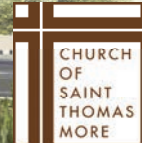


# Church of St. Thomas More

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 18, 2012 • Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Pastor's Column

### In the Season of Thanksgiving—A Lifetime of Gratitude

In this month of November, in a special way, due to the national holiday of Thanksgiving, we turn our thoughts to thankfulness and gratitude. Hopefully, gratitude is not a seasonal “thing,” but a way of life for us.

Our lives as Catholics are based on the Eucharist. We are a Eucharistic people. The word Eucharist means “thanksgiving.” We begin and end each day with a prayer of gratitude for all that God has given and continues to give, if we are only aware!

As we make our way to Thanksgiving Day, may it be a time that propels us to be a thankful people not only in season, but also all year long.

What prayer will you pray as family and friends gather together around the Thanksgiving Dinner Table? I encourage you to make sure that a prayer is said before the meal is served!

In the event that you are looking for a special prayer to be prayed, I share with you the “The Canticle of the Creatures” by St. Francis of Assisi:

*Most High, all powerful, good God, all praise is yours,  
all glory, all honor, and all blessing.*

*To you, alone, Most High, do they belong.*

*No mortal lips are worthy to pronounce your name.*



*All praise be yours, my God, through all you have made,  
and first my lord Brother Sun, who brings the day;  
and through whom you give us light.*

*How beautiful is he, how radiant in all his splendor;  
of you, Most High, he bears the likeness.*

*All praise be yours, my God, through Sister Moon and the  
stars;  
in the heavens you have made them, bright, precious, and fair.*

*All praise be yours, my God, through Brothers wind and air,  
and fair and stormy,  
all the weather's moods, by which you cherish  
all that you have made.*

*All praise be yours, my God, through Sister Water,  
so useful, humble, precious, and pure.*

*All praise be yours, my God, through Brother Fire,  
through whom you brighten up the night.  
How beautiful is he, how cheerful! Full of power and  
strength.*

*All praise be yours, my God, through our Sister Mother Earth,  
who sustains us and governs us,  
and produces various fruits with colored flowers and herbs.*

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## 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.*

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

*All praise be yours, my God, through those  
who grant pardon for love of you;  
through those who endure sickness and trial.*

*Happy are those who endure in peace,  
by You, Most High, they will be crowned.*

*All praise be yours, my God, through Sister Death,  
from whose embrace no mortal can escape.*

*Woe to those who die in their sins!*

*Happy those she finds doing your will!*

*The second death can do them no harm.*

*Praise and bless my God, and give God thanks  
And serve God with great humility.*

As you plan your calendars for Thanksgiving Day, I encourage you to make morning Mass a part of the day. Our Mass on Thanksgiving Day here at St. Thomas More will be on Thursday, November 22, at 9:00am. Hope to see you there!

*F. Mike*

### 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 18** (158)  
*Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Daniel 12:1-3  
Psalm 16:5,8-11  
Hebrews 10:11-14,18  
Mark 13:24-32

**Monday, November 19** (497)

Revelation 1:1-4;2:1-5  
Psalm 1:1-4,6  
Luke 18:35-43

**Tuesday, November 20** (498)

Revelation 3:1-6,14-22  
Psalm 15:2-5  
Luke 19:1-10

**Wednesday, November 21** (499)

*The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Revelation 4:1-11  
Psalm 150:1-6  
Luke 19:11-28

