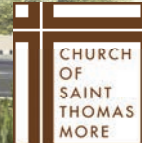


Church of St. Thomas More

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

February 10, 2013 • Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor's Column

The Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA)—Time to “Pay It Forward”

This week we will begin this year's Diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA). “Love letters” from me will be in the mail this week.

Please take time to read and reflect on this information. I pray that it will move you to support this Appeal.

\$1 million of this year's goal of \$3.5 million will be directed to the Parishes in the Imperial Valley which greatly need our assistance due to the phenomenal population growth they are experiencing.

As we, the Parish of St. Thomas More, have been helped by the Diocese, it is now our time to help our sister Parishes in our Diocese.

If you have not supported the ACA in the past, this is the year to begin to do so. If you have supported the ACA in the past, and you are in a position to increase your gift, this is the year to do so.



YEAR OF FAITH 2012-2013

Here are some facts and figures that are important information for you to have as you reflect upon your gift to the ACA.

Know that all that you do is much appreciated by me!

Did You Know?

1. The **ten acres of land** on which our Parish Campus is being built was a **GIFT** from the Diocese of San Diego. It has been the policy of the Diocese that it provides the land on which new Parishes will build their Campuses. Our Parish purchased an additional five acres of land several years ago, enlarging our Campus to a total of fifteen acres.
2. The Diocese of San Diego provided St. Thomas More Parish with a **\$2 million INTEREST-FREE** loan to help us in the building of our present Parish Center. We had been paying down this loan sporadically between 1999 and 2006. Then in January 2006 we began paying down the debt at \$11,000 per month. Our last payment was in December, 2011.
3. The Diocese of San Diego is providing St. Thomas More Parish with a **\$5.4 million loan** which is allowing us to move forward and build our Permanent Church and the Parish Office Building. Due to our good financial standing, the Diocese granted us many exemptions to its loan policy so that we would be able to build in the present economy. **Building now may save us up to \$1 million in construction costs.**

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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, 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.*

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4. The **Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA)** is our yearly opportunity to engage in the Diocesan effort to participate in Jesus' mission of teaching, sanctifying, and serving.
5. The goal of this year's ACA is **\$3.5 million**. The money will be directed for these purposes:

A. Imperial Valley Parish Development	\$1,000,000
B. Catholic Charities	\$ 500,000
C. Education in the Faith, Priestly & Religious Vocations, Marriage & Family Life	\$2,000,000
6. Our **Fair Share Assessment** this year is **\$48,000**. This provides us with the opportunity "to pay it forward" and to assist not only the ongoing mission of Jesus on a Diocesan level, but to directly help other sister Parishes in our Diocese who are in need. Just as we have been helped, it is now our turn to help other Parishes.
7. Last year, only **377 STM households** out of **1,025** chose to participate in the ACA. Last year our assessment was **\$48,000**. We raised **\$48,762** from **37%** of the Parish. The average gift was **\$129.34**. Let us double the number of households participating in the ACA this year. I know that we can do this.
8. **100% of the money raised over** our \$48,000 assessment will be returned to our Parish and it will be directed to the Operations Budget to ensure that we continue to balance our bottom line.

Please respond favorably to my "love letter." Please prayerfully reflect upon this information and act accordingly.

Thank you!

Fr. Mike

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

Little Books

This series provides a six-minute meditation for each day of the Lenten season.

In this form of prayer, we take a Scripture passage and spend some quiet time reading it with God at our side. We listen for God to speak to us through the words, guiding us to thoughts and reflections that sometimes seem to come from nowhere. People are often surprised how easy it is to pray this way.



The following are available at the Information Table on weekends and the Church Office during the week. Your \$2 donation helps cover our cost.

- Little Purple Book (for children, approximately 6-12)
- Little Black Book (for teens through adults)
- El Librito Negro (en español)

Readings for the Week Ahead

Sunday Year C; Weekday Year I
Readings online at www.usccb.org.

