

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

February 17, 2013 • First Sunday of Lent

Pastor's Column

The Resignation of Pope Benedict XVI

An official statement from Bishop Brom, the Bishop of the Diocese of San Diego, can be found elsewhere in the Bulletin.

Jokingly, Kathleen Bell, our Director of Faith Formation, said to me this past Monday, "I guess anyone can give their two week notice." How true!

What are the implications of Pope Benedict's resignation, the first since Pope Gregory XII's resignation in 1415?

Many people would consider Pope Benedict to be conservative and very traditional. Yet, he has done something that is very "un-traditional." He resigned the Papacy, the first papal resignation in almost 600 years.

It reminds me of President Richard Nixon, doing what was then in the early 1970's a very untraditional move—he began to open the door to China, a very radical move for a very conservative and traditional politician.



Pope Benedict's resignation was definitely a "Nixon going to China" move.

In this resignation, the Pope is saying that the mission and ministry of Jesus through the work of the Church, is a communal effort and is more important than any one person, even the Pope himself.

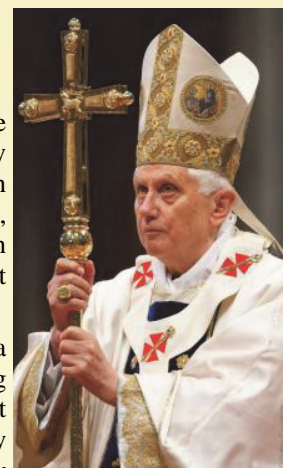
Pope Benedict has now given his future successors a great freedom—the ability to resign when it seems that their own personal health, or possibly other issues, whatever they may be, are creating an inability for the ministry to be done as it needs to be done for that specific era.

Health care is advancing at such a phenomenal rate that people are living longer and longer, but that does not mean that, although living longer, they are able to perform all the necessary requirements in their ministry, in their job.

The Pope's resignation is a sign of that reality. He is to be commended for his willingness "to let go, and let God."

There were many discussions in the last months, and even in the last years of Pope John Paul II's papacy. Many thought he should have resigned because of ill health. I personally agreed with that position.

The debate centered around whether the mission and ministry of Jesus, in and through the Church, were being done, or whether too



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Welcome New Parishioners

Adam & Abby Way & Family

In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Gloria Viramontes, who died on January 31. Please keep her son, Parishioner Joe Viramontes, and her family in your prayers.

Kimberly Schlunt, who died February 11. Her Vigil Service will be on Thursday, March 7, at 7:00pm, and her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, March 8, at 11:00am, both at St. Thomas More. Please keep her husband Paul and her family in your prayers.

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

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.

Our Mission is to: worship God,

In addition to Mass, Reconciliation, and Eucharistic Adoration (see page 1 for schedules), there are opportunities to participate in liturgical and music ministries.

*For further information, contact Douglas Lynn,
Director of Liturgy and Music,
at 760-758-410 x140 or douglasl@stmoside.org*
Matrimony (9 months advance notice required),
communion for the sick/homebound, and anointing
are available by request

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at 760-758-4100 x100 or parishoffice@stmoside.org.*

teach and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ,

There are programs for faith development and enrichment for all ages, including preparation for receiving the sacraments.

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Director of Faith Formation,
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and serve God's people in word and deed.

There are many groups who serve our Parishioners and provide outreach to the local community (see page 10).

*For further information, contact Chris Smith,
Director of Stewardship and Development,
at 760-758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org.*

See page 10 or www.stmoside.org for more details.

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much attention and energy was centered on the Pope and working to keep him "going." In the meantime, was the ministry of the Church being exercised as it should be?

These questions will never be answered, but I believe Pope Benedict's greatest legacy may be his resignation, his willingness to courageously honor the present situation of his life, and to say that the mission and ministry of Jesus is the most important element, more important than any one person, even the Pope himself.

We pray for our Church during this transition, and we pray knowing that the Holy Spirit will give us the Pope that is needed for this time!

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

Rosary

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



A Gift from the Heart

The Youth Justice Team thanks you for your continued support! Proceeds from February's Fair Trade sales went toward the donation of

FIVE HONEYBEE HIVES

through Heifer International. Providing a family with the tools to achieve self-reliance is truly heartwarming.

STM Youth Justice Foundation partners with Catholic Relief Services Fair Trade and Equal Exchange to bring the core values of our faith to bear on the choices we make as consumers—choices that have the power to lift our brothers and sisters out of poverty. And with this month's gift of honeybees, families around the world receive much needed assistance through hives and training. Thank you!



