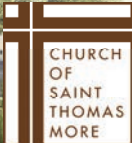


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Mass Schedule

Saturday at 5:00pm

Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am

Tuesday-Friday at 8:15am

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday, 4:00-4:30pm

May 5, 2013 • Sixth Sunday of Easter

Second Annual St. Thomas More Gala Friday, June 7

Enjoy Happy Hour, Delicious Dinner, Raffles, Silent and Live Auctions, and new this year—**Wheel of Fortune!**

- ◆ Chance to win a Mystery Day with Fr. Mike
- ◆ Chance to win Dinner for Ten with Chef Mike Ratajczak

SAVE THE DATE!

ST. THOMAS MORE

Gala

TO CELEBRATE OUR PATRON SAINT

Pastor's Column

“Yes Virginia, There Is Construction!”

This will be the last update from Brian Leahey, our Director of Construction, before actual construction begins of both our Church and Parish Offices Building. Soon and very soon...

In the last several months our Grading Plan has been going through the Plan Check Process with the City of Oceanside.

During the review we needed to respond to Plan Check comments by Grading and the City of Oceanside Fire Department. Some of the comments were minor, and others would have involved substantial costs to the Parish.

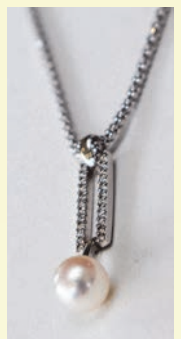
For example, the widening of an existing fire lane on the north side of the multi-purpose building was being suggested. Through

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Help Us Make Our Second Annual Gala A Success

- ◆ Pick an item from our Donation Tree
- ◆ Sponsor at levels from \$100 to \$2,500
Above items tax deductible with completed Gala form
- ◆ Opportunity to win Diamond necklace (\$1,500 value)

See page 5 for more information.



Pastor's Column *(continued from page 1)*

several meetings with the City, a more cost-effective solution was proposed and finally approved. The Grading Plan is now approved and a permit is ready to be issued.

Our Architect, Renzo Zecchetto, has now completed the final designs of both buildings.

We delivered the building plans to the City of Oceanside for Plan Check approval this past week. The final design coordination took longer than expected due to some acoustical issues that affected structural design and final architectural coordination.

During this time, we continued to negotiate and seek better pricing from additional sub-contractors. This, in turn, has benefitted the Parish and has saved us money.

In the past week we completed some tree relocation and utility capping in the construction area.

Last week, the Diocese of San Diego and Bishop Brom gave the final approval of our construction budget, and we are in the final stages of mobilizing the Grading Contractor and moving forward with grading for the Church and the Parish Offices.

Our construction web cams are now operational. Just go to the Parish website, www.stmoside.org, and click on the camera icons to see the construction sites for the Church and the Parish Offices.

Thank you all for your patience.

The dirt will be moving full force, soon and very soon!

Fr. Mike

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.

Food Bank Contributions

Look for the blue barrels on the Plaza at weekend Masses to deposit your contributions for North County Community Services Food Bank in San Marcos. Thank you for your support! For more information, contact Ron Briseno at 760-758-4100 x153 or ronb@stmoside.org.

Need Help with Transportation to Church!

Volunteer drivers are needed in our Parish. Some Parishioners would like to attend Mass and cannot drive themselves. Please prayerfully consider helping some of our fellow Parishioners. If you can help in any way with this service, please contact Ann Eriksson 760-599-7151 or eriksson1@mindspring.com.

**In Memoriam**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Alben Dragula, who died on April 17. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, May 9, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep his wife Eileen and his family in your prayers.

Joe Barreras, who died on April 20. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, May 14, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep his wife Barbara and his family in your prayers.

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

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.

Rosary

A communal Rosary is prayed after every morning Mass (Tuesday-Friday) in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Please join us!

**Our Mission is to:
worship God,**

In addition to Mass, Reconciliation, and Eucharistic Adoration (see page 1 for schedules), there are opportunities to participate in liturgical and music ministries.