Sunday, February 10 (75)
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 6:1-2a,3-8
Psalm 138:1-5,7-8
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 5:1-11

Monday, February 11 (329)
Our Lady of Lourdes

Genesis 1:1-19
Psalm 104:1-2a,5-6,10,12,24,35c
Mark 6:53-56

Tuesday, February 12 (330)
Genesis 1:20-2:4a

Psalm 8:4-9
Mark 7:1-13

Wednesday, February 13 (219)
Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:12-18
Psalm 51:3-6a,12-14,17
2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2
Matthew 6:1-6,16-18

Thursday, February 14 (220)
Cyril, monk, and Methodius, bishops

Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Psalm 1:1-4,6
Luke 9:22-25

Friday, February 15 (221)
Isaiah 58:1-9a

Psalm 51:3-6a,18-19
Matthew 9:14-15

Saturday, February 16 (222)
Isaiah 58:9b-14

Psalm 86:1-6
Luke 5:27-32

Sunday, February 17 (24)
First Sunday of Lent

Deuteronomy 26:4-10
Psalm 91:1-2,10-15
Romans 10:8-13
Luke 4:1-13

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

Mary Alexander
Lucia Ambriz
Phyllis Bader
Tommy Baker
Mary Balli
Jose Luis Barbosa
Patricia Barbour
Clarice Bednarz
John Bennici
Regina Bentz
Lisa Berg
Roseanne Berg
George "Whitey" Betus
Mary Betz
Betty Jean Bielich
Martha Boucher
Arlene & John Britton
William J. Brogan
Monica Broussard
Janet Brown
Todd Brown
Anita Buerger
Bridget Buford
Shelby Campbell
Brianne Campos
Claudia Caplinger
Paul Cassidy
Mary Lou Castle
Dick Clarke
Alexander Clay
Dolly Cole
Carl Coleman
James Coleman
Thomas Cornwell & Family
Lené Crowe
The Curci & Provinse Families
Karen Flaharty Daley
Beverly de Gelder
Stephanie de Villeneuve
Coleman Dorothy
Art Dossman
Dave Dossman
John Drazkowski, Jr.
La Vonne Dumas
Connor Eberhard
Carolyn Erickson Ey
Sharon Evans
The Fiore Family
Ryan Flum
The Franchino Family
Eugene Franciscus
Kathryn Franklin
Joe Freire
Jim Gallagher
Carmen Garcia
Sally & Merritt Garner
Jack & Marge Gillen
Rick Gonzalez
The Griffin & Garner Families
Rosemary Haeffelin
Nan Hallbick
The Harker Family
Elizabeth Harrison
Barbara Hatem
Charlotte Hayes
The Headrick Family
Lilian Hills
Treva Hofer
Susan Hori
The Howell & Magnera Families
Iolanda Iacobelli
Linda Iacobelli Bennett
Peggy Kiernan
Debbie Kinney
Dewey Kolbo
Helen Kuhn
Lillian Lachance
The Lamelin Family
Christopher & Roland Lawrence
Brandon LeBlanc
Jeremiah Lemus
Claudia Leué
The Paul Leué Family
Ashley Load
Cassandra Loretto
Lauren Loretto
James MacArthur
Joaquin Maldonado
Chandler May
Bob McWilliams
Joyce Meehan
Kalei Mendiola
Bill Metzger
Phyllis Minaya
June Mitchell
June Montgomery
Nancy Moore
Elizabeth Muehlbacher
Conrad Murphy
Margie Myers
The Nguyen & Parsons Families
Richard Obsitnik
Bernadette Padovan
Marilyn Pirkola
Douglas Price-Williams
Barbara Ramm
Megan Rhoades
Mrs. Jack (Shirley) Riley
Rita Ritchie
Adela Rivera
Elena Rivera
Maria Rogers
Dorothy Rouse
The Russo Family
Cindy Sanelli
Kimberly Schlunt
Linda Schmidt
The Douglas E. Schulte Family
Bob, Joan, & Julie Shea
Rita Shepard
Richard Sikora
Jeanne Sisson
Beth Snyder
Mike Snyder
Nick Softau
Fred & Gilda Spiegl
Darek, Vanessa, & Elba Spizewski
Patricia St. Pierre
Dorothy Staehr
Ted Stanislawski
Pete Sullivan
David Sweet
Tommy & Ginger Thompson
Sarah Tillinghast
William Tompson
The Toth & Voelpel Families
Stephen Toth, Jr.
Mary Tysko & Family
Ethel & Bob Vanderhagen
Corrie Vasquez
Robert Vasquez
Silvana Vettese
Gloria Viramontes
Vanessa Vitiello
The Voza & Ratajczak Families
Kevin Watson-Gräff
Elizabeth Wehner
John Whitton
Helen Wodyka
Erin Young
Patricia Zavala

