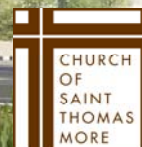


# Church of St. Thomas More

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

December 2, 2012 • First Sunday of Advent

## Pastor's Column

### Advent—Search for Light

“The Church celebrates the feast of the Birth of John the Baptist in June, around the time of the summer solstice, the longest day of the year. From John’s feast onward, days become shorter and light decreases. Now, during Advent, we approach the winter solstice, the darkest day of the year, that includes nature’s promise of more light to follow.

John knew he must decrease so that Christ may increase. We can take his analogy into our hearts. As we prepare for the coming of Christ, we can try to understand how we can decrease so that Christ may increase in our hearts and in the world.

Thanksgiving rituals of family, food and friends prepared us for the coming weeks of increasing darkness. The outside world is already in Christmas frenzy, urging us to get out there and shop, shop, shop. But the externals of power and possessions do not satisfy the longing. No matter how much we accumulate, there is something else we need. As God’s

creations, we can only find security in God’s care. Too many times we forget that, and waste time wandering around in the dark looking for substitutes.”

—Phyllis Zagano

*Advent Day by Day—Search for Light  
Catholic Update*

As we begin this Advent, as we wait for the Return of the Lord, and as we prepare to celebrate His First Coming at Christmas, may we take time to “step back a bit” and look in wonder and awe at all that we are and all that we have. May we look at ourselves with a new set of eyes, appreciative of the gifts of life, love and family.

Instead of looking for “new,” “bigger,” and “better,” may we make a conscious effort to celebrate anew what we already are and what we already have.

*(Continued on page 2)*



### Join Us for ...

Morning Prayer at 8:15am on Mondays, December 3, December 10, and December 17

Holy Day—Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday, December 8—Mass at 9:00am

Parish Reconciliation Service on Sunday, December 16 at 4:00pm

## 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)

With a sense of simplicity, may we, in Faith and Trust, once again grab hold of our many gifts, celebrate them and share them.

"The Lord Is Coming!" How are we waiting for His Return? Do we continue to deaden our senses with "new", "bigger," and "better," or are we awakening to the present moment? Are we becoming more appreciative of the miracles of life, love and family in our midst?

*Fa. Mike*

**OPLATKI is here!**  
**Check the Information Table on the Plaza**

### 2012 World Mission Sunday

**\$2,415.96**

### "Did You Know" Collection for November 2012

**\$3,456.00**

### 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.*

### 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](mailto:parishoffice@stmoside.org)**

**Readings for the Week Ahead**

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

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

**Monday, December 3 (175)**  
*Francis Xavier, priest*  
Isaiah 2:1-5  
Psalm 122:1-9  
Matthew 8:5-11

**Tuesday, December 4 (176)**  
*John Damascene, priest, doctor*  
Isaiah 11:1-10  
Psalm 72:1,7-8,12-13,17  
Luke 10:21-24

**Wednesday, December 5 (177)**  
Isaiah 25:6-10a  
Psalm 23:1-6  
Matthew 15:29-37

**Thursday, December 6 (178)**  
*Nicholas, bishop*  
Isaiah 26:1-6  
Psalm 118:1,8-9,19-21,25-27a  
Matthew 7:21,24-27

**Friday, December 7 (179)**  
*Ambrose, bishop, doctor*  
Isaiah 29:17-24,  
Psalm 27:1,4,13-14  
Matthew 9:27-31

**Saturday, December 8 (689)**  
*Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
Genesis 3:9-15,20  
Psalm 98:1-4  
Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12  
Luke 1:26-38

**Sunday, December 9 (6)**  
*Second Sunday of Advent*  
Baruch 5:1-9  
Psalm 126:1-6  
Philippians 1:4-6,8-11  
Luke 3:1-6

Mass Intentions	
Saturday, December 1, 5:00pm	Peter Coppola ☩
Sunday, December 2, 8:30am	Roy Heath ☩
Sunday, December 2, 10:30am	Bert Botkin ☩
Tuesday, December 4, 8:15am	Bob Shea ☩ Julie Shea ☩
Wednesday, December 5, 8:15am	Daniel Dorsa ☩
Thursday, December 6, 8:15am	Joe Kudzia ☩
Friday, December 7, 8:15am	Poor Souls
Saturday, December 8, 9:00am	Alicia Diaz ☩
Saturday, December 8, 5:00pm	Terence Flanagan ☩
Sunday, December 9, 8:30am	Nicholas Angelucci, Sr. ☩
Sunday, December 2, 10:30am	Jacinto Mangahas ☩