Readings for the Week Ahead

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

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

Monday, February 18 (224)

Leviticus 19:1-2,11-18
Psalm 19:8-10,15
Matthew 25:31-46

Tuesday, February 19 (225)

Isaiah 55:10-11
Psalm 34:4-7,16-19
Matthew 6:7-15

Wednesday, February 20 (226)

Jonah 3:1-10
Psalm 51:3-4,12-13,18-19
Luke 11:29-32

Thursday, February 21 (227)

Peter Damian, bishop, doctor
Esther C:12,14-16,23-25
Psalm 138:1-3,7c-8
Matthew 7:7-12

Friday, February 22 (535)

The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
1 Peter 5:1-4
Psalm 23:1-6
Matthew 16:13-19

Saturday, February 23 (229)

Deuteronomy 26:16-19
Psalm 119:1-2,4-5,7-8
Matthew 5:43-48

Sunday, February 24 (27)

Second Sunday of Lent
Genesis 15:5-12,17-18
Psalm 27:1,7-9,13-14
Philippians 3:17-4:1
Luke 9:28b-36

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
Brianna 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
Brian Frink
Jim Gallagher
Carmen Garcia
Kathy Gardner
Jack & Marge Gillen
Rick Gonzalez
The Griffin & Garner Families
Rosemary Haeffelin
Nan Hallbick
The Harker Family
Elizabeth Harrison
Barbara Hatem
The Headrick Family
Lilian Hills
Treva Hofer
Susan Hori
Iolanda Iacobelli
Linda Iacobelli Bennett
Paul Kennedy
Peggy Kiernan
Debbie Kinney
Dewey Kolbo
Helen Kuhn
Lillian Lachance
The Lamelin Family
Christopher Lawrence
Roland Lawrence
Brandon LeBlanc
Jeremiah Lemus
Claudia Leué
The Paul Leué Family
Ashley Load
Cassandra Loretto
Lauren Loretto
James MacArthur
Joaquin Maldonado
Chandler May
Tony McCloskey
Nell McGlone
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
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
The Schluntz Family
Linda Schmidt
The Douglas E. Schulte Family
Bob, Joan, & Julie Shea
Rita Shepard
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
Pete Sullivan
David Sweet
Tommy & Ginger Thompson
Sarah Tillinghast
William Tompson
Stephen Toth, Jr.
Mary Tysko & Family
Barbara Upson
Ethel & Bob Vanderhagen
Robert Vasquez
Silvana Vettese
The Viramontes Family
Vanessa Vitiello
The Voza & Ratajczak Families
Kevin Watson-Graff
John Whitton
Helen Wodyka
Erin Young
Patricia Zavala

Calendar Highlights

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

- Feb 17 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
- 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 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
- Feb 24 RE.A.CH Classes at Church, including high school
- Mar 3 Parish Communal Reconciliation Service
- Mar 8-9 Brother Benno's Food Drive
- Mar 17 New Member Reception
- Mar 19 Lenten Day of Recollection
- Apr 13 Women's Guild Game Day
- Apr 14 Spring Sing Choral Concert
- 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.

Mass Intentions
Saturday, February 16, 5:00pm Josephine Stephens ☩
Sunday, February 17, 8:30am Joanne Robinson ☩
Sunday, February 17, 10:30am Mac McCullough ☩
Monday, February 18, 8:15 Bill Fosselman ☩
Tuesday, February 19, 8:15am Barbara Sarnecki
Wednesday, February 20, 8:15am Donna Doherty
Thursday, February 21, 8:15am Ann Couture ☩
Friday, February 22, 8:15am Max Isaac
Saturday, February 23, 5:00pm Leon Grunert ☩
Sunday, February 24, 8:30am Maria Surmenitis ☩
Sunday, February 24, 10:30am Joseph Immerso ☩

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

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 18 Sr. Lorraine Genest, RJM
February 19 Sr. Virginia Gillis, RSM
February 20 Sr. Rose Frances Gilmore, OLVM
February 21 Sr. Barbara Goergen, OSF
February 22 Sr. Maria de la Luz Gomez, SJS
February 23 Sr. Ma. Engracia Gonzalez, SJS
February 24 Sr. Maria-Elvia Gonzalez, SJS

Social Ministries/Outreach

Annual Brother Benno Food Drive

For the past number of years Saint Thomas More has assisted Brother Benno's in feeding the poor and homeless. This year, on March 8-9, we will once again be collecting nonperishable food items for Brother Benno's. Deacon Tom will have several pickup trucks available before all the Masses that weekend to receive your donations. Please be generous in helping feed the poor this Lenten Season.

