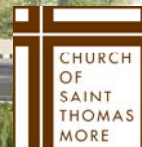


Church of St. Thomas More

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

March 3, 2013 • Third Sunday of Lent

Pastor's Column

Parish Lenten Communal Reconciliation Service:

The Sacrament of Reconciliation—God's Unconditional Love For Us!

In recent years, a name change has taken place with the "Sacrament of Confession." We no longer call the act "Confession," but rather "Reconciliation" and/or "Penance."

This name change better reflects what happens in this celebration. We do not go to the priest just to list our sins, have them forgiven, and receive a penance; but rather, and most importantly, we come to the priest to celebrate the forgiveness of God that we experience in our lives. We come to the Sacrament with a sense of joy for what God has already done in our lives and what God continues to do—showering us with unconditional love.

The verbalization of our sins, the verbalization of the words of absolution, and the acceptance of a penance are steps in the process of celebrating God's forgiveness and unconditional love for us.

If we are open to God's love, we begin to experience the many ways in which God forgives us our sins in the daily occurrences of our lives.

When we ask forgiveness from someone we have offended, our sins are forgiven. When we accept the forgiveness of another, our sins are forgiven. Each time we talk to God in the silence of our hearts and sincerely seek forgiveness from God, our sins are forgiven.

Each time we celebrate the Eucharist, we hear the words of the priest shortly before the reception of Holy Communion—"Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world! Happy are we! We are called to His supper!"—our sins are forgiven.

So why go to the priest? We do so in order to celebrate the forgiveness of God we experience in our daily lives, to ritualize it, sacramentalize it and, as in all things, to place our lives and God's involvement in our lives within the context of the Church, the Body of Christ.

The priest "stands in" for the community. As we verbalize our sins, we are mindful that there is no such thing as a personal sin. Our sins, no matter how personal we may think them to be, affect others—"No Man Is An Island." We live in community. Our lives always touch the lives of others.

Telling our sins, hearing ours sins from our own lips, helps us to be real and to acknowledge our weakness and our dependence upon God. It is so easy to rationalize our sinfulness when we talk to ourselves "in our heads." It is an entirely different experience when we hear ourselves verbalize our sinfulness. Those sins become much more real! We become much more aware and sensitive of our responsibilities to others.



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Welcome New Parishioners

Jay & Karin Anderson & Family
Rick & Heidi Madden
Rita Ross

Congratulations to

Rose Kempf

who celebrates her 90th birthday on March 8.

*May God bless you with abundant joy,
 just as you have blessed so many with your long life.*

In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Frances Seis, who died February 20. Please keep her daughter, Parishioner Marti Dawson, 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 souls 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 760-758-410 x140 or douglasl@stmoside.org*
 Matrimony (9 months advance notice required),
 communion for the sick/homebound, and anointing
 are available by request

*For further information, contact the Parish Office
 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)*

The priest "stands in" for Christ. Hearing the words of absolution, the forgiveness of God, from the lips of the priest is indeed comforting. You know how wonderful it feels when a family member or friend says, "I love you!" In the Sacrament of Reconciliation we allow God to say those words to us in and through the person of the priest.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is not something to be feared but to be celebrated with trust and confidence because of God's unconditional love for us.

This weekend, on Sunday, March 3, at 4:00pm our Parish celebrates her Lenten Communal Penance Service. In this Parish celebration, our Candidates who will be celebrating the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist at this year's Easter Vigil will be present and celebrate this Sacrament for the first time. Your presence will also be a sign of support to them.

Many priest/confessors will be available for you. They will be in Church waiting for you so that through the words of absolution God will once again say to you:

"I forgive you and I love you unconditionally!"

Will you be there to hear God's words?