**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  
The Kersey Family  
Peggy Kiernan  
Debbie Kinney  
Dewey Kolbo  
Helen Kuhn  
Lillian Lachance  
The Lamelin Family  
Christopher & Roland Lawrence  
Brandon LeBlanc  
The Dave Leisle Family  
Jeremiah Lemus  
Jeffrey Leonardi  
Claudia Leué  
The Paul Leué Family  
Ashley Load  
Cassandra Loretto  
Lauren Loretto  
Richard Lynn  
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  
Bernadette Padovan  
Art Palle  
Lupe Casas Pelletier  
Helen Pingtella  
Marilyn Pirkola  
The Pitesa Family  
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  
Fred & Gilda Spiegl  
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  
Silvana Vettese  
Vanessa Vitiello  
Barbara Voelpel  
Kevin Watson-Graff  
John Whitton  
Helen Wodyka  
Erin Young  
Patricia Zavala

**Deployed Military**

*As a faith community let us pray for all who serve our country in these troubled times. We pray especially for those connected to our Parish who have been deployed:*

Gunnery Sgt. Fernando Andrade, Jr.  
1st Lt. Jeffrey Bauer, USMC  
PFC John Brandone  
Corp. Willie Deel  
Chaplain Van Dinh  
Lance Corp. Brandon Doyle, USMC  
StfSgt Evans Formica, USMC  
Grant Fischer  
MSGT Steve Gallegos, USMC  
Sgt. Alex Garcia  
BM2 Bobby Hartdegen, US Navy  
Staff Sgt. Travis M. Meyers, USAF  
2nd Lt. Janelle Peske, USMC  
Pvt. 2 Jess Phillips, US Army  
Sr. Airman Robert Spear, USAF  
Tyler Timmerman, US Army  
Sgt. Charles Watts, USMC  
Msgt. Paul Weisinger, USMC  
Major Seth Wolcott, USMC

**Calendar Highlights**

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

- Dec 2 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
- Dec 2 RE.A.CH Classes at Church, including high school
- Dec 3 Morning Prayer at 8:15am
- Dec 4-5 Restaurant Fundraiser at Chili's
- Dec 8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary—Mass at 9:00am
- Dec 9 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
- Dec 9 RE.A.CH Classes at Church, including high school
- Dec 10 Morning Prayer at 8:15am
- Dec 16 Parish Reconciliation Service at 4:00pm
- Dec 24 Vigil of Christmas—Masses at 4:00pm, 6:00pm and 10:00pm (caroling at 9:30pm)
- Dec 25 Christmas Day—Mass at 9:30am
- Dec 31 Octave of Christmas: Mary the Mother of God—Mass at 5:00pm

**2013**

- Jan 1 Octave of Christmas: Mary the Mother of God—Mass at 9:30am
- 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

**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.

December 3	Sr. Annette Bower, CSJ
December 4	Sr. Breege Boyle, SSL
December 5	Sr. Rose Marie Brausam, OSF
December 6	Sr. Josephine Breen, RSM
December 7	Sr. Gemma Gabriela Briseno, SJS
December 8	Sr. Margaret Brody, CSN
December 9	Sr. Maureen Evelyn Brown, CSJ

## Welcome New Parishioners

Greg & Carolyn Kinnon & Family

## Congratulations to

**Pat & Tom Hannon**

who celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary November 30.

*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:



**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.*

## Retirement Fund for Religious Share in the Care

Envelopes are attached to the bulletin this week for the collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious, which helps to support retired nuns, brothers, and priests. Envelopes can be returned any time during December. Thank you! For more information, visit [retiredreligious.org](http://retiredreligious.org)

## 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.

## STM Scrip News

Planning a holiday feast or having trouble finding a gift for that special someone...No worries. From grocery to specialty stores, Scrip can cover all your holiday needs. So ***Jingle All The Way*** over to the Scrip table or the Parish Office to place or pick up orders and help us to build our church.

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

### New Engaging Spirituality Group to Begin in January!

**Engaging Spirituality** is a structured, small group opportunity to practice living deeply and loving broadly! We look to Jesus as our model of integrity, of holiness. The **Engaging Spirituality** process helps us pattern our lives around prayer, outreach, personal, and communal practices in order to set us loose as agents of love and healing in this broken world.

A new evening group will begin this journey together the last week in January 2013. If there is enough interest in a day group, we will do our best to accommodate.

Please sign up at the Information Table on the Plaza soon so that we have time to plan!

For further information or if you have any questions, please call Sr. Maureen at 760-758-4100 x131.

### 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 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 • 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.

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](mailto:jwalsh@diocese-sdiego.org).

### 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



## Parish Events

### Women's Guild News

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. 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.

