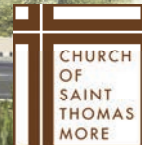


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A Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of San Diego

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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 10, 2013 • Fourth Sunday of Lent

Pastor's Column

Faith—A Gift to Be Nurtured

By way of a fortune cookie, at the end of a meal in a restaurant, one of the best definitions of faith came my way: "Faith is the bird that feels the light and begins to sing while the dawn is still dark."

Faith is a gift given to us from God to see the world not as the world sees itself, but as God sees it. We are called to be people of light in a world that is often filled with darkness. This gift of faith doesn't just maintain itself. It must be nurtured if it is to grow and deepen into a way of life.

The Season of Lent provides an opportunity to tend to our faith. Through the disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we have significant moments in which we can "grow the faith."

Why are we called to prayer? Because we do not pray enough! There are 1440 minutes in the course of every day. How many of those minutes are spent in prayer? How many of those minutes are spent in connecting with God, the source of all that we are and all that we have?

Why are we called to fasting? Because we live life in excess! Be it food, drink, recreation, shopping, time spent "just on me," or negative activities like gossiping, judging, condemning, ridiculing, etc., we live life in excess.

What things are we able to let go of, from which to fast, at least for awhile? And then when we feel the craving, the longing, the desire of that pleasure or activity, can we, in that moment, ask God to come in and fill that emptiness?

We fast in order to make room for God in our lives, to create ever greater space for God to come into our lives and to keep us focused and in the right direction, the direction that leads to God's Reign, and away from the things of this world which are all passing away right before our eyes.

Why do we give alms? There will come a time in our lives when we will die and will have to give all that we are and all that we

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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.

Welcome New Parishioners

**Paul & Lou Gordon
Joseph Manuto
Brian & Sarah Surritt & Family**

Congratulations to

Ethel & Bob Vanderhagen
who celebrate their 69th wedding anniversary March 15.
*May God continue to bless your marriage, and may you be an
inspiration to other married couples.*

Lenten Reconciliation Services at Local Parishes

Date	Time	Parish
Mon, Mar. 11	7:00pm	Nativity, Rancho Santa Fe
Tue, Mar. 12	7:00pm	St. John, Encinitas
Wed., Mar. 13	7:00pm	St. Patrick, Carlsbad
Thu, Mar. 14	6:30pm	St. James, Solana Beach
Mon, Mar. 18	7:00pm	St. Elizabeth Seton, Carlsbad
Tue, Mar. 19	7:00pm	Mission San Luis Rey, Oceanside
Mon, Mar. 25	6:30pm	St. Mark, San Marcos
Tue, Mar. 26	6:00pm	St. Peter, Fallbrook

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 celebrating 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.

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have back to God. There is no better time than now, to start getting ready, by giving alms.

Our closets are full, our garages are full, our storage units are full, our wallets and bank accounts are full. We are the richest nation on the face of the earth.

Giving alms now helps us to ready ourselves for the ultimate give-away! And it provides for those who have less than us and are in need of the basic elements of life.

Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving—the three pillars of Lent!

There still is time. We are only half way through Lent.

Now is the 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

Calling all Girl Scouts!

Saturday, March 16, marks the end of National Girl Scout Week. All Girl Scouts attending the 5:00pm Mass that day will be recognized. If you would like your daughter to participate, please call Theresa Berry at 760-599-0873. Seats will be reserved for the Girl Scouts and their families at the 5:00pm Mass. Please wear your sash, vest, or full uniform to Mass.

Heartnotes

Congratulations to our newest CPR Program graduates:

Annemarie Cox, Linda Mueller, Natasha Jaksch, Marlene Coyne

The next Infant/child CPR class will take place on Saturday, March 16, 9:00am-12:00noon. Contact: 760-732-1414 or drphilg@cox.net. Cost—\$37 per person. Give your teen-age babysitter a gift that will last a lifetime.

New Member Reception

We are welcoming all new Parishioners who have joined us since September at a new member reception and luncheon on Sunday, March 17, after the 10:30am Mass in the lower level of the Parish Center. Invitations have been sent, and we look forward to meeting you. If you were unable to attend the last reception in September, please know that you are welcome to attend this one. **Please RSVP to 760-758-4100 x154 or parishoffice@stmoside.org by March 14 so that we may adequately prepare as your hosts.** For further information, contact Valerie Thompson at 760-630-1703 or valgene2@cox.net.