Calendar Highlights

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

- Feb 10 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
- Feb 10 RE.A.CH Classes at Church, including high school
- Feb 13 **Ash Wednesday**
Masses at 8:15am, 12:00pm, 5:30pm, and 7:30pm
Soup Supper 5:30-7:30pm
- Feb 14 Spirited Seniors Valentine Luncheon
- Feb 15 K of C Fish Dinner
Stations of the Cross
- Feb 16 Women's Guild Fashion Show at Shadowridge CC
- Feb 17 High School RE.A.CH Classes
- Feb 18 Mass at 8:15am
President's Day Holiday
Parish Office and Chapel closed
- Feb 22 K of C Fish Dinner
Stations of the Cross
- Feb 24 RE.A.CH Classes at Church, including high school
- Mar 3 Parish Communal
Reconciliation Service
- Mar 17 New Member Reception
- Mar 19 Lenten Day of Recollection
- Apr 13 Women's Guild Game Day
- Apr 21 Towers of Faith Reception
- May 19 Confirmation
- 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.

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.

February 11	Sr. Mary Gallagher, RSM
February 12	Sr. Gloria Galvan, SFCC
February 13	Sr. Ruth Garbani, CSJ
February 14	Sr. Dina Marie Garcia, RJM
February 15	Sr. Mary Joseph Garcia, DCJ
February 16	Sr. Paula Garcia, HMSS
February 17	Sr. Peggy Garfield, CSN

Mass Intentions	
Saturday, February 9, 5:00pm	Lucio Cugini ☩
Sunday, February 10, 8:30am	Mark Segura ☩
Sunday, February 10, 10:30am	Pauline Lanthier ☩
Tuesday, February 12, 8:15am	Bert Botkin ☩
Wednesday, February 13, 8:15am	Anita Buerger
Wednesday, February 13, 12:00pm	Eugene Franciscus
Wednesday, February 13, 5:30pm	Marcella Scaloni ☩
Wednesday, February 13, 7:30pm	Eileen Gough ☩
Thursday, February 14, 8:15am	Pernetta Frankin ☩
Friday, February 15, 8:15am	Colleen Bechtold
Saturday, February 16, 5:00pm	Josephine Stephens ☩
Sunday, February 17, 8:30am	Joanne Robinson ☩
Sunday, February 18, 10:30am	Mac McCullough ☩

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
1st Sgt Christian B. Bull, USMC
Corp. Willie Deel
Chaplain Van Dinh
Lance Corp. Brandon Doyle, USMC
StfSgt Evans Formica, USMC
Grant Fischer
MSGT Steve Gallegos, USMC
Sgt. Alex Garcia
PFC Samuel Haro, US Army
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

Welcome New Parishioners

Gary & Martha Ernst
 Nicholas & Joanne Haproff & Family
 Eleanore Martin-Spinney
 Margery & Robert Morrill
 Allen & Dede Waloch

Congratulations to

Jack & Rita Shepard

who celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary February 1.

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

Thank You!

I would like to say thanks to all of you who attended my husband Jack's funeral and for all the wonderful cards I received.

—Mary Williams

In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Merrill Garner, who died January 29. Please keep his daughter, staff member Stacey Griffin, and his family in your prayers.

Guy John Headrick, who died on February 2. His funeral will be celebrated on Friday, February 15, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep his wife Monica and 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.

STM Archives Wants Your Material

The STM Historian is looking for material from Parish events and activities since our church was established in 1985. The kinds of material that are needed include: 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 donations 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.

STM Scrip News

Thanks to everyone who shopped with Scrip this season!

If you have never purchased Scrip gift cards, try out the program this year—it can be one of your New Year's Resolutions! A percentage of each gift card purchased will go to our Parish Mortgage Fund.

Remember, Scrip is available for purchase FOUR ways!

