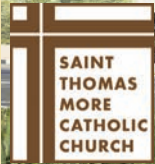


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A Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of San Diego

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StThomasMoreRCC



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

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

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

October 20, 2013 • Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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Timothy McVeigh and *The Hound of Heaven**

*The Hound of Heaven, a poem by Francis Thompson (1859-1907).

October is Respect Life Month. It is a time when we are called to look at a variety of life issues. This column raises the issue of the death penalty. I first wrote this in May 2001.

Timothy, my son! Why? For what reason? How could you, with such calm and reason, kill 168 innocent people, especially infants and children? Doesn't life mean anything to you?

I know that you were trying to make a point, trying to get your perspective across to the world. I know it had to do with Waco, Texas and the Branch Davidians. But taking revenge on innocent people in Oklahoma City is not justifiable. I do not understand the logic. Two wrongs do not make a right! Killing people in order to say that killing people is wrong just doesn't make sense to me!

Timothy, I continue to love you. You are my son. I created you. I love you just as much as I love those 168 men, women, and children whose lives you cut short. They are with me now in my Reign, but they still had so much life to live! Some of them were going to make tremendous contributions to society.

You didn't know, of course, but one of the infants you killed was going to find the ultimate cure for cancer. Now it will take decades more before that happens. And another child would have created the technology to harness the sun's energy. In your

lifetime, solar energy would have ended the need for nuclear power, coal, oil, and natural gas. Now it will take several more lifetimes before that happens. And in the meantime, nuclear waste is going to cause much damage to the human race and environment.

You killed those gifts when you killed those children. You took away my rightful opportunities to work with and inspire those people on behalf of the human race that I love so much. You do not yet understand that life is my gift. Life belongs to me. It is not yours to take, for any reason.

Timothy, my son, you must be held accountable for your actions. I am compassion and love, but I also am justice. Your life spent for its entirety in prison is the price for your actions. It will never equal, in punishment and pain, what you did, but it is the most just response, from a human perspective.

You do not know this yet, Timothy, but your years in prison will be the space in which a great gift will be created and given to the human race. I am the *Hound of Heaven*. I am not going to give up on you. And you know what? Finally, after many years, you will open your arms wide to my love. You will experience an earth-shattering conversion. Your years in prison will be a time of great spiritual growth. Your discoveries about the gifts of my life

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and love will be shared with the world through the books you will write and the speeches you will give from your prison cell. Your immense sin will result in profound virtue and gift for the human race. Believe it or not, because of your unwavering witness to the gift of life from your prison cell, you will help more and more people to appreciate life. Amazingly, your witness will help to bring an end to the legalization of abortion in the United States, because the law will no longer reflect the beliefs of most Americans.

Oh, but Timothy, my son, this will never happen, because my people are doing to you what you did to my 168 loved ones! You are being killed in order to send the message that killing is wrong. That just doesn't make sense to me.

I am being deprived of my opportunity to be the *Hound of Heaven* and to bring you into my circle of light and love. I just need more time with you. They are taking that time away from me just as you took that time away from the 168 in Oklahoma City.

How the world suffers and deprives itself of what I can do for it when anyone cuts life short.

I am so sad. I want to love all of you into peace, joy, and freedom, but you, humans, keep killing my chances to help.

Please, please, my people! Stop depriving me of my opportunities to be the *Hound of Heaven*.

Please let me be God!

Fr. Mike

Thank You!

I extend to everyone a very special "Thank You" for your greetings, good wishes, blessings, and prayers on my entry into the Medicare Arena. Let the party continue! —Fr. Mike

World Mission Sunday

Each year we celebrate World Mission Sunday in October by praying for the missionaries and contributing to support them. This year we are invited to act in solidarity with the missionaries in India and throughout the world. Every day, faithful missionaries are reaching out in the name of Christ, offering practical, emotional, and spiritual care to communities, children, and families in desperate need, bringing the light of Christ to the darkest of circumstances. Please remember these missionaries in your prayers and use the envelope attached to the bulletin recently to make a contribution toward their work. The envelopes may be returned any time during the month of October. For more information, and to see a video, visit www.IAmAMissionary.org. To make a donation online, visit www.helptthemissions.org.