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

"Did You Know" Collection for February 2013

\$4,536.00

Restaurant Fundraiser for February 2013

Nucci's

\$629.21

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, March 3 (30)

Third Sunday of Lent
Exodus 3:1-8a,13-15
Psalm 103:1-4,6-8,11
1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12
Luke 13:1-9

Monday, March 4 (237)

Casimir
2 Kings 5:1-15b
Psalm 42:2-3;43:3-4
Luke 4:24-30

Tuesday, March 5 (238)

Deuteronomy 3:25,34-43
Psalm 25:4bc-5ab,6-7bc,8-9
Matthew 18:21-35

Wednesday, March 6 (239)

Deuteronomy 4:1,5-9
Psalm 147:12-13,15-16,19-20
Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday, March 7 (240)

Perpetua and Felicity, martyrs
Jeremiah 7:23-28
Psalm 95:1-2,6-9
Luke 11:14-23

Friday, March 8 (241)

John of God, religious
Hosea 14:2-10
Psalm 81:6c-11b,14,17
Mark 12:28-34

Saturday, March 9 (242)

Frances of Rome, religious
Hosea 6:1-6
Psalm 51:3-4,18-21b
Luke 18:9-14

Sunday, March 10 (33)

Fourth Sunday of Lent
Joshua 5:9a,10-12
Psalm 34:2-7
2 Corinthians 5:17-21
Luke 15:1-3,11-32

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

Mary Alexander
Lucia Ambriz
Phyllis Bader
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
Brianna 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 Haefelin
Susan Hallahan
Pat & Tom Hannon
The Harker Family
Elizabeth Harrison
Barbara Hatem
The Headrick Family
Lilian Hills
Treva Hofer
Susan Hori
Iolanda Iacobelli
Linda Iacobelli Bennett
Sue Johnston
Betty Karch
Paul Kennedy
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
The Lew 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
Richard Obsitnik
Bernadette Padovan
Art Palle
Lupe Casas Pelletier
Helen Pingtella
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 Schlunt Family
Linda Schmidt
The Douglas E. Schulte Family
Joan Shea
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
Kevin Watson-Graff
John Whitton
Helen Wodyka
Erin Young
Patricia Zavala

Calendar Highlights

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

- Mar 3 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
- Mar 3 Parish Communal Reconciliation Service
- Mar 5-6 Restaurant Fundraiser at Chili's
- Mar 6 Vatican II Presentation by Fr. Rich Lewandowski
- Mar 8 Fish Dinner
- Mar 8 Stations of the Cross
- Mar 8 Men's Fellowship
- Mar 9-10 Brother Benno's Food Drive
- Mar 10 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
- Mar 10 RE.A.CH Classes at Church, including high school
- Mar 17 New Member Reception
- Mar 19 Lenten Day of Recollection
- Mar 19-20 Restaurant Fundraiser at Mrs. Taco
- 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
- Oct 11-13 Men's Fellowship Retreat

Questions? Contact Henny at
760-758-4100 x100

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.

March 4	Sr. Ana Maria Guzman, SJS
March 5	Sr. Maria Javier Guzman, DCJ
March 6	Sr. Margaret Hama, DMI
March 7	Sr. Joyce Hampel, CSJ
March 8	Sr. Celeste Hanigan, OSF
March 9	Sr. Yvonne Hanke, OCD
March 10	Sr. Barbara Hanna, DMI

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 2, 5:00pm	Bartholomew De Caro ☩
Sunday, March 3, 8:30am	Ruth Hannon ☩
Sunday, March 3, 10:30am	Robert Hale ☩
Tuesday, March 5, 8:15am	Ralph Ludke ☩
Wednesday, March 6, 8:15am	Owen Fredette ☩
Thursday, March 7, 8:15am	Josephine De Caro ☩
Friday, March 8, 8:15am	Robert Stevenson ☩
Saturday, March 9, 5:00pm	Jim Tutino ☩
Sunday, March 10, 8:30am	Tom Siersma ☩
Sunday, March 10, 10:30am	George Brown ☩

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

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 760-940-9546.

**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

The Divorce Healing Ministry of St. Luke's Parish invites those going through a separation and divorce to a 12-week program of recovery entitled, The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide. Our support group meets on the first and third Tuesdays, from 7:00-9:00pm at the Church of St. Luke, 1980 Hillsdale Rd., El Cajon. You can start and end the series at any time. No charge. Seating limited; call to reserve your place with us: 619-401-6445.

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. So...you think you know the Stations of the Cross? This week, download and print Stations of the Cross Trivia Cards. Test your and your family's knowledge, and learn a bit more about the Via Dolorosa along the way. Visit <http://enterundermyroof.blogspot.com> for more ideas and information.