**Thursday, November 22** (943-946)

*Cecilia, virgin, martyr*  
Sirach 50:22-24  
Psalm 113:1-8

1 Corinthians 1:3-9  
Luke 17:11-19

**Friday, November 23** (501)

*Clement I, pope, martyr; Columban, abbot; Miguel Agustin Pro, priest, martyr*

Revelation 10:8-11  
Psalm 119:14,24,72,103,111,131  
Luke 19:45-48

**Saturday, November 24** (502)

*Andrew Dũng-Lạc, priest, and companions, martyrs*

Revelation 11:4-12  
Psalm 144:1-2,9-10  
Luke 20:27-40

**Sunday, November 25** (161)

*Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

Daniel 7:13-14  
Psalm 93:1-2,5  
Revelation 1:5-8  
John 18:33b-37

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

Mary Alexander  
Lucia Ambriz  
Mary Balli  
Jose Luis Barbosa  
Patricia Barbour  
Barbara Barter  
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  
Shelby Campbell  
Brianna Campos  
Claudia Caplinger  
Paul Cassidy  
Dick Clarke  
Dolly Cole  
Carl Coleman  
James Coleman  
Thomas Cornwall & Family  
Lené Crowe  
Karen Flaharty Daley  
Beverly de Gelder  
Stephanie de Villeneuve  
Judith DiMatteo  
Art Dossman  
Dave Dossman  
John Drazkowski, Jr.  
La Vonne Dumas  
Sharon Evans  
The Fiore Family  
The Fischer Family  
Ryan Flum  
The Fortier Family  
The Fox Family  
Mike Franchino  
Eugene Franciscus  
Kathryn Franklin  
Joe Freire  
Brian Frink  
Jim Gallagher  
Carmen Garcia  
Jack & Marge Gillen  
The Gliottone Family  
Rick Gonzalez  
Rosemary Haeffelin  
Susan Hallahan  
Nan Hallbick  
The Harker Family  
Elizabeth Harrison  
Lilian Hills  
Susan Hori  
Iolanda Iacobelli  
Linda Iacobelli Bennett  
Sue Johnston  
The Kater Family  
Paul Kennedy  
Peggy Kiernan  
Debbie Kinney  
Dewey Kolbo  
Sr. Anne Kremenik  
Helen Kuhn  
Lillian Lachance  
The Lamelin Family  
Christopher Lawrence  
Roland Lawrence  
Brandon LeBlanc  
The Dave Leisle Family  
Jeffrey Leonardi  
Jeremiah Lemus  
Claudia Leué  
The Paul Leué 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  
Art Palle  
Lupe Casas Pelletier  
Helen Pingtella  
Marilyn Pirkola  
Douglas Price-Williams  
Barbara Ramm  
Mrs. Jack (Shirley) Riley  
Rita Ritchie  
Adela Rivera  
Elena Rivera  
The Roberts Family  
Maria Rogers  
Dorothy Rouse  
The Russo Family  
Dan Ryan  
Kimberly Schlunt  
Linda Schmidt  
The Douglas E. Schulte 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  
Dorothy Staehr  
Ted Stanislawski  
The Stringer Family  
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](http://www.stmoside.org),  
Schedule and Calendar

- Nov 18 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
- 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 22-23 Parish Office and Chapel closed for the holiday
- Nov 25 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
- Nov 30 Family Night
- Dec 2 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
- Dec 2 RE.A.CH Classes at Church, including high school
- 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
- Feb 16 Women's Guild Fashion Show at Shadowridge CC
- 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!*
- Sep 21 Treasures 2013
- 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.

November 19	Sr. Mary Amador, RJM
November 20	Sr. Adela Amoroso-Medrano, OLVM
November 21	Sr. Dolores Anchondo, CSJ
November 22	Sr. Mary Jo Anderson, CHS
November 23	Sr. Pia Anderson, OCD
November 24	Sr. Flavia Arellano, CVI
November 25	Sr. Rosemary Babbitt, IHM

Mass Intentions	
Saturday, November 17, 5:00pm	All the deceased members of the Tutino & Lavelle Families ☩
Sunday, November 18, 8:30am	Jennifer Treat ☩
Sunday, November 18, 10:30am	Robert Castro ☩
Tuesday, November 20, 8:15am	Arny Velasco ☩
Wednesday, November 21, 8:15am	John Laub ☩
Thursday, November 22, 9:00am	Robert Daly ☩
Friday, November 23, 8:15am	Joe Sullivan ☩
Saturday, November 24, 5:00pm	Kathleen Scharbarth ☩
Sunday, November 25, 8:30am	Tom & Pat Hannon
Sunday, November 25, 10:30am	For peace in our hearts, our families, and the world

**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

## Congratulations to

### Glory & Bob Hartdegen

who celebrate their 34th wedding anniversary November 23

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

## In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

**Ida Lea Roberts**, who died on September 21. Her funeral was celebrated in Whittier. Please keep her family in your prayers.

**Vincent Kater**, who died on November 2. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, November 27, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep his wife Laura and his family in your prayers.

**Rita Gliottone**, who died on November 3. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated in Orange County. Please keep her family in your prayers.