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 Two Become One!*

Check the Parish website, www.stmoside.org, Event Pictures, for photos from the retreat last weekend.

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

Welcome New Parishioners

Maggie Bosse

Congratulations to

Ralph & Flora Fallone

who celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary October 21.

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 **Ralph & Flora Fallone** in honor of their wedding anniversary.

**In Memoriam**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:



Donald Hodgson, who died on October 11. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, October 22, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep his family in your prayers.

Esther Mendoza, who died on October 15. Her funeral arrangements are pending. Please keep her family in your prayers.

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

Vocations

Some times we are afraid to consider a life of service to God. People might consider us nerds...might not believe we are making the most of our lives. But look at those that serve you now at STM: Fr. Mike, Fr. Karl, Fr. Jerry, Sr. Maureen, Deacon John. Don't be afraid. Join a group of wonderful people. If you feel a calling to be a priest, deacon, or religious, check it out. Contact Deacon Tom at thomasgoeltz@aol.com or 760-727-8442. Serving God and his people can be a great vocation.

Blood Drive

It is time for our fall blood drive. The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be here in the parking lot on Sunday, November 3, 8:30am-2:30pm. Please be generous. Sign ups will be on the Plaza after all Masses on the weekend of October 19-20 and October 26-27. For more information, contact Linda Dicus at 760-726-5081.

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.

Readings for the Week Ahead
 Sunday Year C; Weekday Year I
 Readings online at www.usccb.org.
Sunday, October 20 (147)
Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Exodus 17:8-13
 Psalm 121:1-8
 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2
 Luke 18:1-8
Monday, October 21 (473)
 Romans 4:20-25
 Luke 1:69-75 (Psalm)
 Luke 12:13-21
Tuesday, October 22 (474)
John Paul II, pope
 Romans 5:12,15b,17-19,20b-21
 Psalm 40:7-10,17
 Luke 12:35-38
Wednesday, October 23 (475)
John of Capistrano, priest
 Romans 6:12-18
 Psalm 124:1-8
 Luke 12:39-48
Thursday, October 24 (476)
Anthony Mary Claret, bishop
 Romans 6:19-23
 Psalm 1:1-4,6
 Luke 12:49-53
Friday, October 25 (477)
 Romans 7:18-25a
 Psalm 119:66,68,76,77,93,94
 Luke 12:54-59
Saturday, October 26 (478)
 Romans 8:1-11
 Psalm 24:1-6
 Luke 13:1-9
Sunday, October 27 (150)
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Sirach 35:12-14,16-18
 Psalm 34:2-3,17-19,23
 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18
 Luke 18:9-14