The Bishops' Letter on Marriage—Reproductive Technology: "The procreative capacity of man and woman should not be treated as just another means of technology, as also happens with in vitro fertilization (IVF) or cloning. When that happens, human life itself is degraded because it becomes, more and more, something produced or manufactured in various ways, ways that will only multiply as science advances. Children begin to be seen less as gifts received in a personal communion of mutual self-giving, and increasingly as a lifestyle choice, a commodity to which all consumers are entitled." To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

Marriage Moments—The story of Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well is about secrets and conundrums. (John 4:5-42) How to get water? How many husbands? Secret food? Spouses should keep no secrets from each other. Is there something you don't understand about your beloved? Listen lovingly and intently. by Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net.

Parenting Pointers—The 6th Spiritual Work of Mercy is to "comfort the sorrowful." Talk with your child this week about what makes him or her sad. Was anything a surprise? Share with your child ways to comfort someone who is sad - a hug, a card, a kind word, a favor...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: The Ascent of the Mind to God

- How God Wishes to Encounter Us
- Types and Hierarchy of Prayer
- Obstacles in the Prayer Life and How to Overcome
- Desire is What Strengthens Us for Our Spiritual Journey
- St. Thérèse of Lisieux and her "Little Way"
- Where God Answers and Speaks to His People
- Lectio Divina Aids Us to Hear His Still, Small Voice

Parish Events

Women's Guild News

Our next General Meeting will be Monday, March 11, 11:00am at St. Thomas More. 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. 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. Please make sure you call as we need to know how many of you will be present.

Our Day of Recollection will be on Tuesday, March 19, jointly sponsored by the Spirited Seniors and the Women's Guild. 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.

Next Board Meeting will be Monday, March 4, 10:15am at St. Thomas More.

—Vera Bayliss, President

2013 Pastor's Dinner Excursion Celebrate Fr. Mike's 65th Birthday!

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



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



2/26/13

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, 24 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

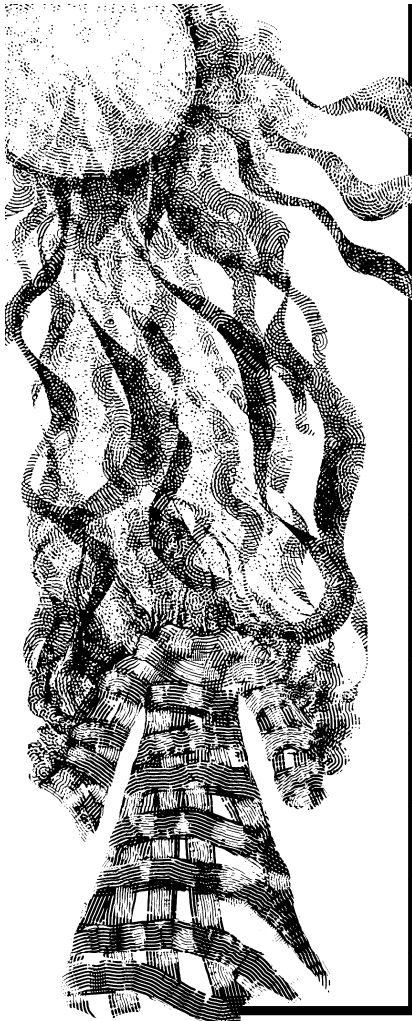
The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night is greatest and most noble of all the Church's liturgical celebrations. As part of our Lenten journey, I offer these meditations on the signs and symbols we will encounter during this most holy night.

—Douglas



Luke 13:8-9

GARMENT



“Clothes make the man,” they say (at least they used to). While we can probably object in a thousand ways, we have to admit that what we have on us can both symbolize and affect what is going on inside us. Wearing a favorite shirt can lift our spirits; noticing a smudge on our jacket can erode our confidence. With some people, if they're wearing a certain outfit, you know it's a bad day.

When we were baptized, our parents or godparents helped us put on a new white garment—maybe the family christening gown, or a simple white robe, or a brand-new suit—and there we were, new creations, stunning creatures glistening from the water and the oil, brighter than the sun. And that outward appearance told the truth about the inward reality—we were, in fact, new creatures, reborn in Christ Jesus, alive as never before. “Bring this garment unstained to the judgment seat of our Lord Jesus Christ,” we were told. Each Easter we deck ourselves in our very best and remind ourselves how glorious we are: We are children of God, holy and chosen and loved.

Great outfit!

