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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 24, 2013 • Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Second Annual St. Thomas More Gala Friday, June 7

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Be sure to mark your calendar for this great evening—dinner, raffles, silent and live auctions, the Champagne Diamond event, surprise drawing, and much more!

Watch your mailbox for your invitation, or visit the Parish website, www.stmoside.org, and click on the Gala logo.



TO CELEBRATE OUR PATRON SAINT

Pastor's Column

The Easter Triduum—March 28, 29, and 30/31— Will These Be Our "High Holy Days" or Will It Be "Business as Usual"?

The season of Lent has always been an important time in the life of the Catholic Church. It begins very dramatically with the reception of ashes, in a sense, marking us as God's people.

Near the end of the season, today on Palm Sunday, we receive palms which remind us of the people's love for Jesus-a love

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Thursday, March 28: Holy Thursday—Celebration of the Lord's Supper at 6:00pm, Eucharistic Exposition after Mass until 10:00pm Friday, March 29: Good Friday—Morning Prayer at 8:15am, Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 12:00pm and 7:00pm, Stations of the Cross at 3:00pm Saturday, March 30: Holy Saturday—Morning Prayer at 8:15am, Blessing of Easter Food at 11:00am, Easter Vigil at 8:00pm Sunday, March 31: Easter Sunday—Masses at 6:30am, 8:30am, and 10:30am

Triduum/Easter Schedule

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which turned to hate and indifference quite rapidly.

The special practices of Lent...added prayer, fasting, abstinence, almsgiving...remind us that this is no ordinary time.

Because Lent is a season with a personality of its own, we tend to think of it as a season which has its existence just for the sake of itself. However, it is important to remind ourselves that Lent exists only as a preparation for something bigger. That something bigger is the **Easter Triduum**.

The term **Easter Triduum** might not sound familiar to you; however, you are very familiar with it. The Triduum (TRIH-dooum) is the three-day celebration of the death and resurrection of Christ—Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil/Easter Sunday.

The Church meets at times during those three days to remember what it is that Jesus has done for us.

Lent often overshadows the Triduum, but the documents from Vatican Council II tell us:

Christ redeemed us all and gave perfect glory to God principally through his paschal mystery: dying he destroyed our death and rising he restored our life.

Therefore the Easter Triduum of the passion and resurrection of Christ is the culmination of the entire liturgical year.

Lent exists so that we can prepare ourselves for these three great days. What is remembered during these three days is so spectacular and miraculous that it takes the Church fifty days to celebrate it. From the close of Easter Sunday until Pentecost we celebrate with great joy that which Jesus has done for us.

Just imagine that someone you loved was torn from you unexpectedly, dying a painful, hideous death, and suddenly that person is brought back to life. Imagine your joy. How would you express that joy? Could you be happy for one day and be done with it? Probably not! It would take many days, perhaps a lifetime to express your joy. Because that person's life has been restored, your life has been restored.

That is exactly what happens. Jesus dies a hideous death. God's only Son sent to save us has been put to death. And then suddenly he is alive again. We need fifty days to celebrate this great miracle—or perhaps we need our lifetime to express it. Thus we take forty days (Lent) to prepare, three days (Easter Triduum) to experience, and fifty days (Easter time) to celebrate the great mystery of our faith.

What the Triduum commemorates, that which makes it the "culmination of the entire liturgical year," is the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Because Jesus was willing to die for our sins and was resurrected, death no longer is the end of life for us. It is the beginning of new life. We gather at the Easter Triduum to remember the saving act of Jesus and the miracle of his resurrection. Because Jesus died and was resurrected, we live.

The term Triduum means "three days." The three days are counted as the Hebrews counted their days, from dusk to dusk. Therefore, the three days of the **Easter Triduum** are from dusk on Holy Thursday to dusk on Good Friday (day one), dusk on Good Friday to dusk on Holy Saturday (day two), and dusk on Holy Saturday to dusk on Easter Sunday (day three).

