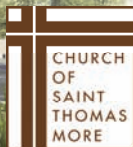


Church of St. Thomas More

A Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of San Diego

Spirituality † Tradition † Community



Rev. Michael Ratajczak, Pastor
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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

August 4, 2013 • Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Stay Up to Date on Construction Activity!

Check the Parish website (www.stmoside.org) to watch live action on our webcams (click on the camera icons) or view the Construction Progress album (click on *Our New Church*).



Steubenville San Diego Youth Retreat

80+ STM teens joined over 4,000 youth at the University of San Diego July 24-26. Visit www.steubenville.org to find out more about it. Check stmoside.org, Event Pictures for more photos.

Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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michaellr@stmoside.org

Pope Francis Quotes—Enjoy!



“Jesus did not preach his own politics: he accompanied others.”

“In our ecclesiastical region there are priests who don't baptize the children of single mothers because they weren't conceived in the sanctity of marriage. These are today's hypocrites...Those who

clericalize the Church...Those who separate the people of God from salvation.”

“Not paying fairly, not giving a job because you are only looking at balance sheets, only looking at how to make a profit...That goes against God!”

“Only we big sinners have this grace of knowing what salvation really means.”

“Sin is not a stain that I must wash out. What I need to do is ask forgiveness and reconcile myself, not go to the drycleaners. I have to go encounter Jesus who gave his life for me.”

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

"There'd come the moment when the kite would begin making a figure 8 and begin falling. In order to keep that from happening, you mustn't pull the string. The kids who knew more than us would scream, 'Give it some slack, it's wobbling!'"

"We need to avoid the spiritual sickness of a Church that is wrapped up in its own world: when a Church becomes like this, it grows sick."

"We are afraid of God's surprises; we are afraid of God's surprises! He always surprises us!"

"A good priest can be recognized by the way his people are anointed."

"An example I often use to illustrate the reality of vanity, is this: look at the peacock. It's beautiful if you look at it from the front. But if you look at it from behind, you discover the truth. Whoever gives in to such self-absorbed vanity has huge misery hiding inside them."

"If someone is gay and he searches for the Lord and has good will, who am I to judge?"

"One must think of women in the Church. We have not done enough theology on this."

"It's best to not confuse optimism with hope. Optimism is a psychological attitude toward life. Hope goes further."

"The Catholic Church is aware of the importance of the promotion of friendship and respect between men and women of different religious traditions—this I wish to repeat: the promotion of friendship and respect of men and women of different religious traditions—this is attested evidence also in the valuable work undertaken by the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue."

And we have only just begun...

F. Mike

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.

**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.

Welcome New Parishioners

**Ralda Elbacha & Family
Greg & Kim French & Family
Peter & Elizabeth Muldowney & Family
Sr. Jean Schafer 7 Sr. Sheila Novak
Joseph & Denise Vampola**

Congratulations to

Mike & Natalie Provinse

who celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary August 4.

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:

Ethel Vanderhagen, who died on July 19. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, August 9, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep her husband, Bob, and her family in your prayers.

Carrie Labadie, who died last week. Her funeral services will be held privately at a later date. Please keep her daughter, Parishioner Kathleen Escandon, and her family in your prayers.

A. J. Middlesworth, who died on July 26. His funeral arrangements are pending. Please keep his family in your prayers.

Katherine Neal, who died on July 26. Her funeral arrangements are pending. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Beverley Miller, who died on July 29. Her funeral arrangements are pending. 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.

STM Archives Wants Your Material

The STM Historian is looking for material from Parish events and activities since our church was established in 1985. The kinds of material that are needed include: photographs, newspaper clippings, brochures, fliers, reports, videos, drawings—anything that represents our congregational memory! Please check your drawers, file cabinets, and that creepy ol' box in the attic. You can drop off your donations at the Parish office. Thanks!

For more information and questions, please feel free to contact: Brandon at 760-845-5450 or brandon.oswald@gmail.com.