**Jack Fischer**, who died on November 9. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, December 14, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep 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.*

## Rosary

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



## Collection for National Needs

The envelope attached to the bulletin last week can be used for your contribution to support Black and Indian Missions, the Catholic Home Missions, the Catholic Communication Campaign, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, and the Catholic University of America. You may return the envelopes any time during November. Thank You!

## 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

### Hurricane Sandy Relief

Catholic Charities is accepting contributions for the Hurricane Sandy Storm Relief efforts. Donations can be made at [www.ccdsd.org](http://www.ccdsd.org) or by mailing a check to Catholic Charities, 349 Cedar St., San Diego, CA 92101 (indicate "Hurricane Sandy" in the memo line). 100% of donations will be directed to assist those in the affected area.

### 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.

### Christmas Angel Ministry 2012-2013

You will notice that the tree is up, and this week filled ONLY with stocking-shaped ornaments. We encourage you to take one or more of these ornaments now and return the items listed on them by Sunday, December 2, just in time for the Stocking Stuffing Party on Saturday, December 8.

Then, next week, other ornaments will adorn the tree: angels for boy and girl gifts, snowflakes for gift cards, and gingerbread men for the Camp Pendleton Naval Hospital family adoptions.

We will have posters on the Plaza highlighting information and due dates for each type of ornament. Thank you, Parishioners, for your overwhelming generosity towards this annual Christmas gift drive!

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

### Donations of Christmas Cards Needed for Inmates to Send to Their Families

The Office for Social Ministry's Restorative Justice Program coordinates the distribution of Christmas cards each year to jails, prisons, and detention facilities.

Needed: boxes of unsigned Christmas cards, especially Spanish language cards. Please, no cards containing pieces that can be removed or cards which request donations to an organization.

Mail cards to: Office for Social Ministry, Diocese of San Diego, P.O. Box 85728, San Diego, CA 92186-5728, or deliver them to the diocesan Pastoral Center at 3888 Paducah Dr., San Diego.

Deadline is Monday, December 3.

For more information or questions, contact 858-490-8323 or [jwalsh@diocese-sdiego.org](mailto:jwalsh@diocese-sdiego.org).

### Facing Surgery or a Serious Illness?

If you, a family member or close friend is facing surgery or has been diagnosed with a serious illness, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick can be powerful and comforting.

*For more information, call the Parish Office at 760-758-4100.*

## Parish Events

### Women's Guild News

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone at St. Thomas More. Wishing you and happy and safe Thanksgiving holiday.

Our next Board meeting will be on Monday, December 3 at the Tea Table. We will meeting in the STM parking lot at 10:30am and drive over together.

The next General Meeting will be held on Monday, December 10, at 11:00am on the lower level of the Parish Center. This year we will be celebrating Italy with an Italian luncheon. Don't miss this event. Lots of fun and entertainment.

Please save the date. Our annual Fashion Show will be held on February 16 at Shadowridge Country Club. We are starting to work on all the details now so we have a luncheon/show to remember. Our theme this year is "Fashion Magic" and it will truly be just that. Draper's and Damon's will be featuring their spring clothing line. More details to come in the next two months.

—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.

### Vocations

This Thanksgiving, please say a prayer for a priest, deacon, or religious who has influenced you along the way. If you would like to join them as your life's vocation, contact Deacon Tom at [thomasgoeltz@aol.com](mailto:thomasgoeltz@aol.com) or 760-727-8442.

### 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. —Fr. Mike Ratajczak

### Eucharistic Adoration



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

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

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

### November 8 Response Statistics

#### TWO Months to Go!

<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>\$507,233</b>
<b>Collected to Date</b>	<b>\$493,156</b>



† Thanks to the 703 dedicated households (68% 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 [chriss@stmoside.org](mailto:chriss@stmoside.org)

### Annual Financial Report

The annual financial report for fiscal year ending 2012 is available on the Parish website, [www.stmoside.org](http://www.stmoside.org). Click on Finance under Parish Councils, then click on Parish Financial Report Fiscal Year Ending 2012 on the right side (or visit our Facebook page—[www.facebook.com/StThomasMoreRCC](http://www.facebook.com/StThomasMoreRCC)). For those without internet access, copies are available through the Parish Office during the week.

