

St. Thomas More Catholic Church

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

Monday-Friday at 8:15am

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday, 4:00-4:30pm

November 3, 2013 • Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor's Column

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"Truly This Is a New People, and There Is Something Divine in Them"

Aristides was a second century Greek philosopher who admired the followers of Jesus and defended them in a letter addressed to Emperor Hadrian sometime around the year 120AD. Of those early believers, Aristides wrote:

Christians love one another. They never fail to help widows; they save orphans from those who would hurt them.

If one of them has something, he gives freely to the one who has nothing without boasting.

If they see a stranger, Christians take him home and are happy as though he were a real brother.

They don't consider themselves brothers in the usual sense, but brothers instead through the Spirit of God.

And if they hear that one of them is in jail or persecuted for professing the name of their redeemer, they all give him what he needs and, if possible to redeem him, they set him free.

And if there is among them any poor or naked and if they have no spare food, they fast two or three days in order to supply the needy.

They live with much care, justly and soberly as the Lord their God commanded...and they do not declare in the ears of the multitude the kind deeds they do but are careful that no one should take notice of them.

Truly this is a new people and there is something divine in them.

How do Christians live up to the spirit, attitude, and behavior of our early ancestors?

Can others look at us, and say, "They are a new people and there is something divine in them."

How do we live with and treat others: our family members, our neighbors, our co-workers in our places of employment, our classmates in our schools?

Do we attempt to bring the spirit of Christianity to our political thinking or do we allow the politics of the Left and the Right to drown out the voice of this "new people?"

Do we try with the spirit of our faith to look at issues in a new way, trying to find solutions and resolutions to societal issues?

Two monumental issues facing us as a country today are the Affordable Health Care Act and Immigration.

Are we aware of the Church's position on these issues and do we bring that voice to the public square?

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) position on health care: "In our Catholic tradition, health care is a basic human right. Access to health care should not depend on where a person works, how much a family earns, or where a person lives. Instead, every person, created in the image and

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likeness of God, has a right to life and to those things necessary to sustain life, including affordable, quality health care. This teaching is rooted in the biblical call to heal the sick and to serve 'the least of these,' our concern for human life and dignity, and the principle of the common good."

Although the USCCB does not support the present Affordable Health Care Law because of abortion coverage and the lack of protection of conscience rights, it does not mean that the Church is against universal health care. That is a goal that we need to continue to work towards.

Do we bring this voice to the public square?

Where does the USCCB stand on Immigration Reform? The USCCB supports comprehensive immigration reform and a pathway to earned citizenship for the over eleven million undocumented immigrants in our midst. This teaching can be found in the USCCB document, "Strangers No Longer: Together on the Journey of Hope."

The majority of undocumented immigrants are Christian and, most probably, Catholic. Do we see them as our brothers and sisters in Christ, as members of the Body of Christ, the majority of whom only want a better life for their children and grandchildren?

Seeing them in this light can be the beginning of a new understanding and a new voice to bring to the public square.

Let us pray and work hard to live the spirit of our ancestors in faith. Let us bring a new voice to the private and public squares of our lives.

Let us be a new people and may we recognize, and may others see the divine that is within us!

F. Mike

"Did You Know" Collection October 2013

\$2,748.00

Restaurant Fundraisers October 2013

Sammy's Wood Fire Pizza	\$125.05
Nucci's	\$298.95
Total	\$424.00

National Needs Collection

This month has been designated for the 2013 Collection for National Needs. Special envelopes are attached to the bulletin for this collection, which supports:

- † Black and Indian Missions,
- † Catholic Home Missions,
- † Catholic Communication Campaign,
- † Catholic Campaign for Human Development, and
- † Catholic University of America.

For more information, visit <http://www.usccb.org/about/national-collections/index.cfm>. Envelopes may be returned any time during the month of November. Thank you for your generosity!

Congratulations to**Carl & Masako Streling**

who celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary November 5
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 **Carl & Masako Streling** in honor of their wedding anniversary.

**In Memoriam**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Lee Vasquez, who died on August 11. Please keep his sister, Parishioner Marge Gillen, and his family in your prayers.