Fish Dinners—Knights of Columbus

Every Friday night during Lent*, the Knights of Columbus will serve their popular fish dinner, which includes baked cod, potatoes, vegetables, salad, coleslaw, and cornbread. A delicious selection of sweets is available at Bob Wong's famous dessert bar. To make reservations for six or more, call Mike at 760-904-9546.

**Note that Good Friday is not part of Lent; it is part of the Triduum that begins on Holy Thursday.*

Vocations

The Lenten Season is a time for reflection on the wonderful love and mercy of our God; for contemplation of the greatest love story ever told, the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. If, during this season, you feel the call to share this love story with others as a priest, deacon, or vowed religious, please contact Deacon Tom at thomasgoeltz@aol.com or 760-727-8442.

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.

Marriage & Family Life

Bringing the Celebration Home—Lent Hike: Each weekend of Lent, we will provide an activity for you and your family to do together during the Lenten season. This weekend, go for a hike together as a family. Find a large boulder (very large!) and try to move it (it shouldn't move). Read Matthew 27:62-66 and talk about what it must have been like for Jesus's followers to come and see that the boulder had been moved from his tomb! Visit <http://enterundermyroof.blogspot.com> for more ideas and information.

The Bishops' Letter on Marriage—Contraception: "By using contraception, married couples may think that they are avoiding problems or easing tensions, that they are exerting control over their lives. At the same time, they may think that they are doing nothing harmful to their marriages. In reality, the deliberate separation of the procreative and unitive meanings of marriage has the potential to damage or destroy the marriage. Also, it results in many other negative consequences, both personal and social." To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

Marriage Moments—February 24 is the Feast of Jesus' Transfiguration. Just as Jesus body was "glorified" marriage can be an experience of miraculous ecstasy—not all the time, but at special moments. It is a grace that carries us through the mundane times that are also part of life. Share a time of ecstasy. by Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net.

Parenting Pointers—It's hard to teach children to be patient with others, especially when they've been wronged. You want them to be neither too aggressive nor cowards. To "bear wrongs patiently" is one of the Spiritual Works of Mercy. Teach your child when to stand up for their rights and when patiently accepting an insult might be the wiser course. 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.

That Man Is You!

"That Man Is You!" continues on Saturdays at 6:45am on 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: Charity—Conquering the World

- God Is Found in Communion
- Finances and Your Faith
- Where Are the Desires of Your Heart
- First Fruits
- When Money Becomes the Focus
- Who Has the Highest Life Satisfaction
- Can Someone Be Addicted to Success?
- Seven Steps to Financial Freedom

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.

Parish Events

Women's Guild News

Our Fashion Show was the highlight of our year. The event went very well and thank you to all chairpeople who helped. The decorations were beautiful, opportunity baskets were special, many, many door prizes, and a good luncheon. Thanks to our ticket sellers, all the volunteers, to Susan at Damon's and Draper's and especially to Valerie Thompson, chairperson for the event. It was a magical day!

We are now looking forward our events in the spring. March will be a travel presentation on our regular meeting date, Monday, March 11, so please save the date and watch for more information. Our Day of Reflection will be held on Tuesday, March 19—see the flyer in today's bulletin for more information. Also, our Game Day will be in on Saturday, April 13, so save the date for that fun event as well.

May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.

—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) 980 available	\$300/person
Daily Mass Chapel and Choir Chairs (200) 193 available	\$300/each



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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, 25 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

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 Director of Liturgy and Music
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JOURNEYING TO THE EASTER VIGIL

