

Church of St. Thomas More

A Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of San Diego

Spirituality † Tradition † Community



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StThomasMoreRCC



Mass Schedule

Saturday at 5:00pm

Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am

Tuesday-Friday at 8:15am

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday, 4:00-4:30pm

November 25, 2012 • Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

Pastor's Column

What Kind of King Is He?

We gather together this weekend to celebrate the Eucharist on the Feast of Christ the King. Jesus is our King. We are his servants.

But what kind of King is he? The answer to that question will determine what kind of servants we are called to be.

As we read the Scriptures, we see that Jesus' Kingship is not of the kind we see, or have seen, in our world. His is a contradiction to power, status, position, and privilege. Do we dare be called his servants?

The playwright, Eugene Ionesco, once said,

*The human comedy doesn't attract me enough.
I am not entirely of this world...I am from elsewhere.
And it is worth finding this elsewhere beyond the walls.
But where is it?*

How do we go beyond the walls that this world builds? Is the "elsewhere" worth searching for? Jesus says, "Yes, it is." He

helps us in the search, and makes the search worthwhile. He gives meaning to all of life, meaning that the world is not able to give.

Philip Yancey, in his book, *The Jesus I Never Knew*, describes how Jesus leads us to the Kingdom in the midst of this world:

I feel convicted by this quality of Jesus every time I get involved in a cause I strongly believe in. How easy it is to join the politics of polarization, to find myself shouting across the picket lines at the 'enemy' on the other side. How hard it is to remember that the kingdom of God calls me to love the woman who has just emerged from the abortion clinic (and, yes, even her doctor), the promiscuous person who is dying of AIDS, the wealthy landowner who is exploiting God's creation. If I cannot show love to such people, then I must question whether I have truly understood Jesus' gospel.

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Did You Know?

In order to continue with our building program, we must be able to maintain what we already have. Your contribution to the "Did You Know?" program helps us to keep our operating budget in balance.

Thank you!

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

Pastor's Column (continued from page 1)

A political movement by nature draws lines, makes distinctions, pronounces judgment; in contrast, Jesus' love cuts across lines, transcends distinctions, and dispenses grace. Regardless of the merits of a given issue—whether a pro-life lobby out of the Right or a peace and justice lobby out of the Left—political movements risk pulling onto themselves the mantle of power that smothers love. From Jesus I learn that, whatever activism I get involved in, it must not drive out love and humility, or otherwise I betray the kingdom of heaven.

As we honor our King, let us not betray Him. Let us be a people of love and humility in all situations, not a people of power, a people of domination. Let us never draw lines, make distinctions, or pronounce judgments.

As His servants, we allow Him to lead us to the elsewhere, beyond the walls of this world!

F.A. 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.

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.

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.

STM Vehicle Donation Program

Do you have a vehicle you want to donate?

The St. Thomas More program is easy!

Call us, and we'll have it picked up.

You get the tax deduction!

All we need is clear title. Non-operational is OK!

**Since 2006 we have netted over \$26,000
from this program. Thank you donors!**



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

Readings for the Week Ahead

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

Sunday, 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

Monday, November 26 (503)

Revelation 14:1-3,4b-5
Psalm 24:1-6
Luke 21:1-4

Tuesday, November 27 (504)

Revelation 14:14-19
Psalm 96:10-13
Luke 21:5-11

Wednesday, November 28 (505)

Revelation 15:1-4
Psalm 98:1-3,7-9
Luke 21:12-19

Thursday, November 29 (506)

Revelation 18:1-2,21-23;19:1-3,9a
Psalm 100:1b-5
Luke 21:20-28

Friday, November 30 (684)

Andrew, apostle
Romans 10:9-18
Psalm 19:2-5
Matthew 4:18-22

Saturday, December 1 (508)

Revelation 22:1-7
Psalm 95:1-7
Luke 21:34-36

Sunday, December 2 (3)

First Sunday of Advent (Year C)
Jeremiah 33:14-16
Psalm 25:4-5,8-10,14
1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2
Luke 21:25-28,34-36

