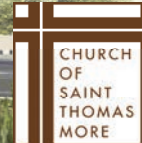


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A Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of San Diego

Spirituality † Tradition † Community



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StThomasMoreRCC



Mass Schedule
Saturday at 5:00pm
Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am
Tuesday-Friday at 8:15am
Eucharistic Adoration
Monday-Friday, 6:30am-7:30pm
Reconciliation (Confession)
Saturday, 4:00-4:30pm

April 14, 2013 • Third Sunday of Easter

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

My Name Is Issa

Please see the insert in today's bulletin for the rest of the story.

Fa. Mike

Our Life is Mission.

2013 Annual Catholic Appeal

As of April 8, 200 families have pledged **\$29,389.84**, an average of \$146.95 per family. Our assessment is **\$48,000**.

This is our annual opportunity to help others as we have been helped. If you have not yet made a commitment for this year your prayerful consideration will be appreciated! Watch for a letter in the mail in the next week or pick up a packet from the information table on the Plaza after Masses or in the Parish Office during the week.

For all those who have already made a contribution, thank you!



Our Mission is to: worship God,

Mass Schedule:

Saturday at 5:00pm; Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am;
Tuesday-Friday at 8:15am;
watch bulletin for holydays

Rite of Reconciliation (Confession):

Saturday from 4:00-4:30pm (or by appointment)

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

Liturgical Ministry: Contact Douglas Lynn at 760-758-4100 x140

Music Ministry: Contact Douglas Lynn at 760-758-4100 x140

Communion for the Homebound/Hospitalized:

Contact Parish Office at 760-758-4100 x100

Anointing of the Sick: Contact Parish Office

Matrimony:

Contact Parish Office a minimum of nine months in advance

*For further information, contact Rev. Michael Ratajczak
at 760-758-4100 x100 or michaelr@stmoside.org.*

teach and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ,

Inquiry into the Catholic Faith:

First and third Thursday evenings

Religious Education for Youth & Children:

Two times a month, September-May, on Sundays

Religious Education for Adults: Various times, September-May

Liturgy of the Word for Children: 8:30am and 10:30am Masses

Little Rock Scripture Study:

Weekly sessions, morning or evening

High School Youth Ministry: Monday evenings

Middle School Youth Ministry:

Two Sunday evenings per month

Preparation for the Sacraments:

Baptism (for infants):

Begins with an appointment with the Pastor

Baptism (7-14 yrs.)/RCIA:

One to two year process with children and parents

Baptism (adults)/RCIA:

One to two year process; weekly sessions

First Reconciliation: In home process begins in Level 1

First Communion:

In home process begins after First Reconciliation

Confirmation: Minimum two year process of preparation; begins in high school

*For further information, contact Kathleen Bell
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.

*For further information, see page 10, or contact Chris Smith
at 760-758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org.*

Announcing the Baptism of

Ryan Michael Anderson

on April 14



Our Christian community welcomes you with great joy!

In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Robert Riley, who died April 2. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, April 27, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep his wife, Shirley, and his family in your prayers.

Danuta Wojciechowski, who died March 29. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, June 21, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep her family in your prayers.

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

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.

Special Thanks!

The saying, "See how the Christians love one another!" could not have been more true than during my recovery from a leg injury and knee surgery last month!

I am so thankful for your loving support, the healing prayers, rides to therapy, and those delicious meals! All of this was such a great help as I negotiated daily life along with the extra effort needed to engage the recovery process! Sr. Annette and I were not sure what we loved best—eating delicious meals that someone else prepared or being freed from having to wash the pots and pans used when doing our own cooking. Thanks so much! —*Sr. Maureen*

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**

Readings for the Week Ahead

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

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

Monday, April 15 (273)
Acts 6:8-15
Psalm 119:23-24,26-27,29-30
John 6:22-29

Tuesday, April 16 (274)
Acts 7:51-8:1a
Psalm 31:3cd-4,6ab,7b,8a,17,21ab
John 6:30-35

