the world with the many migrant workers who take their Christian faith with them.



He also spoke of his message to the Synod fathers calling for a humbler, quieter Church that is not afraid to admit its mistakes but is able to share more deeply the sufferings of the people today:

"The Church of Asia is often a minority Church, like John the Baptist crying in the wilderness...even in the Philippines, if the Church is a majority, I realize that the sufferings of people and the difficult questions they ask are an invitation to be first in solidarity with them, not to pretend that we have all the solutions...they can resonate and see the concrete face of God in a Church that can be silent with them, as confused as they are...it becomes a home for them...I believe that the Church should contribute in

the public square but we in Asia are very particular about the mode...so you may be saying the right things but people will not listen if the manner by which you communicate reminds them of a triumphalistic, know-it-all institution...I know that in some parts of Asia the relative silence, calmness of the Church is interpreted as timidity, but I say 'no'—it makes the Church more credible."

*F. Mike*

## Our Mission is to: worship God,

### Mass Schedule:

Saturday at 5:00pm; Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am;  
Tuesday-Friday at 8:15am;  
watch bulletin for holydays

### Rite of Reconciliation (Confession):

Saturday from 4:00-4:30pm (or by appointment)

### Eucharistic Adoration: Monday-Friday, 6:30am-7:30pm

### Liturgical Ministry: Contact Douglas Lynn at 760-758-4100 x140

### Music Ministry: Contact Douglas Lynn at 760-758-4100 x140

### Communion for the Homebound/Hospitalized:

Contact Parish Office at 760-758-4100 x100

### Anointing of the Sick: Contact Parish Office

### Matrimony:

Contact Parish Office a minimum of nine months in advance

*For further information, call Rev. Michael Ratajczak  
at 760-758-4100 x100 or michaelr@stmoside.org.*

## teach and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ,

### Inquiry into the Catholic Faith:

First and third Thursday evenings

### Religious Education for Youth & Children:

Two times a month, September-May, on Sundays

### Religious Education for Adults: Various times, September-May

### Liturgy of the Word for Children: 8:30am and 10:30am Masses

### Little Rock Scripture Study:

Weekly sessions, morning or evening

### High School Youth Ministry: Monday evenings

### Middle School Youth Ministry:

Two Sunday evenings per month

### Preparation for the Sacraments:

#### Baptism (for infants):

Begins with an appointment with the Pastor

#### Baptism (7-14 yrs.)/RCIA:

One to two year process with children and parents

#### Baptism (adults)/RCIA:

One to two year process; weekly sessions

#### First Reconciliation: In home process begins in Level 1

#### First Communion:

In home process begins after First Reconciliation

#### Confirmation: Minimum two year process of preparation; begins in high school

*For further information, call Kathleen Bell  
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.

*For further information, see page 10, or call Chris Smith  
at 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 [kleahy12@cox.net](mailto:k Leahy12@cox.net).

## Help Establish STM's Archives

The STM Historian is looking for material from events and activities since our Parish was established in 1985. I am looking for photographs, newspaper clippings, brochures, fliers, reports, videos, drawings—anything that represents our congregational memory! Please check your drawers, file cabinets, and that creepy ol' box in the attic. You can drop off your donation at the Parish Office. Thanks!

For more information and questions, please feel free to contact:  
Brandon at 760-845-5450 or [brandon.oswald@gmail.com](mailto:brandon.oswald@gmail.com).

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



**For more information, contact the Parish Office:  
760-758-4100 x100 or [parishoffice@stmoside.org](mailto:parishoffice@stmoside.org)**

### Readings for the Week Ahead

Sunday Year B; Weekday Year II  
Readings online at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org).

**Sunday, November 4** (152)  
*Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Deuteronomy 6:2-6  
Psalm 18:2-4,47,51  
Hebrew 7:23-28  
Mark 12:28b-34

**Monday, November 5** (485)  
Philippians 2:1-4  
Psalm 131:1-3  
Luke 14:12-14

**Tuesday, November 6** (486)  
Philippians 2:5-11  
Psalm 22:26-32  
Luke 14:15-24

**Wednesday, November 7** (487)  
Philippians 2:12-18  
Psalm 27:1,4,13-14  
Luke 14:25-33

**Thursday, November 8** (488)  
Philippians 3:3-8a  
Psalm 105:2-7  
Luke 15:1-10

**Friday, November 9** (671)  
*The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica*  
Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12  
Psalm 46:2-3,5-6,8-9  
1 Corinthians 3:9c-1,16-17  
John 2:13-22