Community Service Numbers:

2-1-1 for human services information; 5-1-1 for traffic

Our Mission is to:

**worship God,
teach and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ,
and serve God's people in word and deed.**

Readings for the Week Ahead

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

Sunday, August 4 (114)
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ecclesiastes 1:2;2:21-23
Psalm 90:3-6,12-14,17
Colossians 3:1-5,9-11
Luke 12:13-21

Monday, August 5 (407)
The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

Numbers 11:4b-15
Psalm 81:12-17
Matthew 14:13-21

Tuesday, August 6 (614)
The Transfiguration of the Lord
Daniel 7:9-10,13-14
Psalm 97:1-2,5-6,9
2 Peter 1:16-19
Luke 9:28b-36

Wednesday, August 7 (409)
Sixtus II, pope and companions, martyrs; Cajetan, priest
Numbers 13:1-2,25-14:1,26-29a, 34-35
Psalm 106:6-7,13-14,21-23
Matthew 15:21-28

Thursday, August 8 (410)
Dominic, priest
Numbers 20:1-13
Psalm 95:1-2,6-9
Matthew 16:13-23

Friday, August 9 (411)
Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, virgin, martyr
Deuteronomy 4:32-40
Psalm 77:12-16,21
Matthew 16:24-28

Saturday, August 10 (618)
Lawrence, deacon and martyr
2 Corinthians 9:6-10
Psalm 112:1-2,5-9
John 12:24-26

Sunday, August 4 (117)
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wisdom 18:6-9
Psalm 33:1,12,18-22
Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19
Luke 12:32-48

Prayer List (Call 760-758-4100 x102 to add a name for four weeks.)

Changa Aguilera
The Alesi Family
Mary Alexander
Lucia Ambriz
Carrie Autrey
The Balli-Dumas Families
Jose Luis Barbosa
Gerry Barton
Clarice Bednarz
Charlene Belprez
John Bennici
Regina Bentz
Lisa Berg
Roseanne Berg
Ken Berger
Mary Betz
Betty Jean Bielich
Monica Broussard
Janet Brown
Todd Brown
Anita Buerger
Bridget Buford
Shelby Campbell
Brianna Campos
Claudia Caplinger
Paul Cassidy
Bobbi Clarke
Marilyn Clarke
The Cody & Streling Families
Dolly Cole
Carl Coleman
James Coleman
Carol Costa
Lené Crowe
Karen Flaharty Daley
Beverly de Gelder
Carole Dillon
Art Dossman
Dave Dossman
John Drzakowski, Jr.
La Vonne Dumas
Connor Eberhard
Carolyn Erickson Ey
The Escandon & Labadie Families
Sharon Evans
Victoria Lopez Fenton
The Fiore Family
Ryan Flum
Eugene Franciscus
Kathryn Franklin
Joe Freire
Brian Frink
Knox Gagnon
Jim Gallagher
The Joe Garcia Family
Kathy Gardner
Jack & Marge Gillen
Wendy Gonzales' Dad
Rick Gonzalez
Rosemary Haeffelin
Pat & Tom Hannon
The Harker Family
Barbara Hatem
Lilian Hills
Susan Hori
Iolanda Iacobelli
Linda Iacobelli Bennett
Brianna Jones
Betty Karch
Paul Kennedy
Peggy Kiernan
Debbie Kinney
Dewey Kolbo
Helen Kuhn
Lillian Lachance
The Lamelin Family
Brandon LeBlanc
Jeremiah Lemus
Claudia Leué
The Paul Leué Family
Ashley Load
Cassandra Loretto
Lauren Loretto
James MacArthur
Joaquin Maldonado
Paige Mansell
Angelis Martinez
Alexander Mathews
Chandler May
Tony McCloskey
Bob McWilliams
Kalei Mendiola
Bill Metzger
The Middlesworth Family
Rita Mikridge
The Miller Family
Phyllis Minaya
June Mitchell
Camille Mitkevich
June Montgomery
Nancy Moore
Elizabeth Muehlbacher
Conrad Murphy
Margie Myers
The Neal Family
Terri Novy
Richard Obsitnik
Bernadette Padovan
Art Palle
Ethan Palm
Marilyn Pirkola
Douglas Price-Williams
Barbara Ramm
Terry Riley
Rita Ritchie
Adela Rivera
Elena Rivera
Maria Rogers
Dorothy Rouse
Donna Russell
The Russo Family
Cindy Sanelli
Linda Schmidt
The Douglas E. Schulte Family
Joan Shea
Jack and Rita Shepard
Elizabeth Shirzad
Beth Snyder
Nick Soltau
Fred & Gilda Spiegl
Darek, Vanessa, & Elba Spizewski
Patricia St. Pierre
The Staehr Family
The Stanislawski Family
Pete Sullivan
David Sweet
Tommy & Ginger Thompson
Sarah Tillinghast
William Tompson
Stephen Toth, Jr.
Mary Tysko & Family
Barbara Upson
The Vanderhagen Family
Corrie & Robert Vasquez
Lucy Vienna
Dorina Visciglio
Vanessa Vitiello
Christopher Voelpel
Penny Walsh
Kevin Watson-Graff
Sue Welch
John Whitton
Erin Young
Patricia Zavala

