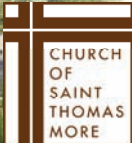


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A Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of San Diego

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StThomasMoreRCC



Mass Schedule

Saturday at 5:00pm

Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am

Tuesday-Friday at 8:15am

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday-Friday, 6:30am-7:30pm

Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday, 4:00-4:30pm

April 7, 2013 • Second Sunday of Easter / Sunday of Divine Mercy

Second Annual St. Thomas More Gala Friday, June 7

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.

SAVE THE DATE!

ST. THOMAS MORE

Gala

TO CELEBRATE OUR PATRON SAINT

Pastor's Column

Living the Resurrected Life

Last Sunday we began the celebration of the “Great 50 Days” of the Feast of the Resurrection. As we did so, we were mindful that we, who believe in the Resurrection of Jesus, must witness to this belief in and through the way we go about our daily lives.

The priorities we set, the ways in which we spend our time through work and leisure, the use of our financial resources, the ways in which we handle conflict, and the ways in which we interact with each other become the external signs of our internal beliefs.

The Resurrection of Jesus has transforming power that radically changes our own lives and the world in which we live.

A special responsibility falls upon Faith Communities, Parishes, which intentionally come together in the name of Jesus. We must live in this “new way” not only for ourselves but also for the world. Our society needs what Faith Communities have the potential of giving.

Loren Mead in his study, *Transforming Congregations for the Future*, suggests that society needs the church and the community graces that the church generates.

He also lists several characteristics of the church community that are necessary for a healthy and wholesome public life:

1. The church is a place where befriending strangers is not only appropriate, it is expected.

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2. The prejudices and stereotypes that foster fear and hatred and cripple the order of the secular world can be processed within a community of mutually respectful persons.
3. Resources are not hoarded but shared in a community that has transformed the fear of "not enough for me" into the joy of giving.
4. Resolution of conflict situations in congregations goes beyond just stopping them for a time, to ending them altogether, with reconciliation and forgiveness.
5. Religious communities create liturgies, drama, music, and festivals to celebrate life together and to give as much "hype" to community as the general public gives to conflict.
6. Society has conditioned people to lock themselves in for safety whereas believing communities are places where the insecure and the isolated will feel secure and wanted.
7. People in communities take responsibility for the well being of others.
8. Congregations bring hope and persistence to the political table, witnessing to a world torn apart by gangs, drugs, violence, and hatred that the lion and the lamb can truly dwell together.
9. People in congregations are given the power to share their leadership talents.

As we, the Church of St. Thomas More, continue our journey through this Easter Season may we be strengthened to live in "the new way." May we allow the transforming power of the Resurrection to touch us and heal us and in turn, through us, heal our society and our world!

May these "Great 50 Days of Easter" be a time of new beginnings, new hope, and new life for you and your loved ones. Share those new beginnings, that new hope, and that new life with the world around you!

Help to make St. Thomas More a "transforming" community that makes the world a better place.

Fr. Mike

Celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday in Your Parish

The **Extraordinary Grace** of Divine Mercy Sunday (April 7) was promised to all those individuals who receive Holy Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday in a state of grace, with the trust in God's merciful love.

A **Plenary Indulgence** can be obtained for oneself, or the poor souls suffering in purgatory, when a person complies with the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff) and, on Divine Mercy Sunday, in any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from sin, even venial, sin, takes part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy, or who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recites the *Our Father* and the *Creed*, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. *Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!*).

A special Divine Mercy Celebration, including Eucharistic adoration, procession of the Blessed Sacrament and Holy Hour will be held on Sunday, April 7, 2:30pm, at Good Shepherd Parish, 8200 Gold Coast Dr., San Diego.

Welcome New Parishioners

Ethel Walmsley

Congratulations to

Sheila & Eddie Murphy

who celebrate their 16th wedding anniversary April 5.

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

In Memoriam

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:



Elizabeth Harrison, who died March 22. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, April 12, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep her family in your prayers.

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

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.