**Saturday, November 10** (490)  
*Leo the Great, pope, doctor*  
Philippians 4:10-19  
Psalm 112:1-2,5-6,8-9  
Luke 16:9-15

**Sunday, November 11** (155)  
*Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
1 Kings 17:10-16  
Psalm 146:7-10  
Hebrews 9:24-28  
Mark 12:38-44

Mass Intentions
Saturday, November 3, 5:00pm Bernard Delaney ☩
Sunday, November 4, 8:30am Nona Miller ☩
Sunday, November 4, 10:30am Ed Stewart ☩
Tuesday, November 6, 8:15am Josephine Stephens ☩
Wednesday, November 7, 8:15am Gertrude Clancy ☩
Thursday, November 8, 8:15am Kathleen Hinkel Casman ☩
Friday, November 9, 8:15am Anthony Masseth ☩
Saturday, November 10, 5:00pm Gary La Berge ☩
Sunday, November 11, 8:30am Emilio Restituto Cicchini ☩
Sunday, November 11, 10:30am Joseph & Nick Garrisi ☩

### Prayer 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  
Jose Luis Barbosa  
Patricia Barbour  
Barbara Barter  
Ray & Jeanne Bartman  
Clarice Bednarz  
John Bennici  
Regina Bentz  
Lisa Berg  
Roseanne Berg  
George "Whitey" Betus  
Mary Betz  
Betty Jean Bielich  
Lynda Brady  
Monica Broussard  
Janet Brown  
Todd Brown  
Anita & Bill Buerger  
Bridget Buford  
The Bunuelos Family  
Shelby Campbell  
Brianna Campos  
Claudia Caplinger  
Paul Cassidy  
Dick Clarke  
Darlene Cole  
Dolly Cole  
Carl Coleman  
James Coleman  
Thomas Cornwell & Family  
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  
Ryan Flum  
The Fortier Family  
The Fox Family  
Mike Franchino  
Eugene Franciscus  
Kathryn Franklin  
Joe Freire  
Sue Frost  
Jim Gallagher  
Carmen Garcia  
Jack & Marge Gillen  
Rita Gliottone  
Rick Gonzalez  
Rosemary Haeffelin  
Susan Hallahan  
Nan Hallbick  
The Harker Family  
Elizabeth Harrison  
Lilian Hills  
Susan Hori  
Iolanda Iacobelli  
Linda Iacobelli Bennett  
The Joseph Floryance Family  
Vincent Kater  
Paul Kennedy  
Peggy Kiernan  
Debbie Kinney  
Dewey Kolbo  
Andrea Krohn  
Helen Kuhn  
Lillian Lachance  
The Lamelin Family  
Roland & Christopher Lawrence  
Brandon LeBlanc  
The Dave Leisle Family  
Jeremiah Lemus  
Claudia Leue  
Dave Leue  
The Paul Leue Family  
The Lilly Family  
Ashley Load  
Cassandra Loretto  
Lauren Loretto  
James MacArthur  
Joaquin Maldonado  
Chandler May  
Jeff McCoy  
Bob McWilliams  
Joyce Meehan  
Kalei Mendiola  
Bill Metzger  
Phyllis Minaya  
June Mitchell  
June Montgomery  
Nancy Moore  
Elizabeth Muehlbacher  
Conrad Murphy  
Margie Myers  
Richard Obsitnik  
Bernadette Padovan  
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  
Pete Serle & Family  
Bob, Joan, & Julie Shea  
Elizabeth Shirzad  
Richard Sikora  
Jeanne Sisson  
Beth Snyder  
Mike Snyder  
Nick Softau  
Jeanette Spangler  
Fred & Gilda Spiegel  
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  
Vanessa Vitiello  
Barbara Voelpel  
Kevin Watson-Graff  
John Whitton  
Helen Wodyka  
Erin Young  
Patricia Zavala

### Calendar Highlights

More details at [www.stmoside.org](http://www.stmoside.org),  
Schedule and Calendar