Wednesday, April 17 (275)
Acts 8:1b-8
Psalm 66:1-3a,4-7a
John 6:35-40

Thursday, April 18 (276)
Acts 8:26-40
Psalm 66:8-9,16-17,20
John 6:44-51

Friday, April 19 (277)
Acts 9:1-20
Psalm 117:1-2
John 6:52-59

Saturday, April 20 (278)
Acts 9:31-42
Psalm 116:12-17
John 6:60-69

Sunday, April 21 (51)
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 13:14,43-52
Psalm 100:1-2,3,5
Revelations 7:9,14b-17
John 10:27-30

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 13, 5:00pm Eugene Franciscus
Sunday, April 14, 8:30am Marilyn Angus
Sunday, April 14, 10:30am Joseph Immerso ☩
Tuesday, April 16, 8:15am Bert Botkin ☩
Wednesday, April 17, 8:15am Wladyslaw Szwaja ☩
Thursday, April 18, 8:15am Frank Fallone ☩
Friday, April 19, 8:15am Joanne Robinson ☩
Saturday, April 20, 5:00pm Maria Surmenidis ☩
Sunday, April 21, 8:30am Angelo & Maria Vozza
Sunday, April 21, 10:30am Ralph & Rafaella Vozza ☩

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
Laurie Britton
Monica Broussard
Janet Brown
Todd Brown
Anita Buerger
Bridget Buford
Shelby Campbell
Brienne Campos
Claudia Caplinger
Christopher Carlson
Joseph "JoJo" Carter
The John Casella Family
Paul Cassidy
Bobbi Clarke
Dick Clarke
Dolly Cole
Carl Coleman
James Coleman
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
Ed Gunderson
Rosemary Haeffelin
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
Helen Kuhn
Lillian Lachance
The Lamelin Family
Christopher 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
Mike Morgan
Elizabeth Muehlbacher
Conrad Murphy
Margie Myers
Richard Obsitnik
Bernadette Padovan
Marilyn Pirkola
The Pitesa Family
Douglas Price-Williams
Barbara Ramm
Eric & Teri Ratzlaff
The Riley Family
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
The Mike Snyder Family
Nick Soltau
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
The Wojciechowski Family
Erin Young
Patricia Zavala

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

Calendar Highlights

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

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 Liturgy of the Word for
Children at 8:30am Mass

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

Apr 28 RE.A.CH High School
Classes

May 3-5 Parish Campout

May 4-5 Baby Bottle Drive for
Culture of Life Family
Services (COLFS)

May 5 RE.A.CH Classes at Church

May 19 Confirmation

May 19 RE.A.CH Classes at Church

June 7 Second Annual STM Gala

Jul 15-19 Vacation Bible School:
Kingdom Rock!

Sep 21 Treasures 2013

Sep 29 Pastor's Dinner/Excursion

Oct 11-13 Men's Fellowship Retreat

Oct 27 New Member Reception

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

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 15 Sr. Juliet Lee, RSCJ
April 16 Sr. Rosemarie Leier, MMS
April 17 Sr. Helen Lembeck, MMS
April 18 Sr. Katie Lett, CPPS
April 19 Sr. Cecile Ley, RSM
April 20 Sr. Socorro Leyva-Pinal, MFP
April 21 Sr. M. Tarcisius Lim, MC

Social Ministries/Outreach

Foot Washing and Passover Ritual Organized by Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice (ICWJ).

Four members of our Parish attended a Holy Week Foot-Washing and Passover Ritual on Holy Thursday at St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral. Christians, Muslims, Jews, and Unitarian Universalists gathered to pray for freedom and justice in supporting Comprehensive Immigration Reform with a pathway to Citizenship.

Prayers were said from all of our Sacred Traditions and we washed each other's feet, praying for the humility and courage to support one another through service especially for the immigrant and all those who are most vulnerable.



Meeting with Mr. Steve Dannon from Congressman Issa's Office organized by San Diego Organizing Project (SDOP).

Twelve members of local religious congregations met with Mr. Dannon, District Director for Congressman Issa, with the following goals:

- Build a relationship with Congressman Issa's office
- Learn about Congressman Issa's views on Immigration Reform
- Present our Campaign for Citizenship from PICO's National Network (www.campaignforcitizenship.org)
- Seek a meeting with the Congressman himself.

