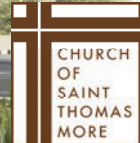


Church of St. Thomas More

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 24, 2013 • Second Sunday of Lent

Pastor's Column

Who and What Rules My Life?

During this Season of Lent, we enter into the desert as Jesus did and face, head-on, the demons with which we struggle.

On the First Sunday of Lent, we were reminded that immediately after his Baptism, the Spirit drove Jesus into the desert where he spent forty days among the wild beasts and the angels of the Lord ministered to him.

Before Jesus began his public ministry, he had to struggle with his demons. He had to face temptation and conquer it.

His task is our task as well! As his disciples, continuing his mission and ministry, we must deal with and conquer our demons if we are to worthily and responsibly preach the Gospel.

If we take advantage of these Forty Days, through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we are given an opportunity to renew and refresh ourselves in order to be more faithful to our Baptismal Promises.

You are encouraged to take these questions with you into the

desert this Lent. May these questions help you live more honestly, responsibly, and worthily as Disciples of the Lord Jesus:

Am I living in the image and likeness of God?

Do I see myself as a daughter, as a son of God?

Do I think about Jesus on a daily basis?

Do I regard him as my brother?

What passions rule my life?

In what area(s) of my life, am I living a lie?

What is making me a slave?

...alcohol, other drugs, food, money, cigarettes, anger, jealousy, unhealthy relationships, prejudice, stereotyping and judging groups of people of other races, religions or different sexual orientation...

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"Did You Know?"

We are planning ahead for the next three "Overflow" Masses in 2013 by providing a tent and seating on the Plaza for Easter Sunday, March 31; Pentecost Sunday as we celebrate Confirmation with Bishop Brom on May 19; and Christmas Eve, December 24.

The cost of these items for these three events will be approximately \$4,200.

Your gift to the "Did You Know?" Campaign will help to defray these costs.

Congratulations to

DeDe & Al Waloch

who celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary February 15.

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:

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.

Mary Quinn, who died on February 15. Please keep her mother Parishioner Kathy Quinn 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.

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 760-758-4100 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.

*For further information, contact Kathleen Bell,
Director of Faith Formation,
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 (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.

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

What do I need to let go of and what do I need to grab hold of in order to get closer to God?

What prevents me from living in the Kingdom of God, right here, right now?

What prevents me from proclaiming the Kingdom of God, right here, right now?

If we want to live in God's Kingdom, we must be willing to struggle with and, trusting in God's grace, be willing to conquer our demons!

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!



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.

Eucharistic Adoration



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

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

Need Help with Transportation to Church!

Volunteer drivers are needed in our Parish. Some Parishioners would like to attend Mass and cannot drive themselves. Please prayerfully consider helping some of our fellow Parishioners. If you can help in any way with this service, please contact Ann Eriksson 760-599-7151 or eriksson1@mindspring.com.



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.

Readings for the Week Ahead

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

Sunday, February 24 (27)

Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 15:5-12,17-18

Psalms 27:1,7-9,13-14

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Luke 9:28b-36

Monday, February 25 (230)

Daniel 9:4b-10

Psalms 79:8-9,11,13

Luke 6:36-38

Tuesday, February 26 (231)

Isaiah 1:10,16-20

Psalms 50:8-9,16bc-17,21,23

Matthew 23:1-12

Wednesday, February 27 (232)

Jeremiah 18:18-20

Psalms 31:5-6,14-16

Matthew 20:17-28

Thursday, February 28 (233)

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Psalms 1:1-4,6

Luke 16:19-31

Friday, March 1 (234)

Genesis 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28

Psalms 105:16-21

Matthew 21:33-43,45-46

Saturday, March 2 (235)

Malachi 7:14-15,18-20

Psalms 103:1-4,9-12

Luke 15:1-3,11-32

Sunday, March 3 (30)

Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 3:1-8a,13-15

Psalms 103:1-4,6-8,11

1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12

Luke 13:1-9

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
- Monica Broussard
- Janet Brown
- Todd Brown
- Anita Buerger
- Bridget Buford
- Shelby Campbell
- Brianne Campos
- Claudia Caplinger
- Paul Cassidy
- Mary Lou Castle
- Dick Clarke
- Dolly Cole
- Carl Coleman
- James Coleman
- Thomas Cornwell & Family
- Lené Crowe
- 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
- The Joe Garcia Family
- 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
- Lillian 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 & Roland Lawrence
- Brandon LeBlanc
- Jeremiah Lemus
- Claudia Leu 
- The Paul Leu  Family
- Ashley Load
- Cassandra Loretto
- Lauren Loretto
- James MacArthur
- Joaquin Maldonado
- Chandler May
- Tony McCloskey
- Nell McGlone
- Bob McWilliams
- 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
- Art Palle
- Lupe Casas Pelletier
- Helen Pingtella
- Marilyn Pirkola
- Douglas Price-Williams
- The Quinn Family
- Barbara Ramm
- Megan Rhoades
- Mrs. Jack (Shirley) Riley
- Rita Ritchie
- Adela Rivera
- Elena Rivera
- Maria Rogers
- Dorothy Rouse
- The Russo Family
- Cindy Sanelli
- The Schlunt Family
- Linda Schmidt
- The Douglas E. Schulte Family
- Joan Shea
- Rita Shepard
- Elizabeth Shirzad
- Richard Sikora
- Jeanne Sisson
- Beth Snyder
- Mike Snyder
- Nick Softau
- Fred & Gilda Spiegel
- 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 24 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
- Feb 24 RE.A.CH Classes at Church, including high school
- Mar 1 Knights of Columbus Fish Dinner
- Mar 1 Stations of the Cross
- Mar 3 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
- Mar 3 Parish Communal Reconciliation Service
- Mar 9-10 Brother Benno's Food Drive
- Mar 10 RE.A.CH Classes at Church, including high school
- Mar 17 New Member Reception
- Mar 19 Lenten Day of Reflection
- Mar 24 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
- Mar 24 RE.A.CH Classes at Church
- Mar 28 Holy Thursday
- Mar 29 Good Friday
- Mar 30 Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil
- Mar 31 Easter Sunday
- 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 23, 5:00pm Leon Grunert ☩
Sunday, February 24, 8:30am Maria Surmenitis ☩
Sunday, February 24, 10:30am Joseph Immerso ☩
Tuesday, February 26, 8:15am Eugene Masseth ☩
Wednesday, February 27, 8:15am Wladyslaw Szwaja ☩
Thursday, February 28, 8:15am Christine Jensen
Friday, March 1, 8:15am Boo Falconer
Saturday, March 2, 5:00pm Bartholomew De Caro ☩
Sunday, March 3, 8:30am Ruth Hannon ☩
Sunday, March 3, 10:30am Robert Hale ☩

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
- Msgt. 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 25 Sr. Wayne Gradon, SHCJ
February 26 Sr. Jo Ann Grady, SFCC
February 27 Sr. Michaela Gresko, OCD
February 28 Sr. Trinidad Guerrero, HMSS
March 1 Sr. Luz Eugenia Guitron, SJS
March 2 Sr. Charlotte Gulban, FDC
March 3 Sr. Blanca Patricia Gutierrez, 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 9-10**, 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.

Day of Recollection

Sponsored by Spirited Seniors/Women's Guild

Tuesday, March 19, 9:00am-2:30pm, led by Kathleen Flanagan, a teacher of Contemplative Prayer and Spirituality of Aging from Mission San Luis Rey. The theme is "Living Life More Abundantly." All men and women of the Parish and friends are invited. Fr. Mike will celebrate Mass. A brown bag lunch and beverage will be provided. The day will end with Stations of the Cross. Cost is \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. Make checks to "STM Women's Guild" and return to the Parish Office or offertory collection in an envelope marked "Lenten Day of Recollection." by March 12. Questions—contact Ann Buko at 760-726-8831 or Judy Buoniconti at 760-758-5113. Cost is never a deterrent

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! 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—Each weekend of Lent, we will provide an activity for you and your family to do together during the Lenten season. This weekend, make 14 glass magnets—one for each Station of the Cross—and learn about the importance of each station. It's easy, and costs less than \$3. Visit <http://enterundermyroof.blogspot.com> to download the template and information on each station, as well as for other ideas on celebrating Lent with your family.

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: Prayer: Conquering the Devil

- Prayer Is Essential
- Union with God Is Your Destiny
- Begin Living Your Destiny Today
- The Animating Force in Your Life
- Scripture, Community, and Eucharist
- How Do Catholics Today Pray
- Reclaiming Sunday

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

We are now looking forward to our events in the spring. March will be a travel presentation on our regular meeting date, Monday, March 11, 11:00am. Donna Russell will give a pictorial travelogue on her three years living in Bangkok, Thailand, during the Vietnam war and travel within southeast Asia—then and now. She will share some very interesting experiences with us. Also, a special lunch for St. Patrick's Day will be provided, all for only \$10. Please call Siggie Ogan 760-994-4727 or Valerie Thompson at 760-630-1703 for reservations. All members and friends, (men and women), are welcome.