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 Cornwell & Family
Lené Crowe
Karen Flaharty Daley
Beverly de Gelder
Stephanie de Villeneuve
Brendan Devlin
Ryan Devlin
Judith DiMatteo
Art Dossman
Dave Dossman
John Drazkowski, Jr.
La Vonne Dumas
Connor Eberhard
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 Gliotone 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
Helen Kuhn
Lillian Lachance
The Lamelin Family
Christopher Lawrence
Roland Lawrence
Brandon LeBlanc
The Dave Leisle Family
Jeremiah Lemus
Jeffrey Leonardi
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
Kalei Mendiola
Bill Metzger
Phyllis Minaya
June Mitchell
June Montgomery
Nancy Moore
Elizabeth Muehlbacher
Conrad Murphy
Margie Myers
Richard Obsitnik
Bernadette Padovan
Art Palle
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 Soltau
Jeanette Spangler
Fred & Gilda Spiegel
Darek, Vanessa, & Elba Spizewski
Patricia St. Pierre
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,
Schedule and Calendar

- 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 4-5 Restaurant Fundraiser at Chili's
- Dec 8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary—Masse at 9:00am
- Dec 9 RE.A.CH Classes at Church, including high school

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
hennyj@stmoside.org.

Mass Intentions

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
Tuesday, November 27, 8:15am Alice Sullivan ☩
Wednesday, November 28, 8:15am J.C. Gonzalez ☩
Thursday, November 29, 9:00am Bill Carrothers ☩
Friday, November 30, 8:15am Lorraine Kauffman ☩
Saturday, December 1, 5:00pm Peter Coppola ☩
Sunday, December 2, 8:30am Roy Heath ☩
Sunday, December 2, 10:30am Bert Botkin ☩

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
Mgsgt. Paul Weisinger, 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.

November 26 Sr. Joanna Baker, OCD
November 27 Sr. Maria Teresa Bandera, CVI
November 28 Sr. Lilia Barba, SJS
November 29 Sr. Ruth Marie Barreda, CHS
November 30 Sr. Mary Bartosh, CHS
December 1 Sr. Eileen Bearss, RSCJ
December 2 Sr. M. Joy Bourgeois, MC

Welcome New Parishioners

Geoffrey Barker & Suzanne Romano & Family
Trevor & Teri House & Family

Congratulations to

Kathy & Chuck Salter

who celebrate their 52nd wedding anniversary November 24.

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 soul of:

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.

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

Hurricane Sandy Relief

Catholic Charities is accepting contributions for the Hurricane Sandy Storm Relief efforts. Donations can be made at 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.

Collection for National Needs

The envelope attached to the bulletin earlier this month 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, 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

The 2012 Christmas Angel program began with a great response last weekend. This week you'll notice the tree is full of additional ornaments: ANGELS for boy and girl gifts of all ages, SNOWFLAKES for gift cards and GINGERBREAD MEN for Camp Pendleton Naval Hospital family adoptions. Please continue to take ornaments and consider adopting a family. See an angel at the table for adoptions and see the scrip table to buy gift cards.

NOTE: All STOCKING ornament gifts are due back next Sunday December 2 so volunteers can sort and buy any needed items in time for the stuffing of stockings and gift bags on Saturday, December 8 at 10:00am on the lower level of the Parish Center. Gifts from the other ornaments will be due the following Sunday, December 9.

Thank you in advance, STM Parishioners, for your time and generosity.

John & Marti Harper • 4johnnyangel@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.

Bring the cards to the Parish Office by Monday, December 3.

For more information or questions, contact 858-490-8323 or jwalsh@diocese-sdiego.org.

Successful Clothing Drive

Thank you for your support of the recent clothing drive sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. The rental truck with your donations was driven to the St. Bonaventure Indian Mission and School in New Mexico, east of Gallup. The Mission staff was thrilled to see the truck three-quarters filled with bags of clothing, bedding, shoes and household goods, because they were short of items for their annual give-away event.