Each of those days "tells" a different part of the story of Jesus' saving action. On Holy Thursday we remember the Last Supper,

Jesus gives us the Eucharist and tells us to "Do this in memory of me." He then washes the feet of the apostles. On Good Friday we remember the passion and death of Jesus. We celebrate the resurrection of Christ either at the Easter Vigil on Saturday night when new members are baptized and welcomed into our Catholic community or on Easter Sunday morning.

We look at the **Easter Triduum** as one single celebration that lasts for three days. We cannot separate the death of Jesus from his resurrection. We do not spend all of the three days in church, but at various times during those days, we are called to church to gather and remember together. When we are not in church, we are asked to keep the spirit of those days even in our homes, if possible. Those days are not days of "business as usual."

The **Easter Triduum** is quickly approaching! I invite, encourage, and challenge you to look at your calendars, set your agendas, and re-arrange your priorities and activities, so that you can celebrate as many of these three days as you can here in the Faith Community of St. Thomas More.

Let these days be "High Holy Days" for you and your family. Do not let these days be just "business as usual"!

Welcome New Parishioners

Kirk & Sarah Stechschulte & Family

Congratulations to

Dorothy Staehr who celebrated her 94th birthday on March 13.

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

Congratulations to

Connie & Paul Hopkins

who celebrated their 14th wedding anniversary March 20.

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

Come Camping with STM!!!

May 3-5 in Valley Center. We have 15 spots available. There will be Mass on Saturday afternoon at 4:00pm For more information, call Henny Jocelyn at 760-758-4100 x100.

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*

A Pilgrimage to Poland

September 13-21 with Fr. Rich Lewandowski. Fly out of Boston. Includes visits to many historic sites, churches, and shrines. For more information, pick up a flyer at the information table on the Plaza or the Parish Office or contact Paul Pizzo at Durgan Travel Service at 781-438-2224 x118.

Lenten Reconciliation Services at Local Parishes

| Date | Time | Parish |
|--------------|--------|----------------------|
| Mon, Mar. 25 | 6:30pm | St. Mark, San Marcos |
| Tue, Mar. 26 | 6:00pm | St. Peter, Fallbrook |