*For further information, contact Douglas Lynn,
Director of Liturgy and Music,
at 760-758-410 x140 or douglasl@stmoside.org*

Matrimony (9 months advance notice required), communion for the sick/homebound, and anointing are available by request

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

teach and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ,

There are programs for faith development and enrichment for all ages, including preparation for celebrating the sacraments.

*For further information, contact Kathleen Bell,
Director of Faith Formation,
at 760-758-4100 x110 or kathleenb@stmoside.org.*

and serve God's people in word and deed.

There are many groups who serve our Parishioners and provide outreach to the local community (see page 10).

*For further information, contact Chris Smith,
Director of Stewardship and Development,
at 760-758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org.*

See page 10 or www.stmoside.org for more details.

Readings for the Week Ahead

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

Sunday, May 5 (57)

Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 15:1-2,22-29
Psalm 67:2-3,5-6,8
Revelation 21:10-14,22-23
John 14:23-29

Monday, May 6 (291)

Acts 16:11-15
Psalm 149:1-6a,9b
John 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday, May 7 (286)

Acts 16:22-34
Psalm 138:1-3,7c-8
John 16:5-11

Wednesday, May 8 (293)

Acts 17:15,22-18:1
Psalm 148:1-2,11-14
John 16:12-15

Thursday, May 9 (294)

Acts 18:1-8
Psalm 98:1-4
John 16:16-20

Friday, May 10 (295)

Damien de Veuster, priest
Acts 18:9-18
Psalm 47:2-7
John 16:20-23

Saturday, May 11 (296)

Acts 18:23-28
Psalm 47:2-3,8-10
John 16:23b-28

Sunday, May 12 (58)

Ascension of the Lord
Acts 1:1-11
Psalm 47:2-3,6-9
Hebrews 9:24-28;10:19-23
Luke 24:46-53

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
The Barreras Family
Clarice Bednarz
John Bennici
Regina Bentz
Lisa Berg
Roseanne Berg
The Betus Family
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
Paul Cassidy
Bobbi Clarke
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
The Dragula Family
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
Betty Karch
Paul Kennedy
Peggy Kiernan
Debbie Kinney
Dewey Kolbo
The Catherine B. Koonce Family
Helen Kuhn
Lillian Lachance
The Lamelin Family
The Laub Family
Brandon LeBlanc
Jeremiah Lemus
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
Marilyn Pirkola
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
The Douglas E. Schulte Family
Maria Sebiane
Joan Shea
Elizabeth Shirzad
Richard Sikora
The Sisson Family
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
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
The Yang Family
Erin Young
Patricia Zavala

Calendar Highlights

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

- May 4-5 Baby Bottle Drive for Culture of Life Family Services (COLFS)
- May 5 RE.A.CH Classes at Church
- May 7-8 Restaurant Fundraiser at BJ's in Carlsbad
- May 10 Men's Fellowship
- May 12 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
- May 18 Flaming Cupcakes Project
- May 19 Confirmation at 10:30am Mass
- 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!*
- Oct 5 Treasures 2013 (new date)
- 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, May 4, 5:00pm William Hoogestraat ☩
Sunday, May 5, 8:30am Nicole Robichaud ☩
Sunday, May 5, 10:30am Mari-Jo Porter ☩
Tuesday, May 7, 8:15am Rick Inlow
Wednesday, May 8, 8:15am Italino Norelli ☩
Thursday, May 9, 8:15am Mike Coccaro ☩
Friday, May 10, 8:15am Frances Hoogestraat ☩
Saturday, May 11, 5:00pm Virginia Dunbar
Sunday, May 12, 8:30am Ellen Fresca ☩
Sunday, May 12, 10:30am John & Emily Tierney

Deployed Military

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

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

Pray for Women Religious

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

May 6 Sr. Barbara Ann Mason, OP
May 7 Sr. Alexandra Matti, DMI
May 8 Sr. E. Aileen McCombs, SFCC
May 9 Sr. Jeanette McDermott, MMS
May 10 Sr. Hilda McDonagh, RSM
May 11 Sr. Mary Daniel McGinn, OSB
May 12 Sr. Rosanne McGrath, RSM

Social Ministries/Outreach

Why Is the Get On the Bus Program Needed?