On December 8, the Mission will host a dinner and clothing give-away Christmas party for 2,000 to 3,000 impoverished residents of the nearby Navajo Indian Reservation. The guests will be treated to a complete turkey dinner and then invited to fill a large plastic bag with clothing items. Santa will be there to greet the children and give each a new toy. Attendees begin lining up before dawn for the mid-day start of festivities.

Special thanks to the Catholic Charities thrift shop in Vista for donating many warm jackets and clothing items to the clothing drive. Thanks also to former Parishioner, Frank Thompson, and the Knights of Columbus for sharing the cost of transporting your donations to the Mission.

Parish Events

Women's Guild News

Our next Board meeting will be on Monday, December 3 at the Tea Table. We will meet 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. You know who to call for reservations: Vera at 760-295-0059 or Siggie at 760-994-4727. Please join us. We'd love to see you.

If you meet someone today that doesn't have a smile, give them one of yours.

—Vera Bayliss, President

Women's Guild Christmas Raffle

If for some reason you did not receive raffle tickets in the mail for the December 8-9 Christmas drawing sponsored by the STM Women's Guild and would like to become eligible to win, please call Ann Buko at 760-726-8831. She will mail raffle tickets to you. Prizes are \$500, \$300, and \$200. You may also pick up tickets in the Parish Office during the week. All ticket stubs must be returned by December 2.

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.

Spirited Seniors Winter Luncheon

The Spirited Seniors are sponsoring a Winter Luncheon on Tuesday, December 18, for members and guests. The deadline for reservations is December 10. The Luncheon is \$12.50 for members and \$15 for guests. Please put your reservation request and check in an envelope marked "Spirited Seniors Winter Luncheon" and place it in the offertory collection or the Parish Office Box 12, by December 10. For more info, contact Jim and Marilyn Day at 760-509-4545 jandmday@cox.net.

Thank You from Life Walk 2012

Thank you for celebrating the value of life! You are a valuable partner and essential in continuing to reach men, women, and youth in San Diego and around the world with a message of dignity, wholeness, and life. 33 teams and over 500 people participated in Life Walk 2012 and raised \$74,000 in pledges!

St. Thomas More raised \$2,375, which was one of the top ten teams! We are grateful to every person who made a pledge. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of others. Because of your efforts *Whole Life Curriculum* will encourage more students to love life and *Abortion Changes You* will continue to train and equip leaders and to reach thousands of men and women in our community and in over 100 countries and 6 continents with an invitation to hope and healing.

—Michaelene and the Life Walk 2012 Team

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

November 23 Response Statistics

TWO Months to Go!

Total Responses	\$507,750
Collected to Date	\$507,000



- † **Thanks to the 704 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 in order for us to collect our goal!**

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

Chris Smith, Director of Stewardship and Development

760-758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org

Annual Financial Report

The annual financial report for fiscal year ending 2012 is available on the Parish website, 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. For those without internet access, copies are available through the Parish Office during the week.

Vocations

This weekend is the Feast of Christ the King. We are all called upon to serve our Lord and King. If you feel a calling to serve in a special way as priest, deacon, or consecrated religious and wish to explore that calling, contact Deacon Tom at 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

Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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

THE LORD OUR JUSTICE

Scripture Themes for December

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

Anticipation is palpable during this month of December. Believers remember Jesus' first coming in human flesh and hope for his second appearance in glory. For the young ones among us, Jesus' coming coincides with the annual visit of Santa or Los Reyes Magos, whose gifts are eagerly awaited.

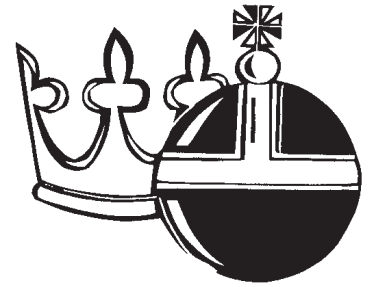
Throughout Advent, our yearning for Jesus will be stoked by the sacred texts and hymns that call us to watch for him with joyful, practical, and prayerful readiness. In our waiting and watching, we followers of Jesus are also called—as individuals and as a community—to embrace and promote justice. Jeremiah (Dec. 2) and Baruch (Dec. 9) will remind us that we are to be just because God is just, and we who are created in God's image are to be authentic reflections of God in the world.