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 3, 5:00pm Les Heins ☩
Sunday, August 4, 8:30am Aaron Stull ☩
Sunday, August 4, 10:30am Joe Coccaro ☩
Tuesday, August 6, 8:15am Barbara Czintos ☩
Wednesday, August 7, 8:15am Bert Botkin ☩
Thursday, August 8, 8:15am George Voyemant ☩
Friday, August 8, 8:15am Betty Dorsa ☩
Saturday, August 10, 5:00pm William Hoogestraat ☩
Sunday, August 11, 8:30am Henry Robles ☩
Sunday, August 11, 10:30am Eamonn MacCluskey ☩

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
CPL Greg Bergman
PFC John Brandone
Maj. Tom Browne, Jr., USMC
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
Pvt. 2 Jess Phillips, US Army
Sr. Airman Robert Spear, USAF
Tyler Timmerman, US Army
Sgt. Charles Watts, USMC

Calendar Highlights

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

Aug 4	Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
Aug 6-7	Restaurant Fundraiser at Chili's in Vista
Aug 16	Family Night
Aug 20-21	Restaurant Fundraiser at Nucci's in Vista
Sep 3-5	Music Ministry Resumes
Sep 5	Spirited Seniors Ice Cream Social
Sept 8	Religious Education Classes begin
Sept 9	Women's Guild Luncheon
Sept 29	Pastor's Dinner/Excursion
Oct 5	Treasures 2013
Oct 6	Blessing of Animals
Oct 11-13	Men's Fellowship Retreat
Oct 27	New Member Reception
Oct 28	STM Golf Tournament at Shadowridge Country Club
Nov 9-10	St. Bonaventure Clothing Drive
Nov 24	Year of Faith Closing Event

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.

August 5 Sr. Cora Weismantel, SSND
August 6 Sr. Elizabeth Ann Wekall, RSM
August 7 Sr. Patricia Weldon, OSF
August 8 Sr. Donna Wencel, OP
August 9 Sr. Anne Wente, RSCJ
August 10 Sr. Maria Elena Whitney, SJS
August 11 Sr. Helen Louise Williams, CSJ

Social Ministries/Outreach

JustFaith Small Group Program

Faith is more than going to Mass and receiving the sacraments. Share your faith and its role in your life. Participate in a *JustFaith* group in which you will have an opportunity to read, reflect, and act by sharing your thoughts and ideas in light of your faith and life experiences in a small group. For more information, contact Sr. Maureen at maureenb@stmoside.org or 760-758-4100 x131.



Engaging Spirituality Grads

Congratulation to our Parishioners: Alex Garcia, Joe Dillon, Connie Kneisel, Ellen Martin-Huff, Monique Robinson, Mina Bell, Bernie Ptak, Addie Money maker, and Rayna Robinson, who completed *Engaging Spirituality* this past week. *Engaging Spirituality* is a weekly program in a small group setting for a spiritual journey in which each member explores the connection between prayerful presence and social justice action. This program will be offered again in January 2014. For more information, contact Sr. Maureen Brown at 760-758-4100 x131 or maureenb@stmoside.org.

2013 Pastor's Dinner Excursion Celebrate Fr. Mike's 65th Birthday!

Sunday, September 29, 1:30-6:00pm

Reserve Now

Let the good times roll!

\$250/person (\$125 tax deduction)

All payments due by August 30



For information, please contact Chris Smith
760-758-4100x120 or chriss@stmoside.org

Marriage & Family Life

Mark Your Calendars!

Friday, August 16, is our next Family Night! The festivities kick off at 6:00pm with a potluck, followed by a talk on the Year of Faith at 7:00pm. We will end the evening with praise and adoration. Come for part or stay for the entire evening—everyone of all ages is invited to attend! This wonderful event will be held on the lower level of the Parish Center. See you there!



The Divorce Healing Ministry of St. Luke 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.

Bishops' Letter on Marriage—Gratitude: “As a husband and wife are thankful for one another and express this gratitude in the giving of themselves completely to one another, so this gratitude is open to the further gifts that this self-giving literally embodies: that is, a gratitude for the possible further gift of children. Inherent within a husband's gratitude for his wife is that together with her he can beget children. Inherent within a wife's gratitude for her husband is that together with him she can conceive children. Together a husband and wife are gratefully open to the gift of children.” To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

Marriage Moments—In a growing marriage the little things are the big things. It's not only marrying the right person, it's BEING the right person. How are you doing in the little things of your marriage? By Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net.

