

Church of St. Thomas More

A Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of San Diego

Spirituality † Tradition † Community



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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 18, 2013 • Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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The Culture of Encounter

Since his election as Bishop of Rome, Pope Francis has, in his various homilies and talks, been using the language of inclusion which he calls "the culture of encounter."

He described it this way in a homily during one of his morning Masses at the Domus Sanctae Martae:

Doing good is a principle that unites all humanity, beyond the diversity of ideologies and religions and creates the "culture of encounter" that is the foundation of peace...The Lord has redeemed all of us, all of us, with the Blood of Christ: all of us, not just Catholics. Everyone! "Father, the atheists?" Even the atheists.

Everyone! And this Blood makes us children of God of the first class! We are created children in the likeness of God and the Blood of Christ has redeemed us all! And we all have a duty to do good. And this commandment for everyone to do good, I think, is a beautiful path towards peace. If we, each doing our own part, if we do good to others, if we meet there, doing good and we go slowly, gently, little by little, we will make that culture of encounter: we need that so much. We must meet each other doing good. "But I don't believe, Father. I am an atheist!" But do good: we will meet one another there.

Speaking to the Italian Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired in June, he said:

I also wish the best for your association. Spread a culture of encounter, solidarity, and hospitality towards persons with disabilities, not just asking for the proper social services but also encouraging their active participation in society.

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*).



Process of polishing the bottom curved side of the mensa (altar).

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

At World Youth Day in Brazil in July, Pope Francis gave these remarks:

Promote a culture of encounter. In many places, and in general in this economic humanism that has been imposed throughout the world, the culture of exclusion, a "throwaway culture," is spreading. There is no place for the elderly or for the unwanted child; there is no time for that poor person in the street. At times, it seems that for some people, human relations are regulated by two modern "dogmas": efficiency and pragmatism...have the courage to go against the tide, against this throwaway culture. Let us not reject this gift of God which is the one family of his children. Encountering and welcoming everyone, solidarity—a word which is hidden in our society, as if it were a bad word, solidarity and fraternity: these are what make our society truly human... Be servers of communion and the culture of encounter! And do so without being presumptuous, imposing "our truths." What must guide us is the humble yet joyful certainty of those who have been found, touched and transformed by the Truth who is Christ, ever to be proclaimed.

What is a "culture of encounter" from the Catholic perspective? One anonymous blogger put it this way in words with which I very much agree:

The culture of encounter is the opposite of the fortress mentality. Instead of being defensive and shying away from others, we engage them where they are at, letting our actions speak for us and observing the others' actions to learn what good they know.

Encounter is a loaded word because Catholics speak of liturgy, scripture, sacraments, etc., as moments of encounter with Christ. Through these encounters we grow in holiness and grow closer to God.

The implication here is that encounter with non-Catholics, even non-Christians or the irreligious can be of benefit to us. The benefit is not only to us; we see ourselves as leaven in the dough of humanity.

F. Mike

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 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

Raul & Lisa Deju & Family
Robert & Laura Horrocks & Family

Congratulations to

Bill & Theresa Goeltz

who celebrate their 7th wedding anniversary August 19.

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

Attention Men!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 14, 6:45-8:30, when the weekly *That Man Is You!* program resumes.

Also mark your calendars for October 11-13, our annual Men's Retreat at Green Oaks Ranch in Vista.

Watch the bulletin for more details!

Vocations

Jesus said he had "come to set the earth on fire"...and so He did. But the message still needs to be proclaimed. Too many people still don't get it. Want to help as a priest, deacon or religious? Contact Deacon Tom at thomasgoeltz@aol.com or 760-727-8442. The message needs repeating until we all come to live it.