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
 Clarice Bednarz
 John Bennici
 Regina Bentz
 Lisa Berg
 Roseanne Berg
 Mary Betz
 Betty Jean Bielich
 Zane Breier
 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
 The Vaughn Clevenger Family
 Dolly Cole
 Carl Coleman
 James Coleman
 Carol Costa
 Steven Cresencia
 Lené Crowe
 Karen Flaharty Daley
 Kristina Davare
 Beverly de Gelder
 Mercedes Dea
 Carole Dillon
 Art Dossman
 Dave Dossman
 John Drazkowski, Jr.
 La Vonne Dumas
 Debbie Ebaugh
 Connor Eberhard
 Carolyn Erickson Ey
 Sharon Evans
 Victoria Lopez Fenton
 The Fiore Family
 Ryan Flum
 Ernie Follis
 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
 Clement & Phyllis Hall
 Pat & Tom Hannon
 The Harker Family
 Barbara Hatem
 Heidi Heaton
 Lilian Hills
 The Hodgson Family
 Samara Hook
 Susan Hori
 Rick Hughes
 Iolanda Iacobelli
 Linda Iacobelli Bennett
 Betty Karch
 Connor Kerzie
 Peggy Kiernan
 Debbie Kinney
 Dewey Kolbo
 Tony Korwin
 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
 Kalei Mendiola
 The Mendoza Family
 Bill Metzger
 Phyllis Minaya
 June Mitchell
 June Montgomery
 Nancy Moore
 The Morente Family
 Elizabeth Muehlbacher
 Conrad Murphy
 Margie Myers
 Richard Obsitnik
 Louis Padilla
 Bernadette Padovan
 Ethan Palm
 Perry Postulka
 Douglas Price-Williams
 The Joe Prokop Family
 Barbara Ramm
 Rita Ritchie
 Adela Rivera
 Elena Rivera
 Maria Rogers
 Dorothy Rouse
 The Russo Family
 Cindy Sanelli
 Linda Schmidt
 Julie Schweighofer
 Don Shaw
 Joan Shea
 Jack and Rita Shepard
 Elizabeth Shirzad
 Beth Snyder
 Nick Soltau
 Fred & Gilda Spiegel
 Darek, Vanessa, & Elba Spizewski
 The Staehr Family
 The Stanislawski Family
 Pete Sullivan
 David Sweet
 Julie Teare
 Jennifer Thieme
 Diana Thompson
 Jim Thompson
 Tommy & Ginger Thompson
 Sarah Tillinghast
 William Tompson
 Stephen Toth, Jr.
 Lucy Vienna
 Dorina Visciglio
 Vanessa Vitiello
 Kevin Watson-Graff
 Sue Welch
 John Whitton
 Marceline Williams
 Suzanne Wood
 Erin Young
 Patricia Zavala

Calendar Highlights

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

Oct 19-20 Fair Trade Chocolate Sales
 Oct 20 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
 Oct 20 Knights of Columbus Oktoberfest BBQ for La Posada
 Oct 20 RE.A.CH Classes at Church, including high school
 Oct 26-27 Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive
 Oct 27 New Member Reception
 Oct 27 High School RE.A.CH
 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 3 RE.A.CH Classes at Church, including high school
 Nov 3 Blood Drive
 Nov 9-10 St. Bonaventure Clothing Drive
 Nov 10 RE.A.CH Classes at Church, including high school
 Nov 11 Women's Guild Luncheon
 Nov 24 Knights of Columbus Breakfast
 Nov 24 Year of Faith Closing Event
 Nov 28 Thanksgiving Dinner
2014
 Jan 5 Twelfth Night Choral Festival
 Jan 25-26 STM Authors Book Signing Event

Questions? Contact Henny at 760-758-4100 x100

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.

October 21	Sr. Carlotta DiLorenzo, CSJ
October 22	Sr. M. Ursula Doherty, RSM
October 23	Sr. Mary Agnes Dombroski, DMML
October 24	Sr. Maria Dowhaniuk, SFCC
October 25	Sr. James Louise Downey, OP
October 26	Sr. Margaret Doyle, SHCJ
October 27	Sr. Elizabeth Drew, SHCJ

Mass Intentions	
Saturday, October 19, 5:00pm	Leola Richards ☩
Sunday, October 20, 8:30am	Laura Ludke ☩
Sunday, October 20, 10:30am	Ralph & Flora Fallone
Monday, October 21, 8:15am	Camillo DeCoro ☩
Tuesday, October 22, 8:15am	Joanne Robinson ☩
Wednesday, October 23, 8:15am	Angelina Curci ☩
Thursday, October 24, 8:15am	Bill Votel ☩
Friday, October 25, 8:15am	Jerry & Judy Buoniconti
Saturday, October 26, 5:00pm	Dante Tusei ☩
Sunday, October 27, 8:30am	Joan Stringer ☩
Sunday, October 27, 10:30am	Cosmo Nocida ☩

