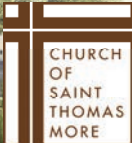


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StThomasMoreRCC



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 21, 2013 • Fourth 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

Towers of Faith—Be a Part of the Legacy!

The “Towers of Faith” is a grass-roots movement that has arisen due to the generosity of a number of Parishioners who wanted to ensure that the treasure they would leave behind upon their death would be a sign of life for future generations and a legacy that would continue to support the build-out of our Parish Campus.

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2013 Annual Catholic Appeal

Did You Know?

The Diocesan Catholic Appeal (ACA) continues. Money raised throughout the Diocese supports the ongoing ministries of the Diocese. Our fair share assessment is \$48,000. Presently we have raised \$30,090.

If we fall short, the balance comes out of the Operations Budget. All money collected over our assessment returns to the Parish. Your generous support of the ACA is much needed and appreciated!

Pastor's Column (continued from page 1)

As participants of the “**Towers of Faith**,” program, these people share a common bond of overt generosity and visionary leadership which nourishes the ongoing success of our Parish.

The “**Towers of Faith**” have included St. Thomas More in their estate planning—through Designated Beneficiary Accounts, Life Insurance, Wills, Living Trusts, Stocks and Gifts of Property. In some fashion, St. Thomas More is remembered, just as they remember family members and friends!

“**Towers of Faith**” is an important part of our future support. It helps to ensure that we can confidently move into the future and meet “head-on” the challenges that await us.

The Members of the “**Towers of Faith**” are the pioneers who are setting the example and encouraging other parishioners to follow their lead.

Our “**Towers of Faith**” include *Regina Aulisio, Jim and Charlotte Baker, Geraldine Barton, Colleen Bechtold, David and Cathy Blecki, William Brincko, Ron and Louise Briseno, Roger and Pat Burkhardt, Don and Rosanna Eppich, G. Jay Falkenstein, Len and Lois Garth, Bill and Mary Haynes, Paul Kennedy, Anne Marshall, Josephine Mase, Richard and Ann McGeary, Joyce Meehan, Lorraine Micallef, Beverley Miller, Ralph Mueller, Richard Obsitnik, John O'Donnell, Mike and Natalie Provinse, Rev. Michael Ratajczak, Randy and Jana Reznicek, Connie Ringel, Paul and Kathy Santy, Maurine Shaughnessy, Christina Smith, Carl and Masako Streling, Frank and Mary Lou Thompson, Ed and Barbra Upson, Elaine Weiler, and two households that wish to remain anonymous.*

We keep in memory those “**Towers of Faith**” who have gone before us in death: *Carl Bechtold, Michael Bosak, George and Hazel Bronzan, Lew and Jean Crowell, Jack Dale, Larry and Betty Dorsa, Virginia Frost, Barbara Geiss, Charles “Bob” Hall, Jim Kilian, Lillian Luisi, William Mazzarella, Patrick McCarthy, Leo Miller, Mary Anne Palmer, Norman Shultz, Maria Surmenidis, and William Zontine.*

We are now gathering names for the 2013 “**Towers of Faith**.” Presently one household has stepped forward: *Darwin and Consuelo Mehlbrech.*

It is my hope that you would consider remembering St. Thomas More in your estate planning and participating in this venture that is so vital to our future.

This year’s “**Towers of Faith**” reception is taking place today, Sunday, April 21. At this reception, which is being held at the rectory, we will break bread together again and celebrate with those who have chosen to be a part of the legacy. We will remember and honor those “**Towers of Faith**” who have gone before us in death, and we will recognize and honor our newest members.

If you would like more information, please contact Chris Smith, our Director of Stewardship and Development, 760-758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org. She will be more than happy to answer any questions that you may have.

F. Mike

Welcome New Parishioner

**Rogelio Barreras
Johnny Mills**

Congratulations to

Maria & Angelo Vozza

who celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary April 21.

Pat & David Sweet

who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on April 18.

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 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.

Dorothy Staehr, who died on April 15. Her funeral arrangements are pending. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Ruth Laub, who died on February 27. Her Funeral Mass was held at St. Patrick Church on March 5. 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.