Spirited Seniors Trip to San Juan Capistrano

Wednesday, April 24, via Amtrak, touring the Mission and enjoying lunch on the town. Lunch is on your own. \$8 per person; reservations due by April 10. For more information, contact Pat St. Pierre at 760-732-3919.

Women's Guild Bake Sale

The ladies of St. Thomas More Women's Guild will be calling Parishioners whose last names begin with the letters A-H, requesting donations of home-made baked goods for the bake sale on April 20-21. Please bring your baked goods when you come to Mass and drop them off at the designated tables. Please mark the items if they contain nuts. Please avoid items that need refrigeration. Your support is greatly appreciated. For more information, call Pat Wong at 760-806-1310 or Nancy Wozniak at 760-729-0782.

Our Life is Mission.

2013 Annual Catholic Appeal

As of April 3, 186 families have pledged **\$24,994.84**, an average of \$134.38 per family. Our assessment of **\$48,000**. Let's pay it forward! Thank you.

"Did You Know" Collection for March 2013

\$5,911.00

Restaurant Fundraiser for March 2013

Elephant Bar

\$133.97

Readings for the Week Ahead

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

Sunday, April 7 (45)
Second Sunday of Easter
Sunday of Divine Mercy

Acts 5:12-16
Psalm 118:2-4,13-15,22-24
Revelation 1:9-11a,12-13,17-19
John 20:19-31

Monday, April 8 (545)
The Annunciation of the Lord
Isaiah 7:10;8:10
Psalm 40:7-11
Hebrews 10:4-10
Luke 1:26-38

Tuesday, April 9 (268)
Acts 4:32-37
Psalm 93:1-2,5
John 3:7b-15

Wednesday, April 10 (269)
Acts 5:17-26
Psalm 34:2-9
John 3:16-21

Thursday, April 11 (270)
Stanislaus, bishop, martyr
Acts 5:27-33
Psalm 34:2,9,17-20
John 3:31-36

Friday, April 12 (271)
Acts 5:34-42
Psalm 27:1,4,13-14
John 6:1-15

Saturday, April 13 (272)
Martin I, pope, martyr
Acts 6:1-7
Psalm 33:1-2,4-5,18-19
John 6:16-21

Sunday, April 14 (48)
Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 5:27-32,40b-41
Psalm 30:2,4-6,11-13
Revelation 5:11-14
John 21:1-19

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
Monica Broussard
Janet Brown
Todd Brown
Anita Buerger
Bridget Buford
Shelby Campbell
Brianna Campos
Claudia Caplinger
Christopher Carlson
Joseph "JoJo" Carter
The John Casella Family
Paul Cassidy
Bobbi Clarke
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
Eugene Franciscus
Kathryn Franklin
Joe Freire
The Friedman Family
Brian Frink
Jim Gallagher
The Joe Garcia Family
Kathy Gardner
Jack & Marge Gillen
Wendy Gonzales' Dad
Rick Gonzalez
Rosemary Haeffelin
Susan Hallahan
Pat & Tom Hannon
The Harker Family
The Harrison Family
Barbara Hatem
Frances Heller
Lilian Hills
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
Ashley Load
Cassandra Loretto
Lauren Loretto
James MacArthur
Joaquin Maldonado
Paige Mansell
Chandler May
Tony McCloskey
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
Marilyn Pirkola
The Pitesa Family
Douglas Price-Williams
Barbara Ramm
Rita Ritchie
Adela Rivera
Elena Rivera
Maria Rogers
Dorothy Rouse
The Russo Family
Cindy Sanelli
Linda Schmidt
Maria Sebiane
Joan Shea
Elizabeth Shirzad
Richard Sikora
Jeanne Sisson
Beth Snyder
Mike Snyder
Nick Sohtau
Fred & Gilda Spiegl
Darek, Vanessa, & Elba Spizewski
Patricia St. Pierre
Dorothy Staehr
Ted Stanislawski
The Stewart/Miller Family
Carl Streling
Pete Sullivan
David Sweet
Tommy & Ginger Thompson
Sarah Tillinghast
William Tompson
Stephen Toth, Jr.
Mary Tysko & Family
Barbara Upson
Kathy Valdez
Ethel & Bob Vanderhagen
Corrie & Robert Vasquez
Silvana Vettese
Vanessa Vitiello
Kevin Watson-Graff
John Whitton
Helen Wodyka
Erin Young
Patricia Zavala