Social Ministries/Outreach

Nationwide Immigration Rallies

Thousands of supporters of an immigration overhaul held rallies on Saturday, October 5 at more than 150 sites in 40 states, calling on Congress to pass a comprehensive Immigration Reform Bill. Over 3,000 people marched through the streets of San Diego at an event sponsored by many groups, including Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice and San Diego Organizing Project. In keeping with the position of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, we are seeking passage of a bill that is comprehensive: includes an earned pathway to citizenship, protects rights of workers, keeps families together, and avoids over militarization of border communities. Several of our Parishioners attended. If you would like to be involved, contact Sr. Maureen at 760-758-4100 x131 or maureenb@stmoside.org.



They Are Remembered...

Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

You are invited to attend our annual Mass to remember and celebrate the lives of our loved ones who have passed through death to new life during this past year. The Mass will be celebrated Saturday, November 2, at 9:00am on the upper level of the Parish Center.

During the month of November, the church traditionally remembers those who have gone before us to new life. There will be a special book for you to write the names of your loved ones, located in the center aisle at the November 2 Mass and then will be located near the alcove for the statue of Mary for the rest of the month. Join us in praying: Holy Mary, Gentle Mother, gather within your arms those who have died, and intercede for those who mourn them. Amen.

All Souls Envelopes

Envelopes for remembering the dearly departed were attached to the bulletin recently and are also available at the information table on the Plaza. Envelopes returned by November 1 will be placed on the altar during the month of November.

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

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—God's Love, Our Love:

Procreation: "It is the nature of love to overflow, to be life-giving. Thus, it is no surprise that marriage is ordained not only to growing in love but to transmitting life. 'By its very nature the institution of marriage and married love [is] ordered to the procreation and education of the offspring and it is in them that it finds its crowning glory'" (Gaudium et Spes). To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

Marriage Moments— "Aaron and Hur supported [Moses'] hands" so that Israel would be victorious. (Exodus 17:12) Support for your beloved can be financial, emotional, physical, sentimental, inspirational, favors, doing chores...Which kind of support is easiest for you? Hardest? By Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net.

Parenting Pointers— "Remain faithful to what you have learned and believed, because you know from whom you learned it. (2 Timothy 3:14) Parenting is hard. We talk with other parents, we read, we follow our instincts; AND we are subtly influenced by how we have been parented ourselves. What's the best/worst parenting practice you learned from your own parents? 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.

St. Bonaventure Clothing Drive

Want to help? Contact your co-workers, friends and neighbors. See if they have clothing, sturdy footwear, blankets, jackets, etc., which are not being used. Place the clothes in a large trash bag and bring it to the drive November 9-10. It will all be put to good use by those who need it so much. Questions? Contact Deacon Tom at thomasgoeltz@aol.com or 760-727-8442.

Christmas Angel Ministry

Yes, Christmas decorations are in the stores already!

And that means it's time for the STM Christmas

Angel Ministry to start planning for this 2013-2014

season. How can we better serve the children through local community organizations and our military families at Camp Pendleton? Did you know there are plenty of simple, non time-consuming opportunities within this ministry? There's a lot going on behind the scenes to make it all come together. Please join us for one of our informational and planning meetings on either Tuesday, October 22 or Wednesday, October 23 at 7:00pm on the lower level of the Parish Center—back to back meetings in case you can't make one! Be a part of a rewarding, well-received program to spread the joy of Christmas and share our abundant blessings with others.



Marti and John Harper
760-724-1181
4johnnyangel@cox.net

Parish Events

New Member Reception Sunday, October 27

We are welcoming all new Parishioners who have joined us since March at a new member reception and luncheon on Sunday, October 27, at 12:00pm, after the 10:30am Mass, in the lower level of the Parish Center. Invitations have been sent, and we look forward to meeting you. If you were unable to attend the last reception in March, please know that you are welcome to attend this one.

