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**StThomasMoreRCC** 



Mass Schedule Saturday at 5:00pm Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am Tuesday-Friday at 8:15am

**Eucharistic Adoration** Monday-Friday, 6:30am-7:30pm

> Reconciliation (Confession) Saturday, 4:00-4:30pm

#### September 22, 2013 • Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Pastor's Column

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#### **Abortion Changes You!**

Below you will find anonymous comments from women who have been involved in abortion. These comments, hopefully, will help everyone to think twice...

"I was 27 years old and 'should have known better.' The embarrassing part was I didn't know who the father was, how could I tell my friends this? I was realizing my life was out of control about this same time, and the pregnancy suddenly put everything into perspective. I had always dreamed of having a baby, several babies, so when I found out I was pregnant I was immediately overjoyed, then the fear set in. I didn't think I had what it took to be a single parent. And I couldn't even tell the father I was having a baby because didn't know which guy it was. I believed strongly in being a 'stay at home' mom, but this baby would have to be a day care baby. Much of its life would be spent away from me, this tore me apart. I loved my baby. I would sit and talk to him/her all through the day. I felt strangely whole for the first time in my life. I knew this baby was special. I was happy and complete. I really wanted this child, but everything was so

imperfect from what I wanted it to be, no dad or a marriage I didn't want right then, day care, the added responsibility (I took parenting seriously), fear of judgment from others...it wasn't 'cool' to be unwed and pregnant at the same time. I opted for abortion. I remember sitting on the kitchen floor sobbing as I told my baby what was to become of it. The people at the clinic asked if I was sure that I wanted an abortion because I told them how much I loved the baby and how I felt warm and whole. They told me about adoption (absolutely not acceptable for someone else to raise my baby). This was the rational thing to do, I was sure of it, though it went against everything I wanted. I just wanted a better life to bring my baby into, a better situation. I told myself it was the loving selfless thing to do. Then it was done. I walked in feeling warm and whole, I left feeling cold and empty, totally empty, alone, extremely alone, my compassion was gone. My baby was no more. I would never be the same. I couldn't shake the feelings. No one said that I would feel empty and alone, that I

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Help Save Lives from September 25 - November 3

Includes prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil, and community outreach www.40daysforlife.com/sanmarcos

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would suffer extreme loneliness and longing for my missing baby. I longed for that whole feeling again. I wanted my baby back. I was stricken with deep grief. I had done something there was no turning back from. It was final. My baby was dead. I would never feel his presence again, ever. How could I as a loving person have done such a thing? I've never recovered from that abortion and I am now 60. When I think of it, I still long for that child. I can't think of it for very long because I begin with all the self-recrimination. I ache. Then the tears start coming. And the thing is, I feel like no one else understands. I could feel the life of the baby in my womb. He was a living being, we were bonded, we talked to each other. The life within me made me feel alive and in some ways I felt dead now too. After this experience I couldn't understand how anyone could say, it isn't a true being until a certain amount of gestation. It is life from the start. I wasn't a Christian at the time, but I am now and I feel certain that the baby was a gift from God in the midst of the turmoil of my life. With the baby inside me everything stood still and I felt peace. With the baby gone it was back to living but with a large chunk of my heart and soul missing, as it is even today. A few years later, God would bless me with twins of my own. It still didn't take the ache away. It's like if someone you love dies, no one else can replace them. I could have a million children, but none would replace the one that died..."

"I have made many bad decisions in my life. Some worse than others... But I have never made one worse than that of taking the life of another knowingly and by my own hand. Rationalizations become reasons, faulty logic and selfish motives to avoid pain and responsibility...Thinking that it would all be over and my life would move on...Move on it did, but the pain never left...the shame never left...the lack of self-forgiveness never left...I thought I was taking the easy way out but little did I know I gave myself a life sentence..."

