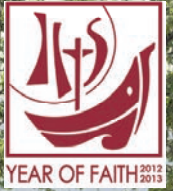


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A Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of San Diego

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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 17, 2013 • Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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National Organ Donor Sabbath: November 15-17, 2013

The following article, "Organ Donation—The Lifesaving Agreement" was written by Brenda Rees and appeared in *The Tidings*, the Catholic weekly of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles in 2006:

The unselfish act of becoming an organ donor recently took on a new shine with the revelation that Pope Benedict XVI is the first pope on record as being a card-carrying organ donor.

In a 1999 interview with the Zenit News Agency in Rome, the pope revealed that he had registered years ago and always carries his documents with him. "To donate one's organs is an act of love that is morally licit, so long as it is free and spontaneous," he said.

That is good news to the 7,000-plus people in California alone who are waiting for donations of kidneys, livers, hearts, and more that will prolong and enhance their lives.

"What the pope has done is given us a model to look up to, someone who is respected and who understands what organ donation is all about," says Tenaya Wallace of One Legacy Transplant Donor Network, a federally designated entity that coordinates donors with possible waiting list recipients in Southern California.

In fact, organ donation is considered by the church as an act of charity and love, says Wallace. In his 1995 encyclical *Evangelium Vitae* (On the Value and Inviolability of Human Life), Pope John Paul II described organ donation as "everyday heroism."

"A particularly praiseworthy example of such gestures is the donation of organs, performed in an ethically acceptable manner, with a view to offering a chance of health and even

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Typhoon Haiyan Relief Effort

"Our Church mourns the terrible suffering of our brothers and sisters affected by this powerful storm. To complicate this situation, Typhoon Haiyan follows on the heels of a 7.2 magnitude earthquake in the same region just a month ago. Citizens in this Pacific Island country are already displaced and have been hurt even more. The local government and church institutions cannot manage the magnitude of this disaster on their own. Those affected need our help." —Cardinal Timothy Dolan, President, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

The envelopes attached to the bulletin may be returned any time in the next few weeks. Please make checks payable to St. Thomas More, and we will forward the donations to Catholic Relief Services.

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

life itself to the sick who sometimes have no hope." (Evangelium Vitae, n.86)

So with all this praise and encouragement for organ donation, why is it hard for people to either register as an organ donor or encourage loved ones to do the same? Why is there such a high demand for donors and few who really step forward in the time of need?

"Many people agree to the concept of organ donation but only half really subscribe to it," says Reg Green who started the Nicholas Green Foundation after his seven-year-old son Nicholas was shot to death while vacationing in Italy in 1999. Various organs, tissues, and corneas of Nicholas were transplanted in seven recipients who, says Green, were eternally grateful for the family decision.

Most of the time, says Green, sudden death is such a shock to families that the idea of organ donation doesn't enter the equation. Many donations often come from people involved in serious unexpected accidents such as a violent death or car crashes. Emotions, he says, take over and the family is dealing with new-found grief that is life changing.

"There is also a feeling that the procedure will mutilate the body, especially in the case of accidents," adds Green. "But doctors (who remove the organs, tissues, etc.) have such respect for the donor. They realize this person is doing a very sacred thing. They treat donors with the utmost honor and respect."

Another common misconception is the idea that being brain dead is somehow similar to being on life support, says Wallace. "Families need to understand that when a person is brain dead, there is no more hope or treatment," she says. "Brain death is a slow progression." Only those who have been officially declared brain dead can be an organ donor candidate.

Also, Wallace adds that many people think their bodies are not "donor-worthy" which is completely wrong. "They think that if they have diabetes or cancer they can't donate," she explains. "That is not always the case. We encourage people not to automatically rule themselves out. Our oldest organ donor was in a lady in her 80s; our oldest bone donor was a gentleman who was 99..."