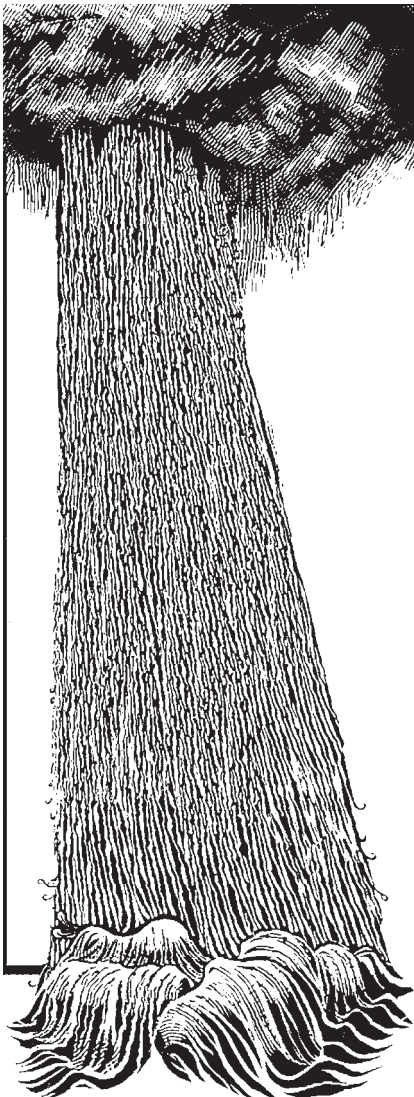
Signs and Symbols of the Holy Night

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night is greatest and most noble of all the Church's liturgical celebrations. The Easter Vigil is divided into four parts: a Service of Light and Easter Proclamation, the Liturgy of the Word (in which we meditate on the wonders the Lord God has done for us from the beginning), the Liturgy of Baptism (in which new members are reborn), and the Liturgy of the Eucharist (the memorial of Christ's death and resurrection until he comes again). As part of our Lenten journey, I offer these meditations on the signs and symbols we will encounter during this most holy night.

—Douglas



WATER



It was spring in the Midwest. The hoped-for rains came, softening the earth, preparing it to receive the seed that would provide food for a nation. The rains went, the seed was planted. The earth burst forth, green with life. And the rains never returned. Crops died. The earth cracked. Farmers went broke.

Another spring. The hoped-for rains came. The drought was broken at last. The earth became soft again, healed of its fractures. But the rains never left. Streams overran their banks, rivers burst through levees. Cars and cattle were washed away. Homes and fields and entire towns were flooded. When the waters subsided, everything was covered with a thick layer of mud.

The next spring, the gentle rains came and went. The earth, wearing a new coat of fertile soil and holding reserves of water deep beneath its surface, brought forth a great bounty.

The waters of baptism, like the Midwest's rains and rivers, cannot be tamed and controlled. They bring both life and death, destruction and growth, fertility and barrenness. And always they show the power of God.

Springs of water, bless the Lord.

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Upcoming Music

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FEBRUARY 24
2nd Sunday of
Lent

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

SING IN THE CHOIR FOR EASTER

The Sanctuary Choir invites you make a short-term commitment to sing with the choir during the Easter Triduum.

FIVE REHEARSALS

Thursdays, 7:00-8:00pm
 February 21 and 28
 March 7, 14, and 21

THREE LITURGIES

Holy Thursday, 6:00pm Mass
 Good Friday, 7:00pm Liturgy
 Easter Vigil, 8:00pm Mass

ONE GREAT REASON TO SING

Singing is the sign of the heart's joy (cf. Acts 2:46). Thus Saint Augustine says rightly, "Singing is for one who loves." There is also the ancient proverb: "One who sings well prays twice."

—from the
 General Instruction
 of the Roman Missal

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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Marcus Cabrera, Youth Advocate
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*"When those preparing for initiation,
and our community
are seen together as two dimensions of the
initiation process, then we are emerging into
the true model
called for in our renewed church.
ALL of us must be actively involved
in this time of initiation."*



Be a Prayer Partner

Select as many names as you like after Mass today or from the bulletin board on the lower level.

Pray for the members of our community that you select. You can use the prayer on the back of the name card, or any form of prayer. This creates a spiritual bond between you and this child or adult. Through your prayer ask God to strengthen and support your partner through the final stage of preparation to receive the Sacrament.

**Sacraments of Initiation will be
celebrated
at the Easter Vigil on March 30**
**First Communion will be celebrated
on April 27/28**
**Confirmation will be celebrated
on May 19**

Being a Prayer Partner is a spiritual relationship, so we ask that no material gifts be given. Spiritual gifts are welcome...that might be a card or letter of support and congratulations. Some like to share their experience of receiving the Sacrament for the first time or another special memory with their Prayer Partner in a written note.

These spiritual gifts may be left at the Faith Formation Office any time between now and the above dates. They are delivered at the time of reception.