### 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

## THE OTHER THREE DAYS

### The Order of Christian Funerals – Part II

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*Last week, we explored the role of the Christian funeral in the life of the faith community, and the first part of the three-day rite, the vigil.*

The second part of the three-part Christian funeral is the funeral liturgy itself. Through its ministry at the time of death, the church shows reverence for the body of the deceased and offers comfort and hope to the mourners. The funeral liturgy is the central celebration of the church at the hour of death.

The funeral Mass begins with the reception of the body at the door of the church. The casket or cremains are sprinkled with holy water. The casket is clothed with the pall in reminder of baptism, and other Christian symbols may also be placed on the casket once it is brought to rest in the assembly. The Easter candle burns before the body, silently proclaiming Christ as light in our darkness. It reminds us that in baptism we died with Christ so that we might also live with Christ. Family and friends are nourished with the word of God and the body and blood of Christ. After communion comes the final commendation. Signs of farewell are made to the body of our loved one: It might be sprinkled again with the holy water of baptism and enclosed in a cloud of perfumed smoke which rises to the heavens. We sing a song of farewell as this is done. Then we process to the door, and beyond, to the place of rest, for the third and final part of the Christian funeral.

God the Creator made Adam and Eve out of the dust of the earth, breathing into each of them divine fire, the spark of life which we call the soul. It is fitting, then, when one of our loved ones has died, that we return the body to God through committing it to the ground, to the

fire, or to the sea. And we mark this momentous act with a rite, the third and last part of the Order of Christian Funerals, the rite of committal. It is a brief and poignant gesture whereby we “give back” this one whom we have loved so much in sure hope that one day again we will be together, with all the saints and angels in the city of God. The rite of committal begins with an invitation to prayer, a kind of reassembling after the procession. A short verse from scripture is proclaimed. A prayer is said over the place of committal. Some final intercessions for the loved one and the mourners are said, summed up the Lord’s Prayer. This is a significant moment—the last time we will say the prayer that Christ taught us over the body. A concluding prayer is said and a blessing offered over the people.

Accompanied by words of scripture and blessing, the actual interment of the body or inurnment of the cremains takes place in the presence of the mourners. This is the core of what we have come to do. In this way the church invites us to see our loved one’s final resting place not as a place of despair, but as a sign of



hope and promise. A simple gesture such as placing a flower or soil upon the casket, or sprinkling the casket or urn with holy water may conclude the ritual, serving as the final farewell of the assembly and each person in it. By participating in these final actions, the community again fulfills its Gospel call to support those who mourn, thereby sharing in their time of sorrow and strengthening the family of faith.

### Upcoming Music

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**NOVEMBER 25**  
**Christ the King**

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**5:00pm Mass**

Praise Team

**8:30am Mass**

Handbell Choir  
 Sanctuary Choir

**10:30am Mass**

Handbell Choir  
 Sanctuary Choir

## SINGING GLORY TO GOD!

A Celebration of Songs of Praise

A HYMN FESTIVAL HOSTED BY THE  
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## Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

Kathleen Bell  
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Sunday is a RE.A.CH day at Home  
(Check your Annual Plan)

### PBJ Update

(Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center at Catholic Charities in Vista)



2012 GOAL: 365 jars  
2012 TOTAL: 320 jars !

Our "count" ends with the church year next Sunday! Our goal is always a jar a day for the year . . . will we make it this year?

Thank you for keeping the children in your thoughts!

✿ 2006 = 543  
✿ 2007 = 501  
✿ 2008 = 631  
✿ 2009 = 649  
✿ 2010 = 573  
✿ 2011 = 429  
✿ 2012 = ?

*"When did I see you hungry and feed you?"  
"Amen, I say to you,  
whatever you did for one of these least children of mine,  
you did for me."*

Matthew 25

### Little Blue Books for Advent/Christmas Season

This little booklet contains six-minute practical daily reflections on the Sunday Gospels.

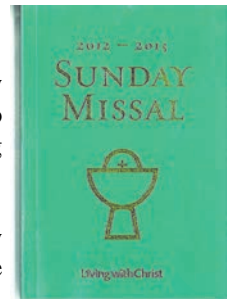
The booklet is designed to fit easily into your purse or pocket, and always comes with a plain paper cover so you can use it in public places without being disturbed. It is a great tool for patience when waiting in endless lines!

Advent begins the weekend of December 1-2. Get yours while supply lasts.