Nov 3-4 Knights of Columbus  
Tootsie Roll Drive

Nov 4 Liturgy of the Word for  
Children at 8:30am Mass

Nov 4 RE.A.CH Classes at Church

Nov 4 Catholicism Video Series  
Part 2

Nov 5-8 Restaurant Fundraiser at  
Fellicia's Italian

Nov 6 Election Day—  
*Remember to Vote!*

Nov 10-11 St. Bonaventure  
Clothing Drive

Nov 11 Liturgy of the Word for  
Children at 8:30am Mass

Nov 11 RE.A.CH Classes at Church

Nov 13-14 Restaurant Fundraiser at  
Elephant Bar

Nov 18 Hymn Festival

Nov 18 RE.A.CH High School Mini  
Course

Nov 22 Thanksgiving Day—Mass  
at 9:00am

Nov 22 Thanksgiving Dinner at  
STM

Nov 23 Parish Office and Chapel  
closed for the holiday

Dec 8 Immaculate Conception of  
the Blessed Virgin Mary—  
Masses at 8:15am and  
7:00pm

**2013**

Jan 6 Stewardship Appreciation  
Reception

Jan 12-31 Stewardship Awareness/  
Renewal

Jan 25 Preview of Interior Church  
Elements

Mar 17 New Member Reception

Apr 21 Towers of Faith Reception

June 7 Second Annual STM Gala

Jul 15-19 Vacation Bible School:  
*Kingdom Rock!*

### 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

November 5 Sr. Patricia Weldon, OSF
November 6 Sr. Donna Wencel, OP
November 7 Sr. Anne Wentz, RSCJ
November 8 Sr. Maria Elena Whitney, SJS
November 9 Sr. Helen Louise Williams, CSJ
November 10 Sr. Ara Young, OCD
November 11 Sr. Jo Ceal Young, RSM

### 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  
Msgt. Paul Weisinger, USMC  
Major Seth Wolcott, USMC

**Welcome New Parishioner**

Dorothy Evans

**Congratulations to**

**Masako & Carl Streling**

who celebrate their 59th wedding anniversary November 5

**Kathy & Paul Santy**

who celebrate their 20th wedding anniversary November 7

*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 **John Walsh** in memory of his mother Kathryn Walsh.

**In Memoriam**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

**Larry Fortier**, who died on October 30. Funeral arrangements are pending. Please keep his wife Linda 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.*

**Annual Catholic Appeal—We Made It!**

Thanks to everyone who helped us reach our goal of \$48,000! If you haven't had a chance to contribute, it's not too late. 80% of any extra contributions will be returned to us—the other 20% will go to help Parishes in Imperial County.

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.

**STM Scrip News**

Our Parish has more than 1,235 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](http://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](http://www.stmoside.org), click on Contact Us, then click on Scrip
3. Email at [scrip@stmoside.org](mailto: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**

**Election Day is Tuesday, November 6  
Remember to Vote!**

**Christmas Angel Ministry 2012-2013**

The next Christmas Angel meeting is this Wednesday, November 7, at 7:00pm on the lower level. Please join us if you are interested in our holiday ministry. We will be working on new ornaments for the tree and will review our plans for the next two months. We welcome angels of every age!

*John & Marti Harper • [4johnnysangel@cox.net](mailto:4johnnysangel@cox.net) • 760-724-1181*

**St. Bonaventure Mission Clothing Drive**

On November 10-11, the Knights of Columbus will be collecting donated items for the Navajo Indians served by the St. Bonaventure Mission in New Mexico. The mission needs all types of gently-used clothing (infant, toddler, teen, and adult sizes), bedding, towels, pots and pans, and toys (used but not abused). Place donations in large plastic bags and bring to the church before or after weekend Masses on November 10 or 11. If you have questions, call Dick at 760-295-1431.

**Thanksgiving Pies for Brother Benno's**

For the past 15 years, St. Thomas More has been providing the dessert for Brother Benno's Thanksgiving feast for the poor. Last year your generosity was so overwhelming that there was enough for seconds. Please help again by bringing apple or pumpkin pies to the Parish Office by 12:00noon on Wednesday, November 21. Bring a touch of holiday joy to those in need.