1. On the Plaza after weekend Masses
2. Monday-Friday during business hours in the Parish Office
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

Heartnotes

Did you include “learning CPR” in your New Year's resolutions? Whether or not you did, it's one of the best 3-hour investments you will make in 2013.

The next Adult CPR/AED class will take place on Saturday, February 16, 9:00am-12:00noon. Contact: 760-732-1414 or drphilg@cox.net. The cost is \$37 per person.

There will be an Infant/Child CPR class on Saturday, March 16, 9:00am-12:00noon. The cost is \$37 per person. Give your teenage babysitter a gift that will last a lifetime.

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.

Ash Wednesday

Join us for Mass on Ash Wednesday, February 13 at 8:12am, 12:00pm, 5:30pm or 7:30pm.

You are also invited to our traditional soup supper, 5:30-7:30pm.



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.

That Man Is You!

“That Man Is You!” continues on Saturdays at 6:45am in the lower level of the Parish Center. This program is modeled on some of the country's leading men's programs. “That Man Is You!” combines Scripture, solid secular research, and a little fun to address the pressures and temptations facing men in our modern culture. It seeks to form authentic leaders who will be capable of transforming homes and society. Register online at www.thatmanisyou.org.

Outline for next week: Penance—Conquering the Flesh

- Turn Away from Sin and Be Faithful to the Gospel
- Your Time Is Not Your Own
- Purity of Heart Starts with the Eyes
- The Working of a Man's Brain
- The Chemistry of Addiction
- Steps to Purity

Vocations

In this week's Gospel, Jesus says to Simon “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.” Are you being called to be a catcher of men for God? “Do not be afraid” to answer the call. The life of a priest, deacon or vowed religious is a challenging and rewarding vocation. If you wish to explore such a life, contact Deacon Tom at thomasgoeltz@aol.com or 760-727-8442.

Parish Events

Women's Guild News

Our Fashion Show is very close now and everything is ready for an experience to remember. It will be held next Saturday, February 16, at 11:00am at the Shadowridge Country Club. There are still a few tickets available, so please contact Valerie Thompson at 760-630-1703 or Leah Stevens at 760-630-0788 if you would like to attend. Our theme is Fashion Magic and it will be a magical day! Everyone is welcome. You don't have to be a member to attend.

We are also looking forward our events in the spring. March will be a travel presentation on our regular meeting date, Monday, March 11. Our Day of Recollection will be held on Tuesday, March 19, so please save the dates and watch for more information will be announced in the coming weeks. Also, our Game Day will be on Saturday, April 13, so save the date for that fun event as well.

Don't miss out on a blessing because it isn't packaged the way you expect!

—Vera Bayliss, President

2013 Pastor's Dinner Excursion

Celebrate Fr. Mike's 65th Birthday!

Sunday, September 29, 1:30-6:00pm

Pay by March 1 for Early Bird Bonus Gift!

Featuring The Hot Pursuit Band

Let the good times roll!

\$250/person (\$125 tax deduction)

All payments due by August 15



How would you like to benefit our church and have a wonderful afternoon all at the same time?

- * Enjoy a smooth outing on the calm waters of Mission Bay aboard the William D. Evans Sternwheeler (flat bottom)
- * Three-hour open bar, delectable hors d'oeuvres, and choice of custom entrée selections await you
- * The Hot Pursuit Band is back with their award-winning music entertainment for dancing, listening, or both
- * **Carpooling is available from St. Thomas More**
- * **Save the date and sign up now!** This event was a huge success last year, and we look forward to September 2013!

For information, please contact Chris Smith
760-758-4100x120 or chriss@stmoside.org

Memorial Item Donations

Memorials are a way of honoring those whom we love, whether they are living or deceased. Often, memorials are made for a special intention or in thanksgiving for a variety of blessings received from God.

Our Parish Campus will be a living memorial. All who help in building it will leave something to the community itself that will be used by generations to come. The good they do is not interred with them, but will remain to share in the divine activity of God here on earth.

Listed below are items still available for adoption.

All contributions will be recognized in a special memorial to be displayed in our Parish Memorial Garden.