Prior to Vatican II, as Philip Land has pointed out, a discussion of justice would not have begun with scripture but with the definition of legal justice, *Suum cuique tradere*, "to render to each what is one's due" ("Justice," *The New Dictionary of Theology*). But with Vatican II and the subsequent 1971 synod "Justice in the World," justice becomes a call to the believer from the God of the two Testaments. About a decade before Land's observation, his fellow Jesuit and biblical scholar John Donahue formulated what has become an excellent working definition of biblical justice as "fidelity to the demands of a relationship" ("Biblical Perspectives on Justice," *The Faith That Does Justice*). Called to share a covenant relationship with God and one another, believers enjoy both the privileges and responsibilities that are intrinsic to the covenant. Justice demands that these responsibilities find their fullest expression in

"fathering the fatherless, mothering the motherless, welcoming the stranger, feeding the traveler, and offering hospitality to the resident alien, not because the orphan and the outsider deserved it but because this is the way God would act" (Walter Burghardt, *Preaching the Just Word*).

Justice also demands that those bound to one another in faith do their utmost to foster the well-being of all their brothers and sisters. When John the Baptizer (Dec. 16) was asked how best to prepare for welcoming the Son of Justice, he called for sacrificial sharing ("those with two coats should share with the person who has none and whoever has food should do likewise"). He called for honesty from tax collectors and soldiers who used their positions to extort and mistreat others. Echoing John, Paul called his readers to be blameless and holy (Dec. 1), so that their love for one another may increase (Dec. 9). Your kindness, insisted Paul, should be known to all (Dec. 16).

What might Jeremiah, Baruch, John, Paul, and Jesus have to say to contemporary believers who are waiting for the Son of Justice? Our answer to this question might be aided by an image offered by Frederick Buechner, who compared humankind to the web of a spider: "If you touch it anywhere, you set the whole thing trembling. ... As we move around this world and as we act with kindness, perhaps, or with indifference, or with hostility toward the people we meet, we too are setting the great spider web a-tremble. The life that I touch for good or ill will touch another life and that, in turn, another, until who knows where the trembling stops or in what far place and time my touch will be felt" (*The Hungering Dark*).



Our covenantal belonging to God and to one another requires that our touch be reverent, tender, caring, and kind. Justice demands that our touch be protective and provident, without malice or prejudice. Justice also requires that our touch be steady, not seasonal or intermittent. The hungry, the homeless, the sick, the poor, and marginalized have needs that extend beyond a Christmas handout or food basket.

Charity, though virtuous, is an insufficient response to the poor and needy of this world. What is needed is justice, that is, fidelity to the demands of our relationship with God and one another. Those who suffer injustice should not have to wait until heaven for relief. Rather, they should be able to know here and now the justice that Jesus came to establish. Thoroughly convinced of the church's call to justice, Pope Paul VI (*Evangelii Nuntiandi*, 1975) insisted that preaching the good news of Christ's coming among us "cannot be complete unless account is taken of the links between the Gospel and the concrete personal and social life of men and women. ... The Church cannot allow herself or her mission to be limited to the purely religious sphere while she ignores the temporal problems of the human person."

Therefore, while we eagerly await the coming Christ, let us hear his voice in the cry of the poor, serve the needs of those who suffer, and work unrelentingly until the worldwide web of humankind feels the touch of God's good justice.

Upcoming Music

✘

DECEMBER 2
First Sunday of Advent

✘

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

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 Home

(Check your Annual Plan)

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December 2 AND 9:

- CATHOLICISM SERIES,
Parts 3 and 4
for adults, 5:00-6:30pm
- RE.A.CH sessions at Church

What Does FAITH Mean to You?

Marcus Cabrera

Weasels, elephants, and dogs! O my!

Growing up I'd ask questions based on everything from curiosity, defiance, and everything in between. Sometimes I'd be genuinely interested, and other times I just wanted to weasel my way out of chores.