"Fate fell short for me, too short. Junior year of high school, August, the first day of school was when I met him. He was an exchange student from Denmark, his smile was why I went to school just to see him when I walked through the door. I had a crush on him since we paired to be science partners in class. As the days went on the more we fell in love... November, I found out I was pregnant. By a guy that would be leaving the country that summer. January, I was in an abortion clinic. I felt like I had no other option, this was what everyone told me to do. This was what was best, 'for my situation,' they said. I blame myself every single day for letting myself let this happen. I didn't speak up, I knew it would be hard to be a single parent, but that was my baby. My reason. What happened to the happily ever after we planned? March, in the hospital for a suicide attempt... I ended up getting my G.E.D. because of the depression and everyone at school talking about it. Their stares could give it all away. May, he acts like I don't exist. June, he left on a plane back home without a goodbye. I regret it, I regret it all. I just want to go back...but I know I can't...but baby, just know that your mommy was in such a tough spot, and that fate fell rapidly. I can't wait to hold you in my arms one day, I love you, and I miss you every day. You would have been born August 25...that day was so painful for me. It's now September and this is the first time I'm getting this all out...I'm so sorry."

For more stories and for helpful information go to: www.abortionchangesyou.com

#### **Welcome New Parishioners**

#### Richard & Mildred Johansen

#### Congratulations to

#### Rick & Lisa Reaves

who celebrated their 26th wedding anniversary September 19.

#### Ron & Grace Hoffmann

who celebrate their 58th wedding anniversary September 24.

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 **Raul & Lisa Deju** in honor of their anniversary.



#### **Attention Men!**

Join us for the weekly *That Man is You!* Program, which meets Saturday mornings from 6:45-8:30am. Next week's topic: *The Heart of the World*.

Also mark your calendars for October 11-13, our annual Men's Retreat at Green Oaks Ranch in Vista. The registration form is in the bulletin this week.

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.

#### 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 \$crip 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.

#### Readings for the Week Ahead

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

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

Monday, September 23 (449) Pius of Pietrelcina, priest (Padre Pio) Ezra 1:1-6

Psalm 126:1-6 Luke 8:16-18

Tuesday, September 24 (450)

Ezra 6:7-8,12b,14-20 Psalm 122:1-5 Luke 8:19-21

Wednesday, September 25 (451)

Ezra 9:5-9

Tobit 13:2-4,7-8 (Psalm)

Luke 9:1-6

Thursday, September 26 (452)

Cosmas and Damian, martyrs

Haggai 1:1-8

Psalm 149:1-6a,9b Luke 9:7-9

Friday, September 27 (453)

Vincent de Paul, priest

Haggai 2:1-9 Psalm 43:1-4 Luke 9:18-22

Saturday, September 28 (454)

Wenceslaus, martyr; Lawrence Ruiz and companions, martyrs

Zechariah 2:5-9,14-15a Jeremiah 31:10-13 (Psalm)

Luke 9:43b-45

Luke 16:19-31

Sunday, September 29 (138)

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Amos 6:1a,4-7 Psalm 146:7-10 1 Timothy 6:11-16

#### **Mass Intentions**

Saturday, September 21, 5:00pm Bernie Jaeger 🕆

Sunday, September 22, 8:30am Maria Kasperwicz &

Sunday, September 22, 10:30am Dorothy Macpherson &

Tuesday, September 24, 8:15am Dominick Arena

Wednesday, September 25, 8:15am Betty Ariz 🕈

Thursday, September 26, 8:15am Steve & Louis Toth

Friday, September 27, 8:15am Don Robinson &

Saturday, September 28, 5:00pm J.C. Gonzalez 🕏

Sunday, September 29, 8:30am Mimh Phan T

Sunday, September 29, 10:30am Trinidad Bunuelos &

Praver 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 The Family of Bridget Buford Shelby Campbell Brianne 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

Ernie Follis Eugene Franciscus Kathrvn Franklin Joe Freire 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 Marilyn Pirkola Perry Postulka Douglas Price-Williams Barbara Ramm 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

#### **Deployed Military**

Erin Young Patricia Zavala

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, UŠAF Sgt. Charles Watts, USMC