For more information or to adopt an item, contact Chris Smith
760-758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org

Pipe Organ	\$850,000
Memorial Garden	\$500,000
Reflection Garden	\$250,000
Church Doors (Bronze)	\$100,000
Crucifix	\$75,000
St. Thomas More Shrine (Tapestry)	\$75,000
Daily Mass Chapel Ambo	\$4,500
Concelebrant Chairs (5) 2 available	\$3,000/chair
Offertory Table	\$2,500
Thurible/Boat/Stand	\$2,500
Pedestals for Flowers (8) 4 available	\$1,000/each
Wedding Kneelers (5) 1 available	\$1,000/each
Pew Seating for the Church (1,000) 982 available	\$300/person
Daily Mass Chapel and Choir Chairs (200) 198 available	\$300/each



2/05/13

For more information on our progress, visit our website, stmoside.org, and click on Our New Church.

A Model of the Church Crucifix for Your Home

Limited edition (40 made, 26 still available) models of the crucifix for our new church are available for purchase at \$750 each. They are 15" high by 8" wide with a 9" corpus.

Complete the pre-order sign up form on the stage after Masses or contact Chris Smith at 760-758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org. Payment plans available.



Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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

LENT

A sense of the season

Return to me with your whole heart.

Luke's Gospel contains the Parable of the Barren Fig Tree; Jesus speaks to the crowd about the vineyard owner who tells his gardener to cut down the fig tree with leaves but no fruit thus barren. The gardener asks for more time to work on what was neglected and dying, he understands the need to cultivate the life still in the tree and bear fruit. We have this season of Lent to turn our hearts toward our works of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving allowing us to repent and focus intently once again on our relationship with God, so that we may bear good fruit.

How do we do this?

We stand in line for ashes and are given the invitation to "Repent, and believe in the Gospel." We end each week by walking "The Stations" on Friday nights. We reach out to our community to help prepare and serve a meal in nearby shelters. We deny ourselves an activity that takes us away from each other, a tasty morsel or beverage, or a harmful practice. We add something new to our spiritual life that builds us up. We are invited to place a written prayer in the basket near the altar that will be remembered during Mass.

The Season of Lent is a season of Penance—the liturgical color is purple, the environment is on a retreat if you will. Simpler elements that are quiet and not distracting give us room for reflection and response to the Gospel messages of spirituality. On the fourth Sunday of Lent, known as *Laetare* Sunday, rose-colored vestments will be worn by the Priest and Deacon. The Sixth Sunday of Lent is Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord. Our

environment will be punctuated with red, our blessed palm branches herald Jesus's triumphant entry into Jerusalem. We will not say or sing the Gloria; we also refrain from using the Alleluia before the reading of the Gospel. The ancient Apostles' Creed will be prayed throughout Lent and Easter. The Apostles' Creed is a brief statement of our fundamental beliefs; those who pray the Rosary will recognize it. An ancient tradition holds that on the day of Pentecost, the apostles composed this Creed under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Moreover, each apostle wrote one of the twelve articles of faith expressed in the Creed.

We have this blessed Lenten season to look into ourselves, to see what we're holding back, to examine our fears and our wounds, to acknowledge our sinfulness... and to return to God with our whole heart.

—Kathy Arciero
Liturgy Chairperson



Upcoming Music

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FEBRUARY 13
Ash
Wednesday

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8:15am Mass
Cantor &
Congregation

12:00noon
Mass

Cantor &
Congregation

5:30pm Mass

Handbell Choir

7:30pm Mass

Cappella Choir
Sanctuary Choir

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FEBRUARY 17
1st Sunday of
Lent

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5:00pm Mass

Sanctuary Choir

8:30am Mass

Praise Team

10:30am Mass

Handbell Choir

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

Kathleen Bell, Director of Faith Formation
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kathleenb@stmoside.org

Marcus Cabrera, Youth Advocate
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The Fragrance of Baptism

The day after our grandson was baptized, I held him close and savored the lingering scent of chrism. I wondered, as I had the day before, whether a sacred sign could possibly be more multi-sensory and meaningful. My thoughts were interrupted when Cael's three-year old sister offered her own observation: "He smelled like baptize the whole entire day."

Addy's pronouncement still gives me pause, and it prompts my resolve as Lent approaches. What better time than Lent to revel in our baptisms, particularly the rite of anointing with the chrism of salvation: "As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet, and King, so may you live always as a member of his body, sharing everlasting life." Live always, "smell like" always, be always—or at least this whole entire Lent—priest, prophet, and king.