Register to Be an Organ Donor

There are two ways to register to be an organ and tissue donor in California, which helps to ensure your wishes are followed and greatly eases the decision for your family:

1. At the DMV when you apply for a driver license or ID card. (Check "Yes" every time to update your information on the donor registry and print a pink donor dot on your license.)
2. Online at www.donateLIFecalifornia.org or www.doneVIDAcalifornia.org. (These secure sites are reviewed only by transplant personnel and easily let you make changes.)

I have registered. Have you? Will you? Give the gift of life. Be an organ donor!

Fr. Mike

Welcome New Parishioners

**Richard & Susan Antle & Family
Carol Holbrook
Izabella Woznicki**

Congratulations to

Tom Padilla & Katie Jocelyn

who were married on November 16, 2013.
Fr. Mike Ratajczak presided at their wedding.

**Congratulations to**

Bill & Jan Wilczynski

who celebrated their 26th wedding anniversary November 7.
May God continue to bless your marriage, and may you be an inspiration to other married couples.

In Memoriam

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Virginia "Ginny" Reiter, who died last week. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Clara Marie Davis, who died on November 4. Her funeral services will be held in Torrington, New York. Please keep her son, Edward Davis, and her family in your prayers.

Rose Keeffe, who died on November 3. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, November 23, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. 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.

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 Ultimate Temptation*.

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.

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.

STM \$crip 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.

Readings for the Week Ahead

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

Sunday, November 17 (159)

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Malachi 3:19-20a
Psalm 98:5-9

2 Thessalonians 3:7-12
Luke 21:5-19

Monday, November 18 (497)

Dedication of the Basilicas of Peter and Paul, apostles; Rose Philippine Duchesne, virgin (USA)

1 Maccabees 1:10-15,41-43,54-57,62-63
Psalm 119:53,61,134,150,155,158
Luke 18:35-43

Tuesday, November 19 (498)

2 Maccabees 6:18-31
Psalm 3:2-7
Luke 19:1-10

Wednesday, November 20 (499)

2 Maccabees 7:1,20-31
Psalm 17:1,5-6,8b,15
Luke 19:11-28

Thursday, November 21 (500)

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

1 Maccabees 2:15-29
Psalm 50:1-2,5-6,14-15
Luke 19:41-44

Friday, November 22 (501)

Cecilia, virgin, martyr
1 Maccabees 4:36-37,52-59
1 Chronicles 29:10-12 (Psalm)
Luke 19:45-48

Saturday, November 23 (502)

Clement I, pope, martyr; Columba, abbot; Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, priest, martyr (USA)

1 Maccabees 6:1-13
Psalm 9:2-4,6,16b,19
Luke 20:27-40

Sunday, November 24 (162)