#### Calendar Highlights

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

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
Sept 27	Classes Begin
Oct 1	Spirited Seniors Tour of
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	House and Museum
Oct 5	Treasures 2013
Oct 6	Blessing of Animals
Oct 6	RE.A.CH Classes at
	Church, including high
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Oct 11-13	Men's Fellowship Retreat
Oct 12-13	Women's Guild Bake Sale
	and Quilt Items Sale
Oct 13	Untold Blessing Potluck
	and Video Presentation
Oct 14	Women's Guild Luncheon
Oct 19-20	Fair Trade Chocolate Sales
Oct 26-27	Knights of Columbus
	Tootsie Roll Drive
Oct 27	New Member Reception
Oct 28	STM Golf Event at
	Shadowridge Country
	Club
Nov 1	All Saints Day—Mass at
	8:15am and 7:00pm
Nov 2	All Souls Day—Mass at
	9:00am
Nov 2	Sanctuary Choir Retreat
Nov 9-10	St. Bonaventure
	Clothing Drive
Nov 24	Year of Faith Closing Event
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Jan 25-26	STM Authors Book Signing

Questions? Contact Henny at 760-758-4100 x100 hennyj@stmoside.org.

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#### **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 23		
Sr. Margaret Castro, SFCC		
September 24		
Sr. KyungAh Chang, RSCJ		
September 25		
Sr. Abigail Chavez, SJS		
September 26		
Sr. Katia Chavez, SJS		
September 27		
Sr. Ancilla Chen, SSS		
September 28		
Sr. Justine C. Church, MMS		
September 29		
Sr. Lucy Cisneros, SJS		
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#### Social Ministries/Outreach



#### **National Day of Action for Immigration Reform**

Join people across the country in a National Day of Action calling on Congress to vote on Immigration Reform! San Diego County communities will meet on Saturday, October 5, at 10:00am at 6th Avenue and Laurel (downtown San Diego, near Balboa Park) to march together to the Federal Building and call for immigration reform that includes a path to citizenship, promotion of family unity, protection for workers' rights, and stops the militarization of border communities. The event will be finish at 1:00pm.

San Diego Organizing Project (SDOP) will be providing buses from North County—if you plan to attend, contact *joey@sdop.net* to reserve a space on the bus.

#### **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.

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 contact Sr. Maureen ASAP to explore further. Registration closes on September 30.

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

#### Marriage & Family Life

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 <a href="http://www.marriageuniqueforareason.org/">http://www.marriageuniqueforareason.org/</a> on the internet.

**Bishops' Letter on Marriage**—Two Become One: "Marriage, the clinging together of husband and wife as one flesh, is based on the fact that man and woman are both different and the same. They are different as male and female, but the same as human persons who are uniquely suited to be partners or helpmates for each other. The difference between man and woman, however, cannot be restricted to their bodies, as if the body could be separated from the rest of the human person. The human person is a union of body and soul as a single being. Man and woman are two different ways of being a human person." To read the document go to <a href="http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/">http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/</a>.

Marriage Moments—Does your spouse accuse you of being irresponsible? Sometimes you might just have different personality styles, but sometimes it may carry a tad of truth. Even if it hurts, don't ignore the criticism but try to see what truth might be behind the charge. Take one step toward self-improvement. By Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net.

**Parenting Pointers**—Next Monday, September 23, is "Eat Dinner Together Day." Maybe you always do this anyway. If so, why not invite another family with children to join you. If not, make a point to do eat together more frequently—no phones, TV, or electronics allowed. By Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net.

For more information, visit www.diocese-sdiego.org/Ministries/Marriage & Family Life or call Jen Frost at 858-692-7438.

#### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Eucharistic Adoration is available Monday-Friday, 6:30am-7:30pm in our Blessed Sacrament Chapel. We are so blessed to be able to drop in at almost any



time and have a little "one-on-one" with Jesus in the Reserved Eucharist.

Pope John Paul II stated that the practice provides contact with the "very wellspring of grace." Try it—you'll like it!

Watch for more thoughts and information on this subject in future bulletins...

#### **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* 

#### Parish Events

#### Spirited Seniors Camp Pendleton Outing

Join us on Tuesday, October 1, for a part of the Ranch House and the Mechanized Museum with a Saan-themed buffet lunch. Cost is \$20 for non-pers, \$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!

#### Catholic Widows and Widowers of North County

Check the bulletin board on the lower level of the Parish Center for our calendar of activities, which include potlucks, outings to restaurants, and much more! RSVPs are recommended. For more information, call Carol Kope at 760-726-0533 or Gerri Wilmott at 760-758-9949.