Those of us who attended felt that it was a good discussion and first step in working toward a common goal of Immigration Reform.

If you would like to participate in local social justice activities, please contact Henri Black, Chairperson of the Parish Social Justice Committee at 760-758-8137.

Baby Bottle Boomerang for Culture of Life Family Services (COLFS)

On the weekend of May 4-5, watch for empty baby bottles on the Plaza after Masses that you can take home, fill with coins or a check, and return the following week to benefit COLFS, an organization that supports women in crisis pregnancies.

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! See the flyer in today's bulletin, as well as an envelope for contributions toward expenses.

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—Relativism: "By attempting to redefine marriage to include or be made analogous with homosexual partnerships, society is stating that the permanent union of husband and wife, the unique pattern of spousal and familial love, and the generation of new life are now only of relative importance rather than being fundamental to the existence and well-being of society as a whole." To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

Marriage Moments— "So they shook the dust from their feet..." (Acts 13:51) Some arguments just aren't worth fighting. If you and your beloved have an ongoing disagreement, consider whether it's the hill you want to die on, or if it's time to shake the dust from your feet and let this one go. by Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net.

Parenting Pointers—Earth Day is April 22. Pope Benedict called us to be good stewards of creation in his 2010 World Day of Peace message: "If you want to cultivate peace, protect creation." Help your children celebrate Earth Day. 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

Thanks to everyone who participated in our Game Day event. It was a great success and fun day for everyone. Full report will be in next week's bulletin. Special thanks to our co-chairs, Mary Vernaci and Vikki Ramey, who did an outstanding job.

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.

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

Happy moments, praise God; Difficult moments, seek God;
 Quiet Moments, worship God; Painful moments, trust God.

—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: *An Encounter with Christ Is the Answer*.

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/chair
Pedestals for Flowers (8) 3 available	\$1,000/each
Pew Seating for the Church (1,000) 962 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

“GOD IS IN THE DETAILS”

This phrase has been attributed to a number of different individuals, most notably to German-born architect Ludwig Mies van der Rohe (1886-1969) by *The New York Times* in Mies' obituary, however it is generally accepted not to have originated with him. An earlier form—“Le bon Dieu est dans le détail” (the good God is in the detail)—is generally attributed to French writer Gustave Flaubert (1821-1880).

The phrase has been on my mind for the last month or so, and now, with the Easter season well-begun, I have had a bit more time to reflect on why these words keep popping in my head. Upon further reflection, it turns out not to be too complicated.

Years ago, I worked in in the business office of a theater company, and during my lunch break, I would walk over and sit in the last row of the theater when they were rehearsing the next production. My favorite experiences were during “tech” week, when the sets, props, lighting, and sound were all added to the mix and the actors had to adjust. Sometimes these rehearsals could be very...dramatic—especially when things didn't go quite to plan. Hours could be spent on a scene to perfect the dozen little things that transformed a few lines on a page into a director's vision.

Liturgy, like theater in some respects, incorporates many, many details, which, if done well, invite a seamless immersion into the worship of God—allowing one's eyes and ears, one's heart and spirit to be fully engaged without distraction or interruption.

Master liturgist Austin Fleming offers three pieces of advice that I have found most useful:

- Liturgy cannot be planned.
- Liturgy must always be prepared.
- Preparing for the celebration of liturgy is a ministry and an art.

The beauty of Catholic liturgy is that we aren't reinventing the wheel every Sunday, or every Triduum. The *what* of worship (the plan) doesn't change from year to year, and this frees us to immerse ourselves in the *why* and the *how*. Why one worships is very personal, and I leave that to you to contemplate for yourself. But how we worship and our preparation for our communal celebration can be a very practical, highly detailed endeavor.

Over the past few weeks, and especially during Holy Week and the Easter Triduum, hundreds of our Parish's liturgical ministers have offered their time and talent to the glory of God by attending to the details of worship. They have prepared for our celebrations in countless ways that contribute to the beauty of our liturgies. Some of these people are in view during our worship. But many are never seen, attending to the details that are only obvious when their absence becomes an impediment to the celebration.