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.

Readings for the Week Ahead

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

Sunday, March 10 (33)

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Joshua 5:9a,10-12

Psalms 34:2-7

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Luke 15:1-3,11-32

Monday, March 11 (244)

Isaiah 65:17-21

Psalms 30:2,4-6,11-12a,13b

John 4:43-54

Tuesday, March 12 (245)

Ezekiel 47:1-9,12

Psalms 46:2-3,5-6,8-9

John 5:1-16

Wednesday, March 13 (246)

Isaiah 49:8-15

Psalms 145:8-9,13c-14,17-18

John 5:17-30

Thursday, March 14 (247)

Exodus 32:7-14

Psalms 106:19-23

John 5:31-47

Friday, March 15 (248)

Wisdom 2:1a,12-22

Psalms 34:17-21,23

John 7:1-2,10,25-30

Saturday, March 16 (249)

Jeremiah 11:18-20

Psalms 7:2-3,9b-12

John 7:40-53

Sunday, March 17 (36)

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalms 126:1-6

Philippians 3:8-14

John 8:1-11

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

Changa Aguilera
Mary Alexander
Lucia Ambriz
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
Dick Clarke
Dolly Cole
Carl Coleman
James Coleman
Thomas Cornwall & Family
Lené Crowe
Karen Flaharty Daley
Beverly de Gelder
Stephanie de Villeneuve
Art Dossman
Dave Dossman
John Drazkowski, Jr.
La Vonne Dumas
Connor Eberhard
Carolyn Erickson Ey
Sharon Evans
Victoria Lopez Fenton
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
Wendy Gonzales' Dad
Rick Gonzalez
The Griffin & Garner Families
Rosemary Haeffelin
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
Sr. Anne Kremenik
Helen Kuhn
Lillian Lachance
The Lamelin Family
Christopher Lawrence
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
Kalei Mendiola
Bill Metzger
Phyllis Minaya
June Mitchell
June Montgomery
Nancy Moore
Elizabeth Muehlbacher
Conrad Murphy
Margie Myers
Richard Obsitnik
Bernadette Padovan
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 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 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
- 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
Mass of the Lord's Supper
- Mar 29 Good Friday
Morning Prayer
The Passion of the Lord
Stations of the Cross
- Mar 30 Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil
Morning Prayer
Make a Butter Lamb
Blessing of Easter Food
Easter Vigil
- Mar 31 Easter Sunday
Masses at 6:30am, 8:30am, and 10:30am
- Apr 9-10 Restaurant Fundraiser at Famous Dave's BBQ
- Apr 13 Women's Guild Game Day
- Apr 14 Spring Sing Choral Concert
- Apr 20-21 Women's Guild Bake Sale
- Apr 21 Towers of Faith Reception
- Apr 24 Spirited Seniors Trip to Mission San Juan Capistrano
- May 19 Confirmation
- June 7 Second Annual STM Gala
- Jul 15-19 Vacation Bible School: *Kingdom Rock!*

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 9, 5:00pm Jim Tutino ☩
Sunday, March 10, 8:30am Tom Siersma ☩
Sunday, March 10, 10:30am George Brown ☩
Tuesday, March 12, 8:15am Pat Wong
Wednesday, March 13, 8:15am Grace Trugillo Schrup ☩
Thursday, March 14, 8:15am Bill Carrothers ☩
Friday, March 15, 8:15am Rick Inlow
Saturday, March 16, 5:00pm Janet Davis
Sunday, March 17, 8:30am Al Barmasse ☩
Sunday, March 17, 10:30am Joseph & Pantaleo Gurnari ☩

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
Mgts. 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.

March 11 Sr. Patricia Hanson, CSJO
March 12 Sr. Yvonne Hawker, OSF
March 13 Sr. Linda Hayward, RSCJ
March 14 Sr. Katharine Heidkamp, MMS
March 15 Sr. Soledad Hernandez, SSP
March 16 Sr. Electa Hevener, OCD
March 17 Sr. Mary Hotz, RSCJ

Social Ministries/Outreach

A representative of our Parish Social Justice Committee attended a candlelight vigil at the Oceanside Civic Center on February 23 led by faith leaders of other Christian and non-Christian denominations. The victims of the Sandy Hook massacre and other shootings were memorialized by more than 150 participants holding pictures of the victims. Participants also signed a letter to Representative Darryl Issa, urging him to support gun-control legislation. All were encouraged to bring this issue to our congregations for serious consideration and prayer for guidance in our discernment process, taking to heart the words of our Pastor on this issue.