#### 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!

#### Medical Equipment to Lend to Parishioners

There are many Parishioners who may need a cane, wheelchair, walker, or some other medical equipment to help with either a temporary or permanent disability. Reusing medical devices can be cost effective for those who are in need of the device. As you know, we are a growing Parish with people who may have physical challenges and could benefit from borrowed medical devices. If you have any medical devices that are no longer being used and would like to lend out this device to a Parishioner who is in need of that particular device, please contact the Parish Office at 760-758-4100 x100 or Ann Eriksson at eriksson1@mindspring.com. Thanks for your support.

—Ann Eriksson, Disabilities Facilitator

#### 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
<b>Pew Seating for the Church</b>	\$300/person
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(1,000) 939 available

**Daily Mass Chapel and Choir Chairs** (200) 139 available



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\$300/each

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

#### 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).

## **Liturgy & Music**



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

#### STORRINGTON MASS

#### A new setting of congregational music for our liturgy

On the First Sunday of Advent in 2011, the third edition of the English-language Roman Missal was promulgated (that is, officially put into effect) in the United States by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, bringing with it newly revised texts. As a result of these revised texts, new congregational music was needed.

About two years before we began to use the new Roman Missal, composers began to work on new musical settings of the Mass texts from draft texts that had been distributed. Hundreds of new settings of the Mass were composed, with every Catholic music publisher presenting one or two or three published settings from its composers. The new settings were sung at conferences and every music director in the country probably received a sample copy of most of these newly published Masses to preview.

The summer before that fateful Advent, the Diocese of San Diego issued guidelines for directors of liturgy and music in our diocese, and suggested seven musical settings of the new Mass texts that it believed would be well received by our congregations. The Office of Liturgy and Spirituality declined to suggest a single setting for all of us to learn first, noting that a universal setting would take some time to discern.

(For those who may be interested, the American Church's most common English-language setting of the previous texts was Marty Haugen's *Mass of Creation*, which was written *ten years* after the last edition of the Roman Missal was promulgated.)

Late that summer, I invited a group of musicians from the Parish to sing and play through all seven of these settings to determine which ones we thought would work well at St. Thomas More, and which setting we should start with. We chose to begin with Dan Schutte's *Mass of Christ the Savior* (Dan also wrote the very popular "Glory and Praise to Our God" and "Sing a New Song unto the Lord").

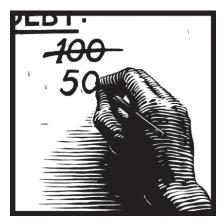
Since then, we have also learned the chants from the new Roman Missal, which we sing during Lent, and contemporary Christian worship leader and singer/songwriter Matt Maher's *Mass of Communion*, which we learned last fall.

It seems the diocese has found a setting that it uses consistently at its liturgies. So over the next few weeks, we will begin learning Marty Haugen's new setting, *Storrington Mass*. This setting is comparatively more subdued and more lilting than some of the other newly-composed Mass settings, so I look forward to being able to use it for both Ordinary Time and, with expanded instrumentation, for our more festive liturgies of Easter, Christmas, Pentecost, and Christ the King.

A note about the Mass's name...Our Lady of England Priory in Storrington is home to Roman Catholic priests belonging to a Community of Canons Regular of Prémontré. (or 'Premonstratensians') after the place where they were founded in France in 1121. The priests are also known as Norbertines after Norbert of Xanten, the Founder of the order. Storrington Mass was commissioned by the priory to celebrate 125 years of Norbertine presence in Storrington, England.

I look forward to learning this music with you.

—Douglas



Luke 16:12

## BLESSING OF ANIMALS

Sunday, October 6 4:00pm

Parking Lot of the Parish Center

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!



#### Upcoming Music

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SEPTEMBER 29 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**5:00pm Mass**Praise Team

8:30am Mass
Tower Bells

10:30am Mass

Sanctuary Choir

## Teach and Live the Gospe **Faith Formation**

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

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



#### Sunday is a RE.A.CH day at Church

Our catechists hope you enjoyed sharing faith this past week with your child/ren during your Home Session. If you have any questions or concerns about following the Annual Plan, please let us know.

Should your Annual Plan "disappear" you can find it on our STM website.