Calendar Highlights

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

- Apr 7 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
- Apr 7 RE.A.CH Classes at Church
- Apr 9 JustFaith Presentation on Burundi, Africa
- Apr 9-10 Restaurant Fundraiser at Famous Dave's BBQ
- Apr 12 Men's Fellowship
- Apr 13 Women's Guild Game Day
- Apr 14 Knights of Columbus Breakfast
- Apr 14 Spring Sing Choral Concert
- Apr 19 Family Night
- Apr 20-21 Women's Guild Bake Sale
- Apr 21 RE.A.CH Classes at Church including high school
- Apr 21 Towers of Faith Reception
- Apr 24 Spirited Seniors Trip to Mission San Juan Capistrano
- May 3-5 Parish Campout
- May 4-5 Baby Bottle Drive for BirthChoice
- May 19 Confirmation
- June 7 Second Annual STM Gala
- Jul 15-19 Vacation Bible School: *Kingdom Rock!*
- Sep 21 Treasures 13
- Sep 29 Pastor's Dinner/Excursion
- Oct 11-13 Men's Fellowship Retreat
- Oct 27 New Member Reception

Questions? Contact Henny at
760-758-4100 x100
hennyj@stmoside.org.

Mass Intentions
Saturday, April 6, 5:00pm Ellen Fresca ☩
Sunday, April 7, 8:30am Phillip Riley ☩
Sunday, April 7, 10:30am Josephine Stephens ☩
Tuesday, April 9, 8:15am Lynda Brady
Wednesday, April 10, 8:15am Blake Bartchak ☩
Thursday, April 11, 8:15am Jeff May ☩
Friday, April 12, 8:15am Bud Flanagan ☩
Saturday, April 13, 5:00pm Eugene Franciscus
Sunday, April 14, 8:30am Marilyn Angus
Sunday, April 14, 10:30am Joseph Immerso ☩

Deployed Military

As a faith community let us pray for all who serve our country in these troubled times. We pray especially for those connected to our Parish who have been deployed:

Gunnery Sgt. Fernando Andrade, Jr.
1st Lt. Jeffrey Bauer, USMC
PFC John Brandone
1st Sgt Christian B. Bull, USMC
Corp. Willie Deel
Chaplain Van Dinh
Lance Corp. Brandon Doyle, USMC
StfSgt Evans Formica, USMC
Grant Fischer
MSGT Steve Gallegos, USMC
Sgt. Alex Garcia
PFC Samuel Haro, US Army
Staff Sgt. Travis M. Meyers, USAF
2nd Lt. Janelle Peske, USMC
Pvt. 2 Jess Phillips, US Army
Sr. Airman Robert Spear, USAF
Tyler Timmerman, US Army
Sgt. Charles Watts, USMC
Mgsgt. Paul Weisinger, USMC
Major Seth Wolcott, USMC

Pray for Women Religious

Please join us in praying for the women religious who serve in the Diocese of San Diego. They have been assigned to days of the year in alphabetical order.

April 8 Sr. Joan Kowalski, OP
April 9 Sr. Maxine Kraemer, RSCJ
April 10 Sr. Gerarda Labonville, SFCC
April 11 Sr. Helen Louise Lacey, CSJ
April 12 Sr. Anita Lapeyre, RSCJ
April 13 Sr. Shaun Marie Larkin, SBL
April 14 Sr. Mary Anthony Layson, MC

Social Ministries/Outreach

St. Thomas More Social Justice Committee

Under the leadership of Henri Black, the Social Justice Committee meets monthly to discuss and plan events relating to the committee's mission statement. Current and recent past committee activities include: JustFaith and Engaging Spirituality programs, working with Get on the Bus, San Diego Organizing Project (SDOP), and Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice (ICWJ). The committee works in conjunction with the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops [USCCB], other Parishes including most closely with St. Francis in Vista, Solutions for Change, Catholic Charities, Brother Bennos, La Posada, and numerous other local and national organizations.