### Women's Ministry—Simplifying Christmas— Ways to Take the Hectic Out of the Holidays

Join us on Friday, December 7, at 7:00pm as Fr. Mike speaks about keeping Advent traditions throughout the season. Snacks and coffee, too!

### 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](mailto:jandmday@cox.net).

### Vocations

As we begin the Advent season...the anticipation of the coming of the Messiah...let us take time to listen to the voice of God. If you think you hear Him calling to you to be His servant as a priest, deacon, or religious and wish to explore the call, contact Deacon Tom at [thomasgoeltz@aol.com](mailto:thomasgoeltz@aol.com) or 760-727-8442. The babe to be born in the manger came to change hearts and call people to him, but he needs workers. A noble vocation.

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

### November 30 Response Statistics

#### One Month to Go!

**Total Collected to Date                      \$513,438**

† **WOW! We give special 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!**

† The support of our faith community is phenomenal and gratifying as we start to build and pay as we go!

*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.

### Thank You from Brother Benno's

Once again you have outdone yourselves in generosity. This year, Brother Benno's fed over 300 people at their annual Thanksgiving Feast for those in need. This year, thanks to your outpouring of kindness, we had more pies than ever before so that everyone had a slice with some left over for seconds. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

A special thanks to Therese Allen, Director of the Ralph's store at Cannon and Melrose, for the loan of bread trays to help in the delivery of our pies. It sure made our job easier.

# Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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

## ADVENT

### A Sense of the Season

Our culture does not like Advent.

There, I said it! In mid-October, retail giants debuted Christmas decorations, toys, special foods, and reminders that you could upgrade to the store credit cards for discounts and the right to pay for all the stuff in 2013! We are impatient people. Get it NOW or else...

Waiting is a pain. We're all in such a hurry! So much stuff to do! Okay, okay, I guess it depends on what or for whom you are waiting!

We measure all our days by the passing of the hours with the tick-tock of a clock and the rising and setting of the sun.

Advent gives us an opportunity to take a breather—settle down—wait for, long for, hope for the Savior of the world. Just like expectant parents' count the days until they hold their baby in their arms, so we too need to wait for all that the Lord promises us with the birth of the Holy child.

We light candles in the midst of all the darkness in our lives and in the world. They symbolize our longing, our desire, and our hope. We want to be renewed in a sense that Jesus

came to save us from our sins and death. We want to experience his coming to us now, in our everyday lives, to help us live our lives with meaning and purpose. And we want to prepare for his coming to meet us at the end of our lives on this earth. We need to stay awake and WATCH!

Advent is a penitential season, but less so than Lent. The liturgical color is violet with the third Sunday being rose in celebration of the *Gaudete* from that week's reading from Philippians 4:4-5: "*Gaudete in Domino semper*" ("Rejoice in the Lord always"). Our Advent wreath, placed amid the assembly, is made of local seasonal greens. The Manzanita branch relates to the first reading from Jeremiah that foretells the raising of a "just Shoot." Our environment is simple and reflective, which helps us pause and contemplate the profound mystery of the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Liturgy ministers and all the faithful are called during this Year of Faith, to prepare, encourage, serve, welcome, grow, proclaim, and receive the God who is good and upright, kind and constant, faithful and forgiving.

Come Lord Jesus, live in my mind, dwell in my heart, be my companion on the journey of life. Amen.\*

**Behold, I am coming soon.**  
Revelation 22:7

Kathy Arciero  
Liturgy Chairperson

\*Year of Faith Mantra



### Upcoming Music

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#### DECEMBER 8 Immaculate Conception

9:00am Mass

Cantor and  
Congregation

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#### DECEMBER 9 Second Sunday of Advent

5:00pm Mass

Handbell Choir

8:30am Mass

Sanctuary Choir

10:30am Mass

Praise Team

### SAVE THE DATE!

Be a part of the Incarnation story as we decorate for Christmas! Sunday, December 23, right after the 10:30am Mass. Many hands make light work, we appreciate everyone's help!

Call Kathy for more information:  
760-231-1022

### MORNING PRAYER

Mondays in Advent

8:15am

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Saturday, Dec 8, 9:00am

### ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Sunday, Dec 16, 4:00pm

## Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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

December 2 AND 9 are RE.A.CH  
Sundays at Church

### Parents. . . Parishioners

*Join us for the Catholicism Series Sunday,  
5:00-6:30pm*

#### Part 3: THE EXISTENCE OF GOD

Father Barron considers St. Anselm's description of God as *that than which nothing greater can be thought*, and goes on to explain St. Thomas Aquinas' arguments which support the claim that God truly exists. He also speaks from the Catholic tradition about the nature of God and the challenging question of evil and the existence of God.