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Upcoming Music

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MARCH 10
4th Sunday of
Lent

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

SPRING SING

Ecumenical Choral Concert

with Classic Brass

APRIL 14
4:00PM

*featuring Church Choirs
 from all over North County*

FREE-WILL OFFERING

**Bring a canned food item (or 3)
 for the food pantry at
 Interfaith Community Services!**

interfaith
 community services

HELPING PEOPLE HELP THEMSELVES

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

Fr. Rich Lewandowski

...returns this Wednesday, March 6, at 7:00pm to help us appreciate how profoundly the Second Vatican Council has helped us to see ourselves at the People of God, as the Church.

Come celebrate this Year of Faith event and share the evening with a special friend of our Parish.



Youth Ministry

Steubenville registration is *still* open! Make sure to get the registration form and deposit in ASAP! If you do not have one, simply email Marcus at marcusc@stmoside.org.

This year's theme is being CHOSEN by God. You are made for something greater than life as you know it. Come experience what the answer to that deep-seated question is like!

The Conference will take place the weekend of July 26-28.



If you're between 18-23 years old, the 18:23 Conference is JUST for you! The registration is the *same* form used for Steubenville and occurs the same weekend—July 26-28. Make sure to sign up as well!!



Always always always plug yourself in to the other youth events, especially during this Lenten season!

Step up your spiritual game and get involved! Take ownership of your faith and make it come alive.

Monday Youth Group: 7:00-8:30pm
Wednesday Prayer Hour: 5:30-6:30pm
Thursday Bible Study: 4:00-5:30pm

Maximize your opportunities to grow in your faith with conferences, youth groups, prayer, and more!!

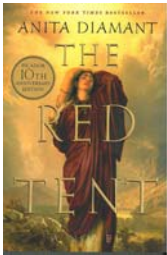
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The Church is a perpetual construction site.

—Cardinal Henri de Lubac
A French theologian who greatly influenced Vatican II

Fr. Mike's Bookies

The Red Tent by Anita Diamant



"By giving voice to Dinah, one of the silent female characters in Genesis, the novel has struck a chord with women who may have felt left out of biblical history. It celebrates mothers and daughters and the mysteries of the life cycle."

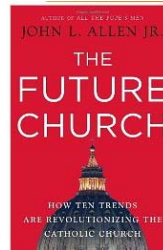
—Los Angeles Times

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

Available NOW outside the Faith Formation Office for review and purchase or order. (\$12) A brief survey, available in this same area, asks how you would like to share in discussion about this book.

also,

At this historic time in the life of our Church as we transition to new leadership, you may want to dust off your copy of *The Future Church* by John Allen. This was our featured book several years ago and now provides an excellent context in which to consider current events.



Copies are available at the Parish Office (\$20)

PBJ Update

(Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center)

2013 GOAL: 365 pounds
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Sunday is a RE.A.CH day at Home
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Anne Frank, the young Jewish girl put to death by the Nazis, said many wise things in her diary. Mature for her young age she wisely observed, "No one has ever become poor by giving." Indeed, we become rich when we give.

We are each given 1,440 minutes a day. Using a portion of that time to build up the kingdom of God in a little corner of the world can make a big difference to both the giver and the receiver.

Everyone is called.

With Catholics, this usually happens in a vibrant community of diverse and talented people called the Parish. The stewards among us are easy to recognize:

- † We work as partners with God in building the kingdom
- † We share our gifts of time, talent and resources with others
- † We respect human dignity
- † We protect the environment
- † We communicate our enthusiasm
- † We share an attitude of gratitude
- † We realize that all of our time on earth is a gift from God

Perhaps, like me, some of you have gone through a 'gimme' period in your life. It is embarrassing and humbling to realize how 'self centered' I was at various stages in my life. Thankfully, these times didn't last long before my pity parties were over.

Maturity is one of the best by-products of aging. I like to say that every wrinkle tells a story, and behind every story is a lesson learned. My mother always used to tell me to slow down, to stop and smell the roses, not really owning up to the fact that my high energy level came from her. My children, and now also young grandchildren, have that same high energy level. Blessedly, they use their energy to be kind and generous with their gifts.

More and more these days, I stop and smell the roses. Sunsets, blue skies, children laughing at silly things, all make me realize that life is a gift—and make me want to make a return to God for all of it. More and more I realize it is in giving that we receive.

Pierre de Chardin put it this way, "We are not human beings having a spiritual experience, we are spiritual beings having a human experience."