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

2 Samuel 5:1-3
Psalm 122:1-5
Colossians 1:12-20
Luke 23:35-43

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

Changa Aguilera
Mary Alexander
Carrie Autrey
Colleen Ayres
Jose Luis Barbosa
Clarice Bednarz
John Bennici
Regina Bentz
Lisa Berg
Roseanne Berg
Mary Betz
Betty Jean Bielich
Beth Brewer
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
The Davis Family
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
Brian Frink
Jim Gallagher
The Joe Garcia Family
Kathy Gardner
Jack & Marge Gillen
The Gillen and Vasquez Families
Wendy Gonzales' Dad
Rick Gonzalez
Rosemary Haeffelin
Pat & Tom Hannon
The Harker Family
Barbara Hatem
Heidi Heaton
Peter Hill
Lilian Hills
The Hodgson Family
Samara Hook
Susan Hori
Rick Hughes
Iolanda Iacobelli
Linda Iacobelli Bennett
Courtney Jackman
Danica Jennison
Sue Johnston
Betty Karch
Laura Kater
The Keffe Family
Peggy Kiernan
Debbie Kinney
Martha Knutzen
Dewey Kolbo
Tony Korwin
Helen Kuhn
Lillian Lachance
The Lamelin Family
Dorie Laughlin
Brandon LeBlanc
Jeremiah Lemus
Claudia Leué
The Paul Leué Family
Sen Lew
Ashley Load
Cassandra & Lauren Loretto
Joaquin Maldonado
Paige Mansell
The Manuto Family
Connor Marshall
Alexander Mathews
Chandler May
Tony McCloskey
Bob McWilliams
Kalei Mendiola
The Mendoza Family
Bill Metzger
Phyllis Minaya
June Mitchell
June Montgomery
Nancy Moore
Elizabeth Muehlbacher
Conrad Murphy
Margie Myers
Sr. Sheila Novak
Richard Obsitnik
The Oey Family
Ethan Palm
Perry Postulka
Douglas Price-Williams
The Joe Prokop Family
Barbara Ramm
The Reiter Family
Jan Riley
Rita Ritchie
Adela & Elena Rivera
Lily Robinson
Maria Rogers
Dorothy Rouse
The Russo Family
Cindy Sanelli
Linda Schmidt
Julie Schweighofer
Don Shaw
Joan Shea
Jack and Rita Shepard
Cary Slabaugh
Nick Soltau
Fred & Gilda Spiegl
Darek, Vanessa, & Elba Spizewski
Leah Stevens
Pete Sullivan
David Sweet
Julie Teare
Sarah Tillinghast
William Tompson
Stephen Toth, Jr.
The Trejo/Maldonado/Uribe Family
The Joe Vidal Family
Lucy Vienna
Dorina Visciglio
Erlicia Volkes
Kevin Watson-Graff
Sue Welch
John Whitton
Marceline Williams
Erin Young
Patricia Zavala
Martin Zschoche

Calendar Highlights

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

- Nov 17 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
- Nov 17 Untold Blessing Potluck & Presentation
- 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 1 RE.A.CH Classes at Church
- Dec 8 RE.A.CH Classes at Church
- 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 9:30am
- 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 at STM
- Jan 11-31 Stewardship Awareness/Renewal
- Jan 25-26 STM Authors Book Signing Event
- Jun 13 STM Annual Gala
- Jun 22 New Member Luncheon

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

Pray for Women Religious

Please join us in praying for the women religious who serve in the Diocese of San Diego. They have been assigned to days of the year in alphabetical order.

November 18	Sr. Mary Joseph Garcia, DCJ
November 19	Sr. Paula Garcia, HMSS
November 20	Sr. Peggy Garfield, CSN
November 21	Sr. Lorraine Genest, RJM
November 22	Sr. Virginia Gillis, RSM
November 23	Sr. Rose Frances Gilmore, OLVM
November 24	Sr. Barbara Goergen, OSF

Mass Intentions	
Saturday, November 16, 5:00pm	Deceased members of Lavelle & Tutino families ☩
Sunday, November 17, 8:30am	Jennifer Treat ☩
Sunday, November 17, 10:30am	Cesare Morelli ☩
Monday, November 18, 8:15am	Robert Howe ☩
Tuesday, November 19, 8:15am	Deborah Morgan ☩
Wednesday, November 20, 8:15am	Norm Shultz ☩
Thursday, November 21, 8:15am	Mrs. Jack (Shirley) Riley ☩
Friday, November 22, 8:15am	Henrietta Tiernan ☩
Saturday, November 23, 5:00pm	Joseph Floryance ☩
Sunday, November 24, 8:30am	Tom & Pat Hannon
Sunday, November 24, 10:30am	Trinidad Bunuelos ☩

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

Social Ministries/Outreach

Immigration Reform Press Conference

On November 1, about 70 representatives from local churches and outreach organizations held a press conference outside of Congressman Issa's office in Vista. The focus for the press conference was to call on Congressman Issa to pass a Comprehensive Immigration Bill that includes an earned path to citizenship. We also asked Congressman Issa to meet with his constituents in his own district. Despite multiple requests, at this date, we have not been given that opportunity.