The Mission of the Social Justice Committee is to:

- Provide awareness and education of Catholic social justice teaching
- Participate in creating a society with more just laws and social structures
- Work with other faith groups on justice issues within social, economic, and political structures.

Committee members will be publishing further info about the committee and the organizations it works with in future bulletins.

—*Andrea Voss, Member, Social Justice Committee*

STM Vehicle Donation Program

Do you have a vehicle you want to donate?
The St. Thomas More program is easy!
Call us, and we'll have it picked up.

You get the tax deduction!

All we need is clear title. Non-operational is OK!

**Since 2006 we have netted over \$35,300
from this program. Thank you donors!**



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

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

Mark Your Calendars—for Friday, April 19, for our next Family Night Celebration, including potluck dinner, speaker, and worship! Watch for a flyer in next week's bulletin.

Bringing the Celebration Home—The eggs have been dyed and the chocolate has been eaten, but the Easter Season has just begun! Learn more about the 50 days of Easter, plus how you can keep the celebration going at home, at: <http://enterundermyroof.blogspot.com>.

The Bishops' Letter on Marriage—Between a Man and a Woman: "Jesus teaches that marriage is between a man and a woman. 'Have you not read that from the beginning the Creator made them male and female...For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh' (Mt 19:4-6)." To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

Marriage Moments—Are you a "Doubting Thomas?" Sometimes we doubt our beloved's good intentions; sometimes we doubt our own ability to live up to our commitments. Trust takes time and a track record. Have you earned your beloved's trust? Not sure? Ask - if you dare. by Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net.

Parenting Pointers—April is Child Protection Month. Of course all good parents want to protect their children from harm. Part of protection is prevention education. Check in with your child about safety rules such as a fire escape route, how to say no to uncomfortable sexual advances, internet and phone family policies. Tell them not to be afraid to tell you "secrets." 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.

Help Transform 47 Apartments into Homes!

North County Solutions for Change (NCSC) inspires permanent solutions to homelessness for families throughout North County. Our success is *your* success, because each family we assist reduces the cost of public support and adds to the vibrancy of our community. Since 1999, NCSC has helped more than 600 families permanently end their homelessness.

They will soon open a 47-unit apartment complex to provide transitional housing for graduates of the first phase of the program. What it takes to make these empty apartments into homes is your care and concern, which will enable them to provision each apartment with beds, pots and pans, sofas, chairs, bathroom items, blankets, pillows, dishes, and...well, all the things that are in *your* home.

Whether you make a direct donation of new or gently used household essentials, or provide a monetary gift that enables us to purchase new items, your gift will also be a gift of your care and compassion—an enormously important gift!

On behalf of the many children and their parents who will benefit from your generosity, thank you!

To deliver your gift or for further information, contact Kryssa Cooper at kcooper@solutionsforchange.org or 760-941-6545 x319, or visit www.solutionsforchange.org, click on News.



Parish Events

Women's Guild News

The Women's Guild of STM announces their new slate of officers for 2013-2014 as follows:

President - Ann Buko
 1st Vice President - Siggie Ogan
 2nd Vice President - Kathleen Gerhard
 Treasurer - Anna Robinson
 Recording Secretary - Marcy Bernier
 Corresponding Secretary - Lou Gordon

At our general meeting in May we will take nominations from the floor and vote for our new slate. June 8 will be our Installation luncheon, quilt raffle, and most important, we will present our proceeds to Fr. Mike. More information will be coming your way shortly.