Please RSVP at 760-758-4100 x154 or
parishoffice@stmoside.org by October 21

so that we can adequately prepare as your hosts. For further information, contact Valerie Thompson at 760-630-1703 or valgene2@cox.net.

Women's Guild News

Over 65 members of the Women's Guild were involved in the success of last week's bake and quilt items sale. Special kudos go to Nancy Wozniak, Pat Wong, Siggie Ogan, and Vera Bayliss who chaired both events. We are grateful for their dedication and generosity and for those who participated. Fifteen quilters contributed materials, time, and talent and raised \$3,008 as a result; all donations. God bless each of them. A great big **Thank You!** To everyone who participated in the bake sale, from callers to bakers, buyers, and donators. Due to your generosity we raised over \$1,087.

Are you a lady veteran? We would like to honor you at our next Women's Guild meeting on Monday, November 11. Please let us know who you are by calling Kathy Gerhard at 760-732-5951.

What a wonderful time we had at our last meeting. If you have not received your WG Directory you may pick it up in the Parish Office. —Ann Buko, *president*

Treasures 2013 Report

I am happy to report that we had another successful year raising money for our operations budget. They say many hands make for light work, and that is exactly what we got last week. With over 80 volunteers and hundreds of donated items we were able to raise over **\$12,000**. Each year the St Thomas More community pulls together and scores a big win for our Parish. With close to 30 plant vendor donations and other focus areas like tools, sports, jewelry, and more, it was like a big department store. Again, you came out and supported our efforts by donating, volunteering, and purchasing items. My hat is off to all who participated that day, all who helped set up and pick up plant donations, and finally my sincere gratitude to those on the steering committee:

Wendy Murphy, Cherie & Greg Abrahms, Lisa & Pat Attardo,
 Maralee Sullivan, and Pat McWilliams

If you want to join in the success just ask me how you can help next year! Thank you and God Bless you for all that you do for St. Thomas More. —John Murphy, *Chairperson*

Life Walk '13 to Benefit Life Perspectives

Saturday, October 26, 11:00am, De Anza Cove at Mission Bay. BBQ lunch at 12:00noon. Proceeds benefit *Whole Life Curriculum* and *Abortion Changes You*. Register to walk or make a pledge to sponsor a walker. For more information, contact Jane Kelleher at 760-822-7041 or www.lplifewalk.com.

Golf! Golf! Golf!

St. Thomas More is sponsoring a Golf Outing at the best private golf course in North County. On Monday, October 28, at 10:00am, golfers will tee off at Shadowridge Country Club, 1980 Gateway Dr., Vista, for a fun day in the sun with Parishioners, family, and friends. To register, please contact the Parish Office at 760-758-4100 x100 or parishoffice@stmoside.org.



The cost is **\$80 per player if paid by October 21.**
After October 21, the cost will be \$100 per player.

Please note that space is limited, and registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Please join us!

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) 937 available	\$300/person
Daily Mass Chapel and Choir Chairs (200) 139 available	\$300/each



10/15/13

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

Worship God

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

MOVING WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Is Liturgical Dance a Ministry?

Our article this week is written by Parishioner Evi Quinn.

The inspiring and uplifting music during our liturgies here at St. Thomas More has me frequently swaying my body ever so lightly to that contagious rhythm. I feel a genuine joy in my heart and at times have to restrain my feet and hands from moving with the song. Has that

cannot do that, because I have to fit into this calm and proper-looking mold.

But since I read a report of the big Mass, celebrated with Pope Francis and 3.5 million Catholics on World Youth Day on Copacabana Beach in Rio this summer, I have given much thought to Liturgical Dancing. The theme song was "Christ invites us: Come to me, be my friend" is not about bowing down in adoration to a distant deity, but an invitation to move with Christ as our friend.