**Heartnotes**

Congratulations to new Adult CPR/AED graduates:

Jose Zosa, Gabrielle Azzaro, Julie Benner, Linda Tusei, Cristina Tusei, Tina Davare, Kenneth Kern, Frances Kern, Fohlen Ian Tallod

The next Adult CPR/AED class will take place on Saturday, November 10th from 9 a.m. until noon. Contact: 760-732-1414 or [drphilg@cox.net](mailto:drphilg@cox.net). Cost is \$37 per person.

**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.

**A Retreat at Sea!**

I will be leading a “Retreat at Sea” on a cruise from Miami Beach to Rio de Janeiro in November 2013. Flyers are available in the Parish Office or at the information table on the Plaza after Masses.

There will be a “No Obligation” information meeting on Sunday, November 4, at 12:00 noon, on the lower level of the Parish Center. Please RSVP to Henny at [hennyj@stmoside.org](mailto:hennyj@stmoside.org) or 760-758-4100 x100 if you will be attending. —Fr. Mike Ratajczak

## Parish Events

### Women's Guild News

Next Board Meeting will be on Monday, November 5 at 10:15am at my house.

Our next General Meeting will be held on Monday, November 12, at 11:00am on the lower level. We will be hosting "Harvest Bingo," with a great luncheon. Hope to see you there. Please call me at 760-295-0059 or Siggie at 760-994-4727 to make a reservation. Don't miss this fun meeting. If you are not a member and would like to find out more about the STM Women's Guild, you are welcome to attend.

Just a chuckle—I've heard the best vitamin for a Christian is B1.

—Vera Bayliss, President

### Thanksgiving Dinner

Our Parish family will be hosting their 8th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 22, at 1:00pm. A traditional Thanksgiving Dinner will be provided. If you would like to bring an appetizer or a dessert, it will be welcomed. Please RSVP per the invitation on the information table or call the Parish Office at 760-758-4100 x100. We look forward to celebrating the holiday with you!

### K of C Entertainment Books and More!

The Knights of Columbus will be selling Entertainment Books for \$40 on the Plaza after weekend Masses, as well as Christmas cards and "Keep Christ in Christmas" magnets, 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.

### 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. Books can be purchased on line or at most retail bookstores. For more information, contact [womensministry@stmoside.org](mailto:womensministry@stmoside.org).

### Men's Fellowship

Next meeting is on Friday, November 9, at 7:00pm. This is an opportunity to catch up with and fellowship with some of the men you have developed friendships with over the course of our many men's fellowship opportunities, be it one of the Men's Retreats, our monthly Friday night men's fellowship, the Saturday morning's TMIY gathering or if you just want to meet some new guys and have never been involved with men's fellowship before.

We will be serving dinner and refreshments. We will also have a short talk and spend the night fellowshiping with good company. We will be accepting a free will offering to help cover our men's fellowship expenses. Please RSVP to [johnf@stmoside.org](mailto:johnf@stmoside.org).

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

### November 1 Response Statistics

#### TWO Months to Go!

<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>\$505,263</b>
<b>Collected to Date</b>	<b>\$475,490</b>



† Thanks to the 696 dedicated households (67% of the Parish) who have helped us to exceed our \$500,000 campaign 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!**

† **Please remember that it is key for all of us to complete our building fund payments through December to collect this \$500,000 goal!**

[www.stmoside.org](http://www.stmoside.org); click on Our New Church.

Chris Smith, Director of Stewardship and Development

760-758-4100 x120 or [chris@stmoside.org](mailto:chris@stmoside.org)

### Vocations

In today's Gospel, Jesus repeats the commandment of the first reading as the greatest commandment: "...love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength," and then gives a second commandment to "...love your neighbor as yourself." Do you have a calling to help God's people fulfill these commandments as a priest, deacon, or religious? If so, and you want to investigate this calling, contact Deacon Tom at [thomasgoeltz@aol.com](mailto:thomasgoeltz@aol.com) or 760-727-8442.

### 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 non-members 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.

# Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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

## FAITH, NOT FEAR

### Scripture themes for November

by Patricia Datchuck  
Sánchez and Rafael  
Sánchez Alonso,  
excerpted from  
Celebration  
November 2012,  
with permission.

Each November, the church, in its wisdom, reminds believers that ours is a transient existence and that the world, as we know it, will be no more at some unpredictable moment.