Game Day will be held on Saturday, April 13, at 11:00am here at STM. We will be on the Plaza this weekend to sell our remaining tickets. All members of the Parish, men and women, are welcome. There will be plenty of games, good food, door prizes, and opportunity baskets to bid on. A very fun day for everyone. For ticket information, please call co-chair Mary Vernaci at 760-727-2318. You also may contact co-chair Vikki Ramey. Please join us for a very enjoyable day.

Bake sale will be April 20-21. Please mark your calendars for that event.

There will be no general meeting this month due to game day.

—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 Path to Life.

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
Memorial Garden	\$500,000
Reflection Garden	\$250,000
Church Doors (Bronze)	\$100,000
Crucifix	\$75,000
St. Thomas More Shrine (Tapestry)	\$75,000
Concelebrant Chairs (5) 2 available	\$3,000/each
Pedestals for Flowers (8) 3 available	\$1,000/each
Pew Seating for the Church (1,000) 963 available	\$300/person
Daily Mass Chapel and Choir Chairs (200) 193 available	\$300/each



4/3/13

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, 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.



Vocations

THE LORD IS RISEN, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

Want to spread the good news as a priest, deacon, or religious? Contact Deacon Tom at thomasgoeltz@aol.com or 760-727-8442.

Liturgy & Music

Worship God

Douglas Lynn
Director of Liturgy and Music
douglasl@stmoside.org; 760-758-4100 x140

THE PSALMS OF APRIL

We sing of God's faithful covenant love

by Denise Simeone,
excerpted from
Celebration
April 2013,
with permission.

We've probably all seen sports arenas erupt with cheers—first from one group, and then echoed loudly by more and more fans, a verbal expression of the nonverbal “wave” that goes around a stadium. Imagine that kind of expression in the opening lines of Psalm 118, sung on the Second Sunday of Easter. First the house of Israel (God's people) is invited to give praise; add to that the house of Aaron, and then all who are awed by God's love and mercy. Like an ever-widening circle of rippling water, God's *hesed*—the word for God's faithful covenantal love—is felt by all who find their courage and strength in God. It is in the community that we give voice to our gratitude and joy for experiencing this kind of faithfulness.

Who among us cannot relate to feeling “hard pressed and falling” (v. 13)? Even though it was written long before Jesus' birth, death and resurrection, Psalm 118, when used in prayer and liturgy, reminds us of Jesus' Paschal experience; in him, his followers recognized the psalm's image of the rejected, fallen one becoming the cornerstone. Knowing God's saving power, we cannot help but joyfully add our voice: “Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love is everlasting” (Ps 118:1).

Psalm 30, sung on the Third Sunday of Easter, calls God's faithful ones (*hasidim*) to sing praise. Once again, we are invited to give thanks for the incomprehensible gift of God's *hesed*—God is faithful, kind, loving, and merciful, beyond what we can even imagine. The psalmist recognizes that God has saved him from the netherworld, rescued him from the shadowy pit of death. Weeping and darkness have turned into dawn and rejoicing. Mourning has been transformed into dancing.

The beauty of Psalm 100, sung on the Fourth Sunday of Easter, is found in the familiar and comforting imagery of sheep (which remains so even though most of us never have seen a shepherd in real life or spent much time with sheep). Somehow Jesus conveyed to his listeners and to us the power of the shepherd who goes after the lost one, carries the lamb in his arms, or lays down his life for his sheep—his friends. Psalm 100 gives four commands: Sing joyfully. Serve the Lord. Come before him with joyful song. Know that the Lord is God; we belong to him. So it is with joyful song and gladness that we give praise to God who loves us much, so much that the shepherd tells all who will listen: “No one can take them out of my hand” (Jn 10:28).

Faithful ones, the *hasidim*, are named once again on the Fifth Sunday of Easter (April 28) in Psalm 145. Along with all the works of the Lord, the faithful ones are called to proclaim blessing and glory in response to God's might and dominion. Our response this Sunday is fitting: “I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God” (v. 1). This is a God slow to anger, gracious, abounding in mercy and great kindness, good to all, compassionate.