### Sunday Missal

A limited supply of the 2013 Sunday Missal is available for those who like to prepare the readings before attending Mass. They are \$5.

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



The **Youth Justice Foundation** thanks you for your continued support!

Using proceeds from this month's Fair Trade Chocolate sales, we were able to donate a water buffalo through Heifer International. Your generosity just sparked a cycle of giving . . . a cycle that will transform lives for generations to come.

Heifer recipients receive months of training in how to care for their animal; sell the milk, eggs or other products at market; and restore the environment. Passing on this knowledge as well as the offspring of the gift animal is at the heart of Heifer's model which has been ending hunger and poverty for over 60 years.



# Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

Chris Smith  
Director of Stewardship & Development  
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## Stewards Keeping God in Thanksgiving

Every December, we hear much talk of “keeping Christ in Christmas.” But sometimes in the national discussion of Thanksgiving in the United States, we talk about being thankful but leave out God as the source of all. Good stewards never miss an opportunity to thank God. Here are some suggestions for “keeping God in Thanksgiving.”

- † Many Parishes see as many people attend Mass on Thanksgiving Day as on holy days of obligation. Make sure you’re in the crowd, and bring your kids to say thank you to God on this special day.
- † Food banks and shelters need food all year long, but many launch special drives on Thanksgiving. Fill up your trunk with donations, and make clear you are acting out of a spirit of gratitude to God.
- † Line up a trip to help at a soup kitchen, food bank, or meal delivery service on Thanksgiving or sometime near the feast. This can be especially beneficial to children, but everyone who experiences the needs of others appreciates not only what they have, but the fellowship they share with those who may have less.
- † Make grace at your family feast especially memorable. Let people know ahead of time that they will be asked to name a person, a situation, an experience, for which they are grateful to a loving God.
- † Make that phrase, “thank God,” a little more frequent and sincere in your conversation. Don’t be afraid to use the language of a grateful steward.
- † Set time aside this month to pray over some experience in your life that was difficult for you. Let God show you His presence in this moment and feel your heart respond with gratitude.
- † Set aside another time in which you recall an experience of deep happiness and joy—the birth of a child, a special moment with a loved one, a gift you received that was beyond your expectation. Let God be with you in these moments and express your deep thankfulness.

—ICSC e-Bulletin, November 2012 (with permission)



A special thank you to all of our wonderful stewards ~  
You are the heart and soul of our faith community!

—Chris

## 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 November 10/11, 2012

Number of Registered Households		1,037
Offertory*	\$	7,587.70
Offertory (Loose Collection)		1,080.50
Children's envelopes		1.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>8,669.20</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. Patrick Catholic School in Carlsbad**—accepting applications for the 2013-2014 school year (kindergarten through eighth grade). For more information, contact Cynthia Orozco, Registrar at 760-729-1333.

**Experience God's Love and Gift of Healing with Fr. Fernando Suarez**—Saturday, November 24, 9:00am-3:00pm Day of Recollection; 5:00pm Eucharistic Celebration and Healing Service; Monday, November 26, 6:00pm Eucharistic Celebration and Healing Service. Church of the Resurrection, 1445 Conway Dr., Escondido. Tuesday, November 27, 7:00pm, Healing Mass at St. James Church in Solana Beach.

**40 Minutes for Life in San Marcos**—Sunday, November 25, 7:00pm, San Marcos Abortion Clinic, 120 Craven Rd. at Twin Oaks Valley Rd., San Marcos. An ecumenical holy witness held the fourth Sunday of each month. For more information, visit [www.40minutesforlife.org](http://www.40minutesforlife.org).

**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.

**Magnificat Women's Group Prayer Breakfast**—Saturday,

## 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).



December 1, 9:30am-12:30pm, at the Mission Valley Sheraton in San Diego. Our Lady of the Rosary Chapter will present speaker Sr. Miriam Rita, all welcome. RSVP by November 21 to 858-342-9022 or [www.magnificat-sd.org](http://www.magnificat-sd.org).

**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](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 Bishops' Letter on Marriage—Journey in faith:** "Getting married does not, therefore, magically confer perfection. Rather, the love to which the spouses have been configured is powerful enough to transform their whole life's journey so that it becomes a journey toward perfection. In this journey, the spouses are ever more conformed into the likeness of Christ so that they can ever more perfectly love one another as Christ loves his Church." To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

**Marriage Moments**— "But of that day or hour, no one knows..." (Mk 13:32) Death is not something most people like to think about, but it is inevitable and indeed we don't know "the day or hour." Don't avoid talking about your deaths—even if you're young. Do you know each other's final wishes?