The very many bishops there from all around the world became our example, dancing freely along with all their sisters and brothers. You can view a short video of these moments by going to www.ncronline.org/news/art-media/wisdomdances and clicking on the arrow in the picture of the bishops. It features an article with comments from renowned dance performers, saying "there is a song in our hearts and the Holy Spirit moves us." John West, who has led the Valyermo Dancers, based at St. Andrew's Abbey in California and who frequently helps thousands at the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress through movement, acknowledges the contribution of Gloria Weyman from the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo to the liturgical dancing at the many events at World Youth Day.

This all motivated me to bring up the subject of Liturgical Dance or at least some kind of modest body movement with fitting music during our Eucharistic celebrations. I think it is worth our giving it some thought and consideration. I always try to be open to the nudgings of the Holy Spirit, which is also quite apparent at St. Thomas More, a Parish so very much alive.

—Evi Quinn



strange feeling ever surfaces in any of you? Granted, I have been exposed to liturgical celebrations like that at Masses with large attendance, but God-praising music seems to always bring an urge from my soul to my body to move.

I once visited the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem and saw the people in deep vocal prayer, moving their bodies, as to wanting to be in total communion with God in body and soul.

Likewise a Mass I attended in Hawaii, with the congregation in native attire and moving their bodies in Hawaiian dancing in sync with their beautiful music, was a deep inspiration for me.

So I ask myself many times during Mass, why do we have to stand there stiff and unmoving? My pastor in a previous parish always raised his arms when the Gloria was sung. Ever since then I feel sad that I



Luke 18:7

We Need Eucharistic Ministers

Are you interested in serving the Parish as a Eucharistic Minister?

QUALIFICATIONS

Confirmed in the Roman Catholic Church

Completed the Diocese of San Diego's Formation Workshop for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (or equivalent)

The next workshop is November 9 at the Pastoral Center in San Diego.

Questions? Interest?

Or to sign up for this diocesan formation workshop, contact Douglas at 760-758-4100 x140 or douglasl@stmoside.org.

Upcoming Music

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**OCTOBER 27
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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5:00pm Mass

Praise Team

8:30am Mass

Tower Bells

10:30am Mass

Sanctuary Choir

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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

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

This is a RE.A.CH week at Church



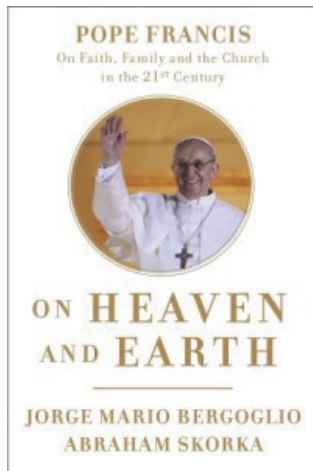
SUNDAY
is the day for
fairly traded chocolate
plus coffee

Proceeds from this month's sales will go toward the donation of a LLAMA to a family in Bolivia.

Heifer International will provide the family with a llama, along with training and education in its care.

Fr. Mike's Bookies

Our next book for reading and discussion is **On Heaven and Earth** by Pope Francis



From the man who became Pope Francis, Jorge Mario Bergoglio shares his thoughts on religion, reason, and the challenges the world faces in the 21st century with Abraham Skorka, a rabbi and biophysicist.

For years Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, archbishop of Argentina, and Rabbi Abraham Skorka were tenacious promoters of interreligious dialogues on faith and reason. They both sought to build bridges among Catholicism, Judaism, and the world at large.

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The hardcover book is available at the Parish Office for \$16. It is also available for \$9.78 on Kindle through *Amazon.com*, as well as for other e-readers at your device's online store.

Interested in Becoming Fully Catholic?

Are you one of those faithful non-Catholic spouses that come to Mass so your family can pray as a unit?

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Our RCIA process is ongoing, but we are still waiting for YOU!

Are you searching for...