Our ministers' efforts (those during worship and those behind the scenes) on Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday were marked by a passion for ministry—both in service to our faith community and to those who were visiting us over these High Holy Days. And this faith community appreciates their attention to the details so very much. As does, one would think, our good God.

—Douglas



John 21:12

Upcoming Music

✕

APRIL 21
4th Sunday of
Easter

✕

5:00pm Mass

Cantor and
Assembly

8:30am Mass

Cantor and
Assembly

10:30am Mass

Cantor and
Assembly

SPRING SING

Choral Concert

with Classic Brass

With choirs from
St. Thomas More
St. Elizabeth Seton

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!



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 Home

FAMILY NIGHT IS FOR YOU!

Friday nights are often a time of change from the work/school week to the different pace of the weekend. Consider doing that on April 19 at STM, supported by our community and some time for prayer.

We begin *Family Night* at 6:00pm with a potluck dinner giving us time to relax, enjoy one another, and nourish our bodies. OK, you're just rushing in from work and you don't have time to do a fancy potluck dish. Perhaps a bucket of chicken or a pizza can be picked up quickly and added to the table to share. Some of our retired Parishioners do have time to make some delicious casseroles, salads, and desserts, and so there is a great variety for everyone.

Come experience our St. Thomas More family! Our newest members feel SO welcomed by the community. This is a great opportunity to show them continued support, to meet a new family or two, and if you are single, to get to meet a new friend or two. We are young and old, single, couples, families, and *Family Night* has something for everyone!



About 7:00pm, after sharing a meal, we turn to nourishing our souls. Our own St. Thomas More Praise Team will transition us with uplifting song. There will be a short YEAR OF FAITH talk, followed by some quiet time for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and closing with benediction.

You will be on your way home by 8:30pm, calmed and quieted from the week's activities, and refreshed for the weekend about to begin.

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."

—*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.

PBJ Update

(Food for children
at the Emergency Crisis Center)

2013 GOAL: 365 pounds
Collected : 126 pounds

Youth Ministry

FAMILY NIGHT!!

STM is having a night of good food, worship music, and adoration. Not to mention the speaker is yours truly.

This is a great night to "be more Catholic," if that was your Lenten observance 40 days ago.

Come celebrate what Easter is all about—sudden change, rapid growth, a time of rejoicing. There is no easy way to rise from the dead, so take a chance on God and wake up your heart if it needs waking up. Rise into something new.

Family Night

Friday April 19

Youth Group

Monday nights at 7:00pm.
We especially like new people;
they get volunteered for everything.

Prayer Hour

Wednesday afternoons at 5:30pm.
Because God's grace is not enough
once a week!

Confirmation 2014

If you are a Catholic school student and St. Thomas More is your Parish, please give me a call if you would like to prepare to celebrate Confirmation next year.

***If you have any questions
about
teen life at the Parish,
contact me!
marcusc@stmoside.org***

Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

Chris Smith
 Director of Stewardship & Development
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Christian Stewardship ~ Our Way of Life A Highway Mishap!

Jason was riding alone in his car on a two-lane highway when all the lights on his dashboard went on and the car's engine failed. He was no longer able to steer the car, and the traffic around him was moving at least as fast as the speed limit. Jason knew that he had to get his car to the side of the road to be out of harm's way.

Within twenty seconds of his car stalling, four football players dressed in uniforms and on their way to a football scrimmage stopped behind Jason and asked if they could help. They and their sturdy Ford pushed the disabled Toyota over to the side of the road. Like angels of mercy, they disappeared before Jason could even offer them something for their kindness: one of them simply said, "I hope your day gets better!"

Little did they know that they had made Jason's day better: by stopping to help him in his need, they helped Jason better understand the power of giving to others.

Though this event happened five years ago, Jason loves telling the story even today, as an example of how God rescued him on the road. Giving that does not expect or demand anything in return is an example of Jesus' loving spirit in action.

Small sacrifices, such as being delayed or inconvenienced a few minutes in order to assist others, do reap harvests of a hundred, or sixty, or thirty-fold love.

More than "random" acts of kindness, our Jesus-inspired tradition calls us to make our *stewardship of time* a regular component of each day and week. Let your response and attitude be gratitude.