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.

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 all who support our program!

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. For this week's activity and for more ideas and information, visit <http://enterundermyroof.blogspot.com>

Want to Help Plan a Party? Are you the "hostess with the most-est"? Want to help plan a party? We are looking for a few Parishioners (who know how to have a good time!) to help form a Party Planning Crew in preparation for three celebrations we will be having through the year. Contact Lisa Attardo at: lisaattardo@yahoo.com or Jen Frost at: jennifermfrost@aol.com for more information or to join the Party Planning Crew!

Mark Your Calendars! This Easter, come learn how to create a lamb made of butter for your Easter table! Jesus is our Pascal Lamb, and using your lamb as a centerpiece reminds us of this. This fun event will start at 10:00am on the lower level on Holy Saturday, and will lead into the Easter Food blessing at 11:00am. To register, email Jen Frost at: jennifermfrost@aol.com or call at: 858-692-7438. There is no cost, and all you need to bring to participate are four things: two sticks of VERY COLD butter, a small cooler to keep the butter cold, a sharp paring knife, a small plate for your lamb to sit on, and (if you have one) a garlic press.

The Bishops' Letter on Marriage—Responsible Parenthood: "[Finally], living according to God's design for love and life does not mean that married couples cannot plan their families. The principle of responsible parenthood describes the way spouses can work with God's gift of fertility. Spouses can recognize their own duties towards God, themselves, their families and human society as they decide when to try to achieve a pregnancy or conclude that there are sufficiently serious reasons to justify postponing one." To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

Marriage Moments—"Not as humans see, does God see." (1 Samuel 16:7) As the saying goes, "Love is blind." God and your beloved can see beauty beneath the surface. Beyond physical appearance or prowess what invisible gift do you see in your beloved? Share. Believe. by Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net.

Parenting Pointers—The 7th Spiritual Work of Mercy is to pray for the living and the dead. One way to comfort the sorrowful is to pray with or for them. Sometimes when troubles loom we have no ability to fix the problem. Sometimes all there's left to do is pray. Show your child how to pray a spontaneous prayer from the heart. by Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net.

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 Hidden Face of God

- This Day Jesus Wishes to Transform Your Home
- Mother Teresa's Clarity of Thought and Steadfast Purpose
- Finding God in Your Wife and Children
- The Mystery of Your Marriage
- Transformation Through Adoration
- Finding the Hidden Face of God

Parish Events

Women's Guild News

Our next General Meeting will be Monday, March 11, at 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. Donna was employed by the US Navy Civil Engineer Corps. This group was engaged in building the bases for all the service branches. She was also program manager for the Air Force and stationed in Thailand. Her program will show us things no one would ever see as a tourist. Please call Vera Bayliss at 760-295-0059 or Siggie Ogan at 760-994-4727 for reservations.

Our Day of Recollection will be on Tuesday, March 19, 9:00am-2:30pm. See page 4 for more details.

Also, our Bake Sale is coming up April 20-21. Our Game Day will be on Saturday, April 13, so mark your calendars. We would love to have you all participate.

—Vera Bayliss, President

2013 Pastor's Dinner Excursion

Celebrate Fr. Mike's 65th Birthday!

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

Reserve now—Pay later



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) 978 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, 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
 douglasl@stmoside.org; 760-758-4100 x140

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 15:19

OIL

"Your engine's frozen up," the guy in the overalls said.

"What do you mean 'frozen'?" the kid exclaimed with a mixture of surprise and sarcasm. "It's 95 degrees out!"

The older guy answered patiently, "You've got a bad oil leak. There's nothing left to lubricate the engine. Without the oil, the moving parts got too hot and they expanded. They couldn't move anymore. Your engine is all locked up, jammed up, frozen up. This car isn't going anywhere."

When we are baptized and confirmed, we are anointed on our heads with chrism, a fragrant oil. Monarchs and priests are also anointed, as are altars and churches when they are consecrated for their sacred purposes. In every case, the meaning is the same: We call upon the Holy Spirit to be present and active in this person's life, through this person's ministry, in this sacred place. Oil is used because it is an ancient custom, a sacramental sign that has many symbolic meanings. But perhaps for us car-dependent folks the clearest meaning is this: Without the Holy Spirit, we are all locked up, jammed up, and frozen up.