Looking for Information on the Catholic Faith?

Are you interested in learning more about Catholicism, becoming a Catholic, or returning to the Catholic Church after being away?

For information, call Kathleen Bell at 760-758-4100 x110.

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 21 (51)
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 13:14,43-52
Psalm 100:1-2,3,5
Revelation 7:9,14b-17
John 10:27-30
Monday, April 22 (279)
Acts 11:1-18
Psalms 42:2-3;43:3-4
John 10:1-10
Tuesday, April 23 (280)
George, martyr;
Adalbert, bishop, martyr
Acts 11:19-26
Psalm 87:1-7
John 10:22-30
Wednesday, April 24 (281)
Fidelis of Sigmaringen, priest, martyr
Acts 12:24-13:5a
Psalm 67:2-3,5-6,8
John 12:44-50
Thursday, April 25 (555)
Mark, Evangelist
1 Peter 5:5b-14
Psalm 89:2-3,6,7,16-17
Mark 16:15-20
Friday, April 26 (283)
Acts 13:26-33
Psalm 2:6-11
John 14:1-6
Saturday, April 27 (284)
Acts 13:44-52
Psalm 98:1-4
John 14:7-14
Sunday, April 28 (54)
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 14:21b-27
Psalm 145:8-13
Revelation 21:1-5a
John 13:31-33a,34-35

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
Brianna Campos
Claudia Caplinger
Christopher Carlson
Joseph "JoJo" Carter
Paul Cassidy
Dick Clarke
Dolly Cole
Carl Coleman
James Coleman
Thomas Cornwell & 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
Ed Gunderson
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
Betty Karch
Paul Kennedy
Peggy Kiernan
Debbie Kinney
Dewey Kolbo
Helen Kuhn
Lillian Lachance
The Lamelin Family
The Laub Family
Brandon LeBlanc
Jeremiah Lemus
Claudia Leué
The Paul Leué Family
The Lloyd Family
Ashley Load
Cassandra Loretto
Lauren Loretto
James MacArthur
Joaquin Maldonado
Chandler May
Tony McCloskey
Bob McWilliams
Kalei Mendiola
Bill Metzger
Phyllis Minaya
June Mitchell
June Montgomery
Nancy Moore
Mike Morgan
Elizabeth Muehlbacher
Conrad Murphy
Margie Myers
Richard Obsitnik
Jerry Opstal
Bernadette Padovan
Helen Pingtella
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
The Staehr Family
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

Calendar Highlights

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

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 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
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 10 Men's Fellowship
May 19 Confirmation
May 19 Blood Drive
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.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 20, 5:00pm
Maria Surmenidis ☩

Sunday, April 21, 8:30am
Angelo & Maria Vozza

Sunday, April 21, 10:30am
Ralph & Rafaella Vozza ☩

Tuesday, April 23, 8:15am
Steve Trent ☩

Wednesday, April 24, 8:15am
Sylvana Vettese ☩

Thursday, April 25, 8:15am
Brandon Pittman ☩ & Family

Friday, April 26, 8:15am
Anthony Masseth ☩

Saturday, April 27, 5:00pm
First Communicants

Sunday, April 28, 8:30am
First Communicants

Sunday, April 28, 10:30am
First Communicants

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 22	Sr. Theresa Lisak, MM
April 23	Sr. Carmel Lohan, RSM
April 24	Sr. Elizabeth (Mel) Loomis, SHCJ
April 25	Sr. Aurora Lopez Ornelas, SJS
April 26	Sr. Jeanette Lucinio, SP
April 27	Sr. Linda Lutz, CHS
April 28	Sr. Ann Machtemes, OSB

Social Ministries/Outreach

Get on the Bus

Once again it is time to start planning our annual Get-on-the-Bus program. St. Thomas More Parish works with other San Diego churches to transport children to visit their mothers in prison. This annual event happens on the day before Mother's Day (May 10). For many children, this is the only time they see their mothers during the entire year. It's a very exciting day for the children but also very grueling. South county children got on the bus about 2:00am last year and didn't arrive home until close to midnight. To help provide this opportunity for the children and to make the trip a little easier, STM members offer assistance to the children in various ways:

- helping families with required paperwork so children will be allowed into the prison,
- financially funding the bus and other expenses,
- providing cookies and snacks to the children during the long bus ride,
- accompanying children throughout the day,
- offering blankets to help them keep warm in the early morning hours,
- contributing items for the backpacks each child receives,
- and most importantly praying for the child, their families, and the success of the program.