Children with a parent in prison are usually cared for by relatives, often grandparents. Many caregivers are unable to afford either the time or money to take these children to visit parents. Get On the Bus offers a priceless opportunity—a mother's touch, a father's hug, a private conversation and a connection with hope and healing.

Did you know?

- Approximately 2/3 of women who go to prison have minor children at the time of their incarceration.
- Most mothers report that they do not see their children throughout the entire time they are in prison.
- Regular visits between children and their incarcerated parent lower rates of recidivism for the parent and improve family reunification following the parent's release.

Please help support this program by using the envelope attached to this week's bulletin or by donating items listed in today's bulletin flyer. For more info stop by the table on the plaza or contact Sr. Maureen Brown at 760-758-4100 x131 or Maureenb@stmoside.org or Andrea Voss 760-994-6147 or ADV@vosses.us.

Catholic Charities Needs Help for "Stamp Out Hunger" Food Drive

Saturday, May 11, 2:00-7:00pm at Catholic Charities, 917 E. Vista Way, Vista. Come for just an hour or stay for the whole time to help sort food donated by the letter carriers' annual "Stamp Out Hunger" food drive. Last year they sorted 12,000 pounds of canned goods and hope to sort 15,000 pounds this year. The donated food is distributed to families in need throughout the summer. For more information or to sign up, please call 760-631-4792.

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.

Blood Drive

It is time for the Spring Blood Drive. The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in the parking lot on Sunday, May 19, 8:30am-2:00pm. Sign up on the Plaza after weekend Masses on May 4-5 and May 11-12. The need for fresh blood, sadly, never decreases.

Eucharistic Adoration



Monday-Friday • 6:30am-7:30pm
Blessed Sacrament Chapel

For more information, contact
the Parish Office at 760-758-4100 x100.

Marriage & Family Life

Mark Your Calendars!—Join us on Saturday, May 18, at 4:00pm, to make **Pentecost Flaming Cupcakes!** We had so much fun making butter lambs with you - and giving you a project to take home and celebrate with your family—that we are doing it again. This time, each person attending will go home with a “flaming” cupcake celebrating the Holy Spirit appearing to the disciples as flames. To register, stop by the table outside Mass next weekend OR email jennifermfrost@aol.com. You don't need to bring anything—just \$1 per participant to cover the cost of materials! As we will be buying materials beforehand, please be sure to register.



General Message—The Divorce Healing Ministry of St. Luke's Parish invites those going through a separation and divorce to a 12-week program of recovery entitled, The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide. Our support group meets on the first and third Tuesdays, from 7:00-9:00pm at the Church of St. Luke, 1980 Hillsdale Rd., El Cajon. You can start and end the series at any time. No charge. Seating limited; call to reserve your place with us: 619-401-6445.

The Bishops' Letter on Marriage—Effects of Cohabitation: “Social science research, however, finds that cohabitation has no positive effects on a marriage. In some cases, cohabitation can in fact harm a couple's chances for a stable marriage. More importantly, though, cohabitation involves the serious sin of fornication. It does not conform to God's plan for marriage and is always wrong and objectively sinful.” To read the document, go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

Marriage Moments— “Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid...I am going away and I will come back to you.” (John 14: 27-29) Separations like business trips or military deployments can strain a marriage. Plan a daily way to reconnect even if it is simply to pick a common time to pray for each other.

Parenting Pointers—Criticism—Sometimes it's necessary to correct a fault in your child, but there is another way. Try encouragement. This doesn't mean praise and rewards for things they should do any way. Encouragement involves noticing effort and pointing out strengths a child can use to overcome a difficulty rather than giving up

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.

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.

Parish Events

Women's Guild News

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Bake Sale last weekend. We made a good profit and it will be added to our total for the gift to our Parish this June. Thanks to Nancy Wozniak who chairs this event for us. Well done, Nancy.

Next Board meeting will be May 6 at my house at 10:15am.

Next General meeting will take place at STM Parish Center starting on May 13 at 11:00am. We will have a great meal and program for you this month. It will be our book exchange, so be prepared to bring a book or books and to take one or two home with you. Please call me at 760-295-0059 for reservations. You may also call Siggie at 760-994-4727. We would like to see you this month so you can vote for our new board for next year.