Parenting Pointers—The weather this summer has been confusing at best. Whether it's been wetter or dryer, hotter or colder, in your part of this vast world, take advantage of whatever weather you have. Do silly things like walk in the rain, make mud pies, build sand castles, bundle up in blankets... Unusual experiences are memories that stick. 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 858-692-7438.

Facing a Hospital Stay?

If you or someone you know is planning a hospital stay or ends up in the hospital, marking the “Catholic” box on the registration form ensures that the Catholic Chaplain assigned to the hospital will know the patient is Catholic. You may also want to request a visit by the Catholic Chaplain. Most hospitals also have teams of ministers from local Parishes who bring Holy Communion to Catholic patients.

Rosary

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



Parish Events

Women's Guild News

August is here! And our Directory is filling up. Did you notice we're asking for your e-mail address and birthday on the registration form? They are both part of the new works that the Board plan for the year. No e-mail? No worries; you will still be in the loop. Enjoy the rest of our sunny summer.

—Ann Buko, president

Catholic Widows and Widowers of North County

On Sunday, August 11, at 2:00pm our potluck and general meeting will be HERE at St. Thomas More—a great chance to get acquainted!! 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 for our complete monthly calendar of activities—RSVPs are recommended!

Vocations

In today's readings, we are cautioned against seeking the things of this world in lieu of that desired by God. In choosing a profession in life, we frequently look to that which will give us worldly returns and ignore a calling to the service of God and his people. Do you feel a calling to life as a priest, deacon or religious? Don't ignore it...explore it. Contact Deacon Tom at thomasgoeltz@aol.com or 760-727-8442. A life of service to God is a great profession!

St. Bonaventure Clothing Drive

As I try to gear up for this November's collection, I find the following needs:

- Access to a 26 ft. truck for November 9-14 (stake bed would work)
- Storage for early donations
- On-call clothing sorters

Can you help? Contact Deacon Tom at thomasgoeltz@aol.com or 760-727-8442.

Thank you!

Eucharistic Adoration



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

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

A Model of the Church Crucifix for Your Home

A list has been started for the second casting of our crucifix model. They are 15" high by 8" wide with a 9" corpus. Don't miss out on this last opportunity! The price remains \$750. Payment plans are available, as are credit card payments. September 30 will be the cut-off date for signups. We will be placing an order for these crucifixes on October 1. There will be no further castings. Please sign up at the Parish information table or contact Chris Smith at 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
Pew Seating for the Church (1,000) 946 available	\$300/person
Daily Mass Chapel and Choir Chairs (200) 153 available	\$300/each



7/28/13

For more information on
our progress, visit our
website, stmoside.org, and
click on Our New Church.

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.

Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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

WHAT A DIFFERENCE A WEEK MAKES

The blue barrels overflow!

Two weeks ago, I brought to your attention the plight of Interfaith Community Services, which had suffered a 43,000-pound shortfall of donated food to their food pantry.

The request was simple—bring canned goods for our regular blue barrel drive. The result was tremendous!

Last weekend, a blue barrel was filled at each of the 5:00pm and 8:30am Masses, and our allotted two barrels were more than overflowing at the end of the 10:30am Mass.

I know that we all have our lists of people and organizations that we support through our charitable giving. And it is heart-warming to know that people will respond with extra effort in those instances where

extreme need is warranted.

Last year, Interfaith distributed more than 317,000 meals worth of groceries at their two food pantries in Escondido and Oceanside.

Please consider adding one canned good to your shopping basket for the blue barrels each time you go to the store this summer. A multitude of small donations in the months between now and the Thanksgiving season will make a significant difference in feeding those who are in such need.

God bless you all.

—Douglas

PS—And, noting the synchronicity of this weekend's Gospel message, I can only say that God's timing is, as always, perfect.



Luke 12:21

Upcoming Music

✠

AUGUST 11
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

✠

5:00pm Mass

Cantor & Congregation

8:30am Mass

Cantor & Congregation

10:30am Mass

Cantor & Congregation

✠

AUGUST 15
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

✠

8:15am Mass

Cantor & Congregation

7:00pm Mass

Cantor & Congregation



Fresh Flowers for Our Weekend Mass Celebrations

If you would like to remember, honor, or celebrate someone special or a special occasion with the addition of an arrangement of flowers at our weekend Masses during Ordinary Time, please see our Parish Receptionist during the week.