Too often we think of priests only as the ordained, those acting in the person of Christ make present the Eucharistic sacrifice and offer it to God in the name of us all. But this Lent I want to more intentionally offer *myself* back to God in Christ. This means attentive participation during Mass but so much more. It means looking and acting like I really do belong to "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation" (1 Peter 2:9). Just one Lenten sacrifice that will test my priestly mettle: I will sacrifice my need to always have the last word, the word that proves I am right. Fragrant incense it will be.



A "well-trained tongue" was the prophet Isaiah's gift from God (Isa 50:4). We tend to think of prophets primarily as agitators, thorns in the side of the institutional establishment. But the prophetic task was to offer comfort and consolation along with critique. As intermediaries between God and the community, prophets wanted their community to be better, to live like the beloved people of God that they were. This Lent I want to be more attentive to the good and goodness of the community I entered in baptism, the Catholic Church. One thing is certain: if I want to sound like a prophet, to be a herald of the good news of Jesus Christ, then stridency and sarcasm must go. The priest in me can help to offer up this sacrifice. Fragrant offering it will be.

As the magi—one of them bearing fragrant myrrh—went in search of the child Jesus, they asked, "Where is the newborn king?" Good question, but more questions arise: Who is he? What does our baptism call us to be in him? The answers are found not in a crib but on the cross. This Lent I want to face the crucifix and let the *INRI* settle in my depths—*Jesus Nazareus, Rex Judaeorum, Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews*.

The King who did not come to be served but to serve, the King who washed the disciples' feet the night before he died, the King who gave his life as a ransom for us and was anointed with fragrant myrrh as he was laid in the tomb. Christ the Risen King who is present in the hungry and lonely, the fearful and frail. This Lent I want to be a better servant king to them. Fragrant oil it will be.

And it will be hard, hard, work. But if we live always as members of Christ's body, we will overflow with the grace and generosity of God that the sacred chrism symbolizes. And *that's* what baptism "smells like." This Lent—this whole entire Lent—may we be the priests, prophets, and kings we were anointed to be.

by Mary Stommes

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Lent offers us forty days to review our lives and focus on conversion and spiritual transformation. It is a basically a spiritual “spring training” when we go back to the basics of our faith through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Consider the following ideas for making your Lenten season even more meaningful this year.

1. Identify a penitential practice you can realistically commit to daily. It's easy to become distracted and suddenly discover that Lent is half over. A daily commitment will keep you focused. (*Our little black books/6 minutes daily are perfect*)
2. Make time in your daily schedule for private prayer, even if it is only 10 minutes. Improving our spiritual lives starts with prayer, and the silence of an empty room where we begin to listen to God is invaluable.
3. Reduce your daily or weekly soft drink or alcohol intake as a spiritual discipline. Drink water and pray for those who lack access to a safe, reliable source of drinking water.
4. It's become a cliché that people are addicted to modern communication technologies. “Give up” some of your “screen time” each day, whether it's watching television, constantly checking your phone, or surfing the Web. Use that time to: read a passage from Scripture, call or visit a lonely friend or relative, or pray the Rosary.
5. Don't shop for clothes during Lent. Stay out of every store except the supermarket and pharmacy, and don't loiter at these places either. Reflect on what it is like for millions in the world who have little or no discretionary income.
6. Make a donation to the poor with the money saved. (*See #5*)
7. Find a way to reduce your daily home energy consumption. With just five percent of the world's population, people living in the U.S. consume 24% of its available energy.
8. Give up negative thinking. Work on a patient, positive attitude toward others. Catch yourself when you mentally berate someone and turn it into a prayer for that person.
9. Do you have extra clothes languishing in a closet? Take time to clean a closet, give a “tunic” or two to a good cause.
10. Pray with the Church. Attend an extra Mass during the week or participate in a devotion that inspires you.

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Offertory (Loose Collection)		1,063.00
Children's envelopes		3.00
Total	\$	19,029.53

* 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

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News and Information from the Larger Church

Movie Screening of *Restless Heart: The Confessions of Augustine*—Sunday, February 10, 4:30pm, Museum of Photographic Arts in Balboa Park. Sponsored by All for God. For more information, contact 619-582-4571.