Luis Trejo, who died on October 29. Please keep his sister, Berta Uribe, and his 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

A calling to serve God and his people as a priest, deacon, or religious can be a wonderful thing...but it needs to be responded to. If you think that perhaps God is calling you, don't be afraid; pray over it, then investigate it. Contact Deacon Tom at thomasgoeltz@aol.com or 760-727-8442.

Looking for Information on the Catholic Faith?

Are you interested in learning more about Catholicism, becoming a Catholic, or returning to the Catholic Church after being away?

For information, call Kathleen Bell at 760-758-4100 x110.

STM Scrip News

The holidays are coming. Don't forget to stock up on grocery store Scrip. We now carry Frazier Farms gifts cards.

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.

Our Mission is to:

worship God,

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

Readings for the Week Ahead

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

Sunday, November 3 (153)
Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wisdom 11:22–12:2

Psalms 145:1–2,8–11,13–14
2 Thessalonians 1:11–2:2
Luke 19:1–10

Monday, November 4 (485)
Charles Borromeo, bishop

Romans 11:29–36
Psalm 69:30–31,33–34,36
Luke 14:12–14

Tuesday, November 5 (486)

Romans 12:5–16b
Psalm 131:1–3
Luke 14:15–24

Wednesday, November 6 (487)

Romans 13:8–10
Psalm 112:1–2,4–5,9
Luke 14:25–33

Thursday, November 7 (488)

Romans 14:7–12
Psalm 27:1,4,13–14
Luke 15:1–10

Friday, November 8 (489)

Romans 15:14–21
Psalm 98:1–4
Luke 16:1–8

Saturday, November 9 (671)

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Ezekiel 47:1–2,8–9,12
Psalm 46:2–3,5–6,8–9
1 Corinthians 3:9c–11,16–17
John 2:13–22

Sunday, November 10 (156)

*Thirty-second Sunday
in Ordinary Time*
Maccabees 7:1–2,9–14
Psalm 17:1,5–6,8,15
2 Thessalonians 2:16–3:5
Luke 20:27–38

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 2, 5:00pm
Mari-Jo Porter, Joseph Immerso,
Robert Hale ☩

Sunday, November 3, 8:30am
Vincent Kater ☩

Sunday, November 3, 10:30am
Robert Ratajczak ☩

Monday, November 4, 8:15am
Ethel Vanderhagen ☩

Tuesday, November 5, 8:15am
John Rodriguez ☩

Wednesday, November 6, 8:15am
Mary Kane

Thursday, November 7, 8:15am
Rita & Jack Shepard

Friday, November 8, 8:15am
Jack Fischer ☩

Saturday, November 9, 5:00pm
Anthony Masseth ☩

Sunday, November 10, 8:30am
Al Barmasse ☩

Sunday, November 10, 10:30am
Gary LaBerge ☩

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

Changa Aguilera
Mary Alexander
Lucia Ambriz
Carrie Autrey
Colleen Aynes
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
Shelby Campbell
Brianna Campos
Claudia Caplinger
Aria Cappeluti
Paul Cassidy
Marilyn Clarke
The Vaughn Clevenger Family
Dolly Cole
Carl & James Coleman
Frank Corrigan
Carol Costa
Steven Cresencia
Lené Crowe
Karen Flaharty Daley
Mercedes Dea
The Delaney Family
Carole Dillon
Art & Dave Dossman
John Drazkowski, Jr.
La Vonne Dumas
Debbie Ebaugh
Connor Eberhard
Carolyn Erickson Ey
Sharon Evans
Theresa Farrell
Victoria Lopez Fenton
The Fiore Family
Ryan Flum
Ernie Follis
Eugene Franciscus
Kathryn Franklin
Joe Freire
The Greg French Family
Jim Gallagher
The Joe Garcia Family
Kathy Gardner
The Gillen and Vasquez Families
Wendy Gonzales' Dad
Rick Gonzalez
Rosemary Haeffelin
Pat & Tom Hannon
The Harker Family
Barbara Hatem
Heidi Heaton
Lillian Hills
The Hodgson Family
Samara Hook
Susan Hori
Rick Hughes
Iolanda Iacobelli
Linda Iacobelli Bennett
Courtney Jackman
Danica Jennison
Betty Karch
Laura Kater
Connor Kerzie
Peggy Kiernan
Debbie Kinney
Dewey Kolbo
Tony Korwin
Lillian Lachance
The Lamelin Family
Dorie Laughlin
Brandon LeBlanc
Jeremiah Lemus
Claudia Leué
The Paul Leué Family
Ashley Load
Cassandra Loretto
Lauren Loretto
Joaquin Maldonado
Paige Mansell
The Manuto Family