**Thank you for being a
mentoring member
of the St. Thomas More community!**

**Sunday is a
RE.A.CH day
at Home**

*February 24
Time Change*

*Evening Session:
4:30-6:00pm*

PBJ Update

(Food for children
at the Emergency Crisis Center)

2013 GOAL: 365 pounds
Collected to date: 87 pounds

Youth Ministry

Happy first Sunday of Lent!!

Growing up, Lent was the worst season in the Church year for me. It was the time I had to "muscle-through" the hard time and make it to the other side. This was a terrible way of thinking about Lent.

Lent does not exist for itself. Sacrifice does not exist for itself. During this time, we let go of ourselves and run to God by resisting, fighting, and sacrificing things—and people—in our lives that do not bring us to our ultimate prize: our good Jesus. So, what are you in it for?

Don't go alone, use these events to strengthen yourself during the ascetic period and rise again with Christ at Easter!

Monday—Youth Group (7:00-8:30pm)
Come take a break from life, talk about God and things that matter, and get more involved at your Parish!

Wednesday—Prayer Hour (5:30-6:30pm)
This hour is the most powerful one in my entire week. It's simple, powerful, and intimate. Come pray the rosary and listen to what God has been waiting to tell you on Wednesday afternoons!

Thursday—Bible study (4:00-5:30pm)
Have a book or letter you want to study from the Bible? Bring it to the table and we'll get right to it! We've studied in depth the Book of Tobit and the Book of Ruth. Come learn your Bible!!

*I'm not sure which I enjoy more...
Monday night youth group or that one
hour simply praying in the chapel...*

—Julia Rodriguez

*We better be doing Bible study this
Thursday! I told all my friends to come
and it's what got me up this morning!*

—Jennifer Doering

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Christian Stewardship Season of Lent: Changing Ourselves

St. Ignatius of Loyola offered us these words of wisdom, which seem particularly relevant as we come closer to the season of Lent: "He who goes about to reform the world must begin with himself, or he loses his labor."

A Christian steward is by nature a reformer. We attempt to live our lives in a way that makes the world a better place.

- † We vote.
- † We contribute to charities that we believe in.
- † We build up our Catholic parishes so that they might shine the light of truth into our weary world.
- † We work to alleviate poverty and injustice.
- † We await the New Jerusalem.
- † Many of us work in schools, parishes, and diocesan offices where we bring a passion for reforming our world.
- † Christian stewards who work in other environments endeavor to bring Christian values into the marketplace.



Lent doesn't ask us to stop any of these efforts. But, as we hear "the voice of one who cries in the desert" proclaiming the beginning of Lent, we know that the Church in her wisdom has given us a beautiful season to look inward, to seek quiet time in our own desert. St. Ignatius, St. John the Baptist, and the season of Lent remind us that trying to change the world will not work if we don't first of all change ourselves.

Lent points the way to what really matters: Christ. We are asked to experience Him who is the reason for our endeavors, our passion, our work in this world.

St. John the Baptist provides a challenge: "Anyone who has two tunics must share with the one who has none, and anyone with something to eat must do the same" (Luke 3:11).

The Church provides some traditional guidelines: prayer, fasting, almsgiving. St. John the Baptist provides a challenge: "Anyone who has two tunics must share with the one who has none, and anyone with something to eat must do the same" (Luke 3:11).

How we integrate these three guidelines into Lent's forty days is a personal decision, but one which should take us on a journey into our own hearts. We ask ourselves why we labor, what our work and our life really mean, to whom we and our life's work really belong.

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Total	\$	11,247.49

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News and Information from the Larger Church

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.

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

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Healing Ministry in Solana Beach—Healing prayer ministers are available to pray over you at St. James Church, 625 S. Nardo, Solana Beach, every Sunday after the 9:00am Mass, on first Mondays from 9:00-10:00am, on second Tuesdays from 7:00-8:15pm, and on third Saturdays after the 5:00pm Mass.

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Separated/Divorced Support Group in Solana Beach—If you are in pain from a separation or divorce, please consider joining our support group. We meet 10:15am Sunday mornings at St. James Catholic Church Ministry Center Offices, 625 S. Nardo, Solana Beach. For additional information please contact Frank Grant at 760-533-1520 or fwgrant@gmail.com.

Volunteers Needed as Advocates for Foster Children—Become a child advocate and make a lasting difference in the life of a foster child. More than just a mentor, you can give hope to a child who has none. For upcoming information session dates, contact www.speakupnow.org or 858-569-2235.

The Treasure Box Grocery Plan in North County—is an economic meal program that provides a 21-25 lb. pre-assembled box of frozen food for \$30 (a savings of up to 65% off grocery store prices). For more information, including locations in your area, please visit www.thetreasurebox.org.