Giving as we go makes the journey more fun ~ Chris :-)

*"Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues,
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—Cicero

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2013 Annual Catholic Appeal

As of February 26, 68 families have pledged **\$8,667.34**, an average of \$127.46 per family. A great start towards our assessment of **\$48,000**. Thank you!

Collection for Week of February 23/24, 2013

Number of Registered Households		1,046
Offertory*	\$	12,055.73
Offertory (Loose Collection)		1,079.50
Children's envelopes		2.00
Total	\$	13,137.23

* Offertory envelopes, credit card withdrawals, automatic checking or savings account deductions (credit card and automatic bank account withdrawals are posted at STM on the 5th and/or 20th of each month).

Ways to Help Support Your Parish

We offer a variety of options for easier giving. In addition to the extra mail-back envelopes included in your packet, we offer automatic credit card withdrawal (Visa, MC, or Discover) and automatic checking/savings account deduction. For more information, contact the Parish Office at 760-758-4100 x100 or parishoffice@stmoside.org.

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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).

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.

Brother Benno's Breakfast Fundraiser—Saturday, March 16, 8:00-9:30am at Applebee's. Enjoy a delicious breakfast of scrambled eggs, sausages, and pancakes, along with juice, coffee, or milk. Cost is \$10, and all proceeds benefit Brother Benno's Auxiliary. For tickets, contact Vera Bayliss at 760-295-0059 or Judy Harris at 760-724-0227.

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

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.

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

News from St. Francis Church

St. Francis School is our Parish School!—Families from St. Thomas More are extended the same benefits and rewards as St. Francis Parishioners, including:

- Parishioner priority for enrollment at St. Francis School,
- Equal tuition rates,
- Financial aid opportunities, and
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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.

Women's Retreat—Wouldn't it be awesome to participate in the Year of Faith by going on retreat! All women 18 years of age and older are invited to St. Francis of Assisi's annual women's retreat April 26-28 at Oakbridge Christian Conference Center in Ramona. Get away from noise and distractions and spend a blessed weekend with the Lord and other women of faith. Fr. Efrain Bautista, pastor of St. Francis in Vista, is our featured speaker. To download a registration form, go to stfrancis-vista.org and click on *Retreats*. Call Pat 760-758-7008 or Denise 760-945-6997 for more information.

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.

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.

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.

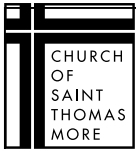
Catholics Come Home

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.

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



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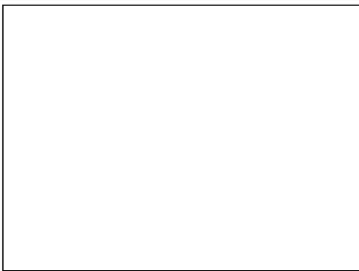
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Tues. March 5th & Wed. March 6th, 2013

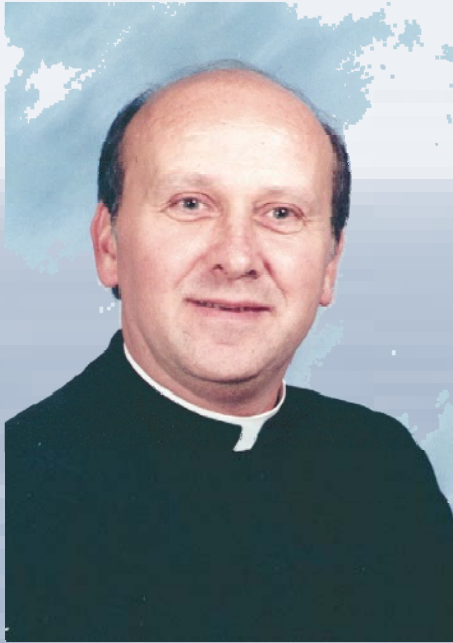
**for lunch or dinner and 20%
of your food and beverage
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Wednesday
March 6
7:00pm



*Plan an early dinner at the
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presentation. Help both the
Parish budget and your spirit!*

The Year of Faith celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council. For some, this was a moment in history, for others, it was a moment in our personal lives.

Fr. Rich Lewandowski returns March 6 at 7:00pm to help us appreciate more fully how profoundly this Council has helped us to see ourselves as the People of God, as the Church.



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