Alexander Mathews
Chandler May
Tony McCloskey
Bob McWilliams
Joyce Meehan
Kalei Mendiola
The Mendoza Family
Bill Metzger
Phyllis Minaya
June Mitchell
June Montgomery
Nancy Moore
The Morente Family
Elizabeth Muehlbacher
Conrad Murphy
Margie Myers
Sr. Sheila Novak
The Oey Family
Ethan Palm
Perry Postulka
The Joe Prokop Family
Barbara Ramm
Jan Riley
Rita Ritchie
Adela & Elena Rivera
Maria Rogers
Dorothy Rouse
The Russo Family
Cindy Sanelli
Linda Schmidt
Julie Schweighofer
Don Shaw
Joan Shea
Jack and Rita Shepard
Cary Slabaugh
Beth Snyder
Nick Soltau
Fred & Gilda Spiegel
Darek, Vanessa, & Elba Spizewski
The Staehr Family
The Stanislawski Family
Leah Stevens
David Sweet
Julie Teare
Jennifer Thieme
Jim Thompson
Sarah Tillinghast
William Tompson
Stephen Toth, Jr.
The Trejo/Maldonado/Uribe Family
Barbara Upson
The Joe Vidal Family
Lucy Vienna
Dorina Visciglio
Erlicia Volkes
Sue Welch
John Whitton
Marceline Williams
Suzanne Wood
Erin Young
Patricia Zavala
Martin Zschoche

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
Capt. Branden M. Felker, USAF
Patrick G. Felker, USN
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

Calendar Highlights

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

Nov 3 Liturgy of the Word for
Children at 8:30am Mass
Nov 3 RE.A.CH Classes at
Church, including high
school
Nov 3 Blood Drive
Nov 5-6 Restaurant Fundraiser
(location to be announced)
Nov 9-10 St. Bonaventure
Clothing Drive
Nov 10 Liturgy of the Word for
Children at 8:30am Mass
Nov 10 RE.A.CH Classes at
Church, including high
school
Nov 11 Women's Guild Luncheon
Nov 16 Advent Wreath Workshop
Nov 24 Knights of Columbus
Breakfast
Nov 24 Year of Faith Closing Event
Nov 28 Thanksgiving Day—
Mass at 9:00am
Nov 28 Thanksgiving Dinner
Dec 9 Immaculate Conception of
the Blessed Virgin Mary
Masses at 8:15am and
7:00pm
Dec 24 Vigil of Christmas—Masses
at 4:00pm, 4:15pm,
6:00pm, and 10:00pm
Dec 25 Christmas—Mass at 9:00am
Dec 31 Mary Mother of God—
Mass at 5:00pm

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Jan 1 Mary Mother of God—
Mass at 9:30am
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.

November 4
Sr. Carmen Figueroa, SFCC
November 5
Sr. Anne G. Fitzgerald, CSJ
November 6
Sr. Madeline Fitzgerald, OSC
November 7
Sr. Cecilia Flores, OP
November 8
Sr. Mary Ann (Sis) Flynn, RSCJ
November 9
Sr. Frances Michele Francese, CSJ
November 10
Sr. Claire Frawley, SFCC

Social Ministries/Outreach

Engaging Spirituality Begins in January 2014

Are you thirsty for God and hungry for justice in the world? While many in our world are starved of adequate nourishment, respect, and dignity, we all hunger to live deep and meaningful lives. *Engaging Spirituality* is a prayerful small group journey that invites us to draw the world—with all its beauty and brokenness—down into ourselves, to hold it in prayer together, and to practice living deeply and loving broadly. Watch the bulletin in the coming weeks for more information.