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, August 18 (120)
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10
 Psalm 40:2-4,18
 Hebrews 12:1-4
 Luke 12:49-53

Monday, August 19 (419)
John Eudes, priest
 Judges 2:11-19
 Psalm 106:34-37,39-40,43-44
 Matthew 19:16-22

Tuesday, August 20 (420)
Bernard, abbot, doctor
 Judges 6:11-24a
 Psalm 85:9,11-14
 Matthew 19:23-30

Wednesday, August 21 (421)
Pius X, pope
 Judges 9:6-15
 Psalm 21:2-7
 Matthew 20:1-16

Thursday, August 22 (422)
The Queenship of Mary
 Judges 11:29-39a
 Psalm 40:5, 7-10
 Matthew 22:1-14

Friday, August 23 (423)
Rose of Lima, virgin
 Ruth 1:1, 3-6,14b-16,22
 Psalm 146:5-10
 Matthew 22:34-40

Saturday, August 24 (629)
Bartholomew, apostle
 Revelations 21:9b-14
 Psalm 145:10-13ab,17-18
 John 1:45-51

Sunday, August 25 (123)
Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Isaiah 66:18-21
 Psalm 117:1-2
 Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13
 Luke 13:22-30

Mass Intentions
Saturday, August 17, 5:00pm Norman Shultz ☩
Sunday, August 18, 8:30am Rob Cromwell
Sunday, August 18, 10:30am Theresa & Bill Goeltz
Tuesday, August 20, 8:15am Lyle & Patricia Christopherson ☩
Wednesday, August 21, 8:15am Kathleen McCluskey ☩
Thursday, August 22, 8:15am Matthew Brady ☩
Friday, August 23, 8:15am Tom Noel
Saturday, August 24, 5:00pm Julian Jandelli ☩
Sunday, August 25, 8:30am Sylvana Vettese ☩
Sunday, August 25, 10:30am Cosmo Nocida ☩

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

Changa Aguilera
 Mary Alexander
 Lucia Ambriz
 Carrie Autrey
 Jose Luis Barbosa
 Patricia Barbour
 Clarice Bednarz
 John Bennici
 Regina Bentz
 Lisa Berg
 Roseanne Berg
 Mary Betz
 Betty Jean Bielich
 Monica Broussard
 Janet Brown
 Todd Brown
 Anita Buerger
 Bridget Buford
 Shelby Campbell
 Brianna Campos
 Claudia Caplinger
 Aria Cappeluti
 Paul Cassidy
 Bobbi Clarke
 Marilyn Clarke
 The Cody & Streling Families
 Dolly Cole
 Carl Coleman
 James Coleman
 Thomas Cornwell & Family
 Carol Costa
 Lené Crowe
 Karen Flaharty Daley
 Beverly de Gelder
 Carole Dillon
 Art Dossman
 Dave Dossman
 John Drazkowski, Jr.
 La Vonne Dumas
 Connor Eberhard
 Carolyn Erickson Ey
 The Escandon & Labadie Families
 Sharon Evans
 Victoria Lopez Fenton
 The Fiore Family
 Ryan Flum
 Ernie Follis
 Eugene Franciscus
 Kathryn Franklin
 Joe Freire
 The Greg French Family
 Brian Frink
 Knox Gagnon
 Jim Gallagher
 The Joe Garcia Family
 Kathy Gardner
 Jack & Marge Gillen
 Wendy Gonzales' Dad
 Rick Gonzalez
 Rosemary Haeffelin
 Susan Hallahan
 Pat & Tom Hannon
 The Harker Family
 Barbara Hatem
 Lilian Hills
 Susan Hori
 Iolanda Iacobelli
 Linda Iacobelli Bennett
 Sue Johnston
 Betty Karch
 Paul Kennedy
 Peggy Kiernan
 Debbie Kinney
 Deway Kolbo
 Sr. Anne Kremenik
 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
 Alexander Mathews
 Chandler May
 Tony McCloskey
 Bob McWilliams
 Joyce Meehan
 Kalei Mendiola
 Bill Metzger
 The Middlesworth Family
 Rita Mikriddle
 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
 Elisa Petree
 Marilyn Pirkola
 Douglas Price-Williams
 Barbara Ramm
 Terry Riley
 Terry Riley
 Rita Ritchie
 Adela Rivera
 Elena Rivera
 Maria Rogers
 Dorothy Rouse
 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
 Kevin Watson-Graff
 Sue Welch
 John Whittton
 Erin Young
 Patricia Zavala

Deployed Military

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

Gunnery Sgt. Fernando Andrade, Jr.
 1st Lt. Jeffrey Bauer, USMC
 CPL Greg Bergman
 PFC John Brandone
 Maj. Tom Browne, Jr., 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 18 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses

Aug 20-21 Restaurant Fundraiser at Nucci's in Vista

Aug 25 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses

Aug 25 Untold Blessing Potluck and Video/Discussion

Sept 3-4 Restaurant Fundraiser at Sammy's Woodfired Pizza

Sept 3-5 Music Ministry Resumes

Sept 5 Spirited Seniors
Ice Cream Social

Sept 8 Religious Education Classes begin

Sept 9 Women's Guild Luncheon

Sept 14 *That Man Is You* Program Begins

Sept 14-15 Pennies from Heaven Collection to Benefit BirthChoice

Sept 17-18 Restaurant Fundraiser at Nucci's

Sept 29 Pastor's Dinner/Excursion

Oct 5 Treasures 2013

Oct 6 Blessing of Animals

Oct 11-13 Men's Fellowship Retreat

Oct 12-13 Women's Guild Bake Sale and Quilt Items Sale

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

Thank you for your prayers for 1st Sgt Christian B. Bull, USMC who has returned safely.

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 19 Sr. Marie Carmen Aguilar, UCSC
August 20 Sr. Luz Alicia Alvarez, SJS
August 21 Sr. Elizabeth of the Trinity Amabile, MC
August 22 Sr. Mary Amador, RJM
August 23 Sr. Adela Amoroso-Medrano, OLVM
August 24 Sr. Dolores Anchondo, CSJ
August 25 Sr. Mary Jo Anderson, CHS

Social Ministries/Outreach

Immigration Reform Action

Our church is one of many sister Parishes throughout San Diego County participating in the Action for Immigration Reform. This aggregation of churches, working with the San Diego Organizing Project, is currently involved in a residential outreach to encourage support for the passage of an immigration bill and asking individuals to call Congressmen Issa (888-979-7506) or to write his office (1800 Thibodo Rd., #301, Vista, CA 92081).



A team from St. Thomas More is leading the effort to encourage local businesses to contact Congressman Darrell Issa's office to express their support for passage of legislation in the House of Representatives. The U.S. Senate has already submitted its own bill.

During the month of August, while Congress is in recess, this campaign will be focusing on generating letters, emails, and faxes from business owners to Congressman Issa's office. We will also be collecting petitions to the Congressman from the business community to be forwarded to him.

We encourage our business leaders to express their support for immigration reform, following the example of our diocese and Parish leaders, as well as the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. According to a *Field Research Corporation* poll published on February 22, 2013 (#2439) there is now nearly universal support among California voters in favor of allowing undocumented immigrants who have lived here for a number of years to stay and become citizens if they have a job, learn English, and pay back taxes. Statewide, 90% of voters now favor this policy.

For more information, call Craig Castle at 760-727-3097.

JustFaith Small Group Program

Explore issues of poverty and social injustice through the lens of Catholic social teaching. Drawing from books and videos, become aware of the deeper implications of poverty in the world. Do this through reading, discussion and prayer with a group of similarly-minded persons. Join a JustFaith group this fall.

Save these dates if you are interested in participating:

**Orientation: Tuesday, September 10, 10:00am or
Wednesday, September 11, 7:00pm**

Opening Retreat in October (watch for a date)

**Sessions begin the third week of October
(watch for days and times)**

For more information, contact Sr. Maureen at
maureenb@stmoside.org or 760-758-4100 x131.



Marriage & Family Life

Promoting Life, Marriage, and Religious Liberty—Marriage Unique for a Reason—

For a wealth of Church teaching on marriage, statements by United States Bishops on marriage and many other tools to equip ourselves in the efforts to defend marriage as a sacred union of one man and one woman, go to <http://www.marriageuniqueforareason.org/> on the internet.



Bishops' Letter on Marriage—Marriage and Eucharist: "In the Eucharist, spouses encounter the love that animates and sustains their marriage, the love of Christ for his Church. This encounter enables them to perceive that their marriage and family are not isolated units, but rather that they are to reach out in love to the broader Church and world of which they are a living part." To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

Marriage Moments— "Romance is a process—it's not an event. It's not a one-time thing. It's not something that's 'accomplished' and then forgotten." (Gregory J. P. Godek, 1001 Ways to Be Romantic) Think of one romantic way you can express your love for your spouse today. Do it. By Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net.

Parenting Pointers— Music can lighten the heart and bring joy. Does your family ever sing or play music together? It can be a bonding experience, even if your primary talent is just humming. 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.