Catholic Widows and Widowers of North County

CWWNC meets the second Sunday of each month for a general meeting and potluck at 2:00pm. On the fourth Sunday of each month we gather for Mass at various Parishes in North County followed by lunch. For more information, call Carol Kope at 760-726-0533 or Gerri Wilmott at 760-758-9949. See the bulletin board on the lower level of the Parish Center for our monthly newsletter of activities including dining out, dancing, bowling, golf, and theatre. RSVPs are recommended.

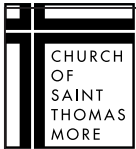
Catholics Come Home

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.

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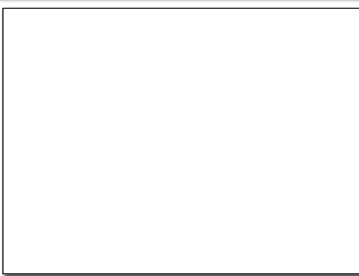
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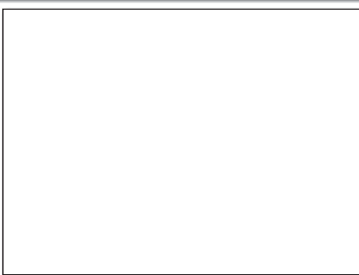
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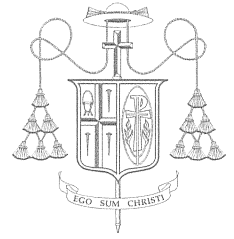
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UPON THE RESIGNATION OF POPE BENEDICT XVI**

The resignation of Pope Benedict XVI has surprised all of us, but not completely. From the beginning of his Pontificate in 2005, Pope Benedict has quietly indicated on occasion that he would resign if the time should come that he did not have the strength to fulfill the duties required of him as the Successor of Peter.

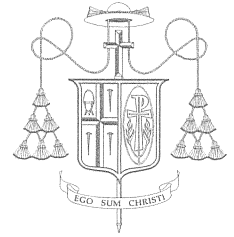
In the judgment of Pope Benedict, after prayerful consideration, that time has come.

Over the past eight years we have been blessed with the apostolic and petrine ministry of a gifted theologian, a man in love with the Lord, and a selfless servant of the Church and of the world. For all of this we are grateful to God.

In the Diocese of San Diego, we join Pope Benedict in his prayer for the College of Cardinals that through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit a suitable successor will be selected to meet the challenges of the Church and the world at this moment in history.

San Diego, California

February 11, 2013



Office of the Bishop

DECLARACIÓN DEL OBISPO ROBERT BROM SOBRE LA RENUNCIA DEL PAPA BENEDICTO XVI

La resignación del Papa Benedicto XVI nos ha sorprendido a todos, pero no completamente. Desde el comienzo de su pontificado en 2005, Benedicto XVI ha ocasionalmente indicado silenciosamente que renunciaría si llegará el momento en que no tuviera la fuerza para cumplir con los deberes requeridos de él como el Sucesor de Pedro.

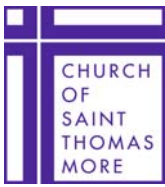
A juicio del Papa Benedicto XVI, después de la consideración orante, ese momento ha llegado.

Por los últimos ocho años hemos sido bendecidos con el Ministerio Apostólico y Petrino de un teólogo dotado, de un hombre enamorado con el Señor y de un servidor desinteresado de la iglesia y del mundo. Por todo aquello le agradecemos a Dios.

En la diócesis de San Diego, nos unimos a Benedicto XVI en su oración por el Colegio de Cardenales que, a través de la intercesión de nuestra Santísima Virgen María y bajo la inspiración del Espíritu Santo un sucesor adecuado, será seleccionado para responder a los retos de la iglesia y del mundo en este momento en la historia.

San Diego, California

11 de febrero de 2013



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION 2013

The St. Thomas More RCIA Team would like to introduce the catechumens and candidates sent to the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion with Bishop Robert H. Brom in San Diego on February 17, 2013.

The Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion invites all the catechumens (the unbaptized), candidates (those who have received only Baptism), and the faithful into a time of intense preparation, by prayer and spiritual recollection, for the celebration and/or renewal of Baptism at the Easter Vigil.