Although ours is not a perfect world—any one of us could construct a lengthy list of its problems, sins, and failures—no one is particularly eager for it to end. In fact, many of us tend to go through our lives oblivious to the notion that life is a fragile gift we borrow for only a while before offering it back to God. Or we fritter away our time, energy, and peace of mind worrying about where, when, and how the end shall come, for the world or for our own lives. But November brings with it the challenge to focus on our present existence and our commitment to God, to Christ, to the church, and to one another.

Setting the tone for our renewed commitment are the first reading (Deuteronomy) and Gospel (Mark) for Nov. 4. Both texts focus on what is to be every believer's daily agenda. Both texts set the priority we are to embrace, and inspire the attitude and the actions that will identify us as Jesus' disciples: Love God with all your heart, soul, understanding and strength. Love your neighbor as yourself.

As William J. Bausch has noted, this teaching, forever enshrined in our texts and in our liturgies, must also be enshrined in our lives (*Once upon a Gospel*, Twenty-Third Pub., New London, Conn.: 2008). Our love for God and for our neighbor needs the flesh and blood of everyday-ness to get into our hearts, into our conduct.

Teresa of Avila (1515–1582) urged her sisters and brothers in the faith to take this teaching to heart and make it come true in their daily

lives. She wrote: "Christ has no body but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes with which he looks compassionately on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world." If we allow grace to convince us of the great Spanish mystic's insight, and if, by grace, we begin to live in accordance with the conviction her words express, then the challenge of Jesus will be enshrined within us and, through us, in our world. This being so, thoughts of the end time should not fill us with dread but with hope and joy.

Daniel's visions, which are revisited on Nov. 18 and 25, and the vision of John the Seer (Nov. 25) tell us that the end for which we wait in hope will be ushered in and presided over by the glorious Son of Man. As the Gospels attest, this Son of Man is Jesus, whose salvific death and conquest of sin have given redeemed sinners a reason to hope for eternity. On Nov. 4, 11, and 18, we hear the author of Hebrews celebrate Jesus' unique and perfect sacrifice and peerless high-priesthood. At each Eucharist, we remember and celebrate Jesus' saving sacrifice and are fed with the bread of the word and the eucharistic bread that sustains us on our way.

Sometimes our way seems fraught with difficulties that shake our confidence and dim our hope. During those times, we might recall the two widows featured on Nov. 11. One widow and her son were about to die of a famine in their land. They could have refused what seemed to be a rather thoughtless request from Elijah. But when the prophet asked for food, they gave him the little they had. They held nothing back. So it was with the woman of Mark's



Gospel. She could have kept one coin of the two she offered to the temple treasury. But she did not; she held nothing back.

Some of us might think these women were foolish and not very practical. We are always trying to secure our futures; we tend to place practicality above the utter abandon that arises from hope and trust in God. But authentic Christian commitment is, more often than not, quite impractical. Loving God fully and holding nothing back will require frequent departures from our comfort zones. Loving our neighbor as ourselves will lead us to places of vulnerability we may never have chosen to venture. But such is the challenge set before each of us today.

Holding nothing back, placing our trust in God and finding our base of security only in lasting realities, we surrender the liturgical year now passing and embrace the new year with hope. With courage and strength that can only be found in grace, let us dare to take Jesus at his word and love fully and freely. Leaving prudence and practicality aside, let us dare to live the Gospel with such conviction that our goodness and holiness will become contagious. Then, when the end does finally come, faith will allay all our fears.

### Upcoming Music



**NOVEMBER 11**  
**32nd Sunday in**  
**Ordinary Time**



**5:00pm Mass**  
Handbell Choir  
**8:30am Mass**  
Sanctuary Choir

**10:30am Mass**  
Praise Team

## Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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### Sunday is a RE.A.CH day at Church

*(It's two weeks in a row at Church  
During November and December!)*

### Buy A Water Buffalo!

The Youth Justice Foundation will return to the Plaza next weekend, November 10 and 11, with a variety of freshly purchased 3.5 oz bars of Equal Exchange Fairly Traded Chocolate for \$4 each.

Proceeds from this month's sales will go toward the donation of a WATER BUFFALO through Heifer International. These gentle giants provide families in need with milk and with help sowing their fields.

*Treat your taste buds,  
support economic justice  
and encourage our Parish teens to buy a water buffalo!*



### Little Books for Advent

The Little Blue Book for the Advent-Christmas Season is now available.