| Readings | Prayer List (Call 760-758-4 | 4100 x102 to add a name for four weeks.) | Calendar Highlights |
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| for the Week Ahead | Changa Aguilera | Bill Metzger | More details at www.stmoside.org, |
| Sunday Year C; Weekday Year I | Mary Alexander Lucia Ambriz | Phyllis Minaya June Mitchell | Schedule and Calendar |
| Readings online at <i>www.usccb.org</i> . | Mary Balli | June Montgomery | Mar 24 Palm Sunday of the Lord' |
| Sunday, March 24 (38) | Jose Luis Barbosa | Nancy Moore | Passion |
| Palm Sunday of the | Patricia Barbour Clarice Bednarz | Elizabeth Muehlbacher Conrad Murphy | Mar 24 Liturgy of the Word for |
| Passion of the Lord | John Bennici | Margie Myers | Children at 8:30am Mass |
| Luke 19:28-40 (Procession) (37) | Regina Bentz Lisa Berg | Richard Obsitnik Bernadette Padovan | Mar 24 RE.A.CH Classes at Churc |
| Isaiah 50:4-7 | Roseanne Berg | Art Palle | Mar 28 Holy Thursday |
| Psalm 22:8-9,17-20,23-24 Philippians 2:6-11 | George "Whitey" Betus | Lupe Casas Pelletier | Mass of the Lord's Supp |
| Luke 22:14–23:56 | Mary Betz Betty Jean Bielich | Helen Pingtella Marilyn Pirkola | Mar 29 Good Friday |
| Monday, March 25 (257) | Monica Broussard | The Pitesa Family | Morning Prayer |
| Isaiah 42:1-7 | Janet Brown | Douglas Price-Williams | The Passion of the Lord |
| Psalm 27:1-3,13-14 John 12:1-11 | Todd Brown Anita Buerger | Barbara Ramm Rita Ritchie | Stations of the Cross |
| Tuesday, March 26 (258) | Bridget Buford | Adela Rivera | Mar 30 Holy Saturday/Easter Vig Morning Prayer |
| Isaiah 49:1-6 | Shelby Campbell | Elena Rivera | Make a Butter Lamb |
| Psalm 71:1-4a,5-6ab,15,17 | Brianne Campos Claudia Caplinger | Maria Rogers Dorothy Rouse | Blessing of Easter Food |
| John 13:21-33,36-38 | The John Casella Family | The Russo Family | Easter Vigil |
| Wednesday, March 27 (259) Isaiah 50:4-9a | Paul Cassidy Bobbi Clarke | Cindy Sanelli Linda Schmidt | Mar 31 Easter Sunday |
| Psalm 69:8-10,21bcd-22,31,33-34 | Dick Clarke | The Douglas E. Schulte Family | Masses at 6:30am, |
| Matthew 26:14-25 | Dolly Cole | Joan Shea | 8:30am, and 10:30am |
| Thursday, March 28 (39) | Carl Coleman James Coleman | Elizabeth Shirzad Richard Sikora | Apr 5 Women's Ministry |
| <i>Thursday of the Lord's Supper</i> Exodus 12:1-8,11-14 | Thomas Cornwell & Family | Jeanne Sisson | Apr 7 RE.A.CH Classes at Chur |
| Psalm 116:12-13,15-16bc,17-18 | Lené Crowe | Beth Snyder | Apr 9-10 Restaurant Fundraiser at |
| 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 | Karen Flaharty Daley Beverly de Gelder | Mike Snyder Nick Soltau | Famous Dave's BBQ |
| John 13:1-15 | Stephanie de Villeneuve | Fred & Gilda Spiegl | Apr 12 Men's Fellowship |
| Friday, March 29 (40) | Art Dossman | Darek, Vanessa, & Elba Spizewski | Apr 13 Women's Guild Game Da |
| Friday of the Passion of the Lord Isaiah 52:13–53:12 | Dave Dossman John Drazkowski, Jr. | Patricia St. Pierre Dorothy Staehr | Apr 14 Spring Sing Choral Conce Apr 19 Family Night |
| Psalm 31:2,6,12-13,15-17,25 | La Vonne Dumas | Ted Stanislawski | Apr 20-21 Women's Guild Bake Sal |
| Hebrews 4:14-16;5:7-9 | Connor Eberhard Carolyn Erickson Ey | Pete Sullivan David Sweet | Apr 21 RE.A.CH Classes at Chu |
| John 18:1–19:42 | Sharon Evans | Tommy & Ginger Thompson | including high school |
| Saturday, March 30 (41) | Victoria Lopez Fenton | Sarah Tillinghast | Apr 21 Towers of Faith Receptio |
| <i>The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night</i> Genesis 1:1–2:2 | The Fiore Family Ryan Flum | William Tompson Stephen Toth, Jr. | Apr 24 Spirited Seniors Trip to |
