

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

September 15, 2013 • Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak
760-758-4100 x100
michaerl@stmoside.org

Fr. Karl Bauer

A few months ago, Fr. Jerry Nadine who has been celebrating the morning Mass on Tuesdays, and who would cover for me on some weekend Masses when I needed to be away, informed me that by the end of the year he would retire.

At his age, his supply here was becoming difficult. He said that he would be with us until the end of this year.

So upon hearing this, I began to pray! Where would a priest come from and who would he be who could help us here at St. Thomas More Parish on a regular basis?

I knew that God would provide. And God did!

Last week, Fr. Karl Bauer and I met and talked and he said that he would really like to be a part of our Parish family and help us as needed.

Fr. Karl is a priest of the Archdiocese of New York, and he just retired about a month ago. He made a decision to move to

California upon retirement and he is sharing a home in Carlsbad with another priest, Msgr. Frank Pugliese, a military Chaplain.

We are blessed to have Fr. Karl with us. He is a gentle man, has a great spirit, and a good sense of humor!

Because of Fr. Karl's presence, we will now be able to offer Mass, on a regular basis, on Mondays. So beginning on the first Monday in October, we will have morning Mass five days a week, Monday through Friday.

Fr. Karl will be celebrating liturgies during the week and on the weekends as well.

In the meantime, Fr. Jerry will also be with us until the end of the year. We are blessed!

In the weeks ahead, everyone will have the opportunity to meet Fr. Karl. I know that you will welcome him with the STM hospitality for which we are known...

Fr. Mike



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*).



Our Mission is to:

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

STM Scrip News

It's time again to relink your Ralphs or Food 4 Less card to St. Thomas More Church. A percentage of your purchases will be sent to STM each time your card issued. Please stop by the Scrip table to pick up the flyer to complete this process. We have received over \$400 this year so far. Your participation makes a difference!

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.

Rosary

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



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.

STM Vehicle Donation Program

Do you have a vehicle you want to donate?

The St. Thomas More program is easy!

Call us, and we'll have it picked up.

You get the tax deduction!

All we need is clear title. Non-operational is OK!

**Since 2006 we have netted over \$37,800
from this program. Thank you donors!**



**For more information, contact the Parish Office:
760-758-4100 x100 or Parishoffice@stmoside.org**

Welcome New Parishioners

Victor & Jennifer Abelson & Family

Larry & Alma Button & Family

Joseph & Mary Nickel

Mary Ann Pastulka & Family

Announcing the Baptism of

Kevin Walter Davis

on September 15



Our Christian community welcomes you with great joy!

Congratulations to

David & Dorothy Greig

who celebrate their 62nd wedding anniversary September 8.

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

Flower Donations

The Altar Flowers for this weekend were given by
Eileen Dragula in memory of her husband **Alben**.



In Memoriam

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:



Georges' Formaris, who died on July 7. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, September 20, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep his family in your prayers.

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

Attention Men!

Join us for the weekly *That Man is You!* Program, which meets Saturday mornings from 6:45-8:30am.

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 or contact Deacon John Fredette at johnf@stmoside.org or 760-758-4100 x132.

Vocations

Hear God calling you to be a priest or religious? The Diocese of San Diego is holding a **Vocations Awareness Retreat** for single men and women ages 15-35 Saturday, September 28, 9:00am-5:00pm. For further information, contact the Office for Vocations at 858-490-8346 or Deacon Tom at thomasgoeltz@aol.com or 760-727-8442. Don't be afraid! Check it out! Being a priest or religious may be just the vocation for you.

Attention STM Authors (and Book Lovers)

Mark your calendars for January 25-26, when we will have a book signing table on the Plaza following all Masses. Any St. Thomas More Parishioners who have authored book may display and sell their books. Contact Judy Smith at 760-685-4678 to reserve a space.