Regardless, the answer, "*Because I said so!*" was always the worst because any kid can testify that it's a dead-end "answer" to nowhere. Worse yet, "*Because I said so*" creates a, "*Because I was taught that way,*" generation that blindly follows itself from tail to tail like a pack of sleepy elephants.

Fortunately, our Holy Father, Benedict XVI, doesn't want sleepy elephants for the Church because he has promulgated the Year of Faith (YOF). From *this moment* until November 2013, we are encouraged to scrutinize and investigate our Catholic faith in ways our ten-year-old self would be proud of instigating.

It's time we picked up God's love letter, the Bible, and read it. It's time we stop taking *about* Jesus and start talking *to* Jesus for ourselves. In this YOF, it's time to be real.

One middle schooler made the mistake a couple weeks ago of saying that the whole Bible was inspiring to him. To this, I began reading from 1 Chronicles 1 (read it, I dare you). He realized that he was simply parroting to me what he learned before, but never found out for himself!

In this YOF, ignite your faith by taking ownership of it so you can burn with love and satisfaction. A minister once told me, "*Yeah Marcus, but you can't teach old dogs new tricks.*" I thought about this, but you know what? You are not dogs, and these are not tricks.

"I have come to set the world on fire, and how I wish it were already burning!" —Lk 12:49

Family Night

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

Don't Miss It!



As a family, please join us for some fun time with Jesus and the rest of your Parish family.

Parish Organizations & Events will be hosting the first of several Family Nights on Friday, November 30. This is an event for anyone between the ages of 0 and 101!

We will be...

- † Sharing a potluck dinner together (at 6:00pm)
- † Singing and praying with a great praise band, Team Lift Ministries (around 7:00pm)
- † Listening to a short talk by Matt Franklin, a local youth minister, who will invite us to come closer to Jesus in this "Year of Faith." (around 7:15pm)
- † Closing with Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration (around 7:45pm)

It promises to be simple, relaxing, and fun for all, including younger children, tweens, teens, young adults, and adults. Join us for as much of the evening as you can.

In our celebration of *The Year of Faith*, Jesus is inviting you to "come"...so come...we look forward to seeing you there.

PBJ Update

2012 GOAL: 365 jars
Final 2012 count: 339 jars



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Christian Stewardship In Everything We Give Thanks

Every November, the United States celebrates a great national holiday: Thanksgiving. Canada celebrates a similar feast in October. Although the origins of the U.S. festivity are somewhat historically murky, it is evident that some of the earliest immigrants to America celebrated this day as an expression of gratitude to God for bringing a healthy harvest which would ensure their colony's survival through the winter. It was the most primal kind of thankfulness: you have spared our lives, O Lord, and we are grateful.

Over the years, Thanksgiving in the U.S. has become a national expression of gratitude, but sometimes it veers into the neighborhood of cliché, and often it strays away from the source of our gifts. Television hosts will remind us we should be thankful for all the "stuff" we have, including some non-tangible items like freedom, but to whom are we grateful? In some circles, it's unfashionable to mention that it is God, the source of life and goodness, to whom we owe our deep, humble sense of appreciation.

The faith of the Christian steward, on the other hand, proclaims gratitude to God as its wellspring and cornerstone. The Christian steward is aware of thankfulness to God twelve months of the year, not just in November.

The steward knows, as St. Ignatius of Loyola taught us, that we "find God in all things." Therefore, we find reason to thank God in all things—for health of mind and body, for our families, our livelihoods, our successes, and the gifts of education, intelligence, and freedom that make our lives full and rewarding.

We also thank God for the embarrassing moments of our lives, for the disappointments, the sorrows, even the mistakes, because we know that God was present in each of those moments, ready to teach us and to guide us.

The Christian steward can go deep in prayer and thank God for lessons learned in times of trouble as well as times of bounty. Gratitude, for the Christian steward, is not just rendered in times of plenty, but in times of sadness and deprivation. The God of all is present in all situations.



Perhaps the challenge for us, as Christian stewards during November, is to be a source of reminder to all those around us that thanksgiving is truly a fundamental lifetime habit, rendered to the God of mercy and plenty.