| Psalm 104:1-2a,5-6,10,12-14,24,35c | Eugene Franciscus Kathryn Franklin | Mary Tysko & Family | Mission San Juan |
| Genesis 22:1-18 | | Barbara Upson | Capistrano |
| Exodus 14:15–15:1 | Joe Freire Brian Frink | Ethel & Bôb Vanderhagen Corrie & Robert Vasquez | May 3-5 Parish Campout |
| Exodus 15:1-6,17-18 (Psalm) Isaiah 54:5-14 | Jim Gallagher | Silvana Vettese | May 19 Confirmation |
| Isaiah 55:1-11 | The Joe Garcia Family Kathy Gardner | Vanessa Vitiello Kevin Watson-Graff | June 7 Second Annual STM Gala |
| Isaiah 12:2-3,4bcd,5-6 (Psalm) | Jack & Marge Gillen | John Whitton | Jul 15-19 Vacation Bible School: |
| Baruch 3:9-15,32-4:4 | Wendy Gonzales' Dad | Helen Wodyka | Kingdom Rock! Sep 21 Treasures 2013 |
| Ezekiel 36:16-17a,18-28 | Rick Gonzalez Rosemary Haeffelin | Erin Young Patricia Zavala | Sep 29 Pastor's Dinner/Excursion |
| Romans 6:3-11 Psalm 118:1-2,16ab-17,22-23 | Susan Hallahan | | Oct 11-13 Men's Fellowship Retreat |
| Luke 24:1-12 | Pat & Tom Hannon | | Oct 27 New Member Reception |
| Sunday, March 31 (42) | The Harker Family Elizabeth Harrison | | |
| The Resurrection of the Lord | Barbara Hatem | | |
| Acts 10:34a,37-43 | Lilian Hills | | |
| Psalm 118:1-2,16ab-17,22-23 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8 | Susan Hori Iolanda Iacobelli | Deployed Military | Pray for Women Religious |
| John 20:1-9 | Linda Iacobelli Bennett | As a faith community let us pray for | Please join us in praying for t |
| | Sue Johnston Betty Karch | all who serve our country in these | women religious who serve in t |
| | Paul Kennedy | troubled times. We pray especially | Diocese of San Diego. They ha |
| Mass Intentions | Peggy Kiernan | for those connected to our Parish | č , |
| Saturday, March 23, 5:00pm | Debbie Kinney Dewey Kolbo | who have been deployed: | been assigned to days of the year |
| Linda Grider | Sr. Anne Kremenik | Gunnery Sgt. Fernando Andrade, Jr. | alphabetical order. |
| Sunday, March 24, 8:30am | Helen Kuhn | 1st Lt. Jeffrey Bauer, USMC | March 25 |
| Joanne Robinson 🕈 | Lillian Lachance The Lamelin Family | PFC John Brandone | Sr. Jane Joppa, OCD |
| Sunday, March 24, 10:30am | Christopher Lawrence | 1st Sgt Christian B. Bull, USMC Corp. Willie Deel | |
| Cosmo Nocida 🕈 | Roland Lawrence | Chaplain Van Dinh | March 26 |
| Tuesday, March 26, 8:15am | Brandon LeBlanc Jeremiah Lemus | Lance Corp. Brandon Doyle, USMC | Sr. Mary Magdalene Kalinda, CVI |
| Sr. Maureen Brown | Claudia Leué | StfSgt Evans Formica, USMC | March 27 |
| Wednesday, March 27, 8:15am | The Paul Leué Family | Grant Fischer | Sr. Baouth Kassab, DMI |
| John Nichols 🕆 | The Lew Family Ashley Load | MSGT Steve Gallegos, USMC Sgt. Alex Garcia | March 28 |
| Thursday, March 28, 6:00pm | Cassandra Loretto | PFC Samuel Haro, US Army | Sr. Maureen Keegan, SCMM |
| J.C. Gonzalez 🕏 | Lauren Loretto | Staff Sgt. Travis M. Meyers, USAF | March 29 |
| Sunday, March 31, 6:30am | James MacArthur Joaquin Maldonado | 2nd Lt. Janelle Peske, USMC | Sr. M. Jelena Kekic, MC |
| Ellen Fresca 🕈 | Paige Mansell | Pvt. 2 Jess Phillips, US Army | March 30 |
| Sunday, March 31, 8:30am | Chandler May Tony McCloskey | Sr. Airman Robert Spear, USAF Tyler Timmerman, US Army | |
| Roy Heath ₽ | Bob McWilliams | Sgt. Charles Watts, USMC | Sr. Myrtle Keller, MMS |
| | | Mart Devi Walsham UCMC | March 31 |
| Sunday, March 31, 10:30am Robert Ratajczak ₽ | Joyce Meehan Kalei Mendiola | Msgt. Paul Weisinger, USMC Major Seth Wolcott, USMC | Sr. Maureen Kelley, RSM |