Christmas Angel Ministry

Our second meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 6, at 7:00pm, on the lower level. All are still welcome to join us as we work on ornaments and further discuss plans for this season's drive. There are opportunities to prepare ornaments at home, sort and shop for needed items, stuff stockings and gift bags, deliver toys and, most importantly, help at the tree on the plaza for a Mass or two. We need your time and talent right now to make Christmas special for children and military families in our local communities. Thank you to all who hear the call to this wonderful ministry!

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



St. Bonaventure Clothing Drive

Next weekend, November 9-10, we will be collecting clean, usable clothing, sturdy shoes, jackets, and blankets for St. Bonaventure Indian Mission. Please bring your donations (wrapped in strong, black trash bags) to the truck in the parking lot during any of the Masses. For further information, please see the insert in this week's bulletin or contact Deacon Tom at thomasgoeltz@aol.com or 760-727-8442. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Rosary

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



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 \$39,943
from this program. Thank you donors!**



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

Marriage & Family Life

Mark Your Calendar: Advent Wreath Workshop

It may still be warm outside, but Advent is just around the corner. Join us on Saturday, November 16 at 4:00pm to make an Advent Wreath with the rest of your Parish family. The Advent Wreath is a great way to prepare for Christ's birth on Christmas Day, and perfect for helping bring the celebration of Advent into your home! To register, contact Jen Frost at jenf@stmoside.org or 858-692-7438. Cost is \$10 per wreath, and **registration is required prior to the event.**



Promoting Life, Marriage, and Religious Liberty—Pray for Life, Marriage and Religious Liberty: *Join the Movement*. Visit www.usccb.org/fast to sign the fasting pledge and to sign up for weekly e-mail reminders and intentions, or text "Fast" to 99000 to receive weekly text messages.

Bishops' Letter on Marriage—Unitive and Procreative: "Conjugal love expresses the unitive meaning of marriage in such a way as to show how this meaning is ordered toward the equally obvious procreative meaning. The unitive meaning is distorted if the procreative meaning is deliberately disavowed...Likewise, the procreative meaning of marriage is degraded without the unitive." To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

Marriage Moments—"Dear God, I'm American. What are you?" (Robert, age 5) Sometimes we try to make God fit our own notion of patriotism. It's fine to be proud of one's country, but God is bigger than any one nationality and loves all people, even those we love to hate. Do you and your beloved ever disagree about politics? Vote with respect for the other this Tuesday. By Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net.

Parenting Pointers—November is National Adoption Month. Adopting a child is a huge life changing decision—usually one that enriches the whole family. Discern whether it is right for your family. If not, perhaps being a short term foster parent or mentoring or tutoring a child would work. Think about it. By Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net.

For more information, visit [www.diocese-sdiego.org/Ministries/Marriage & Family Life](http://www.diocese-sdiego.org/Ministries/Marriage%20&%20Family%20Life) or call Jen Frost at 858-692-7438.

Facing a Hospital Stay?

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

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 Seduction of Modern Man*.

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

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

Parish Events

Women's Guild News

What's in a name? A rose by any other name is a rose, and the Women's Guild by any other name will always be the Women's Guild. However that doesn't mean it can't have a nickname; something like the Guilded Ladies or the Funraisers. There must be hundreds of names to describe these women and their amazing work. That's why we are inviting all Women's Guild members to join in a Nicknaming Contest for the next month. Send your entry to annbuko@sbcglobal.net or call it in to 760-726-8831. You can also submit it at the meeting. Winners will be announced. Enter as many names as you like.

Our November 11 meeting's hospitality chair has begun taking reservations for lunch. Please call yours in to Vera Bayliss at 760-295-0059 or Ann Buko at 760-726-8831.

We still have a number of directories that have not been picked up yet. They are marked with your name at the front desk in the Parish Office.