Following the call of the Bishops of the United States to support a Comprehensive Immigration Bill, please consider calling Rep. Issa's office with this message:

"Please support a path to citizenship (like the one contained in H.R. 15), oppose the SAFE Act, and urge the House Leadership to bring the bill to a floor vote." 1-855-589-5698 Time is of the essence!



Engaging Spirituality Begins in January 2014

As much as we try to be contemplative and live simply so as to invite Christ to enter more deeply into our lives, the expectations of our culture distract us. But there is hope for the future! Begin your New Year by entering into a process that will help you to live deeply and love broadly by signing up for *Engaging Spirituality*! Two new *Engaging Spirituality* groups, a Monday evening group and a Wednesday morning group, will begin the second week in January.

Engaging Spirituality (ES) is a structured, weekly, small group opportunity to practice living deeply and loving broadly. We look to Jesus as our model of integrity, of holiness. The ES process helps us pattern our lives around prayer, outreach, and personal and communal practices in order to set us loose as agents of love and healing in this broken world!

For further information, or if you would like to sign up, please contact Sr. Maureen Brown at 760-758-4100 x131 or maureenb@stmoside.org. Watch the bulletin for further details!

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

Visit www.enterundermyroof.blogspot.com for projects and ideas for the Catholic family.



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—Contraception: "By using contraception, married couples may think that they are avoiding problems or easing tensions, that they are exerting control over their lives. At the same time, they may think that they are doing nothing harmful to their marriages. In reality, the deliberate separation of the procreative and unitive meanings of marriage has the potential to damage or destroy the marriage. Also, it results in many other negative consequences, both personal and social." To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

Marriage Moments—Choose a virtue to practice today. Don't tell anybody what it is but consider charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, or generosity. At the end of the day, ask your spouse or child if they can guess which one you picked. By Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net

Parenting Pointers—To "admonish sinners" is one of the Spiritual Works of Mercy. This wording may sound harsh. Our own family rephrased it as "Help people when they make a mistake." Humility, sensitivity, and giving your child an opportunity to redeem him/herself are key. Has your child ever corrected you? 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 Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Thanks to all who helped make our drive a success...You wonderful Parishioners, TaylorMade Golf, the folks who helped load the truck, those who helped financially, and those who kept us in their prayers. We filled a truck with much needed clothing for the Navajo Reservation served by the St. Bonaventure Mission.

—Deacon Tom and the St. Bonaventure Drive Committee

National Needs Collection

This month has been designated for the 2013 Collection for National Needs. Special envelopes were attached to the bulletin last week 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!

Parish Events

Women's Guild News

Have you thought of a nickname for the Women's Guild yet? The contest runs through November 30. If you want to submit an entry, contact annbuko@sbcglobal.net or 760-726-8831. We have 18 names so far. Members will choose the winners at the December meeting. —Ann Buko, president

Christmas Angel Ministry

'Twas the month before Christmas and all through the plaza, not a creature was stirring 'til the recession ended. The stockings were hung on the Angel Tree with care in hopes that Parishioners soon would be there. When all of a sudden the doors opened wide, the people rushed over; no child be denied! Gifts for the stockings and gift bags we need, so quick grab a tag, shop and return them with speed. So now that you know why the tree's up already, plan to pick up a doll, books, play dough; maybe a teddy! So as you stroll merrily down the walk to your car, know Our Father in Heaven smiles down from afar. (Anonymous!)

We have about four and a half weeks to deliver all our gifts to our local charities AND our Camp Pendleton families. Help us get off to a good start with our stocking items first. Then, the angel and snowflake ornaments will soon follow. And we do have some Camp Pendleton families available for adoption now too! See a volunteer at the table! Thank you, STM, for making this Holy Season bright for all!