Many Parishioners look forward to these six-minute meditations as a way to make a very hectic season

HOLY. They also enjoy mailing them to friends and relatives.

The Little Blue Book contains daily reflections on the Sunday Gospels.

The booklet is designed to fit easily into your purse or pocket, and always comes with a plain paper cover so you can use it in public places without being disturbed. It is a great tool for patience when waiting in endless lines!

Your \$2 donation is appreciated to help cover the cost of the book.

They are available, while supply lasts, at the Information Table, or on the Lower Level of the Parish Center.



### PBJ Update

(Food for children  
at the Emergency Crisis Center)

2012 GOAL: 365 jars  
Collected to date: 313 jars



### Opportunities to (in)form your faith this week:

#### Sunday

Attend the  
**CATHOLICISM  
SERIES, Part 2**  
Sunday evening  
from 5:00-6:30pm  
on the upper level stage.  
Bring a friend!

#### Monday

Clean out your closet and ask friends and neighbors as well to gather items for the St. Bonaventure Clothing Drive next weekend.

#### Tuesday

VOTE !!

#### Wednesday

Join the Youth and Young Adults for a Holy Hour of prayer and music from 5:30 to 6:30pm.

#### Friday

DO something today about the question from last Sunday's homily.

#### Saturday

*That Man Is You!* continues at 6:45am and men can still join in.

# Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

Chris Smith  
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## Christian Stewardship On Our Way to the New Jerusalem

In the Eucharistic celebration's first reading on the Feast of All Saints, we hear proclaimed John's vision of the glory of the New Jerusalem. Here, all things will be made new, washed by the blood of the Lamb, in perfect love, peace and justice—a new heaven and a new earth.

We who live in this war-torn world and divided country know that we have not attained the New Jerusalem for which our Christian hearts long.

But Christian stewards are people of hope. They participate in their duties of citizenship because they believe democracy provides the best opportunity to make a better world.

Some Christians decline to vote because no candidate aligns perfectly with their Christian convictions. They hold that Jesus would not have us vote for "the lesser of evils." And we know that neither party nor candidate offers us a complete, clear Christian vision.

But we do not yet live in the New Jerusalem. Our choices are not always easy in this imperfect world. But exercising good stewardship over our right to vote remains our duty in meeting the challenge of those enduring words of Edmund Burke, the Irish statesman who said, "All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men (and women) to do nothing."

The Catholic Catechism (CCC, no. 2240) makes it clear that Catholics have a moral responsibility to vote.

We also have a responsibility as Christian stewards to pray before we journey to the polls; pray that the Lord will grant us wisdom as we cast our ballot; pray that God's will be accomplished in this election.

We pray that those who hold positions of authority over us, both now and after the election, will seek God's will as they confront a myriad of complex issues.

—ICSC Catholic Stewardship, 2012 (with permission)



*On a completely personal note, I have voted in every election since I registered to vote (many years ago!)*

*Perhaps that is because I've lived and traveled abroad and realize how fortunate we are to live in America.*

*We live in a land of opportunity and that is a blessing. Let's do our part to keep it that way by casting our 'personal vote' in this and every election! ~Chris*

**"All that is necessary for the triumph of evil, is for good men and women to do nothing."**

—Edmund Burke

## 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 27/28, 2012

Number of Registered Households		1,039
Offertory*	\$	5,565.51
Offertory (Loose Collection)		984.00
Children's envelopes		2.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,551.51</b>

\* 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](mailto:parish_office@stmoside.org).

### St. Francis and St. Thomas More Offertory Envelopes

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## News and Information from the Larger Church

**The Center for Christian Spirituality at the University of San Diego** has a great line up of fall events. Visit [www.sandiego.edu/ccs](http://www.sandiego.edu/ccs) for more details.

**St. Augustine Catholic High School (for boys) Open House**—Sunday, 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](http://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.

**The Elizabeth Hospice Fall Volunteer Training**—November 27, 28, and 29, 8:30am-3:00pm, at the Escondido Chamber of Commerce, 720 N. Broadway, Escondido. For more information, contact 760-737-2050.

**Brother Benno's Auxiliary Annual Luncheon**—Saturday, December 1, 10:30am, at the Sheraton Carlsbad Resort & Spa. Includes lunch, door prizes, opportunity baskets, "Name Game" cash drawing, and silent auction. Tickets are \$50 individual or \$500 for a table of ten. For tickets and information, please call Vera Bayliss at 760-295-0059.