—ICSC Parish e-bulletin,
November 2012 (with permission)

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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.

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

All gifts to St. Thomas More are deeply appreciated!

Collection for Week of November 17/18, 2012

Number of Registered Households		1,039
Offertory*	\$	11,230.23
Offertory (Loose Collection)		1,431.00
Children's envelopes		3.00
Total	\$	12,664.23

* 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

The Center for Christian Spirituality at the University of San Diego has a great line up of fall events. Visit www.sandiego.edu/ccs for more details.

Mission San Luis Rey Retreat Center in Oceanside has an ongoing schedule of retreats. Visit www.sanluisrey.org for more details. Upcoming events include an Advent Retreat December 7-9 on the Infancy Narratives in the Gospel of Matthew, a Quiet Monday on the last Monday of each month, and a Retreat December 14-16 on St. Francis and the First Live Nativity.

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.

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.

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, December 1, 9:30am-12:30pm, at the Mission Valley Sheraton in

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.



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.

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.

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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.

Young Adult Ministry Activities

Visit www.yamsd.org for complete information on events for young adults, including *Theology on Tap* series, Christmas Gala on December 8, New Year's Eve Celebration on December 31, and outreach projects.

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

Marriage & Family Life Corner

The Bishops' Letter on Marriage—Marriage and Eucharist: "In the Eucharist, spouses encounter the love that animates and sustains their marriage, the love of Christ for his Church. This encounter enables them to perceive that their marriage and family are not isolated units, but rather that they are to reach out in love to the broader Church and world of which they are a living part." To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

Marriage Moments—As a husband and wife were hanging wallpaper together, the husband felt his wife seemed, to be indifferent about the quality of her work and was doing a poor job. He finally said, "The problem is that I'm a perfectionist and you're not." The wife replied, "Exactly! That's why you married me and I married you!"

Parenting Pointers—December 2 (next Sunday) is the First Sunday of Advent. Do you know how you will use these 23 days before Christmas? Can you wait with Mary or will your time be spent celebrating before the feast?

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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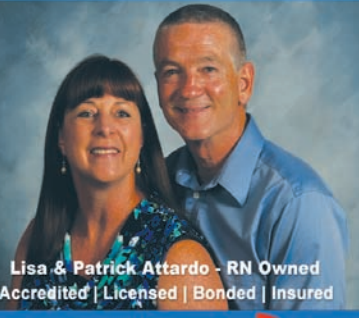



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Choose an angel (pink for girls, green for boys) to purchase individual gifts by age.

DUE BACK BY 12/9



Choose a gingerbread man to Adopt-a-Family from Camp Pendleton Naval Hospital. This is an anonymous donation of new toys, clothes, gift cards and any other special treats for families ranging from three to seven members. See an angel at the table for more information.

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May God bless all His angels!