- ◆ *A deeper relationship with God?*
- ◆ *A sense of belonging in a faith community?*
- ◆ *A greater fulfillment of your mission in life?*

Contact Kathleen Bell to set up a time for an informal cup of coffee and discuss your invitation to be fully a part of the STM faith community.



Interested in Becoming a Sponsor for RCIA?

The RCIA team is ready to embark on another exciting year. As we begin this process, we extend an invitation to each of you who feels a calling to sponsorship for adults seeking full initiation into the Catholic faith.

We are currently establishing a list of interested persons who are ready to dedicate themselves to a relationship of faith-based mentorship in a shared spiritual journey of conversion. We welcome you in your calling.

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Letting God Use Us: Humility as a Christian Stewardship Virtue

There was a time when my understanding of humility was actually a stumbling block to my growth as a disciple. I believed that humility required that I embrace an overly timid stance in life. The result being a struggle with the tension between remaining humble while at the same time confidently responding to the call to be a disciple and to share the hope that I have in Christ with others.

I found a renewed vision of humility in the words of C.S. Lewis, "Humility does not mean that we think less of ourselves...it simply means that we think of ourselves less." In these words I discovered what I like to call a healthy-humility. My gifts are not of my own doing; they come from and belong to God. This humble disposition should give us the God-grounded confidence, and the courage, to boldly, yet kindly, use our gifts to glorify God; that's healthy-humility.



Jesus said, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me" (Luke 9:23). Note that Jesus puts denying ourselves as the first requirement.

The humble person denies that their opportunities, talents, and abilities have anything to do with themselves.

The "deny self" motto is, "It's not mine and it's not about me!" Now you're ready to take up any challenge and follow Christ.

Some may think that adopting the attitude of unworthiness is being humble. So often you hear people say "I am not good enough to get involved in ministry;" this is false humility.

Sometimes we need to just get over ourselves, get out of the way, and humbly let God use us. We can do this by confidently, generously, and joyfully, sharing our gifts.

Blessed Mother Teresa said, "If you are discouraged it is a sign of pride because it shows you trust in your own power. Your self-sufficiency, your selfishness and your intellectual pride will inhibit God's coming to live in your heart because God cannot fill what is already full. It is as simple as that". Humility is so much more productive than pride.

—ICSC member Dan Potvin, Director of Stewardship for the Archdiocese of Winnipeg, Canada, Part four in a series of 12 reflections on stewardship virtues, Catholic Stewardship, e-bulletin October 2013 (with permission)

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— C. S. Lewis

HELPFUL YEAR-END PLANNING TIPS GOT DEDUCTIONS?

2013 YEAR-END CHECKLIST

- ◆ **BE SURE TO COMPLETE** all gifts by December 31 to qualify for tax savings on this year's tax return. **Advance planning with the Parish Office is essential, since the office will be closed from 4:00pm on Friday, December 20, 2013 to Monday, January 6, 2014.**
- ◆ Donations received the weekend of December 28-29, 2013, and the Tuesday, December 31 Vigil Mass will be credited in the 2013 tax year.
- ◆ **Envelopes POSTMARKED on or before Tuesday, December 31, 2013 will be counted toward the 2013 tax year.**
- ◆ Annual Catholic Appeal ~ Parishioners with a balance due on their pledges made to this year's ACA are requested to conclude payments by December 31, 2013. (*Tithing families, know that your tithe covers your ACA contribution.*)
- ◆ Keep all gift receipts and acknowledgment letters, especially for gifts of \$250 or more.
- ◆ If you sold securities this year and will owe capital gains tax, remember that gifts of cash or other securities may partially or fully offset any tax on your gains.

Chris Smith, 760-758-4100, x120 or chriss@stmoside.org

All gifts to St. Thomas More are deeply appreciated!

Collection for Week of October 12/13, 2013

Number of Registered Households		1,059
Offertory*	\$	7,314.60
Offertory (Loose Collection)		956.00
Children's envelopes		0.00
Total	\$	8,270.60

* 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 Parishoffice@stmoside.org.