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Social Ministries/Outreach

Interfaith Holy Week Foot Washing and Passover Ritual

Thursday, March 28, 11:30am, St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral, San Diego. Please join us on Holy Thursday as we gather for a Passover Celebration of Freedom and Justice supporting Comprehensive Immigration Reform with a Pathway for Citizenship. Share prayers and intentions in the Islamic, Christian, Jewish, and Unitarian Universalist sacred traditions! We will be carpooling from St. Thomas More. Contact Sr. Maureen at 760-758-4100 x131 or maureenb@stmoside.org to save your seat!

Good Friday Collection

Next Friday has been designated ro the 2013 Collection for the Holy Land. Your contribution helps to support Christians and maintains shrines in the Holy Land of our Lord's birth, agony, death, and resurrection. You are encouraged to consider a generous gift. Visit www.custodia.org/default.asp?id=1867.



As of March 19, 156 families have pledged \$20,957.34, an average of \$134.34 per family. A great start towards our assessment of \$48,000. Thank you!



For more information, contact the Parish Office: 760-758-4100 x100 or parishoffice@stmoside.org

STM \$crip 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!

- On the Plaza after weekend Masses
- 2. Monday-Friday during business hours in the Parish Office
- Email at *scrip@stmoside.org* 3.
- 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—Did you know the pretzel is an official food of Lent? How about that

the Vatican library even has a manuscript (#3867) illustrating one of the earliest pretzels, complete with recipe? A young monk in the early 600s was preparing Lenten bread-and to remind his brother monks that Lent was a time of prayer, he rolled the bread dough & shaped each strip in the form MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE of crossed arms, mimicking the popular



prayer position of folding one's arms over each other on the chest. This week, bake some homemade pretzels with your family! Find the recipe at: *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! See the flyer on Butter Lambs and Blessing of Easter Food for more information.

The Bishops' Letter on Marriage-Same-Sex Unions: "Marriage is a unique union, a relationship different from all others. It is the permanent bond between one man and one woman whose two-in-one-flesh communion of persons is an indispensable good at the heart of every family and every society. Same-sex unions are incapable of realizing this specific communion of persons. Therefore, attempting to redefine marriage to include such relationships empties the term of its meaning, for it excludes the essential complementarity between man and woman, treating sexual difference as if it were irrelevant to what marriage is." To read the document go to http:// www.usccb.org/loveandlife/.

Marriage Moments—Palm Sunday is like the parade before the defeat. But everything is turned upside down in Christianity. Defeat becomes the path to ultimate resurrection. Identify a high point, a low point, and a revival in your marriage. Do you agree? by Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net.

Parenting Pointers-This week on Good Friday we remember Jesus' crucifixion. The Seventh Corporal Work of Mercy is to bury the dead. Even if your child is too young to have been present at a death or funeral you could share where these Works of Mercy came from. Read Matthew 25:31-46 together. Can you tell the difference between a sheep and a goat? by Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net.

For more information, visit www.diocese-sdiego.org/Ministries/ Marriage & Family Life or call Jen Frost at 760-758-4100 x100.

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.

Parish Events

Women's Guild News

Our Day of Recollection was held on March 19. Thank you to the Chairpersons for a well-run and enjoyable day. Thank you Ann Buko, Pat Wong, and from the Spirited Seniors, Judy Buonticonti. Thank you also to Kathy Flanagan from the Mission San Luis Rey for such a positive program.

Our next Board Meeting will be Monday, April 1, 10:15am at Vera's house. Board members are welcome to come a little early (snack, have coffee, and socialize).