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



Brother Benno's...Pies...Pies...Pies

Once again, it is time to share our good fortune with our neighbors at Brother Benno's by providing apple and pumpkin pies for their Thanksgiving Day feast. Please bring your fresh baked pies to the Parish Office on Wednesday, November 27, before 12:00noon and bring a taste of home to the homeless and poor. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Thanksgiving Dinner at STM

If you would like to attend the 9th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner with your Parish family at St. Thomas More, please call the Parish office (760-758-4100 x100) by Wednesday, November 20, to make your reservation. The dinner will be held on Thursday, November 28, at 1:00pm. We guarantee a lot of good food and wonderful company!

The Knightly News

Stop by the Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" Sale after weekend Masses in November and December to buy Christmas cards, stickers, "Keep Christ in Christmas" car magnets, etc. For more information please contact Roger Burkardt at 760-727-1829.

Have breakfast and fellowship on Sunday, November 24, 9:00-10:30am. See the flyer for more details.

All Saints Day Collection (to date)
\$1,491.45

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



10/22/13

*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*).

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.

Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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

DECK THE HALLS...

**CAN YOU HELP
DECORATE THE CHURCH?**

FOR ADVENT?

**FOR
CHRISTMAS?**

FOR BOTH?



CAN YOU HELP?

**CONTACT KATHY ARCIERO
760-454-1802
KARCIERO@HOTMAIL.COM**

One Night Only

Sing in the Sanctuary Choir
for Christmas

There's still time!

Contact Douglas
(see above right)



Luke 21:6

HELP WANTED – Eucharistic Ministers

There is an *urgent* need additional Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at Tri-City Hospital (once a month) and at the retirement communities within our Parish (weekly). Please contact Douglas to serve!

**Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:00am
Upper Level**

Upcoming Music



**NOVEMBER 24
Christ the King**



5:00pm Mass

Praise Team

8:30am Mass

Sanctuary Choir
Tower Bells

10:30am Mass

Sanctuary Choir
Tower Bells

ONE FAITH, ONE HOPE, ONE LORD!

Honoring the Year of Faith

Celebrating a faith-filled future

Sunday, November 24 • 4:00pm

Featuring inspirational moments from

Engaging Spirituality ♦ Family Night ♦ JustFaith
Little Rock ♦ Men's Ministry ♦ Untold Blessing

The Sanctuary Choir

And a "few words" from Fr. Rich Lewandowski



**YEAR OF FAITH 2012
2013**

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 Home

(Please follow the Annual Plan
for the next two weeks)

Chocolate and Coffee Day

The EDGE team will be on the plaza this weekend, with a variety of fairly traded chocolate and coffee.

Proceeds from this month's sales will go toward the donation of a RASP of GUINEA FOWL to a family in Zimbabwe.



Heifer International will provide the family with guinea fowl, rabbits, and chicks, along with training and education in their care.

*Stock up on fairly traded treats,
support economic justice,
and encourage our Parish youth to donate guinea fowl!*

Year of Faith



Join in our parish closing of the Year of Faith on Sunday, November 24 at 4:00pm.

Details can be found on page 6 opposite.

PBJ Update

(Food for Children at the Emergency Crisis Center)

2013 GOAL:	365 pounds
Collected to date:	365 pounds !!!

*Our Church Year ends November 24. . .
thanks for helping us make our goal for the year!*

Untold Blessing. . .

- Last session this Sunday!
- Potluck begins at noon
- Continues with 20-minute DVD by Fr. Robert Barron
- Followed by brief discussion
with Deacon Tom & Patt Goeltz
- Childcare available

Bible Study

*Journey through Scripture—"Genesis to Jesus"
Starting in January 2014 at STM*

We are taking a break in our Little Rock Scripture Study for a ten-week new approach by Dr. Scott Hahn. We are blest to have Addie Moneymaker, a trained facilitator for the program, as a Parishioner who will facilitate the sessions.

An overview may be found at www.salvationhistory.com/studies/courses. The study we are offering is called "Genesis to Jesus".