**Casa de Molina/Friends of the Poor Annual Children's Christmas Party**—Saturday, December 15, 4833 Morning

## News from St. Francis Church

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St. Thomas More families share equal priority consideration for enrollment and tuition as St. Francis Church Parishioners. For information call 760-630-7960, visit us at [www.sfs-vista.org](http://www.sfs-vista.org).



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](mailto: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](mailto:fwgrant@gmail.com).

### 24/7 Catholic Radio—AM 1000—San Diego

Free program guides and bumper stickers available from our Parish ambassador on the Plaza after weekend Masses.

Visit [ihradio.com/sandiego](http://ihradio.com/sandiego)

### Catholics Come Home

Do you have a family member, friend, or co-worker who has left the Catholic Church? If so, encourage them to visit [www.CatholicsComeHome.org](http://www.CatholicsComeHome.org).

### Young Adult Ministry Activities

Visit [www.yamsd.org](http://www.yamsd.org) for complete information on events for young adults, including *Theology on Tap* series, *How to Start and Grow a Young Adult Ministry* training on November 17, Christmas Gala on December 8, and outreach projects.

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

### Marriage & Family Life Corner

The Divorce Healing Ministry of St. Luke's Parish invites those going through a separation and divorce to a 12-week program of recovery entitled, *The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide*. Our support group meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, from 7:00-9:00pm at the Church of St. Luke, 1980 Hillsdale Rd., El Cajon, CA 92019. You can start and end the series at any time. No charge. Seating limited; call to reserve your place with us: 619-401-6445.

**The Bishops' Letter on Marriage—Pornography:** "Pornography, particularly internet pornography, is a serious threat to marital chastity and is gravely immoral. The Internet has made pornography readily accessible within the privacy of one's home. Using pornography can quickly become an addiction that erodes trust and intimacy between husband and wife and, in some cases, leads to the breakup of the common life of the spouses." To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

**Marriage Moments**— "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Mk 12:31) This presumes that you do indeed have a humble but honest self-love. Keep yourself healthy as a gift to your closest neighbor, your spouse. Yes, this includes getting exercise and not smoking or drinking excessively.

**Parenting Pointers**—November is Adoption Month. Have you ever considered adopting or becoming a foster parent? This may not be your call but you might still mentor a child who needs a little more attention. Remember, Jesus was a foster child.

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



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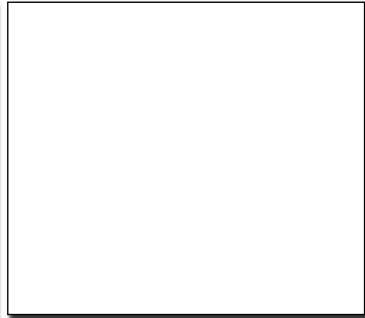
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# 2012 . . . “A Time to Build”

(Transcript of Capital Campaign Chairman Bill Ipsen’s update on November 3-4, 2012)

Good morning!

I’m Bill Ipsen, and as Chairman of the Capital Campaign, I am pleased to provide our parish with a current update as we begin the building of our new Church and Parish Offices.



And speaking of beginning construction, as you were able to see on your way into Mass today...and it is no illusion...we are in the beginning stages of preparation to commence the building of our new Church and Parish Offices. I have been walking through the construction site to view the activity, and will have more on that shortly.

But first, on behalf of all of the people working on our capital campaign, and most especially our Pastor, I would like to extend a sincere THANK YOU to all of our Parish family, for the many years of sacrifice and giving which has allowed us to finally reach our goal. We have been successful in obtaining this great site, building and completely paying for our current multi-purpose center, acquiring and paying for the five acres of adjacent land for future expansion; the success of the numerous capital campaigns throughout the years, including, I am pleased to announce, our last campaign 2012: Phase 2.1, which reached our goal of \$500,000!!! Of course, I need to have everyone continue to finish their pledge payments completely, in order to collect the entire \$500,000.