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

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

Sign Up Today!

Let the good times roll!

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

All payments due by September 15

Payment plans and credit card payments accepted



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

Parish Events

Treasures 2013

Baskets, Bicycles, Tools, and Sports Equipment.
Housewares, Christmas Items, and Jewelry, too!
These are a few of the favorite things you can donate to...

Treasures 2013

St. Thomas More's very own Rummage Sale
Saturday, October 5

The Plant Pavilion will be a place of discovery for your indoor and outdoor greenery delights!

Mark the date on your calendar to **volunteer** or just join the treasure hunt at the Fourth Annual St. Thomas More Treasures event in our very own parking lot.

Over \$30,000 raised in three years—come and be part of the success!

Information packets will be distributed in the coming weeks as well as opportunities to sign up and **volunteer**. For more information, contact John or Wendy Murphy at 760-497-6117.

Women's Guild News

Thank you for sending in your membership registrations. It makes it easier when we can put you in the directory early. If you have not yet sent in your registration, please do so as soon as possible. We are planning an exciting first meeting on the second Monday of September, and I ask that you come a little early to sign in, so we can start the meeting on time at 11:00am.

We are blessed with beautiful summer weather. May you keep enjoying it as long as it's here. If you have a few minutes, call a friend and see if they have signed up as a Women's Guild Member yet. We look forward to having some new members.

—Ann Buko, president

Brother Benno's Toiletry and NEW Underwear Collection

It's almost that time again! Time for the toiletry and new underwear collection to support Brother Benno's. Deacon Tom will have trucks available before all the Masses the weekend of September 8-9 to collect your donations. Please be generous as always.

Pennies from Heaven

The Parish Culture of Life committee will be having the annual Pennies from Heaven collection the weekend of September 14-15. This benefits Birth Choice, our local pregnancy resource center and enables them to educate women and save lives. For more information, contact Jane Kelleher at 760-822-7041.

St. Bonaventure Clothing Drive

The annual collection of clothing for St. Bonaventure Mission is alive and well! Why, for the past 18 years have we supported a Mission in New Mexico? What is needed? How can I help? Deacon Tom will be on the plaza after all the Masses on August 24-25 to answer all your questions. Stop by and say hello.

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) 942 available	\$300/person
Daily Mass Chapel and Choir Chairs (200) 153 available	\$300/each



8/13/13

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

Community Service Numbers:
2-1-1 for human services information; 5-1-1 for traffic

Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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

SINGING “THOSE” SONGS

As the Parish’s Director of Liturgy and Music, I get questions about the songs we sing, and the most intriguing questions go something like, “Why do we sing *those* songs?”

For some, the question is a serious inquiry about how music for the liturgies is chosen. For others, the clear implication is that the song or songs in question should be stricken from the rolls permanently.

For some, “those” songs refer to the hymns we sing—“Alleluia, Sing to Jesus” or “How Great Thou Art” or “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”—“Not Catholic enough,” they say.

For others, it is the recently penned praise songs—“Here I Am to Worship” or “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High” or “Mighty to Save”—that one hears on Christian radio stations and over the internet. “Too pop-like.”



merits of every style now present in the grandly multi-cultural, multi-generational entity we call the Roman Catholic Church. On these “pages” there are fierce proponents of Gregorian chant in seemingly mortal combat with those championing songs written in the past decades and even today.

At this Parish, one word that could be used to describe the musical choices made within our liturgies is “universal.” Not in the sense that everyone likes them, or even that everyone can sing them the first time around, but that the body of music we call ours has something for almost everyone in this Parish.

At St. Thomas More, we sing songs penned by Christians centuries ago. We sing songs that our younger generations hear on their phones and mp3 players. We sing songs that some of us discovered as the Church explored new musical territory after the Second Vatican Council.

We sing songs accompanied by piano...and organ...and guitars...and drums...and nothing—the voice alone.

Our Parish song list, the music we sing as part of our conversation with God, is a living entity, growing and changing over time as our faith community grows and changes over time. Songs are added to the repertoire list. Older songs may be removed. Some new songs are tried a few times and discarded. Other new songs are actually “oldies” that haven’t pinged our musical radar until just recently.

