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November 24, 2013 • Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Pastor's Column

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In the Season of Thanksgiving—A Lifetime of Gratitude

In this month of November, in a special way, due to the national holiday of Thanksgiving, we turn our thoughts to thankfulness and gratitude. Hopefully, gratitude is not a seasonal "thing", but a way of life for



Our lives as Catholics are

based on the Eucharist. We are a Eucharistic people. The word Eucharist means "thanksgiving." We begin and end each day with a prayer of gratitude for all that God has given and continues to give, if we are only aware!

As we make our way to Thanksgiving Day, may it be a time that propels us to be a thankful people not only in season, but also all year long.

What prayer will you pray as family and friends gather together around the Thanksgiving Dinner Table? I encourage you to make sure that a prayer is said before the meal is served!

In the event that you are looking for a special prayer to be prayed, I share with you the "The Canticle of the Creatures" by St. Francis of Assisi:

Most High, all powerful, good God, all praise is yours, all glory, all honor, and all blessing.

To you, alone, Most High, do they belong.

No mortal lips are worthy to pronounce your name.

All praise be yours, my God, through all you have made, and first my lord Brother Sun, who brings the day; and through whom you give us light.

How beautiful is he, how radiant in all his splendor; of you, Most High, he bears the likeness.

All praise be yours, my God, through Sister Moon and the stars; in the heavens you have made them, bright, precious, and fair.

All praise be yours, my God, through Brothers wind and air, and fair and stormy,

all the weather's moods, by which you cherish all that you have made.

All praise be yours, my God, through Sister Water, so useful, humble, precious and pure.
All praise be yours, my God, through Brother Fire, through whom you brighten up the night.

How beautiful is he, how cheerful!

Full of power and strength.

All praise be yours, my God, through our Sister Mother Earth,

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who sustains us and governs us,
and produces various fruits with colored flowers and herbs.
All praise be yours, my God, through those
who grant pardon for love of you;
through those who endure sickness and trial.
Happy are those who endure in peace,
by You, Most High, they will be crowned.
All praise be yours, my God, through Sister Death,
from whose embrace no mortal can escape.
Woe to those who die in their sins!
Happy those she finds doing your will!
The second death can do them no harm.
Praise and bless my God, and give God thanks
And serve God with great humility.

As you plan your calendars for Thanksgiving Day, remember that we have Mass on Thanksgiving Day, November 28, at 9:00am.



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!

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 recently may be returned any time in the next few weeks.

Donate via mobile phone: Text RELIEF to 25383 to donate \$10.

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Congratulations to

Bob & Glory Hartdegen

who celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary November 23.

Anthony Korwin & Kathleen Aviña

who celebrate their 19th wedding anniversary November 23.

Charles & Kathy Salter

who celebrate their 53th wedding anniversary November 23.

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 **Charles & Kathy Salter** in honor of their wedding anniversary.



In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Thomas Magnus, who died on November 12. Please keep his family, including Parishioner Manijeh Bosse, in your prayers.

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

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.*

Attention Men!

Join us for the weekly *That Man is You!* Program, which meets Saturday mornings from 6:45-8:30am. We are taking a break for Thanksgiving weekend, but mark your calendars for December 7!

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

Vocations

What do you get from a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate, or religious life? A life of service to God and his people and the satisfaction of knowing that you are making a difference in people's lives. If that appeals to you, give it some prayerful consideration. If you want to discuss the possibilities, contact Deacon Tom at *thomasgoeltz@aol.com* or 760-727-8442.

STM \$crip News

Don't forget to stop by the Scrip table and purchase gift cards to your favorite grocery stores before purchasing ingredients for the Brother Benno's Thanksgiving Day Pie Drive. Remember you can use Scrip gift cards to do your Christmas Angel Shopping.

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 24 (162)

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 2 Samuel 5:1-3 Psalm 122:1-5 Colossians 1:12-20

Monday, November 25 (503)

Catherine of Alexandria, virgin, martyr Daniel 1:1-6,8-20 Daniel 3:52-56 (Psalm) Luke 21:1-4

Tuesday, November 26 (504) Daniel 2:31-45

Daniel 3:57-61 (Psalm)

Luke 21:5-11

Luke 23:35-43

Wednesday, November 27 (505) Daniel 5:1-6,13-14,16-17,23-28

Daniel 3:62-67 (Psalm) Luke 21:12-19

Thursday, November 28 (506) Daniel 6:12-28

Daniel 6:12-28 Daniel 3:68-74 (Psalm)

Daniel 3:68-74 (Psalm) Luke 21:20-28

Friday, November 29 (507)