Mark your calendars for Wednesday mornings at 9:00am, beginning January 22 OR Thursday evenings at 7:00pm, beginning January 23. Registration begins December 7-8.

Little Blue Books for the Advent/Christmas Season

The Little Books contain six-minute practical daily reflections on the Sunday Gospels. These are different each year and become wonderful gifts for family and friends who need some spiritual support in this busy season.

Your \$2 donation helps us provide the books for you. Advent begins in two weeks. Get yours while supplies last.

Sunday Missal



A limited supply of the 2014 Sunday Missal is available for those who like to prepare the readings before attending Mass. They are \$5.

Both books are available, while supplies last, at the Information Table or on the Lower Level of the Parish Center.

Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

Chris Smith
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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.

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All gifts to St. Thomas More are deeply appreciated!

Collection for Week of November 9/10, 2013

Number of Registered Households		1,065
Offertory*	\$	6,872.84
Offertory (Loose Collection)		1,171.00
Children's envelopes		0.00
Total	\$	8,043.84

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

Ways to Help Support Your Parish

We offer a variety of options for easier giving. In addition to the extra mail-back envelopes included in your packet, we offer automatic credit card withdrawal (Visa, MC, or Discover) and automatic checking/savings account deduction. For more information, contact the Parish Office at 760-758-4100 x100 or Parish_office@stmoside.org.

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Simplicity

It seems that busyness, complexity, and the relentless pursuit of pleasure and possessions are sadly, for many in North America, a way of life. People are getting overburdened with consumerism and busyness, and are in a desperate need of an alternative, although they may not yet be aware of it.

To find balance in all of this, we do well to recognize that *we are overwhelmingly blessed*, and to always and everywhere give thanks to our good and gracious God. The truth is, when we slow down and take the time to be grateful for all that we have, and who we are, we come to appreciate what an abundant gift life is.

It is gratitude that will naturally lead us to simplicity.

A lifestyle of simplicity affords us the opportunity to take a much more relaxing and stress-free walk in and around the materialism and consumerism that is such a big part of our society. A simple lifestyle does not require that we remove ourselves from consumerism, as we all need to consume.

The beauty of simplicity is that in discerning between needs and wants, we are then able to consume sensibly and that is good stewardship.



Simplicity is all about contentment; to want what we have, rather than always having what we want. It feels good when we have the discipline to shake off some of the excess and live simply.

How might we practically embrace simplicity in our day-to-day living? A good place to start is to develop the habit of making our choices (especially purchasing decisions) based on needs not wants. Learning to say no to activities that do not align with our priorities is another good simplicity habit.

Living simply is one sure way to greater stewardship, as it allows us to do our part to help those in the world who are less fortunate than we are. It is so rewarding to know that those who struggle just to live can be the beneficiaries of our simplicity.

By sharing the fruits of the sacrifices we make in living a simpler life, those of us who have been given much can offer hope to those who have little or nothing.

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

As we enter this very busy time of year, take time each day to embrace the beauty all around us. Give thanks to God, take a nice deep breath and begin each day in peace and grace. ~ Chris

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News and Information from the Larger Church

Casa de Molina & Friends of the Poor Annual Children's Christmas Party—Saturday, December 14, 12:00-2:00pm. Calling Volunteers! If you are able to help in any capacity, please contact mother5@cox.net. Our Parishioner, Vicky Molina, has organized this event for over 25 years to provide Christmas gifts for underprivileged children.

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.

Volunteer with Voices for Children—Voices for Children provides volunteer Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs) to abused and neglected children in San Diego County to ensure their needs are met in the courtroom, classroom, and community. For more information, contact www.speakupnow.org or 858-598-2235.

Monthly Holy Hour for Priestly and Religious Vocations—Third Wednesday of each month (next is 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 Training—Tuesday, November 12, San Marcos Center. Call Heidi at 760-744-1313 for details and to sign up. Birth Choice is a pro-life, Christ-centered pregnancy resource center offering free pregnancy testing, ultrasound, and options counseling for women in crisis. For more information, visit www.birthchoice.net.