Your donation of \$75 will provide a lovely arrangement on the altar platform, including all taxes and delivery.

A note in the weekend's bulletin will announce your special person or event.

Only one flower arrangement may be offered each weekend and payment must be made at the time you reserve your weekend. Two week's notice is required. We are sorry that we are not able to take your reservation over the phone at this time. Thank you!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ALTAR LINEN COMMITTEE

The Altar Linen Committee needs volunteers now!

This ministry consists of members who launder and iron the small altar linens (purificators) that the Eucharistic Ministers use and the small fingertip towels (lavabos) and corporals that the Priests use at the Eucharistic celebrations.

You are called on about once every four to five weeks to take care of the altar linens. The time devoted to this work is minimal but necessary and rewarding. You will receive training from an experienced Altar Linen Minister.

Please consider offering your gift of time to this necessary liturgical ministry by contacting:

Anna M. Meyers

Chair, Altar Linen Committee

760-727-4998

meyersamm@roadrunner.com

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



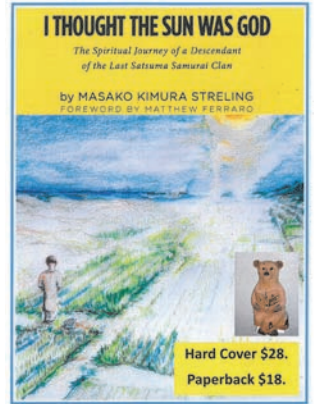
Fr. Mike's Bookies

Our next book for discussion is
I Thought the Sun Was God.

The author of this book is our very own Parishioner, Masako Streling.

Discussion is scheduled for Thursday, August 29 at 7:00pm with Kurt Schwend facilitating. Get the book now so you can share your thoughts and celebrate with Masako.

The book is available at the Parish Office. The hard cover book is \$28 and the paperback is \$18. It is also available on Kindle through Amazon.com.



Coming Soon for 2013-2014

Dear Parents,

Do you have a child between the ages of 3 and 17 attending public school?

St. Thomas More Parish would like to enter into a partnership with you in the religious education of your child.

We call it a "partnership" because we do not want to take over the responsibility of educating your child in the Catholic faith, but we do want to be a support and resource for you, as you fulfill the commitment you made when your child was baptized.



RE.A.CH (**Religious Education for Adolescents & Children**) classes begin Sunday, September 8, but we really want to get everyone registered **now** so that we can have enough catechists available. Classes fill on a first-come, first-served basis.

Our programs meet two times a month at church, September through May, at the following times and two times a month at home:

- Ages 3, 4 & 5:** 2 Sundays a month during the whole of the 10:30am Mass
- Grades 1-5:** 2 Sundays a month, 12:30-2:00pm or 4:30-6:00 pm
- Grades 6-8:** 2 Sundays a month, 4:30-6:00 pm
- High School:** Modular schedule on Sundays: 6:30-8:30pm

If you are registered Parishioners and would like to sign up for this program, please contact the Faith Formation Office right away. It would be our privilege to share in forming faith in your family!

With you in ministry,

Kathleen

Family Night . . . Friday, August 16, 6:00pm

The fourth in our series of Family Nights is coming soon! It is definitely a multi-generational event celebrating the Year of Faith with our own faith community.

This is not just a teen event, though many of the older Parishioners who attended in June were excited by the number of teens who were so alive in their faith.

This is an opportunity for ALL of us to share a simple evening together of food, friendship, and prayer.

The potluck starts at 6:00pm. About 7:00pm, our own STM Praise Team begins to lead us in song as we transition into the prayer portion of the evening.

After a short talk, the Blessed Sacrament is brought out, and there is time for song and quiet adoration.

The very youngest are welcome, as are the very oldest . . . and both groups can be at home and in bed by 9:00pm!

I hope you will join in this community celebration!

PBJ Update

2013 GOAL: 365 pounds
Collected to date: 260 pounds

(Food for children
at the Emergency Crisis Center)



Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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

Christian Stewardship What does Awareness Mean?

There is a story about a pilgrim who scales a tall mountain in the hope of finding a wise man who lives on its peak. The seeker is asking for a single word.

The guru responds, "Awareness."

"Yes, but what does that mean?" the pilgrim asks.

And the guru replies, "Awareness means Awareness."