Daniel 7:2-4 Daniel 3:75-81 (Psalm) Luke 21:29-33

Saturday, November 30 (684)

Andrew, Apostle Romans 10:9-18 Psalm 19:2-5 Matthew 4:18-22

Sunday, December 1 (1) *First Sunday in Advent*

Isaiah 2:1-5 Psalm 122:1-9 Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24:37-44

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 23, 5:00pm Joseph Floryance 🕏

Sunday, November 24, 8:30am Tom & Pat Hannon

Sunday, November 24, 10:30am Trinidad Bunuelos ❖

Monday, November 25, 8:15am Doherty Family

Tuesday, November 26, 8:15am Douglas William Lehan ❖

Wednesday, November 27, 8:15am Lorraine Kauffman や

Thursday, November 28, 8:15am J.C. Gonzalez 🕈

Friday, November 29, 8:15am Bill Carrothers 🕆

Saturday, November 30, 5:00pm Livaneta Barbosa 🕆

Sunday, December 1, 8:30am Donald C. Post \$\Pi\$

Sunday, December 1, 10:30am Dante Tusei 🕈 **Prayer List** (Call 760-758-4100 x102 to add a name for four weeks.)

Changa Aguilera Mary Alexander Carrie Autrey Colleen Ayers 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 Tony Calderone Shelby Campbell Brianne 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 The Davis Family The Delaney Family Carole Dillon Judith DiMatteo
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 Rathy Gardner
Jack & Marge Gillen
The Gillen and Vasquez Families
Wendy Gonzales' Dad
Rick Gonzalez Rosemary Haeffelin Pat & Tom Hannon Barbara Hatem Heidi Heaton Peter Hill Lilian Hills Samara Hook Susan Hori Rick Hughes Iolanda Iacobelli
Linda Iacobelli Bennett
Courtney Jackman
Danica Jennison Betty Karch Laura Kater The Keeffe Family Paul Kennedy Peggy Kiernan Debbie Kinney Martha Knutzen

Dewey Kolbo Tony Korwin

Helen Kuhn Lillian Lachance

Dorie Laughlin Brandon LeBlanc

Jeremiah Lemus

Claudia Leué

Sen Lew

The Lamelin Family

The Paul Leué Family

Ashley Load Cassandra & Lauren Loretto

The Magnus & Bosse Families

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 Minava June Mitchell June Montgomery Nancy Moore Elizabeth Muehlbacher Conrad Murphy Margie Myers Sr. Sheila Novak 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 Saran Hininghast
William Tompson
Stephen Toth, Jr.
The Trejo/Maldonado/Uribe Family
Corrie & Robert Vasquez The Joe Vidal Family Lucy Vienna Dorina Visciglio Vanessa Vitiello Erlicia Volkes Kevin Watson-Graff Sue Welch John Whitton Marceline Williams 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 24	Knights of Columbus Breakfast
Nov 24	Year of Faith Closing Event
Nov 27	Brother Benno's
1101 27	Thanksgiving Pie Drive
	(bring pies before noon)
Nov 28	Thanksgiving Day—
140V 26	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
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Questions? Contact Henny at 760-758-4100 x100 hennyj@stmoside.org.

New Member Luncheon

Jun 22

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 25
Sr. Maria de la Luz Gomez, SJS
November 26
Sr. Ma. Engracia Gonzalez, SJS
November 27
Sr. Maria-Elvia Gonzalez, SJS
November 28
Sr. Wayne Gradon, SHCJ
November 29
Sr. Jo Ann Grady, SFCC
November 30
Sr. Michaela Gresko, OCD
December 1
Sr. Trinidad Guerrero, HMSS

Social Ministries/Outreach

Engaging Spirituality

- Are you deeply concerned about our world?
- Are you looking for wisdom about how to follow Jesus with integrity?
- Are you open to opportunities for spiritual growth?

If your answer to these questions is an enthusiastic "Yes," then you may be ready for Engaging Spirituality.

Engaging Spirituality is a prayerful process that invites us to draw this world down into ourselves, to hold it in prayer together, and to practice living more deeply.

Two new groups, a Monday evening and a Wednesday morning group, will begin the second week of January. The groups will be filled on a "first come" basis. Call Sr. Maureen at 760-758-4100 x131 to sign up now, or look for us on the Plaza after Masses the weekend of December 7-8!

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

Thanksgiving is almost upon us. Please share the holiday cheer with those less fortunate by bringing a fresh baked apple or pumpkin pie to the Parish Office on Wednesday, November 27, between 8:00am and



12:00noon. For the past 15 plus years, you have been bringing a touch of holiday love to the homeless and

marginalized at Brother Benno's annual Thanksgiving Day Feast. STM provides all the desserts for the occasion. Your continued generosity is appreciated. God Bless and Happy Holidays.