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Word & Worship—Thursday, November 21, 7:00-9:00pm. Heartfelt prayer, music, and an inspirational talk by Tim Staples, a nationally recognized speaker from Catholic Answers. For more information, contact 760-945-8000.

Women's Ministry Guild Christmas Bazaar—Saturday, November 23, 4:00-9:00pm, and Sunday, November 24, 8:30am-9:00pm. Handcrafted items, raffles, food, and drink. For more information, visit <http://stfrancis-vista.org>.

Support Group for Separated/Divorced—An ongoing support group meeting Sundays at 10:15am at St. James Catholic Church in Solana Beach. For more information, contact Frank Grant at 760-533-1520 or fwgrant@gmail.com.

The Center for Christian Spirituality at the University of San Diego has a great line up of events. Visit www.sandiego.edu/ccs.

Mission San Luis Rey Retreat Center in Oceanside has an ongoing schedule of retreats! Visit www.sanluisrey.org for more details.

Catholic Singles Organization—The Catholic Alumni Club International is expanding into the San Diego area. Visit www.caci.org for more information.

Natural Family Planning Course in San Diego—For more information and/or to register for the series, contact 619-303-5053 or davidandcherylross@gmail.com.

Pauline Books and Media—5945-B Balboa Ave., San Diego, carries a wide selection of gifts, books, and bibles—great for First Communion and Confirmation gifts. For more information, contact 858-565-9181.

Marriage Encounter Program in San Diego—Resolving to have a better relationship? Choose a Marriage Encounter weekend to start that process! For more information, contact www.wmcsandiego.org or 619-445-0564.

Retrouaille for Troubled Marriages—Call 951-259-9474 or visit www.RetroCA.com.

Healing Ministry in Solana Beach—Healing prayer ministers are available to pray over you at St. James Church, 625 S. Nardo, Solana Beach, every Sunday after the 9:00am Mass, on first Mondays from 9:00-10:00am, on second Tuesdays from 7:00-8:15pm, and on third Saturdays after the 5:00pm Mass.

Online Rosary

Pray the rosary online—visit www.therosary3.com

Catholic Radio—AM 1000/Sirius 130—San Diego

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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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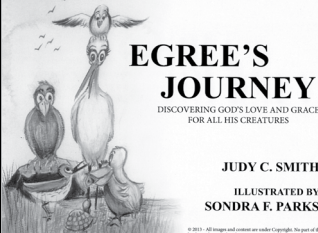
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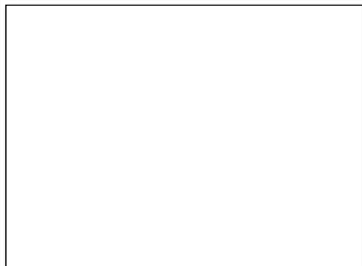
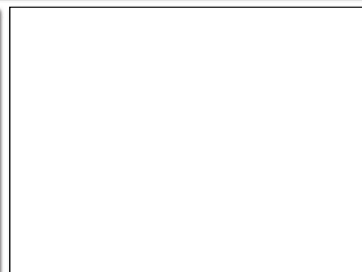
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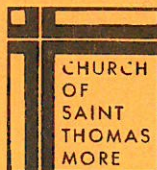


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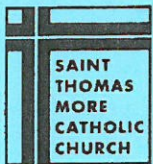
Mixed California Spring Greens with Assorted Dressings

Choice of

Chargrilled Salmon with
 Lemon Dill Cream Sauce;
 Rice Pilaf

Tequila Lime Chicken
 Gemelli

Green Beans Almondine
 Layer Cake
 Coffee, Tea



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Guest Name(s):	___ x \$15 per member = \$ _____ ___ x \$20 per guest = \$ _____	Total enclosed: \$ _____
Email:		

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