Game Day will be held on Saturday, April 13, 11:00am. Ticket sales are going fast, but we have some tickets left for you. All men and women of the Parish are welcome. There will be plenty of games, good food, door prizes, and baskets of gifts to bid on. A fun day for everyone. For tickets call Mary Vernaci at 760-727-2318 or Vera Bayliss at 760-295-0059.

There will not be a General Meeting this month. Also, our Bake Sale is coming up on April 20-21. Please mark your calendar.

Decide with an open heart—that will usually be the right decision. —Vera Bayliss, President

That Man Is You!

"That Man Is You!" continues on Saturdays at 6:45am on the lower level of the Parish Center. Register online at *www.thatmanisyou.org*. Topic for next week: The Triumph of Mercy.

Women's Ministry: Sustaining Relationships Save the Date: Friday, April 5, 7:00pm

The program will examine ways to build, maintain, and sustain lively and life-enhancing relationships. For more information, contact *womensministry@stmoside.org* or Shannon Oswald at 760-889-1469.

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





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 |
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| 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 |
| Pedestals for Flowers (8) 4 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, 22 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 at the information table on the Plaza 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

The honor of your presence is requested.

Triduum—The Three Days

We celebrate **one great liturgy**, with our prayer flowing without interruption, from one celebration to the next.

Thursday of the Lord's Supper

Mass of the Lord's Supper Washing of Feet Eucharistic Adoration

Our Thursday liturgy does not simply tell us about Christ's love. Through word, ritual action, and sacrament, we experience it.

Friday of the Passion of the Lord

Celebration of the Passion of the Lord Adoration of the Holy Cross

On Friday, we ponder the mystery of Christ's sacrifice.

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

Blessing of the Easter Fire Lighting of the Paschal Candle Easter Proclamation Our Salvation Story Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation Holy Eucharist

"This is the night!" We celebrate the "solemnity of all solemnities" and the crown of the Church's liturgy. **Music for Holy Week**

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MARCH 28 Thursday of the Lord's Supper

> **6:00pm Mass** Sanctuary Choir

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MARCH 29 Friday of the Passion of the Lord

12:00noon Liturgy Cantor and Assembly

3:00pm Stations of the Cross Assembly

> 7:00pm Liturgy Sanctuary Choir

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MARCH 30 The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

> 8:00pm Mass Cappella Choir Handbell Choir Praise Team Sanctuary Choir

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MARCH 31 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

6:30am Mass Cantor and Assembly

> 8:30am Mass Handbell Choir Sanctuary Choir

10:30am Mass Praise Team Sanctuary Choir

Spring Sing at St. Thomas More Sunday, April 14, at 4:00pm

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Faith Formation

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Kathleen Bell, Director of Faith Formation Teach and Live the Gospel Teach and Live the Gospel Kathleen Bell, Director of Faith Formation Additional Structure Structu

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

Sunday is a RE.A.CH day at Church

OPERATION RICE BOWL

Helps Families Around the World

Bring your Rice Bowl to RE.A.CH today!

Each class will open their boxes, combine the money they have saved as individuals throughout the Lenten Season, and count to see the greater good that comes when we work together.

At closing prayer, all classes will combine their totals to see what a big difference we can make, as St. Francis did, in serving the poor. Let us respond to the call of our Holy Father, Pope Francis, to do our part to help the poor of our world.

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PRAYER PARTNERS

Help those about to be received into the church know that they are cared for and mentored by their Parish community.



- Keep praying for the prayer partners you have chosen . . . (it's not too late to take a card or two from the bulletin board on the lower level.)
- Consider writing a note of congratulations to your prayer partner perhaps share your experience of Baptism, Confirmation, or Eucharist.
- Cards may be left in the yellow tub outside the Faith Formation Office, and they will be given to your Prayer Partners at the time they celebrate the Sacraments.



PBJ for Kids



Feed the Children in our Local Community

- Peanut butter and jelly are favorite foods for children everywhere and it's nourishing!
- Fast from a junk food item and use the money for a jar of peanut butter or jelly
- Bring it in to the container outside the Faith Formation Office and we'll deliver it to children in need.