Religious Education classes continue today with a Church Session:

10:20am GENESIS team for 3, 4, and 5 year olds

meets during the whole of the 10:30am Mass

12:30pm Levels 1-5 meet on the lower level until 2:00pm

Level 2 evening children come at this time today.

Parents preparing children for Reconciliation meet during this time on the upper level.

4:30pm Levels 1, 3, 4, 5 meet on the lower level until 6:00pm

EDGE tweens meet on the upper level.

We will always welcome new families into partnership with faith formation.

If your family has not enrolled, please be in touch right away.

#### TEEN FAITH FORMATION

Level 1 (those beginning our high school program)

Classes begin next Sunday, September 29, 6:30-8:30pm

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## Stewardship & Development



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A visitor to Westminster Abbey in London will find these words on the burial place of Christopher Chapman who died in 1680:

> What I gave, I have. What I spent, I had. What I left, I lost by not giving it.

What I gave, I have ~ Are the words true as far as your experience is concerned? Surely the words point in the direction of what those who have practiced Christian stewardship have discovered over the years.

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What I spent, I had ~ There is nothing wrong with spending money, of course, especially if we spend it wisely. Indeed, spending money helps others, in the sense that it keeps the economy humming, keeps people working, and "greases the wheels of commerce" as the saying goes.

Many countries and their citizens have almost nothing to spend. Some economists call them "basket cases" and they are.



But most of us have something to spend and we do just that. If we spend foolishly, without thought of the "lean years" that are certain to come, it is likely that one day we will realize that Chapman's words are true: "What I spent, I had."

What I left, I lost by not giving it ~ These words may be the most insightful. Ultimately, we lose everything and we leave this earth empty-handed—unless we have made arrangements for our worldly goods to be given to worthy people and causes. We lose only if we are guilty of not providing for a meaningful distribution of what God has lent to us for our journey on earth.

Responsible stewardship requires forethought. A good steward will have an updated legal will and make certain it provides for those people and the Christian work the steward has cherished far into the future. Indeed, it is possible for a gift to continue as long as earth lasts if it is handled wisely. When resources are properly designated by us, we never have to worry about them vanishing when we go home to God. We will never have to acknowledge Chapman's words for ourselves: What I left, I lost by not giving it.

—Parish Publishing, LLC, September 2013 Parish E-News (with persmission)

The Spirit shows us the way. Stewardship is part of the journey.

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Examples of the various future planning vehicles are:

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Any parishioners who have already included STM in their estate plans are *Towers of Faith* participants. If you are interested, please contact us. Your participation is most welcome and appreciated!

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## **News and Information from the Larger Church**

**Are All Relgions the Same?**—Find out Friday, September 27, 7:00pm, St. Mary Star of the Sea, Oceanside. The Legion of Mary invites you to their first "Patrician Talk" for a discussion, presentation, and refreshments. For more information, contact Elaine at 760-721-2854.

**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.

Fourth Annual "Pro-Life Is Good" Gala and Auction—Saturday, October 5, 5:30pm, Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Dr., San Diego. Benefits Culture of Life Family Services (COLFS). Keynote speaker is Carol Everett, with special guests Archbishop Cordileone and Bishop Flores. For more information, contact 619-564-3307 or www.COLFS.org.

**Franciscan School of Theology—Free Public Lectures—** Wednesday, October 16, 7:00-8:30pm. "The San Damiano Cross and the Gospel of John" with Professor Emeritus Fr. Michael Guinan, OFM. For more information, contact Donna Foley at 760-547-1800 x224 or *dfoley@fst.edu*.

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.

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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.

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.

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#### **News from St. Francis Church**

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#### Catholic Radio—AM 1000/Sirius 130—San Diego

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

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#### **Young Adult Ministry Activities**

Visit www.yamsd.org for complete information on events for young adults, Bible Study, social activities, praise and worship nights, outreach projects., Theology on Tap evenings, ultimate Frisbee, and a relationships skills series.

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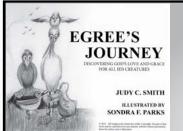
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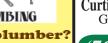
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#### **September 18, 2013**

#### STATEMENT OF BISHOP ROBERT BROM

As I conclude my ministry as the 4<sup>th</sup> Bishop of San Diego, my heart is filled with gratitude.