During this Easter season, we celebrate again and again the Paschal Mystery of love. Peace where there is conflict. Compassion where there is contempt. Respect where there is insult. Gentleness where there is hostility. Mercy where there is brutality. Graciousness where there is injustice. This, then, is the power of the cross. Meet violence and sin with love, doing just what God does for each of us. Come, my faithful ones, my disciples, pour my love upon the world.



John 20:25

Upcoming Music

✘

APRIL 14

3rd Sunday of Easter

✘

5:00pm Mass

Praise Team

8:30am Mass

Sanctuary Choir

10:30am Mass

Handbell Choir

SPRING SING

Choral Concert

with Classic Brass

APRIL 14
4:00PM

at St. Thomas More

FREE-WILL OFFERING

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

HELPING PEOPLE HELP THEMSELVES
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
Rice Bowl money still welcome!



PBJ Update

(Food for children
at the Emergency Crisis Center)

2013 GOAL: 365 pounds
Collected: 126 pounds

Youth Justice Foundation

Did you know...

- ★ **Fair Trade** ensures farmers receive a better deal for their cocoa and additional income to invest in their community.
- ★ **Company ownership** gives farmers a share of profits and a stronger voice in the cocoa industry.

Divine Chocolate is partnered with Catholic Relief Services Fair Trade and is the only Fair Trade chocolate company which is 45% owned by the farmers.



Look for the YOUTH JUSTICE team on the plaza next weekend, April 13-14, with a variety of critically acclaimed, smooth, rich, Divine Chocolate in 3.5 oz and 1.5 oz bars.

St. Thomas More's Youth Justice Foundation is open to all teens who, through compassionate service, hope to exemplify Christ's ministry to those in need. If you would like to join, please contact Cherie Abrahms at gcabrahms@gmail.com.

Fr. Mike's Bookies

The Red Tent
by Anita Diamant



"A richly imagined world . . . Paints a vivid picture of what women's society might have resembled during biblical times. Although it is a novel, it is also an extended *midrash* or exegesis—filling in gaps left by the biblical text."

—*Jewish Times*

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.

Youth Ministry

Many signs and wonders were done among the people at the hands of the apostles.

—Acts 5:12

When I read this, I reinterpret the passage to mean that "many things" were done "by" the apostles. But this is so impersonal and unrealistic.

Many signs and many *wonders* were done by the apostles—through their hands!

What have you done with your hands? Who do you need to get out and engage to make the signs and wonders happen?

Youth Group: 7:00-8:30pm Mondays
Reach OUT

Push yourself and engage the Lord.

Prayer hour: 5:30-6:30pm Wednesdays
Reach IN

Dig deep into your spiritual life and let the Lord transform you.

HELP NEEDED

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!

We are very grateful for contributions received!

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Christian Stewardship ~ Our Way of Life A Prayer for the Easter Season

Christ is risen
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Light replaces darkness,
joy replaces sadness,
life replaces death.

There is no failure
the Lord's love cannot reverse,
no humiliation he cannot exchange
with blessing,
no anger he cannot dissolve,
no routine he cannot transform.

All is embraced
by the victory of his cross and resurrection.

May we always be good stewards
of Easter's light,
see Resurrection as a daily event,
and yearn for Jesus' love as intensely
as he yearns for ours.

We pray this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

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*The great use of life is to spend it on
something that will outlast it.*

— William James

TOWERS OF FAITH Legacy & Estate Planning Options

Towers of Faith is a movement that has arisen due to the visionary leadership and generosity of several of our Parishioners. We stress that this is not about the gift amount, but rather the love and thought behind the gift.

These individuals (*several anonymous*) have included STM in their estate planning. This helps to ensure their ongoing support and a legacy for our Parish. *Towers of Faith* is a valuable portion of our future support.



Examples of the various future planning vehicles are:
**Designated Beneficiary Accounts,
Last Will and Testament, Living Trust, Life Insurance,
Stocks and Bonds, Real Estate, and Endowments.**

Any parishioners who have already included STM in their estate plans are *Towers of Faith* participants. If you are interested, please contact us. Your participation is most welcome and appreciated!