—Vera Bayliss, President

Women's Guild Quilt Raffle Coming Up

Watch your mailbox for our annual quilt raffle mailing. The mailing will have pictures of the eight quilts to be raffled, plus the quilts will be on display on the Plaza after selected weekend Masses and at the Women's Guild meeting in May.

Another Gala-Related Activity— Pastor's Dinner Excursion

Sunday, September 29, 1:30-6:00pm. Come celebrate Fr. Mike's 65th birthday! Reserve now—pay later. Featuring the Hot Pursuit band. \$250 per person (\$125 tax deductible). For information and reservations, contact Chris Smith at 760-758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org.



Got Camera?

We extend our thanks to Kevin McCusker for his dedication of time and talent in keeping a photo history for St. Thomas More for the last two years. In addition to taking pictures at our various Parish functions, Kevin uploaded them onto our photo storage site to be processed for display on the website.

Kevin and his wife, Kristin (who has served as a Catechist), will be moving from the area later this month. We will miss them and look forward to their visits from time to time.

And now, Opportunity Knocks! Calling on Photographers

- † Do you enjoy taking photos of family, friends and/or events?
- † We are seeking photographers to help us keep a pictorial history of our various STM events, both by request for specific events and whenever photo opportunities arise.
- † We provide instructions for the simple upload process; plus, you'll be able to peruse our complete archives.
- † This is an exciting time in our Parish history! Join us in keeping this chapter alive through photos.



For more information, please contact:

Chris Smith, 760-758-4100 x120 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) 2 available	\$1,000/each
Pew Seating for the Church (1,000) 958 available	\$300/person
Daily Mass Chapel and Choir Chairs (200) 193 available	\$300/each



4/30/13

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

A SPIRIT-DRIVEN LITTLE WHILE

Scripture themes for May

by Patricia Datchuck
Sánchez and Rafael
Sánchez Alonso,
excerpted from
Celebration
May 2013,
with permission.

When it became clear to him that his time with his disciples would soon come to a climactic end, Jesus made provisions so they would be able to navigate that “little while” until they saw him again. Since we, too, live in that little while—in the interim between Jesus’ two advents—it is fitting that we revisit Jesus’ efforts on our behalf. During the season of Easter, the sacred texts and their authors offer a refresher course to all who await their returning Lord.

So that his followers would not be alone, without his peace and presence, Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit (May 5). As their constant companion, the Spirit was to teach, inspire, strengthen, and grace the disciples with all they needed to continue Jesus’ mission.

This same Spirit continues to move and live and breathe among us. We, for our part, are to set aside our penchant for independence and self-sufficiency and rely on the greatest resource God has given us. In the person and presence of the Spirit, we find Jesus, we find God, we find ourselves, we find grace and goodness and the impetus to live the Gospel in truth, in justice, in love and holiness until Jesus comes again.

While it may be tempting to stay out of harm’s way and simply look to the heavens for Jesus’ reappearance, Jesus had other ideas about how we are to wait and watch for him. Just as those who witnessed the ascending Jesus (May 12) were asked, “Why are you standing there looking at the sky?” so are we to question our own hesitance and fears.

Just as Jesus willingly entered into the messy fray of this world’s problems and needs, so are his followers to be invested in the

ongoing redemption and liberation of all humankind. Although it may have seemed more sensible to remain in Jerusalem, where it was believed that Jesus would soon return, the first disciples took to heart Jesus’ directives and ventured forth to “the ends of the earth” with their message of good news. Their sense of adventure challenges us to move beyond our comfort zone, to work and witness among people and in places we may otherwise never have encountered.

When the earliest believers fell prey to provincialism and were reluctant to welcome everyone, without exception or conditions, into their community, they were prompted by the Holy Spirit to enlarge their hearts and broaden their horizons (May 5, 19). God welcomes not only Jews but all the nations of the earth; those who profess to belong to God and who have committed themselves to Jesus’ mission can be no less welcoming. The universal, nondiscriminatory and all-inclusive character of Jesus dictates and inspires what should be the character of his followers.