One translation of the Pentecost sequence puts it this way: "Light most blessed, shine on the hearts of your faithful—even in their darkest corners; for without your aid we can do nothing good, and everything is sinful."

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Upcoming Music

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MARCH 17
5th Sunday of Lent

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5:00pm Mass

Praise Team

8:30am Mass

Handbell Choir

10:30am Mass

Sanctuary 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!**



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
Keep giving alms in that Rice Bowl!

PBJ Update

(Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center)

2013 GOAL: 365 pounds
Collected : 104 pounds

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!!

The Scrutinies



Allison Scardino

In order to inspire in our Elect a desire for purification and redemption by Christ, three scrutinies are celebrated on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent.

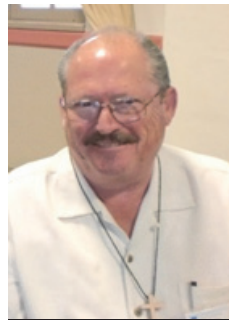
The scrutinies are meant to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect;

to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good.

We, the community of St. Thomas More, are called to join with our elect as they are instructed gradually about the mystery of sin from which the whole world and every person long to be delivered.

May these rites deepen in all of us our resolve to hold fast to Christ.

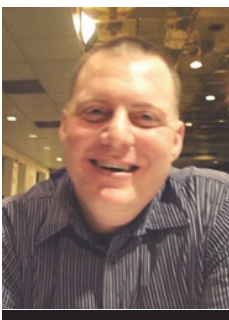
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There is great enthusiasm in our teen community to participate in this wonderful spiritual weekend experience, but some are not able because of the \$215 cost.

If you are a Parishioner who could provide a scholarship, either full or partial, for a Parish teen, please direct it to Kathleen Bell, payable to STM.

This is truly a way to share your faith and will be deeply appreciated!

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Christian Stewardship Prayer for March

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for this new day,
and another opportunity to give
the traditions of Lent
genuine meaning in my life.

Help me to be a good steward of this day;
to use it wisely to reflect on my words and deeds,
review my habits,
and correct my faults.

Inspire me to live as Jesus did,
to embrace his cross,
and live the great Paschal mystery
in a way that gives hope to others.

Be merciful to me this day.
Forgive me my failings and weaknesses.
Cultivate in me a humble and repentant heart.

Prepare me for the renewal of my baptismal vows,
today and throughout the season of Lent;
so that at Easter I may truly rejoice in Christ Jesus,
who lives and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever.

Amen.



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one to receive with and
the other to give with.
We are not cisterns made for hoarding;
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Our Life is Mission.

2013 Annual Catholic Appeal

As of March 5, 121 families have pledged **\$16,259.84**, an average of \$134.38 per family. A great start towards our assessment of **\$48,000**. Thank you!

Collection for Week of March 2/3, 2013

Number of Registered Households		1,049
Offertory*	\$	18,658.73
Offertory (Loose Collection)		1,005.50
Children's envelopes		3.00
Total	\$	19,667.23

* 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

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 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.

"Come and See" Day of Reflection for Men and Women Age 18-45 Interested in the Consecrated Life—Saturday, March 23,

Mission San Antonio de Pala. Co-hosted by the Sisters of the Precious Blood and the Divine Word Missionaries. For reservations and more information, contact vocations@cpssadmin.org or 937-999-8456 or trungmaisvd@aol.com or 714-797-9072.

After-Abortion Healing Retreat for Catholic Women (or Catholic Friendly)—April 5-7, St. Mary's Retreat Center, Escondido. For more information, contact Leslie Brunolli at 760-745-2529 or LBrunolli@yahoo.com or www.RachelsHope.org. Sponsored by the Diocese of San Diego.

Faith, Family, and Football Miles Christi Benefit Dinner—Saturday, April 13, San Diego Hilton Resort & Spa, Mission Bay. Join in a friendly conversation with Philip and Tiffany Rivers and the Priests of Miles Christi hosted by Brian Patrick, Catholic radio personality. For more information, contact www.mileschristi.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.

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
- Fundraising support.

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.

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 Lenten Bible Study, bowling, swing dance, praise and worship nights, and outreach projects.

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



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