Readings for the Week Ahead

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

Sunday, September 15 (129)
Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 32: 7-11,13-14
Psalm 51:3-4,12-13,17,19
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-32

Monday, September 16 (443)
Cornelius, pope, and Cyprian, bishop; martyrs

1 Timothy 2:1-8
Psalm 28:2,7-9
Luke 7:1-10

Tuesday, September 17 (444)
Robert Bellarmine, bishop, doctor

1 Timothy 3:1-13
Psalm 101:1-3,5-6
Luke 7:11-17

Wednesday, September 18 (445)

1 Timothy 3:14-16
Psalm 111:1-6
Luke 7:31-35

Thursday, September 19 (446)
Januarius, bishop, martyr

1 Timothy 4:12-16
Psalm 111:7-10
Luke 7:36-50

Friday, September 20 (447)

Andrew Kim Tae-gon, priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and companions and martyrs

1 Timothy 6:2c-12
Psalm 49:6-10,17-20
Luke 8:1-3

Saturday, September 21 (643)

Matthew, apostle, evangelist
Ephesians 4:1-7,11-13
Psalm 19:2-5
Matthew 9:9-13

Sunday, September 22 (135)

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Amos 8:4-7
Psalm 113:1-2,4-8
1 Timothy 2:1-8
Luke 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

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

Changa Aguilera
Evan Albertson
Mary Alexander
Lucia Ambriz
Carrie Autrey
Jose Luis Barbosa
Patricia Barbour
Gerry Barton
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
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
Sharon Evans
Victoria Lopez Fenton
The Fiore Family
Ryan Flum
Eugene Franciscus
Kathryn Franklin
Joe Freire
The Greg French Family
Brian Frink
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
Heidi Heaton
Lilian Hills
Samara Hook
Susan Hori
Rick Hughes
Iolanda Iacobelli
Linda Iacobelli Bennett
Paul Johansing
Sue Johnston
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
Alexander Mathews
Chandler May
Tony McCloskey
Bob McWilliams
Joyce Meehan
Kalei Mendiola
Bill Metzger
Lorraine Micallef
Phyllis Minaya
June Mitchell
June Montgomery
Nancy Moore
Elizabeth Muehlbacher
Conrad Murphy
Margie Myers
Richard Obsitnik
Louis Padilla
Bernadette Padovan
Art Palle
Ethan Palm
Lupe Casas Pelletier
Helen Pingtella
Marilyn Pirkola
Douglas Price-Williams
Barbara Ramm
Terry Riley
Rita Ritchie
Adela Rivera
Elena Rivera
Maria Rogers
Joan & Vinnie Rosa
Dorothy Rouse
The Russo Family
The Sanchez Family
Cindy Sanelli
Linda Schmidt
The Douglas E. Schulte Family
Don Shaw
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
Corrie & Robert Vasquez
Lucy Vienna
Dorina Visciglio
Vanessa Vitiello
Marguerite Voyemant
Kevin Watson-Graff
Sue Welch
John Whitton
Erin Young
Patricia Zavala

Calendar Highlights

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

- Sept 14-15 Pennies from Heaven Collection to Benefit BirthChoice
- Sept 15 Knights of Columbus Breakfast
- Sept 15 Untold Blessing, Part 4
- Sept 17-18 Restaurant Fundraiser at Nucci's
- Sept 20 St. Francis School Golf Tournament
- Sept 20-22 Confirmation Retreat at Kamp Kuper
- Sept 19 JustFaith Orientation
- Sept 22 RE.A.CH Classes at Church
- Sept 29 Pastor's Dinner/Excursion
- Sept 29 RE.A.CH High School Classes Begin
- Oct 1 Spirited Seniors Tour of Camp Pendleton Ranch House and Museum
- 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 2 Sanctuary Choir Retreat
- Nov 9-10 St. Bonaventure Clothing Drive
- Nov 24 Year of Faith Closing Event
- 2014**
- Jan 25-26 STM Authors Book Signing 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.