Our Day of Recollection will be on Tuesday, March 19, so please see page 4 for details. Also, our Game Day will be on Saturday, April 13, so save the date for that fun event as well.

Last week you heard how fantastic our Fashion Show turned out. This week I can give you a financial report: We made just under \$5,000. It was the best turn out ever. Thank you again to everyone who helped and attended the event. —*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

Douglas Lynn
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. As part of our Lenten journey, I offer these meditations on the signs and symbols we will encounter during this most holy night.

—Douglas



Luke 9:33

PASCHAL CANDLE

What is this great paschal candle that stands in our midst?

It is the pillar of fire by which God led the children of Israel from slavery to freedom, through the dusty desert to the land flowing with milk and honey. Behind it, we will

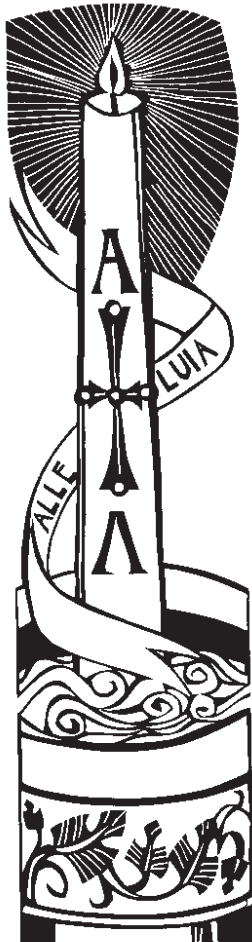
march freed from sin from the gloom of exile back into our church's house on Easter's eve. With it, we will lead those chosen for the sacraments of new life to the font of baptism that is both tomb and womb.

It is the holy sign of Christ our Light. (Thanks be to God!) On it, we trace the sign of Christ yesterday and today, the beginning and the end, the alpha and omega. Into it, we press five jewels that are the wounds of divine hands and feet and side. For it, we sing our song of consecration and praise: "Accept this candle, a solemn offering, the work of bees and of your servants' hands, an evening sacrifice of praise...Let it mingle with the lights of heaven." From it, we take our own light, a flame divided but undimmed. All who are baptized walk in its glow.

For fifty days it will shine gloriously in the assembly of the church. Then, held in a place of honor near the font, it is brought out and lit for every baptism and every funeral, every birth and every birth unto eternal life. And as the days and seasons turn, slowly this pillar of finest wax and strongest wick is consumed, burned down, eaten up by fire, sacrificed—like Christ himself—and never truly extinguished. And so it measures our days and seasons until it is Easter again, until once more we

sing in the light of a new paschal candle: "May this flame be found still burning by the Morning Star, Christ your Son, who, coming back from death's domain, has shed his peaceful light on humanity." Thanks be to God!

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Upcoming Music

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MARCH 3
3rd Sunday of Lent

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

SING IN THE CHOIR FOR EASTER

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

FOUR REHEARSALS

Thursdays, 7:00-8:00pm
February 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."

General Instruction
of the Roman Missal

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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

Marcus Cabrera, Youth Advocate
760-758-4100 x161
marcusc@stmoside.org

Sunday is a RE.A.CH day at Church

Evening Session time change begins today!

4:30-6:00pm

Operation Rice Bowl

“God destined the earth and all it contains for all people and nations so that all created things would be shared fairly by all humankind under the guidance of justice tempered by charity.

—Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, #69

Operation Rice Bowl began in 1975 as an ecumenical response to those in need. In 1979 Catholic Relief Services became the sponsor in outreach to all in need in our world.

Each year, STM participates with the focus for our RE.A.CH families as a very concrete way of almsgiving. Each child was given a Rice Bowl as Lent began. Families are encouraged to decide on a simple meal a week or a treat to be given up, and place the money instead in the Rice Bowl.

The children are asked to return the bowl with their sacrifices at the RE.A.CH class on Palm Sunday. Classes will combine the contents of their Rice Bowls to see how much money they are able to contribute when their efforts are combined.