Each week, each year, we keep singing—one faith, one hope, one Lord, and one universal and ever-changing body of song. *Those* songs. *All* those songs. For the glory of God.



Luke 12:50

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!



Upcoming Music

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AUGUST 25
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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5:00pm Mass

Cantor &
 Congregation

8:30am Mass

Cantor &
 Congregation

10:30am Mass

Cantor &
 Congregation

For another group, it is the many of the songs written by the three H’s (David Haas, Marty Haugen, and Bob Hurd) and their contemporaries which cause eye-rolling and a strong desire for something that we haven’t been singing for at least 20 years. “Boring!”

A quick read through the Catholic music blogs illuminates wide-ranging discussion on the relative

—Douglas

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel!

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

RE.A.CH
Religious Education for Adolescents and Children

ARE YOU
FAITH FORMATION

for children in preschool, kindergarten,
elementary and middle school

Ages 3, 4, 5 = GENESIS TEAM

- Meet September 8-May 18
- Two times a month
- During the entire 10:30am Mass
- Exciting new "team" approach!

Grades 1—5

- Meet September 8-May 18
- Two times a month
- Either 12:30-2:00pm or 4:30-6:00pm

Grades 6, 7, 8 = EDGE

- Meet September 8-May 18
- Two times a month
- 4:30-6:00pm

Home Sessions are outlined for the weeks that are not Church Sessions.

Faith Formation is a partnership with Church Catechists supporting parents in their responsibility to develop children in the Faith.

It would be our privilege to share in forming faith in your family!

If you are a registered Parishioner and would like to sign up for this program, please contact the Faith Formation Office right away.

FAITH FORMATION

For registered teens in high school

PHASE 1

- For teens beginning the high school program
- Parent/Teen Orientation: September 12, 7:00pm
- Classes begin September 29 6:30-8:30pm

PHASE 2

- Retreat September 20-22
- Classes begin September 29 6:30-8:30pm

YOUTH MINISTRY

For all teens

- Calling all girls!

Grab your best friend, favorite ice cream, and a cozy blanket and get ready for STM's first girls-only sleepover!! Talk to Marcus for more info and a release form!

You don't want to miss this great bonding opportunity!

- Need service hours?

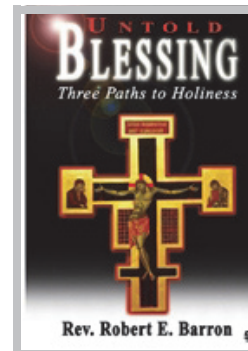
Want to help your community, but can't get a job yet? Do the words of Christ in Luke 14:14 touch your heart? Well contact Marcus ASAP because the youth of STM are scheduled to start tutoring other teens who are homeless this upcoming school year! Come help someone your age to succeed!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

for ALL adults of any age interested in deepening their faith lives

UNTOLD BLESSING

- August 25
- Begins with a potluck at noon
- Continues with 20-minute DVD by Fr. Robert Barron



- Followed by brief discussion with Deacon Tom & Patt Goeltz
- Childcare available

FR. MIKE'S BOOKIES

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

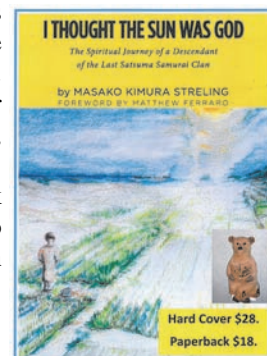
The author of this book is our very own Parishioner, Masako Streling.

Discussion is scheduled for **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.



Stewardship & Development

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Good Christian Stewards Avoid "Compassion Fatigue"

One of the spiritual maladies Christians face today is "compassion fatigue." The media inundates us with details of disasters, natural and manmade, far and wide. We can't turn on the television without being assailed by news stories of another event that cries to us for help, and our mailboxes are full of pleas from worthy charities.

We try to give out of a sense of compassion, but the needs of the world overwhelm us. Generous givers become "fatigued" and grow weary. We can't respond to all the problems and crises in the world, can we?

Of course we can't respond to the cries of a suffering world with our comparatively meager resources. If we try to respond to every crisis, to say "yes" to every loud or consistent plea for help, it is no surprise that we feel tired and discouraged. Our efforts to respond generously can become scattered and not well thought out, and sometimes our giving becomes motivated by guilt rather than compassion. Eventually, we may stop giving.