If you are or were a woman member of the Armed Forces please join us on November 11 for lunch as our guest. Call Kathy Gerhard at 760-732-5951. —Ann Buko, president

Thanksgiving Dinner at STM

Our Parish family will be hosting their 9th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 28, at 1:00pm. A traditional Thanksgiving Dinner will be provided. If you would like to bring an appetizer or a dessert, it will be welcomed. Please RSVP per the reservation form on the Information Table or call the parish office at 760-758-4100 x100. We look forward to celebrating the holiday with you!

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.

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.

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.

Annual Financial Report

The annual financial report for fiscal year ending 2013 is available on the Parish website, www.stmoside.org. Click on *Finance* under *Parish Councils*, then click on *Parish Financial Report Fiscal Year Ending 2013* on the right side. For those without internet access, copies are available through from the Parish Office during the week.

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

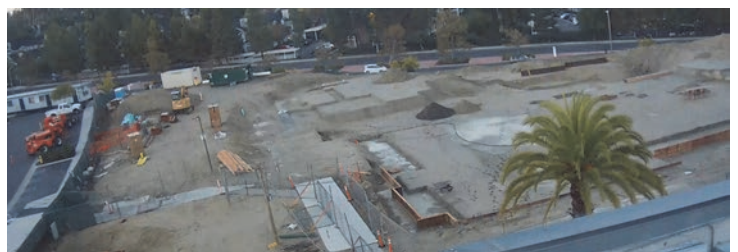


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*For more information on our progress, visit our website, stmoside.org, and click on *Our New Church*.*

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

ON THE THRESHOLD

Scripture themes for November

by Patricia Datchuck
Sánchez and Rafael
Sánchez Alonso,
from Celebration
November 2013,
with permission.

The time has come, once more, when we stand on the threshold: The year now ending fades into memory, and the year about to begin lies ahead, unknown but full of hope and promise. As is customary, several of the sacred texts this month speak sobering words about the end times, challenging us to be prepared to welcome the returning Jesus. Such

mother. We regret the office supplies we pilfered and the times we lied and called in sick when we just wanted a day off. We regret, we regret, we regret...but rather than wallow in self-loathing, we can heed the sacred texts, which invite our sincere repentance.

To inspire our efforts, Luke offers the example of Zacchaeus (Nov. 3), who not only repented of his sins but also resolved to make restitution to those he cheated and to use his half his wealth for the needs of the poor. We are also reminded of the courage we need to respond to God and to grace, consistently, so as to avoid sin. In the professions of faith of the seven brothers Maccabee and their mother (Nov. 10), we witness a faith so authentic that each was willing to die rather than breach their relationship with God. When suffering comes our way because of our faith and commitment to Jesus, we are reminded of his promise to give us words and wisdom our adversaries will be powerless to refute (Nov. 17). In those times when courage fails us and we are not strong enough to resist evil, we need not lose heart. From one of the men who was crucified with our King and Brother ("Remember me, Lord, when you come into your kingdom," Nov. 24), we learn that it is never too late to reach out and be reconciled to God.

Once we have asked God and one another for forgiveness, we are then to let go of our regrets. Imagine packing a virtual suitcase. Fill it with all the guilt that has accrued over the past year. Fold up and pack away all your broken promises, your fits of anger and your resentments. Stuff in all your refusals to forgive or to ask forgiveness. Cram in every desire for revenge and every nagging doubt. When the bag is full,



Luke 19:5

and you have nothing else to add, zip it up and walk away. Free, forgiven and unencumbered, walk with open hands and an open heart into the year soon to begin. Let guilt be replaced by gratitude, and regrets by a resolve to love more tenderly, live more justly and walk more humbly with God through each new day. Let us welcome all who may come our way in the year ahead as gifts God has given us to be appreciated and cherished. Let us also set aside worry and fear and foreboding and walk into the unknown future with the heart of a child, trusting, open, and ready for unexpected surprises.

As our companions on the journey into the new year, the sacred texts and their authors will light our way, inspire our efforts, challenge our weakness, and encourage our faith and perseverance. As we and our fellow travelers make our way forward, let us lend one another strength and support as we witness together to the good news of salvation. All the while and all along the way, we are to be keenly aware of the ever-present overtures of the Spirit.