Unfortunately, lofty principles and good intentions are quite difficult to translate into practical realities. Therefore, we are to rely more and more heavily on the Spirit to inspire our thoughts, words and actions. In his bestseller *The Purpose-Driven Life*, Rick Warren advises believers to find the purpose for which God has created them and to allow that purpose to drive and direct their lives (Perseus Book Group, New York: 2003). In a similar way, the sacred texts and their authors remind us this month that ours is a Spirit-driven life.

Driven by God’s own breath, we are to breathe new life into the dead and dark places of our world. Driven by



John 14:27

Upcoming Music

✠

MAY 12
Ascension of the Lord

✠

5:00pm Mass

Praise Team

8:30am Mass

Sanctuary Choir

10:30am Mass

Handbell Choir

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

Sign-Up Sunday

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,
- ◆ Pick up and complete your enrollment packet
SUNDAY
9:45am-2:00pm or 4:00pm-6:00pm.

Tuition for the year is \$100 for the first child and \$50 for each additional child to a maximum of \$250 per family. This would be a great use for your tax refund! If you are not able to pay the tuition at this time, we are happy to work out a Payment Plan over the next few months.

Please sign up soon so we can plan our classes for September. Please don't wait until you have the money. We'd like to be able to "count you in" and know that the tuition will follow when it works in your family budget.

Please let me know if you have questions or concerns.

Kathleen Bell

Director of Faith Formation



Divine Chocolate is partnered with Catholic Relief Services Fair Trade and is 45% owned by a cocoa farmer's co-operative in Ghana. It is instrumental in providing sustainable livelihoods and raising living standards among farmers in Ghana and their dependents and communities. The co-operative is named Kuapa Kokoo, which means "good cocoa growers."

Mother's Day
Youth Justice Teens &
Fair Chocolate

Look for the YOUTH JUSTICE TEAM on the Plaza next weekend, May 11-12 with a variety of critically acclaimed, smooth, rich **Divine Chocolate** in 3.5 oz and 1.5 oz bars PLUS Dark Chocolate Clusters.

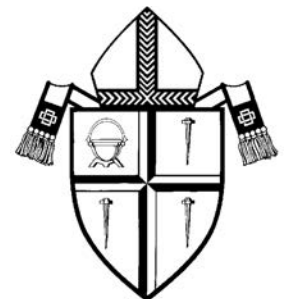
Give fairly traded treats to your mother this year, support the mothers of Kuapa Kokoo, and encourage our Parish teens!

Safe Environment

In compliance with the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, our catechists at all levels annually review the topic of safe environments with their classes.

This will take place today Sunday, May 5.

Acknowledging that parents are the primary educators of their children in all matters, our brief discussion is supplemented by a packet sent home in advance to parents. In the safe environment of the home, parents can provide the appropriate information regarding how to keep their child safe from sexual abuse.



PBJ Update

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Christian Stewardship

Mary, Our Mother, the First Steward

May is a month when we get special opportunities to celebrate our mothers and the memory of our mothers. We also celebrate Mary, mother of all Catholics.

Mary, the first disciple of Christ, heard the call of the Lord to give of herself in a way few could ever imagine. Mary was given so many good gifts as a young person.

When asked to return to the Lord some of these gifts: a loving nature, a kind manner, patience, forbearance, and unselfishness, she responded, "yes."

Certainly Mary could have claimed that she did not have the time or the talents to become a mother. She probably felt her financial resources were insufficient to welcome a child into her life. And, as we know, Mary wasn't yet married to Joseph which put her in a very precarious position. Yet, she put her faith in God, fully trusting and knowing the joy she would find by serving him.

Her stewardship continued to the very foot of the Cross. She gave to God, in prayer and service, without counting the cost. This way of life is what she models for all of us.

A Stewardship Prayer for the Month of May

Lord Jesus, you chose the Virgin Mary to be your Mother and gave her to be the mother of us all.