John Paul the Great University Open House—Saturday, February 16. For more information, contact 858-653-6740 or www.jpccatholic.com.

John Angotti in Concert—Sunday, February 17, 7:00pm, Blinder Memorial Chapel, Camp Pendleton. For more information, visit www.johnangotti.com.

Magnificat Women's Group—Saturday, February 23, 9:30am-12:00noon, Sheraton Hotel, 1433 Camino Del Rio S., San Diego. Speakers will be Jason and Crystalina Evert. For more information, contact 619-701-2718 or www.magnificat-sd.org.

Becoming a Strong Woman of God Presentation—Saturday, March 16, 9:30am-3:45pm. Free of charge. For information and to RSVP, contact Eilin Friedman at 858-354-5908. Sponsored by St. Dismas Guild.

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.

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

Mission San Luis Rey Retreat Center in Oceanside has an ongoing schedule of retreats. Visit www.sanluisrey.org for more details.

San Diego Habitat for Humanity Providing Homes for Wounded Veterans—For more information, contact Sheyna Hensley at 619-283-4663 x314 or ShaynaH@sdhfh.org.

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.

Catholic Singles Organization—The Catholic Alumni Club International is expanding into the San Diego area. Visit www.caci.org for more information.

News from St. Francis Church

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Position Available—St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School is seeking applicants for a full-time Middle School Language Arts Teacher for the 2013-2014 school year. Please contact the school for more information about the application process.

Pregnancy Resource Center in San Marcos—Birth Choice of San Marcos, 760-744-1313 or www.birthchoice.net.

Natural Family Planning Course in San Diego—For more information and/or to register for the series, contact 619-303-5053 or davidandcherylross@gmail.com.

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, Mega Adoration, and outreach projects.

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

Marriage & Family Life Corner

RETROUVAILLE—PARA SANAR Y RENOVAR MATRIMONIOS ¿Existe divorcio, separación, problemas de comunicación o desilusión en su matrimonio? Empezaremos un nuevo programa en español el 22-24 de Marzo, 2013. Por favor llame al 619-423-0182 para más información.

Bringing the Celebration Home—Lent Daily Countdown Chain: Lent begins this coming Wednesday. Each weekend of Lent, we will provide an activity for you and your family to do together during the lenten season. Stop by the Information Table on the plaza to pick up this week's activity: creating a Countdown to Easter Chain with Daily Lent Activities! Visit <http://enterundermyroof.blogspot.com> for more ideas and information.

The Bishops' Letter on Marriage—Unitive and Procreative: "Conjugal love expresses the unitive meaning of marriage in such a way as to show how this meaning is ordered toward the equally obvious procreative meaning. The unitive meaning is distorted if the procreative meaning is deliberately disavowed...Likewise, the procreative meaning of marriage is degraded without the unitive." To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

Marriage Moments—February 10, World Marriage Day, reminds us that marriage is not just a private affair, but a time for your love to impact the world. Just as Jesus told Simon to "Put out into deep water...for a catch." (Lk 5:4) find a way to multiply your love through serving or feeding others today. by Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net.

Parenting Pointers—This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. Talk with your kids about whether there is something the whole family might give up or DO for Lent. For example: omit desserts, TV, or videos except on Sunday; eat dinner together more, give each other one sincere compliment a day... by Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net.

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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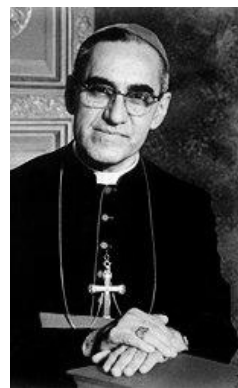
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of El Salvador's Catholic Martyrs



Tuesday, February 12, 6:30-8:30pm

St. Thomas More Parish Center, lower level

1450 South Melrose Drive, Oceanside (corner of Melrose & Cannon)

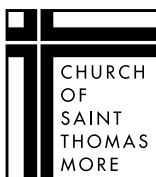
Join us for dessert, presentation, and discussion

“Following in the footsteps of the Catholic martyrs of El Salvador’s Civil War opened my eyes to the love, faith, and action required of the people of El Salvador,” says Andrea Voss who traveled as part of a JustFaith Pilgrimage to El Salvador last year. Andrea uses words like “beautiful vistas, generosity, love, hunger, poverty, street celebrations, faith, crime, noisy streets, remembering, and reconciliation” to describe her trip memories.