Watch next week's bulletin for a flyer and donation envelopes. We'll also be on the Plaza April 27-28 and May 4-5 to answer questions and accept any contributions for the program. For this year, there have been some changes regarding what we are allowed to send on the bus with the children. We are not able to accept stuffed animals or beverages. All items must be new and unused. Especially welcome are small items for the children's backpacks and individually wrapped snack items (no raisins, nuts, candy, gum) for the long bus ride. Contact Andrea Voss ADV@vosses.us or 760-994-6147 to volunteer to help or for further information.

JustFaith Program

Thanks to JustFaith graduates, Parishioners, and the Youth Justice Foundation, who donated a total of \$510 to the tuition fund for children in El Salvador. This amount is enough to sponsor six children for an entire school year. Here is the response we received from Rick Dixon, the Maryknoll lay missionary who is sponsoring this program.



The funds you sent will go to help children study. The children live in Cojutepeque, El Salvador in a zone of extreme poverty. Twenty five years ago this zone, known as La Esperanza, became a squatter settlement for people seeking safe-haven from the country's civil war (1980-1992). A peace accord was signed in 1992; but, unfortunately, not a lot has changed in the last twenty-five years. The people in La Esperanza still need dignified housing, title to the land they live on, and improvements to public education and schools. The funds you sent will help the children of La Esperanza study at the local Roman Catholic Parish of St. John the Baptist, which works together with the Salvadoran government to seek creative ways to bring better education to all Salvadoran children. Thank you for your generous gift of education.

Marriage & Family Life

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—“In some cases, divorce may be the only solution to a morally unacceptable situation. A specific example is a home where the safety of a spouse and children is at risk. As the Catholic bishops of the United States, we reiterate what we said in our pastoral message on domestic violence, When I Call for Help, namely, that no one in a marriage is obliged to maintain common living with an abusing spouse. We want to assure people who are caught in the tragedy of an abusive marriage that the Church is committed to offering them support and assistance.” 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.

2013 Annual Lenten Collection

\$1,932.31

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.

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.

Parish Events

Women's Guild News

Thanks to everyone who participated in our Game Day event. All our members who attended and donated and all friends who came had a good time. We couldn't have done it without Mary Vernaci and Vikki Ramey, our co-chairs. We made \$2,140 on our event.

Bake sale this weekend, April 20-21. Please stop by our table and buy a delicious home-made goodie. We appreciate your helping us with this event. Thanks to Nancy Wozniak for chairing and to all her helpers.

Next board meeting will be May 6. The next general meeting will be May 13 at the Parish Center. We will hold our book exchange and have a special lunch.

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

—Vera Bayliss, President

Thank You from Burundi Friends International

The JustFaith potluck and presentation by Julie Marner, regarding the significant needs in Burundi, Africa was a huge success! Those who attended graciously contributed nearly \$350 that will meet some of the educational and other needs of the Burundian students. Ms. Marner thanks all who attended, contributed, and helped with this event.



Further contributions to this program can be made to Burundi Friends International. Envelopes are available by contacting Judy Smith at 760-685-4678.

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) 961 available	\$300/person
Daily Mass Chapel and Choir Chairs (200) 193 available	\$300/each



4/16/13

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

PULLING THEIR WEIGHT?

Are the men of St. Thomas More Parish pulling their weight in this faith community?

Recently, one Knight of Columbus relayed to me that the Knights have been challenged to participate more in the liturgical life of the Parish. I am intrigued. Might there be a perception that our men are not participating as much as our women? If so, might this be because we do not see men participating equally during liturgy, because they minister away from our celebration of the Mass?