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*Do all the good you can,
 By all the means you can,
 In all the ways you can,
 In all the places you can,
 At all the times you can.*

—Anonymous

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 Week of April 6/7, 2013

Number of Registered Households		1,053
Offertory*	\$	17,088.18
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Children's envelopes		2.00
Total	\$	17,885.18

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

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News and Information from the Larger Church

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.

Military Ministry Forum: The Military Family and Deployment—Saturday, April 27, 8:00am-12:00noon, New Song Community Church, 3985 Mission Ave., Oceanside. Covers how a faith community can provide support to the person and/or family facing deployment or returning from deployment. For reservations and information, contact Cesar Medina at 858-642-3496 or cesar.medina@va.gov.

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.

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Women's Retreat—St. Francis of Assisi's annual women's retreat April 26-28 at Oakbridge Christian Conference Center in Ramona. 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.

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Catholic Widows and Widowers of North County

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

Catholics Come Home

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

Young Adult Ministry Activities

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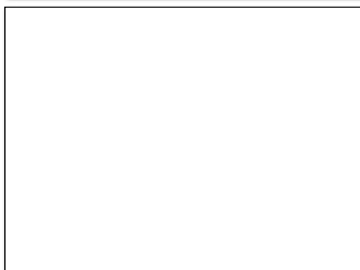
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Pastor's Column

My Name Is Issa

My name is Issa. Issa is the Arabic name for Jesus. At least one male in every generation of my family has been named Issa, in honor of Issa, Jesus, the great messenger of God born of the Virgin Mary, chosen to spread God's message.

If you are not familiar with his story, you can read the account in the Qur'an. His story is also found in the Christian Scriptures, but I am told there are differences in the account of his life. I am not very familiar with those differences because I have little education, especially in the area of theology.

I was born in a tent on the outskirts of Sana'a, the capital of Yemen. My father, his name was Issa also, raised goats and sold their milk, and of course, their meat.

My father was obsessed with giving his family a better life. He worked so hard, and he died young, from fatigue.

Someday I would like to tell you more about my family. But that will be for another time.

His focused energy allowed me to get a grade school education, move to Sana'a, live in a small apartment, get a driver's license, and purchase a taxi cab. That is how I now make my living.

I am learning so much from the people who ride in my cab. Yemen, unbelievably, is a crossroads of many peoples and cultures. I have learned a bit of English, Russian, and even a few words in Chinese!

Yemen, once a part of the Ottoman Empire, then, after its fall, Yemen gained its independence in 1918. But, despite that, over the years, until my time, we were harassed by Saudi Arabia, Britain, and Jordan.

There has been so much in the way of political violence over the years; I do not pretend to understand a lot of it. I just want to drive my cab, and make a living for my wife, Maryam, and my four children.

I am a Muslim. I am a peaceful man. I believe that Islam, like all religions, is meant to be peaceful, and its purpose is to honor Allah, the "One God," and the unity of all people.

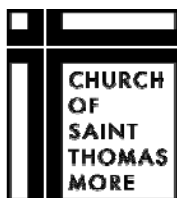
But too many "religious" people become spiritual warriors and cause violence.

My hero is Tawakkul Karman, a Yemeni human rights activist, who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2011. She is the first Yemeni, the first Arab woman, the second Muslim woman, and the youngest Nobel Peace Laureate at the age of 32.

I cherish peace, and my heart aches because of the violence in our world, and in my beloved Yemen.

There has been much unrest and political violence in Yemen in recent years: the al-Qaeda suicide attack on the USS Cole in 2000 in which seventeen US personnel were killed, the growing number of al-Qaeda training camps in

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my country, and now the US drone attacks which are targeting key al-Qaeda leaders, and the 2011 killing of two American citizens in Yemen who were al-Qaeda leaders, Anwar Awlaki and Samir Khan.

Unfortunately, these US drone attacks also kill innocent people who happen to be in the wrong place at the wrong time. These innocent people are called, “collateral damage,” a new phrase that I have recently learned.

I pray so hard that my family and I will never be “collateral damage” in these drone attacks.

My heart aches. I want harmony like so many people around the world who just want to live in peace, make a living, raise a family, and die being loved.