This step moves these members into the period of Purification and Enlightenment. The “enlightenment” is the experience of a personal encounter with Christ the Savior during the community’s Lenten retreat in prayer. With the faithful and the already baptized candidates, the Elect purify their minds and hearts as they each examine their conscience and do penance.



David and Rick

It is an honor for me to present **Rick Madden** to our St. Thomas More Community. Rick spent twelve of his early years serving our country in the United States Air Force. The next thirty years Rick devoted to his business located in Oceanside. The past ten years Rick has been developing his relationship with God and has found his home at St. Thomas More. We look forward to welcoming him at the Easter Vigil as he completes his Initiation in the Catholic Church. —*Sponsor David Parks*

It is my great pleasure to introduce **Janessa Wilhelm** to the St. Thomas More community. Throughout my children’s lives I have prayed for their future spouses, asking God to watch over them throughout their lives. Janessa is that person for my youngest son Collin. They will be married August 3, 2013.

I am so happy to be assisting Janessa as she moves forward in her journey into our Catholic faith. Janessa is a beautiful loving person who is excited to begin her life in the Catholic Church. We look forward to Janessa joining our faith and our family. —*Sponsor Victoria Stephens*



Victoria and Janessa

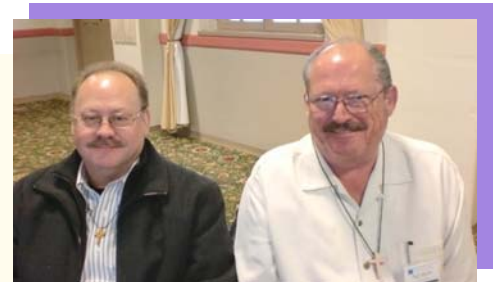


Carla and Stacey

Stacey Griffin has been a Christian all her life and has been married to a Catholic, Rory, for twenty-three years. I have known for a long time that it was just a matter of time before Stacey accepted God’s calling to be fully initiated as a Catholic. She has been attending Mass with her family for years and is a member of the St. Thomas More Staff. When she called to ask me to be her sponsor, it was an “alleluia” moment and I couldn’t have felt more honored. She has opened her mind, heart, and soul to receiving all of God. I look forward to Stacey receiving the Eucharist and Confirmation, being in full communion with the Catholic Church, and continuing in the journey of discipleship with God. —*Sponsor Carla Potts*

Paul Smith is not a stranger to St. Thomas More or the STM Faith Community. With his wife Edie and two sons Chris and Ryan, Paul has attended STM for over twenty-five years and participated in our faith community.

Through my time spent with Paul, it is clear that he has embraced his spiritual journey. Through Baptism, Confirmation and participation in the Eucharist, Paul will possess the fullest experience of Christ, in his life and home. Paul looks forward to continued growth in his lifelong spiritual journey. —*Sponsor Derek Hilgesen*



Derek and Paul

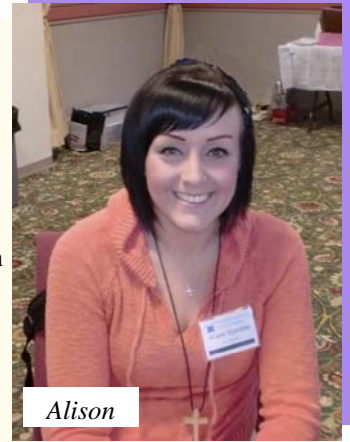


Ari

It is my pleasure to introduce **Ari Layoun** to the community of Saint Thomas More. Ari is a San Diego County Sheriff's Deputy, and proudly served our country in the United Coast Guard. He encouraged

his wife, Clarissa a cradle catholic, to return to the church, because faith in God was important to both of them. As Ari began learning our traditions, he desired to make a commitment to the service of our Lord and initiate the process of becoming catholic. Thank you Ari for letting me be a part of your faith journey. —Sponsor Michael Nichols

Each of our paths leading us to God and God's enduring love, mercy, and strength is different, yet familiar in that we are all on a journey of faith. I am blessed in sponsoring **Alison Scardino**, who is on her journey of discovering the fulfillment of God in her life. Alison is married to Tony and they have two beautiful children, "little" Tony and Sophie. Alison began RCIA to become united with her husband in his Catholic faith and to provide an environment in their home built on the foundation of God's love, grace, and strength. Throughout her RCIA journey she has discovered that engaging with God every day through prayer has guided her to become a stronger servant of God, a stronger wife and more loving mother.