So much credit goes to so many members of our congregation over these years. This not only includes all those involved in the pledge process, but all those involved in the myriad of fund raising activities that have contributed monies toward our campaigns. We are greatly indebted to all of you! And perhaps even better news, we will now begin the transition from

capital campaigns and pledges to our mortgage phase. This means that after ten years, I will no longer be asking you to become involved in another one- or two- or three-year fund raising event. I think this bears repeating...I will no longer be asking you to become involved in a one- or two- or three-year fund raising event. I know that alone will put a smile on many faces in the congregation...including mine! However, you have not heard the last from me, because with construction comes a mortgage! I will touch on that subject later in this update.

The work of the Interior Design Committee is nearing completion, which means that all of our artists are hard at work creating all of the interior elements for the Church; like the altar, the ambo, the crucifix, the tabernacle, the Marian shrine, the St. Thomas More shrine, as well as many other pieces. Please refer to last week’s bulletin or the Parish website ([www.stmoside.org](http://www.stmoside.org)) for exciting news and information regarding these plans.

In a recent announcement in our bulletin, Fr. Mike has indicated that our last fiscal year budget was balanced. However, as most of us know, we have had a small deficit from fiscal year ending 2010 of approximately \$28,000, which must be carried over to this year’s operating budget. While balancing our operating budget is the first priority, it should be noted, and I have discussed this on several

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occasions, that once our new Church and Parish Offices are complete, we will have more building space to maintain, which will require additional funding through our annual budget. This means there will need to be an increase in our weekly/monthly offerings in order to maintain our campus. We are confident once our new Church is complete that we will attract new Parishioners to our Parish community. At the same time, we as a community must plan for this additional expense in our annual budget. The simple fact is, we will have three buildings on our campus, one of which is now almost 12 years old. Paul Ibbetson and our Finance Council will be busy planning for the additional expense in our operating budgets following completion of construction. As we look down the road, the congregation must be aware that our ability to continue the support of our Parish community through weekly/monthly contributions will be even more important.

As we look forward to the phasing out of capital campaigns, we must also address the long term support needed to retire the \$5.4 million dollar mortgage we now assume from the Diocese. At this point, I would like to address what we will now call our mortgage phase.

We are all familiar with mortgage payments and interest or credit card interest, and we all know that the more we can place as a deposit toward our mortgage, the greater amount we will save in interest over a long period of time. I'm sure many of us here today have all experienced at one time or another that purchase of a \$1,500 refrigerator which we put on a credit card and paid off in three or four years...all \$4,000 of it!

So today as we prepare for the beginning of our build out, I am going to ask everyone in our congregation to please give some prayerful consideration to CONTINUING to provide financial support in the same manner we did when we had capital campaigns, in an effort to reduce the initial amount of principle of our mortgage, which will save us many thousands of dollars in interest over the life

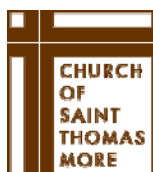
of the mortgage. All additional funds collected will continue to be directed toward our initial deposit. And please remember, checks of any size are appreciated...NO check is too small, and certainly no check is too large!

Many of us have been accustomed to providing a specific amount of our giving to the capital campaign and we are hopeful that the majority of our Parishioners will continue to direct those specific funds toward our down payment program. And for those of you who have not been able to be involved in our capital campaigns up to this point, I would encourage you to please consider making a monthly offering and direct it to the down payment program of our mortgage phase. On that subject, I have some great news to share with you. We recently received a very generous gift in the amount of \$147,500 which was directed to our mortgage deposit fund from the estate of a Parishioner through the Towers of Faith. With our Towers of Faith program, there are several other pending estate gifts also to be directed to our mortgage phase.

In future updates, we will provide you with all the information regarding our monies on deposit, our mortgage, and our mortgage payments to the diocese, as well as building updates throughout our construction phase. Also, we will keep you informed about the Finance Council and its efforts regarding the operations budget in light of an expanded campus of not one building but three!

As I close, I would again like to thank the members of all the Councils and Committees who have worked very hard to get us to this exciting place, our Pastor, Fr. Mike, for his leadership over the last nine years; but most of all to you...our congregation...for your continued support and belief that one day we would really be building a new Church. That time has now come! The time is now! Let us all drink in the excitement of the coming months as we see the buildings rise in our midst. Buildings that will be used to give glory and praise to our God!

Thank you!



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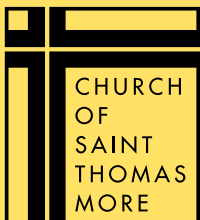
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