The Knights are active in a multitude of non-liturgical activities—the Lenten dinners and Sunday morning breakfasts come to mind, as do Tootsie Roll drives, efforts on behalf of Solutions for Change, and the St. Bonaventure clothing drives—giving and supporting the mission and ministry of the church at local, national, and international levels. Beyond the Knights, men of this parish actively participate in our faith community through monthly men's fellowship and the weekly "That Man Is You!" gatherings on Saturday mornings. As I look around the Parish, there are men serving God this faith community everywhere: helping the

youth sell donuts on Sunday mornings, maintaining our sound systems, serving as our parish historian, helping to organize the scrip program, helping throughout the bereavement ministry, teaching our children through the Liturgy of the Word for Children (LOWC) during Mass most weekends. These are a few off the top of my head; there are many more.

Let's look at some numbers.

As of this week, our Parish has 2,877 active members—1,331 are men, and 1,546 are women, counting both adults and children. That's 46% and 54%, respectively.

So do our weekend liturgies—perhaps our most visible public faith presence to the community at large—measured by the ministers who serve in them, reflect these numbers?

Of our 22 currently active weekend altar servers, ten are male (45%). And three of our five Sacristans are male (60%). But, out of 67 Eucharistic ministers, fifteen are male (22%). Two of our fifteen Greeters (those who staff the Parish Information Table) are male (13%). Out of 59 Hospitality ministers, nineteen are male (32%). Of 32



John 10:27

Readers, nine are male (28%).

In the music ministry, there are 64 singers and instrumentalists currently involved in our various choirs and ensembles, of which only 14 are men (22%). The Praise Team is evenly split (50%), and of our five Cantors, three are men (60%). But, the percentage of men in the Sanctuary Choir is 22%, and in the Handbell Choir, 13%.

Looking at the numbers, we can see in some areas the ratio of men to women in our liturgical ministries parallels the demographics of our Parish. But in the majority of these "public" ministries, women are more visible.

So, are the men of St. Thomas More Parish pulling their weight in this faith community? Resoundingly, YES!!! And we thank you. Is it obvious? Perhaps not.

So, gentlemen, I ask those of you ministering to this Parish in a less public way—and especially those of you who haven't yet found a ministry suitable to your gifts of time and talent—is it time to increase your part of the mission and ministry of St. Thomas More Parish? Is it time to offer a more public expression of your part in this faith community?

Let me know. Opportunities abound.

—Douglas

Upcoming Music



APRIL 28
5th Sunday of
Easter



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

GO IN
PEACE
TO
LOVE

AND
SERVE
THE
LORD

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel!

Kathleen Bell, Director of Faith Formation
760-758-4100 x110
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Marcus Cabrera, Youth Advocate
760-758-4100 x161
marcusc@stmoside.org

Sunday is a RE.A.CH day at Church
Still accepting Rice Bowls!

Parents. . . Parishioners

Join us for the Catholicism Series SUNDAY,
4:30-6:00pm

PART 9: THE FIRE OF HIS LOVE— PRAYER AND THE LIFE OF THE SPIRIT

In this lesson, Fr. Barron explores Catholic spirituality, which is centered on prayer. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states: Prayer is the lifting up of the mind and the heart to God.

On pilgrimage to the places where the great saints and spiritual masters lived, he explores the different types of prayer: contemplation; adoration; petition; and intercession.

In telling the stories of Catholics like Thomas Merton, St. Theresa of Avila, and St. John of the Cross, Fr. Barron demonstrates how the human person can be transformed through prayer that manifests a deep, spiritual commitment centered in Christ.

Sign-Up May 5

for 2013-2014 RE.A.CH

Religious Education for Adolescents and Children

- If your family is currently enrolled in St. Thomas More's Religious Education program (including high school),

OR

- If you have children between ages 3 and 17 and would like to partner with your Parish in their Faith formation,
- PLAN to stop in and complete your enrollment packet between 9:45am-2:00pm or 4:00pm-6:00pm on May 5 outside the Faith Formation Office on the lower level.

PBJ Update
(Food for children
at the Emergency Crisis Center)

2013 GOAL: 365 pounds
Collected : 144 pounds

Easter Sacraments Continue

Thank you for your prayers for our 25 families preparing to celebrate First Communion at all three Masses next weekend, April 27-28.