*By the help of her prayers,
and through the intercession of San Diego de Alcalá,
I beg you for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit
among all of us as called to be your
disciples and members of your Church.*

*Bless us to be obedient servants as you were
obedient in loving response to the Father's love.*

*Bless us with happy marriages and holy families with
bishops, religious, priests to image your presence among us,
and with dedicated lay people,
both married and single, to be signs of your love for the world.*

*Bless us to be good stewards of your gifts to us,
and to continue the work you began;
a mission on behalf of communion,
in truth, love and mercy.*

*Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

—Archbishop Thomas Murphy

*"Love is a fruit in season at all times,
and within the reach of every hand."*

—Blessed Mother Teresa

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2013 Annual Catholic Appeal

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 \$42,723, given by 328 families. Thanks to all who have contributed! We are getting close—can you help?

"Did You Know" Collection for April 2013

\$3,395.00

Collection for Week of April 27/28, 2013

Number of Registered Households		1,045
Offertory*	\$	7,626.16
Offertory (Loose Collection)		1,341.00
Children's envelopes		2.00
Total	\$	8,969.16

* 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

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News and Information from the Larger Church

Magnificat Women's Group Meeting—Saturday, May 11, 9:30am, Mission Valley Sheraton. Speaker will be Nancy Hearne. RSVP by May 2 to 619-701-2718 or www.magnificat-sd.org.

Wine, Women, & Shoes Benefiting Voices for Children—Saturday, May 11, 2:00-5:00pm, Lucky Jack Farm in Rancho Santa Fe. For more information, visit winewomenandshoes.com/voicesforchildren.

Day Trip to Prince of Peace Abbey—Thursday, May 23, 11:00am, 650n Benet Rd., Oceanside. Sponsored by Brother Benno's Auxiliary, the event includes Mass (optional), lunch, a brief history of the Abbey and Brother Benno by Abbot Charles Wright, and a tour of the grounds (please wear comfortable shoes). Cost is \$10. For more information, contact Vikki Ramey at 760-803-6267.

Treasures of Our Faith Retreat in Carlsbad—Saturday, May 25, 8:00am-4:00pm, St. Elizabeth Seton Parish in Carlsbad. Featuring Immaculee Ilibagiza, Rwandan genocide survivor. For more information and to register, contact 760-889-7070 or visit www.immaculee.com.

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.

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 davidandcherylross@gmail.com.

Pauline Books and Media—5945-B Balboa Ave., San Diego, carries a wide selection of gifts, books, and bibles—great for First Communion and Confirmation gifts. For more information, contact 858-565-9181.

News from St. Francis Church

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St. Francis School needs your vote and the vote of your friends and family to help us win \$5,000! Visit the website and vote once for our outstanding volunteer, Mrs. Erin Barela! Voting ends May 17. You must be a U.S. resident to vote. Only one vote per email account registered. Mrs. Barela's photo is located in the third column, seven spots up from the bottom. More information on the competition is located on the School Volunteer Award web site.

Share the link on your FaceBook page and invite your FB friends to vote. Email your friends and family to vote.

Thank you for your support, and we will keep you up to date on the voting status.

<http://schoolvolunteeraward.org/>



New Principal Selected for 2013-2014 School Year—We welcome Mrs. Elizabeth Joseph who will be assuming the responsibilities of principal of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School beginning July 1st. Mrs. Joseph currently serves as Vice Principal at St. Michael's Academy in Poway, a position she has held since 2006.

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, ultimate frisbee, swing dance, praise and worship nights, and outreach projects.

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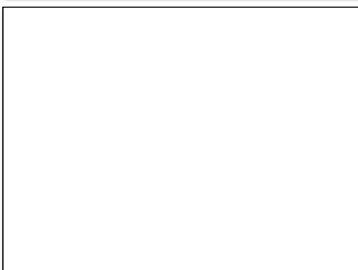
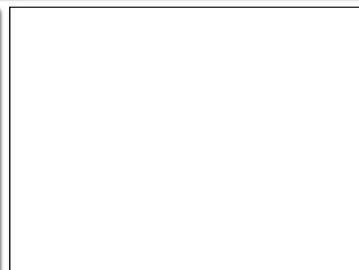
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