Chris Smith at 760-758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org.

**Do two people in your family know the location of
your will and/or living trust?**

Collection for March 28-31

Number of Registered Households		1,054
Holy Thursday	\$	1,414.00
Good Friday (designated for the Holy Land)		1,857.00
Easter Sunday (to date)*		26,606.37

* 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 parish_office@stmoside.org.

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News and Information from the Larger Church

John Paul the Great University Open House—Saturday, April 13, 10:30am-2:00pm, 10174 Old Grove Rd., Suite 200, San Diego. For more information, contact 858-653-6740 or visit www.jpccatholic.com.

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 healing and growth experience. For more information contact Cathy at 619-222-9093 or Maureen at 619-447-0622.

After-Abortion Overnight Healing Retreat for Catholic Women (or Catholic Friendly)—May 3-5, given by Rachel's

Hope and sponsored by the Diocese of San Diego. Confidential. For more information/registration, contact Leslie Brunolli at 760-745-2529 or lbrunolli@yahoo.com or visit www.RachelsHope.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.

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.

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.

News from St. Francis Church

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- Financial aid opportunities, and
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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 stfrancis-vista.org and click on *Retreats*. Call Pat 760-758-7008 or Denise 760-945-6997 for more information.

24/7 Catholic Radio—AM 1000—San Diego

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Catholic Widows and Widowers of North County

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

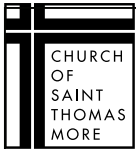
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Do you have a family member, friend, or co-worker who has left the Catholic Church? If so, encourage them to visit www.CatholicsComeHome.org.

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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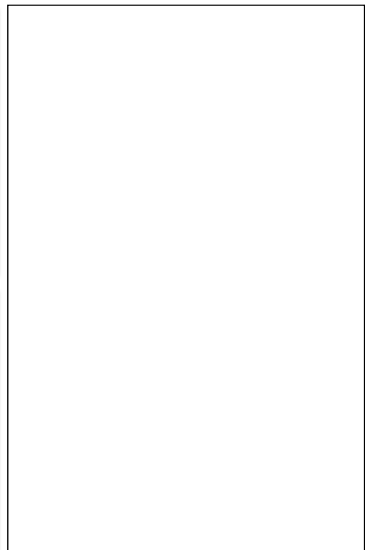
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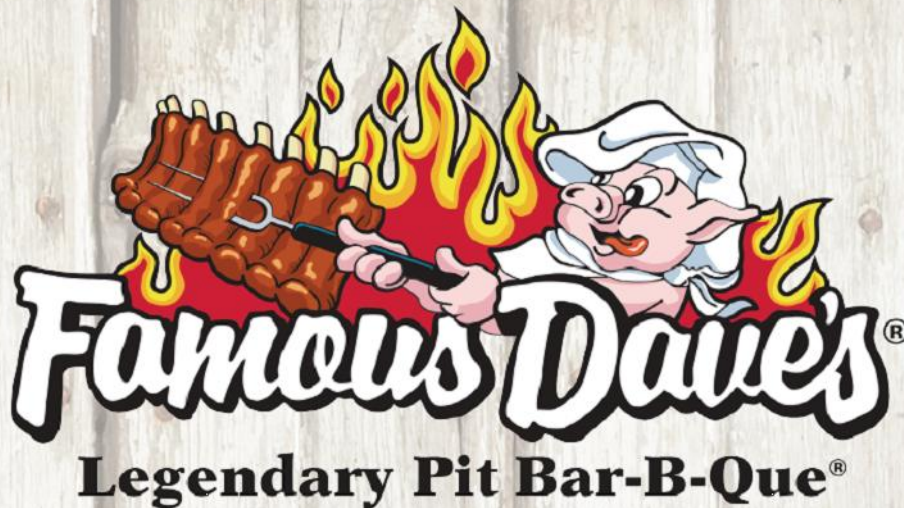
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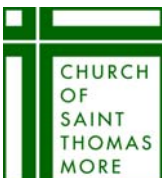
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