Alison

We are blessed Alison has chosen our faith community at St. Thomas More to profess her faith and become one with us through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Our community welcomes you, Alison, and offers our prayers that you continue your journey of discovering God's enduring love. WAH-HOO! —Sponsor Andrea Sweeney



Megan

I have been a part of **Megan House's** life since she was just 5 years old. We first met when she was a Daisy in my Girl Scout troop. Megan has always been smart, inquisitive, and big hearted, and she has grown into a young woman who is all that and more. Megan is a basketball player, and so she knows what it means to practice, to be dedicated, to be a team player and to take tips from her coach. She knows what it means to put her heart into something and to give it her all. When Megan decided to turn her heart towards the Catholic Church, she approached it with that same dedication and heart that she approaches everything she does. Megan attends JSerra Catholic High School in Orange County. She gets up early every morning to travel all the way there, she works hard to excel in her grades, she plays her sport with dedication and enthusiasm, and she finds time to be at her Confirmation classes, Youth Group gatherings, and her RCIA classes and does it all with joy.

I am proud to have been asked to be her sponsor and her Godparent, and I wholeheartedly endorse this young lady to our community. She is filled with the Holy Spirit and reaches out in prayer and to her mentors

to guide her in her journey of faith. I am so excited to share this time with her and know that she is an extraordinary asset to not only St. Thomas More, but to the Catholic Church as a whole. -Sponsor Liz Gritt

It is both an honor and joy to sponsor candidate **Christina Rojas**. Christina is an amazing beautiful young lady. Besides bringing her kind spirit into your presence, she brings laughter and smiles which is a wonderful quality in any young girl. We thank the Lord for having our daughter Marisa and Christina cross paths at school where they discovered not only a true best friendship but also the best connection they shared



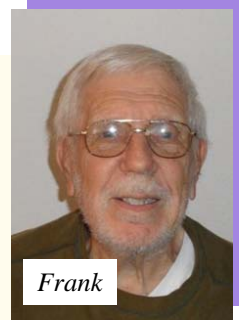
Christina

was their connection with Jesus Christ. They both wanted to follow the Lord's path and now they can do this together which just makes their connection even stronger. Christina has found a deep relationship with Jesus Christ during her journey of her faith. She is prepared and ready to be

initiated in the Catholic Church where she can continue to build her faith, knowledge and journey for the rest of her life. —Sponsors Augustin and Tricia Rosas

I am very happy to introduce **Frank Gilchrist**.

Frank was born in Scotland, and was raised in the Presbyterian tradition. He served his country as a pilot in the Royal Air Force during World War II, and enjoyed a long civilian career in marketing and construction that enabled him to travel all over the world.



Frank

Frank is a student of history, and has always been attracted to the Catholic Church because of her history, Apostolic tradition and ritual. During his many travels, Frank was drawn to Catholic cathedrals. He reminded us that Saint Andrew is the Patron of Scotland, and that Scotland was a Catholic country for many centuries.

Frank has been attending Mass at St. Thomas More for the last 14 years with his wife, Julie. He admires Julie's example of discipleship and he finds us to be a welcoming and faith-filled community. Frank has been thinking about joining us for some time, but decided to proceed at this time because of a letter of invitation from Fr. Mike.

Please join us in welcoming Frank as he comes into the full communion of the Catholic Church. May God bless Frank and Julie for the example of their lives and their enduring faith. —Sponsor Jim Day

Lenten Day of Recollection

Tuesday, March 19, 9:00am-2:30pm
Upper Level of the Parish Center

Living Life More Abundantly



Led by Kathleen Flanagan—a teacher of Contemplative Prayer and Spirituality of Aging from Mission San Luis Rey; a retreat leader and Chief Operating Officer of the Mission Parish. She is a member of the American Society on Aging.

Reservations with payment required by Tuesday, March 12 (\$15 for single, \$25 for couples).

Complete the form below and place in an envelope marked “Lenten Day of Recollection.” with your check made payable to “STM Women’s Guild.” Return to the Parish Office, Box 35, the offertory collection, or by mail.

Questions?
 Call Ann Buko at 760-726-8831 or
 Judy Buoniconti 760-758-5113.

All men and women of the Parish and friends are invited.
 Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Mike Ratajczak.
 A brown bag lunch and beverage will be provided.
 The day will end with Stations of the Cross.
 Sponsored by the Women’s Guild and the Spirited Seniors

Jesus ^{CAME} that we might have ^{life}
 and have it ^{more} abundantly

—John 10:10



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