I believe in equality for women. Did you know that Yemeni women received the right to vote in 1970? We were the first country in the Arabian Peninsula to do so! My wife has voted in every election since she was able to vote.

Maryam is a very beautiful woman, although you will never see her physical beauty because she chooses to wear the burqa. She comes from a very traditional family, and although I have insisted that she neither needs to wear the burqa, nor even be veiled, she continues to do so.

She has told me many times that her beauty is just for me, and that no other man will have the opportunity to gaze upon her.

You cannot imagine the thrill for me when she comes into the house and removes the burqa! Our home is filled with such great light and beauty because of her. This choice is her way of committing herself totally to me and to our children.

My four daughters are “going Western.” They occasionally wear a veil, but oftentimes not, and frequently they dress in jeans and tee-shirts. Many times they are in veils and jeans! East meets West!

I am okay with that. Our world is shrinking and we are becoming one village.

Our world “shrunk” so completely once we got that television satellite dish on our roof! I am learning so much. There is much I like, but there is so much that I find unsettling, and I worry about the “Western influence” and its effects not only on others around the world, but on the West itself.

I watched my first “Super Bowl Football Game” this year. I was told that this is family entertainment, and that millions of families around the world would be sitting together watching the game.

I hear that the commercials are of special interest and, most of all, the half-time entertainment. So I watched with much curiosity.

Needless to say, I was so shocked as I sat with my wife and daughters and watched the so-called half-time entertainment: Beyoncé and a number of other women, half-naked, writhing and wriggling on the stage in such a sexual manner.

I felt so uncomfortable sitting there with my daughters. I thought about the millions of families in the United States who were watching. Is this United States family entertainment? If so, it is not what I want. This is not what I would want my daughters to image for themselves.

If I had a son, this is not what I would want my son to desire as he thinks about a woman who will become his wife.

My life efforts, in my own small ways, have been to help create peace and understanding among people. But if this is what the United States has to offer, I do not want it.

Am I being tricked? In my desire to allow “West to meet East” in my family, is this the “gift” that my children will receive? Is this what a better life means? I doubt it!

If anyone can help me understand, or assist me in this question, in any way, please write Fr. Mike with your thoughts and ideas...

Thank You! Shukran...

Fr. Mike





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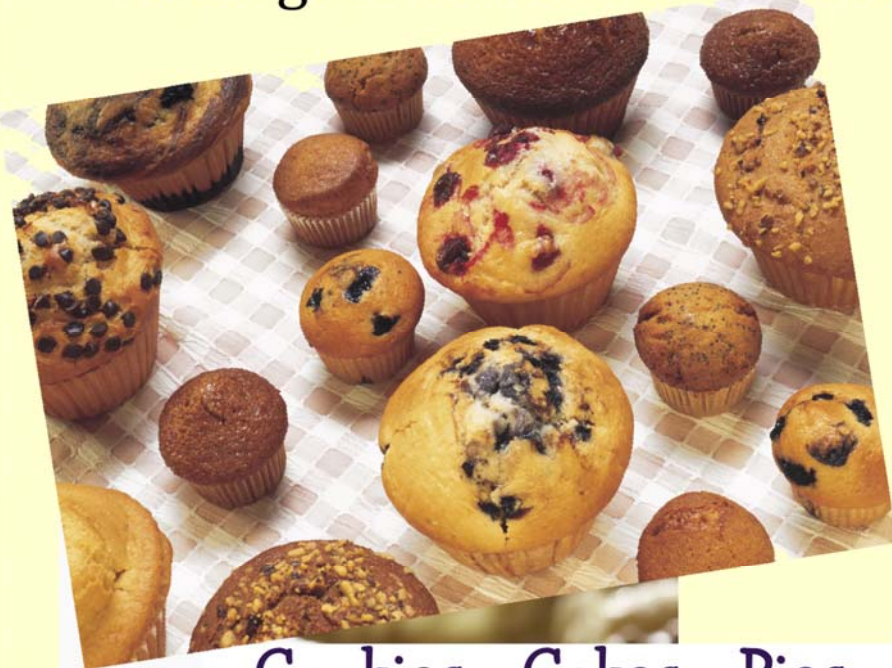
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