2013 GOAL:365 poundsCollected to date:123 pounds

Youth Ministry

Happy Palm Sunday!

The palms symbolized a great military victory, but is that true for you?

- Has Christ won the battle for your heart...for your life?
- Do you know and have you experienced that God is enough for you?
- Do you believe that Jesus really *has* gone to prepare a place for you?
- Do you believe in the victory of Jesus Christ?

Monday Youth Group

Celebrate this victory 7:00-8:30pm. All high schoolers are welcome.

Wednesday Prayer Hour

Pray to the King of Victory 5:30-6:30pm in the middle of the week.

Weekend Bible Study

If you're curious as to when and where we meet, contact me at *marcusc@stmoside.org*. Our location moves to different houses depending on the weekend, so keep posted!



HELP APPRECIATED !

There is great enthusiasm in our teen community to participate in the Steubenville 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!

Director of Stewardship & Development chriss@stmoside.org; 758-4100 x120

Chris Smith

Stewardship & Development

Christian Stewardship Jesus Sets the Example

As we move through Lent and approach Holy Week, we might think about the Lord's Passion as a goodbye story, almost as if it were a closure. It begins with a Passover meal, where there is a discussion of what might happen in the future for the disciples.

However, listening to Jesus must have been very uncomfortable for some of those gathered. One of the disciples learned that he would betray Jesus; Peter heard that he would deny him. These predictions might remind us of what it is to be human—that we make mistakes and that we are limited.

This meal is followed by Jesus' rejection at the hands of the authorities—and his humiliation as he is whipped and mocked. He then dies on the cross.

Jesus is at the mercy of the worst kind of humiliation. Does he respond with anger or indignation? No. He is humble until the end; he shows great respect for authority but also remains true to himself. We see this when he goes off to pray on his own: he "withdraws," needing to be rooted in relationship with his Father.

What kind of a saviour is Jesus? How does it feel to have a saviour who was mocked and abused and humbled himself to death on a cross? How counter-cultural is Jesus, and how is he still counter-cultural for Christian stewards today?

As we continue on our Lenten journey, let us think about how we live as Jesus' followers, as stewards of his Gospel message. How often do I empty myself, even a small amount for others?

Jesus sets us an example of how to live. Even at his death he was living his ministry by reaching out to the women at the foot of the cross. We are all called to live that ministry too—we are accountable for how we live our lives. Our faith has been passed to us and faith is a huge gift. How we live in response to that gift is left to each of us, but we are called to reflect God's love.



Mother Teresa once commented that each of the people we meet is Jesus in disguise. Try to see Jesus in just one person each day this month. At the end of each day, try and reflect on how that was. Was the person in whom you saw Jesus someone you find easy to love?

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Especially during this Holy Week, spend some quiet time with the Lord.

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This program is one way of helping the Parish raise the resources necessary to continue our campus build out and also help plan for our future needs (i.e., Towers of Faith Legacy). Gifts of this nature are beneficial and much appreciated by St. Thomas More.

For more information please contact: Chris Smith at 760-758-4100 x120 or *chriss@stmoside.org*.

"... A Time To Build!" includes our Faith journey as well as the build out of our Parish Campus.

Collection for Week of March 16/17, 2013

| Number of Registered Households | 1,054 |
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| Offertory* | \$ 6,650.20 |
| Offertory (Loose Collection) | 1,257.00 |
| Children's envelopes | 2.00 |
| Total | \$ 7,909.20 |
| * Offertory envelopes, credit card with savings account deductions (credit) | - |

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 *parish office@stmoside.org*.

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<u>Serve</u> God's People

News and Information from the Larger Church

"Colors of Grace" Choir Concert—Sunday, March 24, 3:00pm, All Hallows Catholic Church, 6602 La Jolla Scenic Dr. S., La Jolla. Reception following with traditional hot cross buns.