September 16
Sr. M. Joanna Calderon, DCJ
September 17
Sr. Celestine Callaghan, RSM
September 18
Sr. Annice Callahan, RSCJ
September 19
Sr. Irma Leticia Campos, SJS
September 20
Sr. Dolores CarlosCoutu, OLVM
September 21
Sr. Mary Lou Carlson, OSF
September 22
Sr. Maria Casas, SJS

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 14, 5:00pm Nicholas Angelucci Sr. ☩
Sunday, September 15, 8:30am Eileen Gough ☩
Sunday, September 15, 10:30am John Rodriguez ☩
Tuesday, September 17, 8:15am Deborah Morgan ☩
Wednesday, September 18, 8:15am Eileen McCrarron ☩
Thursday, September 19, 8:15am Leo McCabe ☩
Friday, September 20, 8:15am Joseph Floryance ☩
Saturday, September 21, 5:00pm Bernie Jaeger ☩
Sunday, September 22, 8:30am Maria Kasperwicz ☩
Sunday, September 22, 10:30am Dorothy Macpherson ☩

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
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
Sgt. Charles Watts, USMC

Social Ministries/Outreach

JustFaith Begins October 17!

At the end of Mass each week we are sent forth to love and serve God by loving and serving one another. We also hear in Scripture repeated calls to care for the widow, the orphan, and the stranger. Who are these people in our world today? What does my faith say about my relationship to them?

Answers to these kinds of questions require reflection, study, and prayer in the context of community. All of this is available to you by signing up for the JustFaith Program beginning in our Parish on October 17. We hope to have a day and evening group meeting each Thursday.

It is a serious commitment of meeting weekly with other Parishioners for 27 weeks! This may sound like a long time, but those of us who participated in the program can tell you it will be worth your time and effort. We also take breaks around the holidays.

Our last Orientation Meeting will be Thursday, September 19 at 7:00pm at St. Francis Church, 525 W. Vista Way, Vista.

The total participant cost for the year is \$150. Partial scholarships are available!

If you even remotely think this might be for you, or you are feeling a call, please come to the orientation meeting or contact Sr. Maureen ASAP to explore further.

760-758-4100 x131 or maureenb@stmoside.org.

Marriage & Family Life

Bringing the Celebration Home: This Saturday (September 14) is the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Making personalized cross artwork to celebrate the day—a perfect activity for anyone from two years and up! Visit:



<http://enterundermyroof.blotspot.com> for ideas on how to make this day a celebration for the entire family!

Pray for 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—Children: "Marriage is not merely a private institution. It is the foundation for the family, where children learn the values and virtues that will make good Christians as well as good citizens. The importance of marriage for children and for the upbringing of the next generation highlights the importance of marriage for all society." To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

Marriage Moments—Are you a perfectionist? It's natural to want to do a good job but don't let the perfect be the enemy of the good. If your spouse advises you to "Lighten up" it might be good counsel. Marriage and parenting are tough jobs. By Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net

Parenting Pointers—Getting kids to help clean: One parent said, "Sometimes I tape money to the bottom of some wastebaskets. When the children empty one, they get the coin. It's like a treasure hunt. Or I might tape wrapped candy to the window cleaner or furniture spray. The children dust and do mirrors now with excitement. 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.

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!

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.

Special Volunteer Opportunity for RV Owners!

Can You Camp Out...

**...in the Parish Center Parking Lot
on October 2-3-4-5
to guard our treasures?**

Contact Lisa or Patrick Attardo at 760-940-1505 or lissattardo@yahoo.com

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 chriss@stmoside.org

Parish Events

Little Rock Scripture Study

This bible study series resumes this September with our first topic, *Letters from Prison*. In these letters of encouragement, correction, and instruction written from prison Paul lovingly inspires and challenges us to greater discipleship—and who doesn't need some encouragement and instruction these days. Sessions start Wednesday, September 18, at 9:15am or Thursday, September 19, at 7:00pm. Please visit our table on the Plaza after Masses this weekend and pick up the registration form.

Spirited Seniors Camp Pendleton Outing

Join us on Tuesday, October 1, for a tour of the Ranch House and the Mechanized Museum with an Asian-themed buffet lunch. Cost is \$20 for members, \$25 for non-members. Deadline to RSVP is Tuesday, September 24. For more information, contact Nancy Gayvert at 760-295-0645.