Any cards or notes for Prayer Partners should be left soon in the yellow tub on the shelf outside the Faith Formation Office.



Bishop Brom will be here to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for our 48 candidates at the 10:30am Mass on Pentecost.

We will have "a full house" at the 10:30 Mass on May 19, so if you are not fond of large groups, you may want to consider the 5:00pm or 8:30am Mass that weekend.

Youth Ministry

- Our two Mini-Courses continue this Sunday and next Sunday, 6:30-8:30pm, as teens continue to discuss how to manage life's struggles, and the meaning of the Sacraments in their lives.
- **Confirmation 2014**
A required meeting for PARENTS and TEENS who have completed one year of Teen Faith Formation will be held Sunday, April 28, 5:30-6:30pm, right before the last session of the Mini-Course.
- Steubenville Registration is closed. Contact Marcus if you would like to be placed on a waiting list.

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Continuing our Christian Stewardship of the Easter Season

Last week the Gospel spoke of the disciples having a hard time recognizing the risen Christ. There he was, only 100 yards away, and the disciples didn't recognize him. Even when they came ashore, they were not absolutely sure.

The truth is, I have the same problem recognizing Jesus today when he is with me. Jesus did not die, rise, and go into retirement in some distant place. The risen Jesus is as present to me as he was to the disciples.

The hardest thing for a Christian is to recognize the presence of the risen Christ within you. Maybe the nearer Jesus is, the harder it is to recognize him.

Part of the Easter joy that we hold within us these 50 days of the Easter Season is to know and believe that the Lord is right here, always. —partially excerpted from the *Little White Book-Diocese of Saginaw*

Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him."

Who do you know who has sacrificed significantly for Jesus' sake?

What have they given up? Have they gained anything? Do they seem less concerned with possessions or control?

Mature disciples make a conscious, firm decision, carried out in action, to be followers of Jesus Christ no matter the cost.

We know discipleship is costly, because it requires us to put aside the craving for possession and our control for Jesus.

We also know that discipleship is grace, because it confers true liberation and eternal life.

When we begin with the great challenge of being a disciple of Jesus, stewardship becomes a response that is part and parcel of who we are and what we believe.

—Archbishop Thomas Murphy



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"Each one of them is Jesus in disguise."

—Blessed Mother Teresa

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
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Collection for Week of April 13/14, 2013

Number of Registered Households		1,052
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Offertory (Loose Collection)		1,004.00
Children's envelopes		2.00
Total	\$	9,343.54

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News and Information from the Larger Church

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.

Movie: The Triumph—Wednesday, May 15, 6:00pm., Krikorian Theater in Vista. Tickets \$15. A powerful new documentary film about a prophecy unfolding right now, before our very eyes. For more information, contact Julie English at 760-500-2516 or keweljewel42003@yahoo.com or thetriumph.org.

Camp Erin San Diego—June 7-9; where children and teens learn to grieve and heal. Hosted by The Center for Compassionate Care of The Elizabeth Hospice. For more information, contact 760-737-2050 or camperin@ehospice.org or visit www.elizabethhospice.org/camperin.

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.

Used Shoes Needed!—Join us in supporting the improvements and extensions planned for the St. Francis Preschool playground by bringing in your used shoes for recycling. These shoes will be refurbished and sold in developing countries to those who cannot afford new or serviceable shoes. The preschool receives 55 cents per pound. Pairs of all shoes, skates, slippers, athletic shoes, and boots are welcome. Bring your contribution to the St. Francis church East side entrance on the weekend throughout the month of April. Shoes can also be dropped off at the St. Francis School office during the week. Thank you for your support!

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.

Birth Choice Volunteer Counselors Needed—a pro-life, Christ-centered pregnancy resource center offering free pregnancy testing, ultrasound, and options counseling for women in crisis. If you feel called to the ministry at the Oceanside or San Marcos centers, please contact Mary Rose Stearns, Executive Director, at 760-434-5063 or mrstearns@birthchoice.net.

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.

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 davidandcherylxross@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 Radio—AM 1000/Sirius 103—San Diego

Free program guides and bumper stickers available at the information table the Plaza after weekend Masses.

Visit ihradio.com/sandiego

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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