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*.

Relics of St. Anthony of Padua to Visit San Diego—Sunday, April 14, 12:15pm, Good Shepherd Parish, 8200 Gold Coast Dr., San Diego. Two friars from the Messenger of St. Anthony in Padua and the Anthonian Association will be bringing two precious relics from the Basilica of St. Anthony in Padua, Italy on the occasion of the 750th anniversary of the discovery of these relics by St. Bonaventure.

Magnificat Women's Group Meeting—Saturday, April 20, 9:00am-12:00pm with Mass at 8:00am, St. Gabriel Catholic Church, 13734 Twin Peaks Rd., Poway. Guest speaker will be Cheryl Ward-Kaiser. For information and reservations, contact Elise Botch at 858-436-4946 or *elisebotch@msn.com* or visit *www.magnificate-nsd.org*.

Beginning Experience Weekend for Widowed, Divorced, and Separated Persons—May 3-5, Prince of Peace Abbey, Oceanside. A trained team of peers leads participants through a

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.

Emmaus Easter Walk for Catholic Schools—April 10, 12:30pm, Mater Dei Catholic High School. Join or support Fr. Jay Bananal of St. Francis Church for this fundraising opportunity. For more information or to make a pledge, visit *www.sfs-vista.org*

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 *stfrancisvista.org* and click on *Retreats*. Call Pat 760-758-7008 or Denise 760-945-6997 for more information. healing and growth experience. For more information contact Cathy at 619-222-9093 or Maureen at 619-447-0622.

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*.

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.

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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Easter and the Blessing of Food



In earlier times, meat and dairy products were excluded from the daily diet during the entire season of the Great Fast (Lent).

As the end of the strict fast approached, the people showed their joy and gratitude by taking their food to church to be blessed and eaten after the Easter Liturgy.

As we celebrate the Pasch, a feast of new life, we bless the food sustaining our physical life. Thus this custom has its meaning even today and, so we are encouraged to observe this ritual for our time.

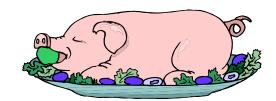
The foods traditionally blessed for Easter can be reduce to three categories:



- 1. Easter bread;
- 2. Meat products, like ham, stuffed veal, suckling pig or lamb, sausage, bacon
- 3. Dairy products, like butter, cheese, eggs.

We will celebrate a Blessing of Easter Foods this year on Holy Saturday, March 30, at 11:00 a.m. on the lower level of the Parish Center.

Everyone is invited to come with an "Easter Basket of Food" and to partake in this ancient tradition and blessing.





Create a Butter Lamb for Easter Dinner



This Easter, come learn how to create a butter lamb (a lamb made of butter) for your Easter table! This is a tradition many of you especially from Eastern European families may remember from growing up. Jesus is our Paschal Lamb, and using your lamb as a centerpiece reminds us of this.

This fun event, sponsored by the Marriage & Family Life ministry, will start at 10:00am on the lower level of the Parish Center on Holy Saturday, and will lead into the Blessing of Easter Food blessing at 11:00am.

All ages are welcome—as long as you can use a butter knife! This free event is open to all Parishioners and their friends, so bring along any family you may have in town for the Easter weekend.

To participate, all you need to bring is:

- 2 sticks of VERY COLD butter still wrapped in their wax paper
- 1 butter knife, plus extra butter knifes for anyone who wants to "help" (for example, if you have two children attending with you and helping make one lamb, bring a knife for each of them)
- a cute plate for your lamb to sit on
- OPTIONAL: a garlic press
- RECOMMENDED: a small cooler or lunch box with a cold pack to keep your butter cold
- RECOMMENDED: a small towel or wet wipes

Can't make the class but still want to make a lamb? Follow the online instructions: *http://enterundermyroof.blogspot.com/2013/03/recipe-create-butter-lamb-for-easter.html*