Women's Guild News

Bake Sale—The ladies of the Women's Guild will be calling Parishioners whose last names begin with the letters I through Z, requesting donations of homemade baked goods for the bake sale on October 12-13. Please bring your baked goods when you come to Mass and drop them off at the designated tables. Please mark items containing nuts. Please, no items that need refrigeration. Your support is greatly appreciated. For further information, call Pat Wong at 760-806-1310 or Nancy Wozniak at 760-729-0782.

Quilted Items Sale—The quilters have been busy sewing and quilting items for the craft sale which coincides with the bake sale on October 12-13 after all the Masses. Mark the dates, save up your money, and do your Christmas shopping early for those special people in your life!

St. Bonaventure Clothing Drive

We are all called to help those in need! For the past 17 years we, at STM, have been supporting St. Bonaventure Indian Mission in New Mexico as their only dedicated drive for clothing for hundreds of impoverished Navajo men, women and children. On November 9-10, we will be holding our 18th annual drive before all masses. Please be generous with your slightly used clothes, jackets and coats, blankets, and shoes (no heels please) and work boots. For further information, contact Deacon Tom at thomasgoeltz@aol.com or 760-727-8442. Thank you! And God Bless you!

In Gratitude

Dear St. Thomas More Parish,

Thank you for welcoming Culture of Life Family Services' Baby Bottle Drive. Thanks to your generosity, we will be able to continue to support women with resources that they could not afford to have, such as a free ultrasound to see their babies for the first time!

Praise God that St. Thomas More Parish collected \$2,389.71 to support our life-giving work! We hope to continue to serve the medical needs of our community with our pro-life family physicians. Again, we thank you for your support for our pro-life mission. Please continue to pray for our staff and the women and families we serve. May God bless you for your generosity!

For Life, Ashley Burns, Event Planner

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) 939 available	\$300/person
Daily Mass Chapel and Choir Chairs (200) 140 available	\$300/each



9/10/13

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

Brother Bennos' Says...

...thank you for your generosity for the toiletry and NEW underwear drive. We collected a half a truckload of each along with \$85 in donations. Your continued support is much appreciated.

Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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

BLESSING OF ANIMALS

Sunday, October 6 — 4:00pm



St. Francis

St. Thomas More's annual Blessing of Animals will take place on Sunday, October 6, at 4:00pm.

In remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures, we gather with our beloved pets in the parking lot for this traditional liturgy of celebration, prayer, and blessing.

Bring your furry and not-so-furry friends early to meet and greet each other.

We ask that you make sure your pets are under complete control, as we expect the gathering to be a bit boisterous.

See you there!



Luke 15:4

A Prayer of Blessing

Blessed are you, O Lord, who created the animals and gave us the ability to train them to help us in our work.

How wonderful are the works of your hands, O Lord!

Blessed are you, O Lord, who gave us food from animals to replenish our energies.

How wonderful are the works of your hands, O Lord!

Blessed are you, O Lord, who for the sake of our comfort give us domestic animals as companions.

How wonderful are the works of your hands, O Lord!

Blessed are you, O Lord, who show us a sign of your providence, as your Son told us, by caring for the birds of the air.

How wonderful are the works of your hands, O Lord!

Blessed are you, O Lord, who offered your Son to us as the paschal lamb and in him willed that we should be called and should truly be your children.

How wonderful are the works of your hands, O Lord!

Blessed are you, O Lord, who through your lowliest creatures never cease to draw us toward your love.

How wonderful are the works of your hands, O Lord!

O God, you have done all things wisely; in your goodness you have made us in your image and given us care over other living things.

Reach out with your right hand and grant that these animals may serve our needs and that your bounty in the resources of this life may move us to seek more confidently the goal of eternal life. *Amen.*

Upcoming Music

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SEPTEMBER 22
25th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

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5:00pm Mass

Tower Bells

8:30am Mass

Sanctuary Choir

10:30am Mass

Praise Team

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!



Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

Kathleen Bell, Director of Faith Formation
760-758-4100 x110
kathleenb@stmoside.org

Marcus Cabrera, Youth Advocate
760-758-4100 x161
marcusc@stmoside.org

Sunday is a RE.A.CH day at Home

(Religious Education for Adolescents & Children)

Check your Annual Plan for your Home Session

Adult Faith Formation

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

UNTOLD BLESSING. . .

- Sunday, September 15, Part 4 of 6
- Potluck begins at noon
- Continues with 20-minute DVD by Fr. Robert Barron
- Followed by brief discussion
with Deacon Tom & Patt Goeltz
- Childcare available

Teen Faith Formation

✦ Level 1

Orientation for parents and teens took place this past week. If you are a high schooler who wants to learn more about your Catholic faith and deepen your relationship with Jesus, you can still sign up. Courses begin September 29, 6:30-8:30pm. Contact Kathleen Bell and enroll in RE.A.CH.

✦ Level 2

Retreat this coming weekend: September 20 at 6:00pm at Kamp Kuper in Escondido!!! Please turn in your forms to Marcus and continue to pray for this event at home!

Courses begin September 29, 6:30-8:30pm.

PBJ Update

2013 GOAL: 365 pounds
Collected to date: 297 pounds
(Food for children
at the Emergency Crisis Center)



Catechetical Sunday

The theme of our celebration of Catechetical Sunday this year is: "Open the Door of Faith."



Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel.

Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all of us to rededicate ourselves to this mission as a community of faith.

Those who have been designated by the community to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry at Mass this Sunday:

*Regina Aulisio
Dennis Baggett
Anthony Barela
Kathleen Bell
Marcus Cabrera
Jim Day
Marilyn Day
Mario Diaz
Kathy Egan
Debbie Fredette
Dcn. John Fredette
Patt Goeltz
Dcn. Tom Goeltz
Rory Griffin
Anne Harmata
Elizabeth Harmata
Glory Hartdegen
Lovette Hazzard
Kathleen Hermesmeyer*

*Lyndsey Jarvis
Penny Johnson
Lia Keane
Tim Keane
Marilyn Lilly
Cathy Meyer
Johnny Mills
Valentina Mills
Carolyn Orscheln
Margaret Phelan
Michael Potts
Rev. Michael Ratajczak
Adriana Rieger
Louann Rodriguez
Bret Schanzenbach
Joleen Schanzenbach
Sarah Stechschulte
Sandi Thompson
Theresa Weber
Martin Zschoche
Wayne Zych
...and our many assistants!*

Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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

Gratitude: A Virtue Which Unlocks the Fullness of Life

Each of us has so much to for which to be grateful. The challenge in our society is to step outside of our own little worlds from time to time, to see just how abundantly blessed we are.

When we get stuck in our own little worlds, comparing ourselves to what we see around us, and in the media, we are in a very dangerous place. By remaining in this cocoon, we run the risk of being perpetually dissatisfied and ungrateful.

The virtue of gratitude has the power to change the way we think about who we are, and all that we possess. *Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns into enough, and more. (Melody Beattie)*

Good stewards develop the virtue of gratitude, as with all virtue, through their daily habits. The habit of being grateful takes some effort on our part—we must be aware of what we think about every day. When you think about it, you are abundantly blessed compared to so many in the world who have so little.



You will possess this virtue when you have the ability to be grateful, even when you don't feel like it. In fact, next time you feel like complaining about something, think of something you are grateful for, and any negative thinking will vanish. That's the power of gratitude.

Having developed a daily disposition of gratitude, the question then becomes to whom are you grateful? St. Paul gives us some direction here, *Didn't God give you everything you have? Well, then how can you boast, as if what you have were not a gift? (1 Corinthians 4:7)*

At the heart of authentic stewardship, you will always find an overwhelming sense of gratitude to God. Obligation and duty do motivate the Christian Steward to a certain degree; it is the virtue of gratitude that moves us into the realm of genuine and joyful generosity. Moreover, gratitude is the one virtue we must possess to hold all the others. —Dan Potvin, Archdiocese of Winnipeg Canada, ICSC September 2013 Parish E-News (with permission)

Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all others. —Cicero

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Collection for Week of September 7/8, 2013

Number of Registered Households		1,063
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Children's envelopes		0.00
Total	\$	18,017.44

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

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News and Information from the Larger Church

St. Vincent de Paul Ladies Guild Children's Charity Gala—Saturday, September 28, 6:30pm, Hyatt Regency, 3777 La Jolla Village Dr., La Jolla. Reception, silent auction, dinner, and entertainment by Wayne Foster. For reservations and information, contact Lindsay at Lindsay.Closson@neighbor.org or 619-446-2108.