I am grateful, above all, to God for the many blessings I have received during my 24 years here, both in joyful and in challenging times. I am grateful, also, to those with whom I have shared ministry – the bishops, priests and deacons, the men and women religious, and many very talented and generous lay faithful.

In retirement here, I hope that, without the demands of administration and insofar as health permits, there will be ministerial needs to which I will be able to respond. In particular, I want to promote missionary discipleship as our common way to participate in the new evangelization, and to foster priestly vocations.

I pray that Bishop Flores, as the 5<sup>th</sup> Bishop of San Diego, and all who will minister with him, will be blessed abundantly.



#### September 18, 2013

#### STATEMENT OF BISHOP CIRILO FLORES

Our Holy Father has today accepted the resignation of Bishop Brom, and hence, pastoral governance of the Diocese of San Diego is automatically transferred to me. Thus, by the grace of God and favor of the Apostolic See, I begin my ministry as the 5<sup>th</sup> Bishop of San Diego.

I want to thank the priests, deacons, men and women religious, and the faithful lay men and women of our diocese for the welcome and kindness you have extended to me since my arrival as Coadjutor Bishop last year. Now, as the chief shepherd of the local church, I will count on and rely on your continuing collaboration, generosity, counsel and, especially, prayer.

Many thanks to Bishop Brom for his help and support from the day my appointment as Coadjutor Bishop of San Diego was made known to him and me. I appreciate his leadership and his guidance of our church through challenges which faced and still face San Diego and many dioceses throughout our country. Bishop Brom is an excellent teacher, and I have requested that he make himself available to parish groups for presentations regarding discipleship and evangelization.

Serving as Coadjutor Bishop has been an excellent transition experience as I have visited parishes and institutions and met Catholics throughout San Diego and Imperial Counties. Thank you to our pastors and parish administrators. It is in our parishes that our faith is vibrantly lived. What a wonderful and diverse diocese we share!

In the immediate future I hope to continue to build on what is positive and strong in our Diocese. I mention certain areas of emphasis:

As we continue on our journey of faith as the Diocese of San Diego, may we never lose sight of our Lord's call to care for the poor. Our charitable efforts, especially in these times of economic stress and crisis, must be extended and strengthened. I appreciate the work of our diocesan Catholic Charities and of other organizations and agencies which seek to help the needy and the troubled. Pope Francis is giving us wonderful examples of the love and compassion that we must show toward those who suffer: the poor, the marginalized, the abandoned, the refugee and immigrant, the lonely and forgotten.

The work of **faith formation** must continue to be a key effort throughout our diocese. How many wonderful lay faithful participate in our catechetical efforts in our parishes! Our efforts must be strengthened as we form the next generations of faithful Catholics even as we emphasize anew the need for adult faith education and formation. Our parochial schools have for generations been seen as key in the area of faith formation of the young. We are justifiably proud of our Catholic schools and have named a special committee to research and analyze ways to strengthen our schools and to insure their viability and sustainability.

Thank you to the many of you who recognize the need to minister in special ways to **the youth and the young adults** of our diocese. Whatever our age, we must all strive to strengthen our own faith so that we can better witness to the love, the mercy and the truth found in Jesus Christ.

From all these efforts will come more **vocations** to the priesthood and religious life. Every one of us must do what we can to increase the number of those considering a vocation to the priesthood and religious life -- by invitation, by support, by prayer.

To the many who work in different ways for the protection of children, and in ministries and apostolates to strengthen families and safeguard marriage, to uphold

the dignity of every human being, and to protect life in all of its stages, know that your efforts are appreciated and must continue to be supported.

The **cultural diversity** of our parishes brings a special fire and flavor to our faith. Many feel the spirit truly alive in different ethnic and cultural celebrations. This diversity is appreciated as a gift in our diocese.

In whatever language we pray as we gather around the altar of the **Eucharist**, may we always hear the call to be transformed by the mystery we celebrate. We must lay down our lives for God and in service to others, in imitation of Jesus who came not to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for the many.

My friends, we have much of which to be proud as the Diocese of San Diego, and much work to do as disciples of our Lord.

Asking the intercession of Our Lady, let us pray that whatever we do will be always for the Greater Glory of God.

I ask for the continuing grace of our Lord, the source of all our accomplishments and blessings.

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