As we stand together on this threshold between past and future, the words of Dag Hammarskjöld seem quite appropriate: "For all that has been, thanks; for all that will be, Yes!" (*Markings*, Alfred A. Knopf, New York: 1964).

Sing in the Choir for Christmas!!!

**The Sanctuary Choir begins
preparing music for Christmas this week.**

Six Thursdays, 7:00-8:00pm

All are welcome! Join us!

words are not meant to frighten us; they are not intended as cudgels to whip us into submission. On the contrary, words concerning the end times call forth in us a heightened sensitivity to God and to grace. Such words also encourage us to grow rather than stagnate, and urge us to give ourselves seriously and wholeheartedly to the demands of discipleship.

For many of us, a glance over our shoulders at the past year may fill us with regret for the wrong we have done and the good we have failed to do. We regret harsh words and angry outbursts. We regret not reaching out to family and friends. We regret our apathy toward the needs of others. We regret the time we wasted feeling sorry for ourselves. We regret all those times we said we were too busy to help, too involved with our own interests to volunteer. We regret the gossip we spread or allowed to go unchecked. We regret the ethnic jokes, the racial slurs, the jokes we'd never tell in front of our

Upcoming Music



**NOVEMBER 10
32nd Sunday in
Ordinary Time**



5:00pm Mass
Sanctuary Choir
8:30am Mass
Praise Team
10:30am Mass
Tower Bells

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

(It's two weeks in a row at Church during November and December)

Rosaries

Do you receive rosaries in the mail that you don't want, or do you have extra rosaries around your house?

We try to keep a supply on hand to give to the children at RE.A.CH. The Bereavement Ministry also uses them when a family has a Rosary before a Funeral.

Our Rosary Box is almost empty. Your donations are always welcome around the Faith Formation Office! Thanks.

Adult Confirmation

If you are over 18 and would like to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation, we have a simple and informative process to which you are invited.

There are 12 sessions over the next 6 months intended to deepen your understanding of Catholicism.

Please contact Kathleen Bell if you would like to participate.

STM Sends Llama to Bolivia!



Thank you to all those who contributed to the October Youth Justice Foundation table. You helped EDGE's team members, Abby, Owen, Scott, Isaac, and Roman sell over one hundred bars of fairly traded chocolate and raise enough in proceeds to donate a llama to a family in Bolivia.

Look for EDGE teams St. Francis and St. Maria Goretti on November 16-17. And thank you again for your generosity!!

Youth Activities

All Parish teens and friends are invited to join in our ongoing youth activities. Just drop in any Monday night at 7:00pm for Youth Group or contact me for more information.

Marcus Cabrera
Youth Advocate

Ignite Nights:

Every month, we have a high energy charismatic worship night led by the band, Team Lift Ministries. This night attracts youth groups from as far as Orange County and USD and is a great opportunity for the youth of our diocese to meet, mingle, and pray. An energetic guest speaker is invited to deliver a contemporary message, but the highlight of the night is always Adoration at the end. Our next Ignite Night is November 25—the day after the Year of Faith ends! These nights run from 7:00-8:45pm.

Tutoring the Homeless:

Most people don't often see homeless children, but there are far too many of them. St Thomas More's youth have taken to reaching out to these children by tutoring them in all subjects. The average child tutored is in 4th grade, and greatly appreciates the STM youth for showing care and consistency in their unstable situation. We tutor every Thursday from 3:00-4:30pm.

Family-Style Dinner Night:

Come eat your weight in food at our third STM teen potluck on Monday, November 11, Veterans Day! This is a great night for the teens to spend time eating as a family in Christ without any kind of agenda other than friendship, faith, and love. Our guest speaker is Erica Tobin, a representative for Birth Choice in San Diego. She's fun, energetic, and quirky! You won't want to miss this!

Ugly Christmas Sweater Party:

Remember that forced smile you gave after receiving that reindeer-covered sweater? That sweater you quickly hid in the deepest corner of your closet? It's time to dust-off that potato-sack you received for Christmas in ages past and wear it with pride! The ugliest sweater will win a secret prize at this Christmas party. It'll be a night for the books, so you won't want to miss it! Details to follow. Hope to see you there!!!