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News and Information from the Larger Church

Catholic High School Open Houses

Cathedral Catholic (for young men and women)—Saturday, October 26, 10:00am-2:00pm. Visit cathedralcatholic.org or call 858-523-4000 for more information.

St. Augustine High School (for young men)—Sunday, November 3, at 1:00pm. Visit www.sahs.org or call 619-282-2184 x5521 for more information.

JSerra Catholic (for young men and women)—Sunday, November 3, at 11:00am. Visit jserra.org or call 949-493-9308 for more information.

“Come and See” Weekend for Spiritan Missionaries—October 25-27, Laval House, next to Our Lady of the Valley Parish in Hemet. Young men, 16 years or older, interested in learning about community life as missionary priests, religious, and laymen. For more information, contact Fr. Neil at 951-929-6131.

Brother Benno’s Auxiliary Annual Luncheon—Saturday, October 26, 10:00am, Sheraton Carlsbad Resort and Spa. This year’s theme is “Harvest Gold,” celebrating 30 years of service. Includes luncheon, entertainment, door prizes, opportunity baskets, drawings, and silent auction. Proceeds to benefit Brother Benno’s women’s shelters. Tickets: \$60 per person or \$600 table of ten. For information/tickets, contact Vera Bayliss at 760-295-0059 or Penny Sallee at 760-912-8566.

BirthChoice First Annual Banquet—Saturday, October 26, 5:30pm, Sheraton in Carlsbad. Complimentary dinner with Silent Auction and other support opportunities. Featured is Shawn Carney, nationally known speaker and co-founder of *40 Days for Life*. For more information, contact Mike Brady at mbrady@birthchoice.net.

Messa di Gloria (Puccini) Choral Concert—Sunday, October 27, 4:00pm, San Rafael Catholic Church, 17252 Bernardo Center Dr., San Diego. For more information, contact 858-487-4314 x1225.

News from St. Francis Church

St. Francis School is our Parish School!—Families from St. Thomas More are extended the same benefits and rewards as St. Francis Parishioners, including:

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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.

Shredathon and Electronic Recycling in Carlsbad—Saturday, November 9, 9:00am-12:00noon, St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, 6628 Santa Isabel, Carlsbad. Proshred will be available to shred personal papers for \$5 per copy box full. Basically anything with a plug (except clothes washers, dryers, and refrigerators) can be dropped off for free for recycling. Proceeds will benefit St. Elizabeth Seton’s new Parish Center. Call 760-419-9243 for more information.

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. Upcoming training sessions are on October 19 or 30. 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 November 20), 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.

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

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.

Online Rosary

Pray the rosary online—visit www.therosary3.com

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.

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

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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.



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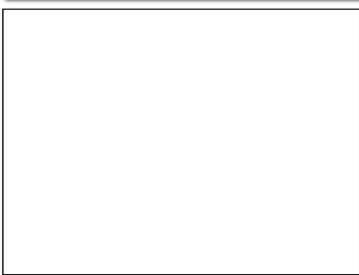
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Thanksgiving Dinner at St. Thomas More



*Our Parish family will be hosting a Thanksgiving Dinner
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We would love to have you share this holiday with us!

*The traditional dinner dishes (all of the hot dishes and cranberry
sauce) will be provided, although if you would like to bring an
appetizer or a dessert, it will be welcomed. We serve the Dinner in
family style, so please return this form to the Parish Office as soon
as possible, so we can plan for seating.*

*For more information, or to RSVP, please call Henny at the Parish
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*I/we will be attending the Thanksgiving Dinner
at St. Thomas More on November 28.*

Name(s): _____

Address: _____
(street) (city) (zip code)

Phone number: _____

Number of people attending: _____

*(A free-will offering will be taken at the Dinner. This will be used to pay
personnel hired to help serve and clean up. Any additional donations will go
to the Church of St. Thomas More.)*

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