Andrea will share her experience and feelings about life in El Salvador 20 years after the Civil War and the life and death of Archbishop Romero, the four Maryknoll religious women, and the six Jesuits.

For more information, contact Andrea Voss at 760-994-6147.

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STM Knights of Columbus Present...



Fish Dinner Every Friday During Lent

Serving Time: 5:30-6:30pm

Baked Cod with Vegetables, Potatoes,
Coleslaw, Salad, and Cornbread

Bob Wong's Famous Dessert Bar

Beverage Bar

Prices

Adults: 1 Piece of Fish: \$6

Adults: 2 Pieces of Fish: \$7

Children: 1 Piece of Fish: \$4



We encourage family participation!

If you need a table reserved for families or large groups,
please call Mike at 760-940-9546.





World Marriage Day

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World Marriage Day honors husband and wife as head of the family, the basic unit of society. It salutes the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice and joy in daily married life. Our World Marriage Day Symbol speaks readily of the role and values we proclaim. Husband and wife are symbolically seen as two candle-like figures, reminding us that married love calls us to help enlighten the world. The couple is joined by a heart, focusing on love as the power that fosters unity within the couple and generates the capacity to be life-giving and inspire others to fruitfulness and unity.

The idea of celebrating marriage began in Baton Rouge, La., in 1981, when couples encouraged the Mayor, the Governor and the Bishop to proclaim St. Valentines Day as "We Believe in Marriage Day". The event was so successful, the idea was presented to and was adopted by Worldwide Marriage Encounter's National Leadership. By 1982, 43 Governors officially proclaimed the day and celebrations spread to U.S. military bases in several foreign countries. In 1983, the name was changed to "World Marriage Day", designated to be celebrated each year on the second Sunday in February. In 1993, his Holiness, Pope John Paul II, imparted his Apostolic Blessings on World Marriage Day. WMD celebrations continue to grow and spread to more countries and faith expressions every year.

Prayer for Our Marriage

Heavenly Father, we thank You for Your tremendous gift of the Sacrament of Marriage. Enable us to grow in our intimacy with You and with each other. Teach us the beauty of forgiveness so that we may become more and more one in heart, mind, and body. Strengthen our communication with each other, and help us become living signs of Your Love. Help us to become examples of Commitment, Love, and Service to our families and children. Make us a sign of the unity that Jesus prays for at the Last Supper. We open ourselves to the guidance of your Holy Spirit, who empowers us to Love in Jesus' name and walk in His footsteps. Amen.





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It's a Fact!

1. A kiss from your spouse, when leaving the house, makes for a safe and more productive day.
2. Hug your spouse often. . . it helps to relieve stress.
3. Communicating the positive in your heart will increase the happiness in your life.
4. The world's most expressive four letter word is still "love".
5. Love wasn't put in you heart to stay. Love isn't love till you give it away!

Retrouvaille...a Lifeline for Marriages

Do you feel lost, alone, or bored in your marriage?
Are you frustrated, hurt, or angry with your spouse?

Are you constantly fighting?

Or, do you simply shut down?

Have you thought about separation or divorce?

Does talking about it only make it worse?

...retrouvaille provides marriage help
Contact Fr. Mike for more information.

Celebrate Your Love

1. Give your spouse a hug...and hold it for an extra few seconds.
2. Tell your spouse right now "I Love You".
3. Take out your wedding pictures tonight and share a memory with family and friends.
4. Show the family movies tonight to celebrate a marriage well done.
5. Bring a gift tonight to your spouse.
6. Fix his or her favorite meal tonight.
7. Share your love for each other with your children tonight.
8. Ask your spouse for a date tonight.
9. Tell each other how much your marriage means to you.
10. Your marriage relationship is the most intimate relationship possible on earth. Be proud of it and the joys and sacrifices that have made it strong.
11. Reach out - not long distance - and touch your spouse.
12. Share your love story with your children tonight.