PBJ Update

2013 GOAL:	365 pounds
Collected to date:	326 pounds

(Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center)

Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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Christian Stewardship Prayer for November

Lord, we thank you for the abundant gifts you have given us.
You have blessed us beyond our hopes and dreams,
even beyond the majority of people in our world.

We have food, heat, lights, clothes, means of transportation
and all other things that bring comfort to life.

We have family and friends so that we are not alone.
We have a faith community filled with love and support.
We have education and work that allow us
to develop our gifts and talents.

For all of these gifts we are thankful.
Most of all we are thankful for your Son, Jesus Christ.
He found us to be worthy not only of your love
but also to be disciples and stewards of his Gospel.

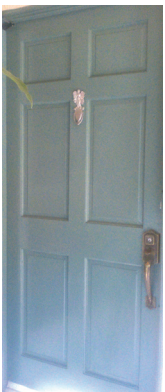
It is our privilege to be asked to bring a portion
of our many communal and individual gifts
to the Eucharistic table and unite them with Christ.
Together we can transform all life for your glory.

As a parish family committed to doing your will,
we ask that you instill in us the grace to be
even more grateful and the wisdom to understand
how we can be better stewards of all that has been given us.

We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

—Adapted from a prayer by St. Joan of Arc Parish, Toledo, Ohio
ICSC Catholic Stewardship e-bulletin, November 2013 (with permission)

November is here and, once again, we find ourselves remembering those who have gone before us in death. This is not to say that we don't remember these dear souls all year, but it is especially so during this month and time of year.



The construction of wooden doors with four wooden panels separated by a long upright center board and a shorter horizontal board form the pattern of a cross. This plan for making wooden doors started in the Middle Ages in England. The carpenters' guild artisans worked the sign of the cross into every door they made. The motto of this particular carpenter's guild were the words Jesus spoke to the people of Jerusalem, "I am the Door."

Jesus, as an experienced carpenter and craftsman, understood the significance of doors. He knew doors gave people access. Jesus is the door through which we enter into God's will, and are at home there.

We gain comfort with the knowledge that our faithful departed are now through that door, sharing in God's heavenly kingdom.

**Listen! I am standing at the door knocking;
if you hear my voice and open the door,
I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me.**
—Revelation 3:20 NRSV

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 26/27, 2013

Number of Registered Households	1,060
Offertory*	\$ 7,203.97
Offertory (Loose Collection)	1,665.00
Children's envelopes	0.00
Total	\$ 8,868.97

* 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

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

Franciscan School of Theology at Mission San Luis Rey—accepting applications for spring semester enrollment. For more information, contact Vince Nims at 510-828-2869 (call or text) or vnims@fst.edu or visit fst.edu.

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.

Craft Fair: "Handmade with Love—Love from Above"—Saturday, November 9, 9:00am-2:00pm, St. Elizabeth Seton Parish Center, 6628 Santa Isabel St., Carlsbad. For more information, contact 760-942-8920.

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 session is on October 30. For more information, contact www.speakupnow.org or 858-598-2235.

Magnificat Women's Group Meeting—Saturday, November 16, 9:30am, Mission Valley Sheraton. Jennifer Roback Morse, Ph.D., will be the speaker. RSVP by November 8 to 619-701-2718 or www.magnificat.org.

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.

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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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.

Visit ihradio.com/sandiego

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.

Catholics Come Home

Do you have a family member, friend, or co-worker who has left the Catholic Church? If so, encourage them to visit www.CatholicsComeHome.org.



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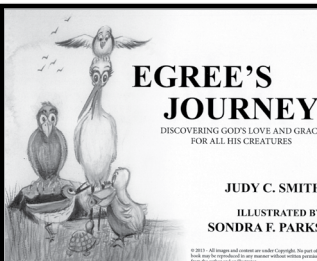
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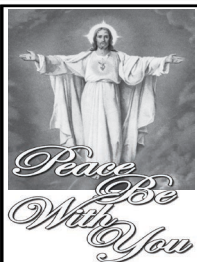


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