Parishioners are invited to participate as well. Rice Bowls are available at the Information Table, and a large collection container will be available as Lent ends.

Fr. Mike's Bookies

The Red Tent by Anita Diamant

We are very familiar with the sons of Jacob in the Old Testament, but it is easy to miss mention of Jacob's daughter Dinah, in chapter 34 of Genesis.

Deeply affecting, *The Red Tent* combines rich storytelling with a valuable achievement in modern fiction: a new view of biblical women's society.

This novel is offered at this time to compliment with the Bible Study in progress on Women of the Old Testament.

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According to the great Catholic writer and Trappist monk Thomas Merton, we may want to rethink that notion. "We ought to have the humility to admit we do not know all about ourselves, that we are not experts at running our own lives," Merton said.

As stewards, we must realize that God is in control. We are called to follow Christ, not the world, to give up a portion of our resources for the benefit of others, even if that means we have less time, money, or energy for our own personal gain.

Proverbs 3:5-6 tells us to "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him and he will direct your paths."

As a steward, we must place our ultimate trust in God. This can be easy when things are going smoothly. It seems like when everything is going the way we would like and God is providing for everything, we feel peaceful.

However, when things get a little rocky and spiral out of our comfort zones, we can get nervous, and all of our trust flies out the window. Lent is a good time to reflect on all these things.



Scripture reminds us on many occasions to not give in to our internal panic buttons and to offer our troubles to the Lord, who will always take care of our every need. *When we do, we let go and let God.*

—partially excerpted, Eric McArdle, *The Catholic Steward*, February 2013
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Children's envelopes		3.00
Total	\$	9,143.48

* 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).

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News and Information from the Larger Church

Help a Student at the National Life and Justice Conference—Life Perspectives wants to provide a copy of *Changed: Making Sense of Your Own or a Loved One's Abortion Experience* to each student who attends this conference in Colorado on March 8-9. Visit <https://abortionchangesyou.wufoo.com/forms/m7p9m3/> to donate the cost of a book (\$10).

Film Screening of *Crescendo*—Thursday, February 28, 7:00pm, at St. Thérèse of Carmel Church. Producer Jason Jones and Bishop Cirilo Flores will join us for this unique pro-life event. Free event but registration is required; contact www.colfs.org or 619-564-3307.

Our Lady of Sacred Heart School's 85th Anniversary/Fundraising Dinner—Saturday, March 9, Hannon Hall, 42nd & Orange, San Diego. For more information and/or donations, contact 858-349-9149 or OLSHalum@gmail.com.

Explorer Day for Men Interested in the Priesthood—Saturday, March 16, 9:30am-3:00pm. Contact Fr. Mike for more information and to register.

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St. Patrick's Day Celtic Mass—Saturday, March 16, 5:30pm at Our Lady of Grace Church, 2766 Navajo Road, El Cajon. Dinner Dance to follow. Contact Bernadette Cashman at 619-757-3023 for more information.

Charity Golf Tournament—Monday, March 18, at Meadow Lake Country Club. Benefits Culture of Life Family Services and Saint Joseph Academy. Visit www.saintjosephacademy.org or call 619-564-3307 for more information.

Teacher Job Fair for Diocesan Schools—Saturday, March 23, 9:00am-12:00noon, Cathedral Catholic High School, 5555 Del Mar Heights Rd., San Diego. Prospective elementary and high school teachers will have an opportunity to speak with principals and representatives. Please bring resumes. For applications, visit www.diocese-sdiego.org.

Support Group for Separated/Divorced—An ongoing support group meeting Sundays at 10:15am at St. James Catholic Church in Solana Beach. For more information, contact Frank Grant at 760-533-1520 or fwgrant@gmail.com.

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Save the Date—for the Annual Auction & Gala to benefit St. Francis of Assisi School, Saturday, May 4, at the Optimist Club of Vista. Visit <http://sfs-vista.org/auction-2013> for more information.

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.

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.

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.

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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 Wide Awake IV Retreat for 18-25 year-olds on March 2, *Theology on Tap* series, and outreach projects.

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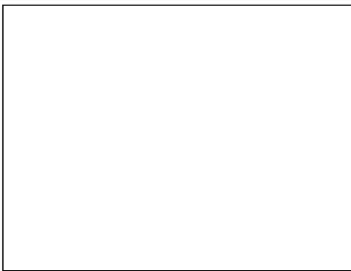
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