Christian stewards prayerfully discern how they are able to respond to the needs of the world. They budget their time and resources so that their response can be generous but focused, sacrificial but not overwhelming.

They begin with a prayerful commitment to their immediate family of faith. Being generous to one's faith community can go a long way toward meeting the needs of others. Their response to the diocesan annual appeal and to special collections also makes them part of a larger faith community's response to the poor and marginalized. For some, this focused generosity may be the extent of their ability to give financially. The decision to give is made prudentially and without guilt.



For some, a well thought out approach to supporting other charitable causes can be part of their stewardship planning as well. But for Christian stewards the giving does not stop there. Good stewards realize that the greatest gift they can give is the gift of prayer. *Compassion, in its Latin roots, means "suffering with," and through prayer we can be drawn powerfully into solidarity with those who suffer.*

The Parable of the Good Samaritan in the Gospel of St. Luke is often seen as Jesus' example of compassionate giving. The Samaritan saw the man near death lying at the side of the road not just with his eyes, but with a compassionate heart. It is the kind of compassionate heart good stewards seek to cultivate within themselves through prayer, planning and focused generosity; ready to respond, without experiencing fatigue or weariness, to the cries of the world.

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Missionary Appeal

Envelopes were attached to the bulletin earlier this month for the annual missionary appeal, which this year benefits the Society of St. Peter the Apostle. Your prayers and contributions will support Mission Seminaries in Africa, Asia, the Americas, and Europe. The envelopes may be returned any time during August. Your generosity is much appreciated!

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 \$48,233, given by 377 families. Thanks to all who have contributed! Payments exceeding our goal will be returned to us.

Collection for Week of August 10/11, 2013

Number of Registered Households		1,053
Offertory*	\$	7,836.27
Offertory (Loose Collection)		1,354.00
Children's envelopes		0.00
Total	\$	9,190.27

* 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.

Come and See Life as a Sister of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods—Saturday, August 24, 9:30am-3:00pm, at Marywood Retreat Center in Orange. Women ages 18-42 are invited to explore a call to religious life. For more information, contact Sr. Editha Ben at eben@spsmw.org or 800-860-1840 x2895 or visit www.SistersofProvidence.org.

“Hooray for Hollywood” Fundraiser—Brother Benno’s Auxiliary invites you to come join us for an evening of non-stop song and dance tribute at the Broadway Theater, 340 E. Broadway, Vista, on Sunday, August 25, at 4:00pm. “Hooray for Hollywood” is a 90-minute show of many tunes from musical movie classics. Tickets are \$25 and include appetizers, performance, and coffee/cookies during intermission. For tickets, contact Joan O’Connell at 760-730-9125 or Vikki Ramey at 760-803-6267.

Southern California Renewal Communities (SCRC) Annual Convention—August 30-September 1, Anaheim Convention Center and Arena. Nationally known speakers and musicians for all ages. For more information, visit www.scr.org.

Catholic Charities Food Resource Center Has Volunteer Opportunities for YOU!—Drivers, Daily Food Packers, Intake Workers, and CalFresh (food stamp) Advocate. For information call Lisa DuMolt at 619-231-2828 x221

Volunteer with Voices for Children—Voices for Children provides volunteer Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs) to abused and neglected children in San Diego County to ensure their needs are met in the courtroom, classroom, and community. For more information, contact www.speakupnow.org or 858-598-

2235.

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.

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.

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Young Adult Ministry Activities

Visit www.yamsd.org for complete information on events for young adults, including Mega Mass with Coadjutor Bishop Flores on August 11, Bible Study, social activities, praise and worship nights, and outreach projects.

Also, search *Office of Young Adult Ministry* on Facebook.

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.

To report suspected sexual misconduct or child abuse at any Parish or Catholic school in the Diocese of San Diego, please contact the Diocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator, Monsignor Steven Callahan at 858-490-8310.



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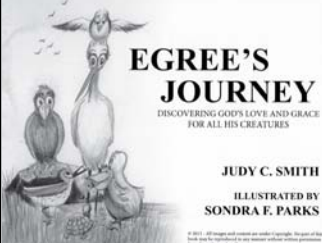
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