Father Barron invites us to the heights of the Sinai desert and makes his way to mysterious Istanbul, walks the glittering streets of Paris and then captivates the viewer with the glories of the Sistine Chapel in Rome.

*Next Sunday, December 9:*

#### Part 4: MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

In this episode, Father Barron masterfully correlates the Catholic Faith's testimony to the revelation of God in Christ with the vivid practices of reverence offered to his Mother. Mary is explained as an on-going presence, an actor in the life of the Church.

Father Barron journeys to the humble remains of Mary's house in Nazareth, to the ruins of the ancient city of Ephesus and to the great Marian shrines of Lourdes and Guadalupe to explain the Church's teachings about Mary as the Mother of God, the Immaculate Conception and the dogma of the

### PBJ Update

(Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center)

2012 GOAL: 365 jars  
Revised final count: 365 jars !!!



*Our count begins again today  
with the new church year.*

### Fair Trade Advent/Christmas Table December 8 and 9

Daniel Abrahms

During this Advent/Christmas season, St. Thomas More's Youth Justice Foundation, better known as the people selling that delicious fair trade chocolate after Mass, will offer fairly traded cocoa and coffee as well as the famous chocolate we all know and love.

The Youth Justice Foundation decided to start offering these new products to help farmers receive a fair wage for their work and to make sure your purchases have an impact beyond the products. All of the products that the Youth Justice Foundation offers are harvested and grown by farmers that were paid fairly and happily.

Additionally, this month the Youth Justice Foundation's sales will help Casa de Amparo, an organization that has been treating and preventing child abuse for over 30 years. This organization could really use our help and would appreciate any assistance it can get. And what's a great and easy way to do this? Buying products from The Youth Justice Foundation after Mass!

So this Christmas wrap yourself in a warm blanket in front of the flickering fire, enjoy a hot cup of fairly traded coffee from the Youth Justice Foundation, and keep Christ in your hearts along with your global and local neighbors who will benefit greatly as a result of your economic decisions.

Youth Justice Foundation



# Stewardship & Development

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## Christian Stewardship

As we enter into a new Church year . . .

On this first Sunday of Advent, Jesus warns about the end of time; be vigilant, spiritually awake, pray, avoid self indulgence, spiritual malaise, and a preoccupation with anxiety.

Jesus advises against a lifestyle of earthly pleasures and worry. These will not matter when the Lord asks for an account of our stewardship. Stewards realize their lives are not just about the here and now. They know themselves to be reflections of the Lord's promises.

As we begin this season of hope, let us reflect on the practical effect of having every waking moment in our lives dedicated to the Lord.

Gracious Lord,

Let your goodness reveal itself to us, that we,  
made in your image, may conform ourselves to it.

We cannot imagine your majesty, power and wonder  
on our own; nor is it fitting for us to try.

But your kindness and mercy reach from the heavens,  
through the clouds, to the earth below to show us  
the fruits of your Incarnation.

You have come to us as a small child,  
but you have brought us the greatest of all gifts,  
the gift of you eternal love.

Caress us with your tiny hands,  
embrace us with your tiny arms,  
and soften our hearts with your tender voice  
so that we might respond as humble stewards  
of your active presence in the world.

We pray this through Christ, your Son  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God forever and ever.

Amen.

—Adapted from a prayer by Saint Bernard of Clairvaux  
ICSC Parish e-bulletin, December 2012(with permission)

**When God gives us life, we don't know  
how much time we have to use.  
But whatever time we have is a gift from God  
and we must use it wisely,  
in every activity throughout  
our days, weeks, months and years.**

## HELPFUL YEAR-END PLANNING TIPS GOT DEDUCTIONS?

### 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. Please confer with your tax consultant for more information.

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**All gifts to St. Thomas More are deeply appreciated!**

### Collection for Week of November 24/25, 2012

Number of Registered Households		1,040
Offertory*	\$	6,476.93
Offertory (Loose Collection)		1,232.50
Children's envelopes		3.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,712.43</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.

**Mission San Luis Rey Retreat Center in Oceanside** has an ongoing schedule of retreats. Visit [www.sanluisrey.org](http://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.

**Holiday Joy Vocal Concert in Escondido**—Saturday, December 8, 7:00pm, Trinity Episcopal Church, 845 Chestnut St., Escondido, featuring the California Center for the Arts Center Chorale and several children's choirs. For more information, visit [www.escondidochoralart.com](http://www.escondidochoralart.com).