Mark Price Performs "St. Francis in the Flesh"—Sunday, September 29, 4:00pm, All Hallows Parish, 6602 La Jolla Scenic Dr. S., La Jolla. For more information, contact 858-459-2975 or www.allhallows.com.

Prius Raffle at St. Mary Star of the Sea in Oceanside—Great odds to win a 2013 Toyota Prius in your choice of model and color. Tickets are \$10 each, and the raffle will take place on October 20 at the Parish Festival. For more information and to purchase tickets, contact 760-722-1688.

Beginning Experience Weekend—November 8-10, Prince of Peace Abbey, Oceanside, for widowed, divorced, and separated persons ready to move beyond their grief. For further information call Maureen at 619-447-0622 or Cathy at 619-222-9093.

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

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Monthly Holy Hour for Priestly and Religious Vocations—Third Wednesday of each month (next is September 18), 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.

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Fundraiser Golf Tournament—Friday, September 20, at St. Mark Golf Club in San Marcos. For more information call the school at 760-630-7960.



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.

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.

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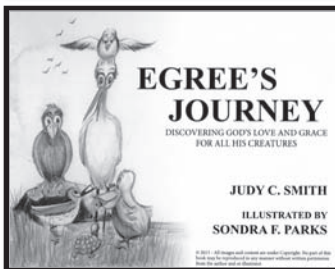
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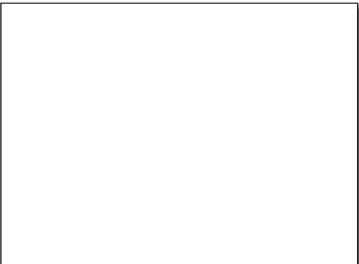
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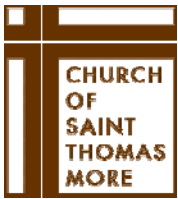
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Parish Financial Update

September 15, 2013

\$5.5 M raised from Capital Campaigns

\$5.6 M loan from the Diocese

\$1.5 M needed over the next 18 months to cover cost increases, complete construction, and begin to make our mortgage payments

Annual Treasures Rummage Sale, the Restaurant Fund-raisers, and the Vehicle Donation Program go to the



Operations Fund. All these fundraisers helped us to balance our budget during these past lean economic years. Fortunately this last fiscal year the offertory collection was some \$55,000 higher than the previous year. Please remember our operations monies are devoted to operations only. These funds have nothing to do with our mortgage payments.

Today I am here in my new role as Financial Liaison, which is now part of the Finance Council. In this new position, I will continue to report to the Parish periodically regarding financial matters as they relate to our construction phase and our Parish operations. As you can see from the construction site today, things are progressing, and as we continue to move forward, it will become increasingly important to discuss our financial position.

I would like to devote some time now to review and update our mortgage fund. A question I am frequently asked is: "Do our mortgage payments commence with the completion of construction?" The answer to that

First of all, THANK YOU to all the long-time members of St. Thomas More who have pioneered and supported our Parish for these 28 years. At the same time, I would also like to thank the many younger generations of families and the new Parish families who are also contributing your financial support to our Mortgage and Building Completion Fund and Operations Fund, as well as your voluntary support in our many Parish programs. We will need the continued support of all Parish members going forward as we prepare for mortgage payments in addition to operational expenses that will increase as our campus grows to three buildings.



question is, "NO!" Our mortgage payments will begin when the remaining \$3.7M we currently have on deposit at the Diocese has been exhausted and we initiate withdrawal from the loan. We are anticipating a mortgage payment of approximately \$28,000 per month, based on the current

interest rate of 3.5%. At the present time, our Mortgage and Building Completion Fund receives about \$35,000 per month from some 450 families, or roughly 45% of registered households of St. Thomas More. But it must be noted that in our Capital Campaigns we had the support of approximately 80% of registered households and others.