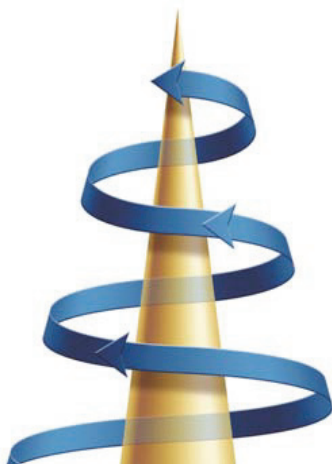
Are the majority of Christians in the world today really aware of the simple and sometimes difficult needs of others as Jesus had been?

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As Ernest Crosby said, "No one could show me where my soul might be; I searched for God, and God eluded me; I served my neighbor, and I found all three."

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Giving is not only a practical matter making possible the operation of a church, but is also a symbolic action of offering ourselves and all we have to the Father. And the symbolic act is really the more important of the two. Everywhere in the Gospel, Jesus emphasizes the motivation of a person.

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Collection for Week of July 27/28, 2013

Number of Registered Households		1,055
Offertory*	\$	6,081.31
Offertory (Loose Collection)		1,358.50
Children's envelopes		4.00
Total	\$	7,443.81

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

Ways to Help Support Your Parish

We offer a variety of options for easier giving. In addition to the extra mail-back envelopes included in your packet, we offer automatic credit card withdrawal (Visa, MC, or Discover) and automatic checking/savings account deduction. For more information, contact the Parish Office at 760-758-4100 x100 or Parish office@stmoside.org.

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News and Information from the Larger Church

Weekly Peaceful Prayer Vigil to End Abortion—Mondays, 10:00am, Planned Parenthood Isabella Center, 1820 Marron Rd., #110, Carlsbad (just west of Westfield Plaza Camino Real). For more information, contact Richard Hodges at 760-439-3415 or Jahna White at 760-586-6356.

Camp Oliver—Summer Fun for Kids!—Weekly sessions from June 23 through August 23. Owned by the Sisters of Social Service, in operation for over 60 years. For more information, visit www.campoliver.org or contact 619-445-5945 or info@campoliver.org.

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Monthly Holy Hour for Priestly and Religious Vocations—Third Wednesday of each month (next is August 21), 7:30-9:00pm, Diocesan Pastoral Center, 3888 Paducah Dr., San Diego. For more information, contact Fr. Pedro Rivera at privera@diocese-sdiego.org or 619-291-7446.

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 Mike Brady, Executive Director, at 760-434-5063 or mikebrady@birthchoice.net.

News from St. Francis Church

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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.

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Retrouvaille for Troubled Marriages—Call 951-259-9474 or visit www.RetroCA.com.

Healing Ministry in Solana Beach—Healing prayer ministers are available to pray over you at St. James Church, 625 S. Nardo, Solana Beach, every Sunday after the 9:00am Mass, on first Mondays from 9:00-10:00am, on second Tuesdays from 7:00-8:15pm, and on third Saturdays after the 5:00pm Mass.

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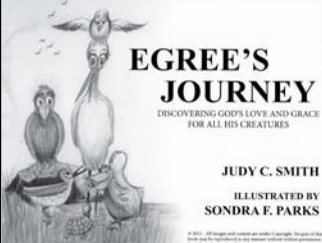
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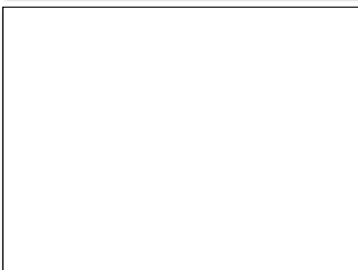
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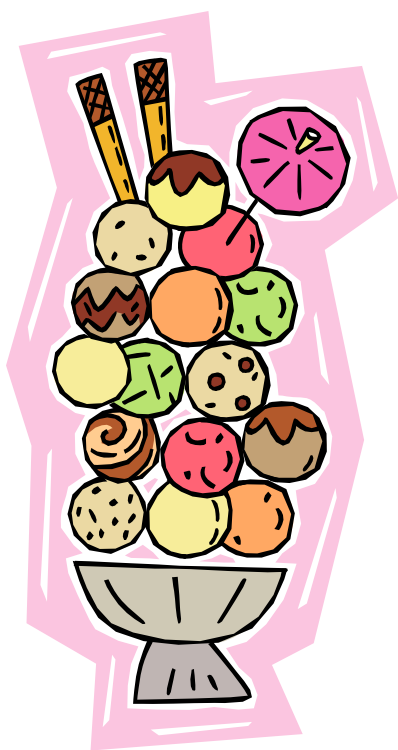
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