**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).

## News from St. Francis Church

Let your child reach out and discover the world

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For 30 years, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School has shown the world to thousands of children through the window of our preschool! With classes for two-year-olds through pre-K, our program allows children to discover and develop in a warm, loving, Christ-centered environment.



Is your child ready for preschool? We offer a variety of part- and full-time programs to accommodate your child's needs. Limited space is currently available and applications for the 2013 school year will be out soon.

Find out more about our programs by calling preschool director, Jennifer Paino at 760-630-7964 or visit [www.sfs-vista.org](http://www.sfs-vista.org).

St. Thomas More Parishioners are extended the same benefits and rewards as St. Francis Parishioners.

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

**Pauline Books and Media**—5945-B Balboa Ave., San Diego, carries a wide selection of gifts, books, and bibles—great for First Communion and Confirmation gifts. For more information, contact 858-565-9181.

**Catholic Singles Organization**—The Catholic Alumni Club International is expanding into the San Diego area. Visit [www.caci.org](http://www.caci.org) for more information.

**Foster Children Need Advocates**—Voices for Children is looking for volunteers to be Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs). Information meetings on May 22 and June 6. For more

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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, 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 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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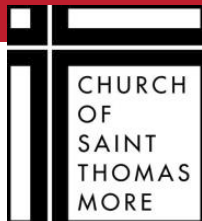




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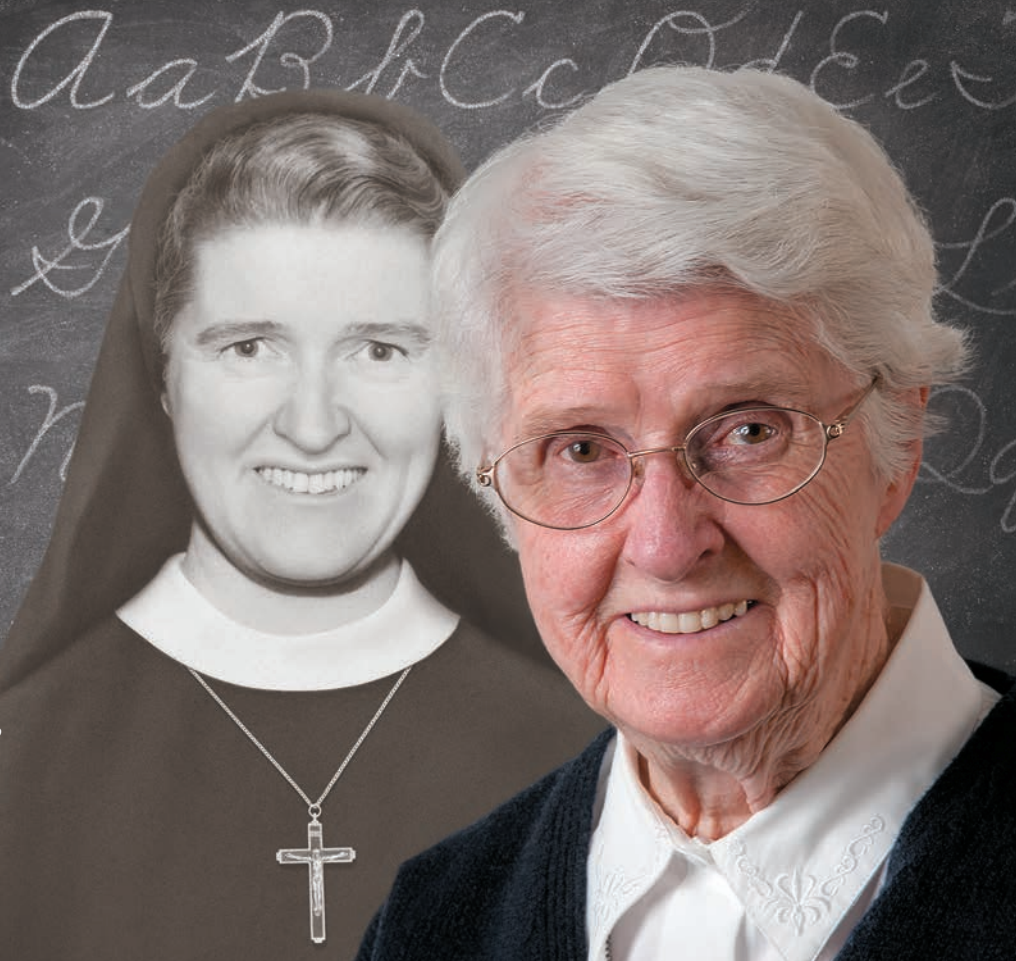


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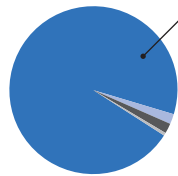
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