As you know, we have struggled in recent years to balance our budget. In our last fiscal year, which ended June 30, we were pleasantly surprised as we were able to not only balance the Operations Budget, but we retired a \$28,000 deficit from several years ago, and still

It is very important that the Mortgage and Building Completion Fund and the Operations Fund are not considered an "either/or" situation, but are considered a "both/and" proposition. We need your gift to both!



finished the year with a small surplus. It bears repeating that all funds from the Parish Gala, the "Did You Know" program, the

Currently, 450 Parish families are contributing a total of \$35,000 monthly to the Mortgage and Building Completion Fund. If 350 more Parish families start contributing, we will be able to finish our building project in a timely fashion AND make our mortgage payments!



Allow me to explain! The Operations Fund supports Parish staff, building and grounds maintenance, and all other expenses incurred on a regular basis to operate our Parish. As I indicated, our Operations Fund had a small surplus last year but will need additional monies in the future to support three buildings on our campus.



\$28,000 per month, it leaves little in the way of funds to cover the additional \$1.5M we need to raise during the next 18 months of construction. The good news is that the Mortgage and Building Completion Fund has approximately \$500,000 on deposit, including a recent estate gift of \$266,000, AND if we can get from the current 45% participation to the 70-80% participation that we have seen in the past, we will be able to raise the additional monies!

The Mortgage and Building Completion Fund is a separate pot of money! We estimated that we would need \$11.75M to complete the Church and Parish Office buildings. These monies will come from a \$5.6M loan from the Diocese, a total of \$5.5M raised through our Capital Campaigns, as well as additional monies raised in our ongoing Mortgage and Building Completion Fund offering. Some of the Mortgage and Building Completion Fund will be used to supplement additional or unforeseen expenses over the course of several years of planning, which are inevitable. In addition, Fr. Mike and the Finance Council implemented a program designed to allocate 10% of all Mortgage and Building Completion Funds to be set aside in a reserve fund designated for non-budgeted emergency expenditures throughout the campus.

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Here is the dilemma. The resurgent economy over the last 12 to 18 months has escalated construction and finishing costs across the board as we have commenced construction of the project. The entire team led by our Director of Construction, Brian Leahey, and Fr. Mike, have done everything possible to mitigate the effects of these increases. Our Church is still on target to be one of the most affordable “cost per square foot” Churches constructed anywhere in San Diego. That being said, we are already seeing significant price escalation and want to be sure we raise enough funds to cover these additional costs.

Although the Mortgage and Building Completion Fund is receiving an average of \$35,000 per month from approximately 450 contributing households, you can see that once we deduct the 10% designated for Parish Reserves and the upcoming mortgage payment of

So today, I am asking you, our generous Parish community, to help us increase the percentage of Parish households participating in the Mortgage and Building Completion Fund. By raising our participation from 45% to 70-80%, we will provide our Finance Council that additional \$1.5M required to complete both buildings and all furnishings in a relatively short period of time.

Each of us who has either purchased a home or rented an apartment can reflect back and remember that while we brought many items with us on moving day, there were inevitably additional

furnishings and other items to purchase upon occupancy. The same can be said for the Church. While we will bring many items with us to the new Church, we will also need to purchase others, and it will take some time, and it will cost some money, and just as with our homes . . . it may not look complete right away.

In about 18 short months, we will be celebrating our Mass of Dedication in our new Church. It will be a wonderful worship space and will serve the needs of this community for many years to come. On behalf of Fr. Mike and myself, THANK YOU to each and every member of this special community for your continued generosity, your spirit, and your prayers over the years, and especially throughout this project. May God continue to bless St. Thomas More Church.

Thank you,
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