**Parenting Pointers**—Thanksgiving is one of the best holidays for Christians because it's more about family reunions than buying stuff. Keep it that way. Share some family history, funny stories, connect with far flung relatives (by the internet if necessary). Christmas is in the future. Live in the present this weekend.

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



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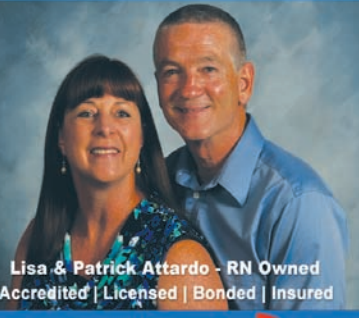



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# Family Night

Friday, November 30, 6:00-8:30pm



Potluck dinner  
approx. 6:00pm



Short spiritual talk by  
Matt Franklin, guest  
youth minister  
approx. 7:15pm

Meet new  
friends!  
"Open door"  
evening

Join us for as  
much of the  
evening  
as you can!

Praise and Worship  
music with  
Team Lift Ministries  
approx. 7:00pm

Eucharistic Adoration  
and prayer  
approx. 7:45pm



## For the **WHOLE** Family!

For more information, contact Kathleen Bell  
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# WINTER LUNCHEON

Sponsored by the Spirited Seniors  
 Tuesday, December 18, 11:30am-2:00pm

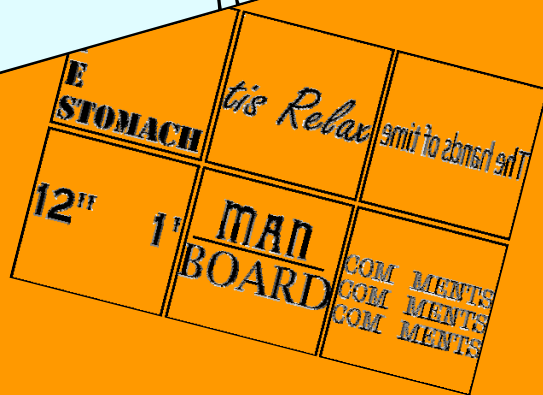


Parish Center, Lower Level

\$12.50 members, \$15.00 Guests

Please complete the registration form. Place it in an envelope marked "Spirited Seniors Winter Luncheon" and return it to the offertory collection or the Parish Office, Box 12, by December 10.

For more information, contact Jim and Marilyn Day at 760-509-4545 or [jandmday@cox.net](mailto:jandmday@cox.net).



The Luncheon will include:

Spinach Salad with Hot Bacon Dressing  
 Grilled Beef Medallions/Tequila Lime Chicken

Pasta/Twice Baked Potato

Green Beans Almandine

Dessert

Coffee, Tea and, of course, Wine



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Guest Name(s):	___ x \$12.50 per member = \$ _____ ___ x \$15.00 per guest = \$ _____	<b>Total enclosed:</b> \$ _____
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# **Brother Benno's Auxiliary**

# **Annual Luncheon**

**Saturday, December 1**



“SPECIAL HUGS” is the theme for this year’s Brother Benno’s Auxiliary Annual Luncheon in memory of Kay Kutler, co-Founder of Brother Benno Foundation who passed away this year

It will be held on Saturday, December 1, 2012, at 10:30 a.m. at the Sheraton Carlsbad Resort & Spa, Carlsbad, California. Co-Presidents Vikki Ramey and Alicia Sullivan state a delicious lunch will be served; there will be beautiful door prizes, delightful centerpieces, opportunity baskets, and silent auction items—the scenario for a day of fun, all for a good cause. Music will be provided by Laurel Beale, celtic harpist, playing favorite holiday tunes throughout the day.

Proceeds from this fundraising event will go directly to supporting the two houses in Oceanside that Brother Benno’s maintains for sheltering homeless women with children and women in recovery programs for sober living.

Tickets are on sale; Individual tickets are \$50 or a table of ten for \$500; donations are also welcome from those who cannot attend. Reservations are on a first come, first served basis. For tickets and information, please contact Vera Bayliss-760-295-0059.