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December 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Church of St. Thomas More 1450 South Melrose Drive, Oceanside, CA 92056 (760) 758-4100 www.stmoside.org						1 6:45 AM-That Man Is You! 4:00 PM-Reconciliation Sunday of Advent 5:00 PM-Mass
2 1st Sunday of Advent 8:30 AM-Mass/LOWC/RCIA 10:20 AM-RE.A.CH 10:30 AM-Mass 12:30 PM-RE.A.CH 5:00 PM-RE.A.CH 5:00 PM-Catholicism Series 6:30 PM-REACH High School Mini Course	3 8:15 AM-Morning Prayer 10:30 AM-Women's Guild Board Meeting 7:00 PM-High School Youth Group	4 Restaurant Fundraiser Chili's, Vista 8:00 AM-Walking Ministry 8:15 AM-Mass 9:00 AM-Donuts and Coffee 6:30 PM-Handbell Choir 7:00 PM-Baptismal Preparation Part I 7:00 PM-Knights of Columbus	5 Restaurant Fundraiser Chili's, Vista 8:15 AM-Mass 9:00 AM-Scripture Study 1:30 PM-Spirited Senior Board Meeting 5:30 PM-Prayer Hour 7:00 PM-College Night 7:00 PM-Praise Team	6 8:15 AM-Mass 9:00 AM-Donuts and Coffee 1:00 PM-Centering Prayer 7:00 PM-Scripture Study 7:00 PM-Youth Ministry LEAD 7:00 PM-Sanctuary Choir	7 8:15 AM-Mass 9:00 AM-Communion Service (Emeritus @ Carlsbad) 7:00 PM-Women's Ministry	8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 6:45 AM-That Man Is You! 9:00 AM-Mass 10:00 AM-Christmas Angel 4:00 PM-Reconciliation Youth Justice Chocolate 2nd Sunday of Advent 5:00 PM-Mass
9 Youth Justice Chocolate 2nd Sunday of Advent 8:30 AM-Mass/LOWC/RCIA 10:20 AM-RE.A.CH 10:30 AM-Mass 12:30 PM-RE.A.CH 5:00 PM-RE.A.CH 5:00 PM-Catholicism Series 6:30 PM-REACH High School Mini Course	10 8:15 AM-Morning Prayer 11:00 AM-Women's Guild Luncheon 7:00 PM-High School Youth Group	11 8:00 AM-Walking Ministry 8:15 AM-Mass 9:00 AM-Donuts and Coffee 6:30 PM-Handbell Choir 7:00 PM-Baptismal Preparation Part II 7:00 PM-Interior Design	12 Our Lady of Guadalupe 8:15 AM-Mass 9:00 AM-Scripture Study 10:00 AM-Women's Guild Deanery 4:00 PM-Staff Meeting 5:30 PM-Prayer Hour 7:00 PM-Finance Council Meeting 7:00 PM-College Night 7:00 PM-Praise Team	13 8:15 AM-Mass 9:00 AM-Communion Service (Pacific Place) 9:00 AM-Donuts and Coffee 1:00 PM-Centering Prayer 7:00 PM-Scripture Study 7:00 PM-Sanctuary Choir 7:00 PM-Youth Ministry LEAD	14 8:15 AM-Mass	15 6:45 AM-That Man Is You! 8:15 AM-Chair Set Up 9:00 AM-NCSC Christmas Party 4:00 PM-Reconciliation 3rd Sunday of Advent 5:00 PM-Mass
16 3rd Sunday of Advent 8:30 AM-Mass/LOWC/RCIA 10:30 AM-Mass/LOWC 4:00 PM-Reconciliation Service/First Reconciliation	17 8:15 AM-Morning Prayer 7:00 PM-High School Youth Group	18 8:00 AM-Walking Ministry 8:15 AM-Mass 9:00 AM-Donuts and Coffee 11:00 AM-Spirited Senior Luncheon 6:30 PM-Handbell Choir	19 8:15 AM-Mass 5:30 PM-Prayer Hour 7:00 PM-College Night 7:00 PM-Praise Team	20 8:15 AM-Mass 9:00 AM-Donuts and Coffee 1:00 PM-Centering Prayer 7:00 PM-RCIA 7:00 PM-Youth Ministry LEAD 7:00 PM-Sanctuary Choir	21 8:15 AM-Mass	22 4:00 PM-Reconciliation 4th Sunday of Advent 5:00 PM-Mass
23 4th Sunday of Advent 8:30 AM-Mass/LOWC/RCIA 10:30 AM-Mass/LOWC	24 The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Parish Office and Chapel Closed 4:00 PM-Mass 6:00 PM-Mass 9:30 PM-Caroling 10:00 PM-Mass	25 The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Parish Office and Chapel Closed 9:30 AM-Mass	26 Parish Office and Chapel Closed 8:15 AM-Mass	27 Parish Office and Chapel Closed 8:15 AM-Mass 9:00 AM-Donuts and Coffee 1:00 PM-Centering Prayer	28 Parish Office and Chapel Closed 8:15 AM-Mass	29 4:00 PM-Reconciliation The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph 5:00 PM-Mass
30 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph 8:30 AM-Mass/LOWC/RCIA 10:30 AM-Mass/LOWC	31 Parish Office and Chapel Closed 5:00 PM-Mass	