Need Help with Transportation to Church!

Volunteer drivers are needed in our Parish. Some Parishioners would like to attend Mass and cannot drive themselves. Please prayerfully consider helping some of our fellow Parishioners. If you can help in any



way with this service, please contact Ann Eriksson 760-599-7151 or eriksson1@mindspring.com.

STM Vehicle Donation Program

Do you have a vehicle you want to donate? The St. Thomas More program is easy! Call us, and we'll have it picked up. You get the tax deduction! All we need is clear title. Non-operational is OK! Since 2006 we have netted over \$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.



The Divorce Healing Ministry of St. Luke Parish invites those going through a MARRIAGE & FA separation and divorce to a 12-week

program of recovery entitled The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide. Our support group meets on the first and third Tuesdays, from 7:00-9:00pm at the Church of St. Luke, 1980 Hillsdale Rd., El Cajon,. You can start and end the series at any time. No charge. Seating limited; call to reserve your place with us: 619-401-6445.

Bishops' Letter on Marriage—Reproductive Technology: "The procreative capacity of man and woman should not be treated as just another means of technology, as also happens with in vitro fertilization (IVF) or cloning. When that happens, human life itself is degraded because it becomes, more and more, something produced or manufactured in various ways, ways that will only multiply as science advances. Children begin to be seen less as gifts received in a personal communion of mutual selfgiving, and increasingly as a lifestyle choice, a commodity to which all consumers are entitled." To read the document go to http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/.

Marriage Moments—Thanksgiving and Christmas traditionally times when adult children return home and blended families regather in unique and complicated ways. This can be both joyous and stressful as family systems reshuffle. Don't let the holidays be a battlefield. If your family is perfect, work on letting go of pride. By Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net.

Parenting Pointers—Prepare your child for Thanksgiving by pointing out little things this next week that are unexpected treasures. Thank God for a day without rain, colored leaves, a parking spot, I didn't get sick today, I have eyes to see you... By Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net.

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

Christmas Angel Ministry

What a wonderful response at the Christmas Angel tree this past weekend! Stocking ornaments and Camp Pendleton Families are going like crazy! Don't be left out. Select a tag again this



week, shop and return those stocking items by December 1. The angel (larger toys) and snowflake (gift cards) ornaments are coming soon. (Of course, we accept gift cards at any time—the Scrip Table is happy to oblige!) We have more families for adoption this weekend too. Those packages are due back December 11—plenty of time!

Thank you to those who are interested in volunteering. New inquiries, please send us an email so we have your contact information.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving. And remember The Christmas Angels when you shop those after-Thanksgiving sales!

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

Parish Events

Women's Guild News

By now you have received two sheets of Christmas raffle stubs in the mail. Thank you to those of you who have already returned them with your donation. This is one of our main fundraisers toward our annual donation to the parish. It's also an opportunity to give three parishioners or their friends, a chance to make "holyday" shopping a little easier on the pocketbook/wallet when they win. One of those people might be you! You are welcome to have more sheets of chances and can pick them up in the Parish Office during the week or call 760-726-8831. You have less than three weeks to return them, so please do it soon. Checks may be made payable to St. Thomas More Women's Guild.

Our last meeting was such a success! Be sure to call in your reservation for our next meeting right away, because it is our annual Advent celebration in preparation for Christmas. This year we celebrate German traditions and honor St. Boniface, the patron of Germany. It is VERY IMPORTANT that you call in your reservation for our special meal. We need a correct number to have enough. Call Vera Bayliss at 760-295-0059 ASAP. The meeting is two weeks away on Monday, December 9, at 10:45am. (15 minutes to sign in, then meeting at 11:00am). We think you will enjoy it.

There are still a few Member Directories waiting to be picked up in the Parish Office. If you do not have a directory reserved or are not listed in the directory and have registered, please call Membership chair Siggy Ogan at 760-994-4727. An addendum is in the works.

Happy Thanksgiving to each of you. May God's abundant Blessings be praised. —Ann Buko, president

Spirited Seniors Winter Luncheon

St. Thomas More Spirited Seniors have planned a delicious luncheon to celebrate this holy season on Tuesday, December 17, at 11:30am. We have catering by Bobby's Hideaway, games to play, and of course a bit of wine to enjoy. The cost is \$15 for members and \$20 for guests. Please complete the reservation form found on the flyer that was in the bulletin or make a check with the name or names of those attending and put it in the basket or Box 12.

Reservations will be accepted on a first come first served basis. This luncheon is open to all Spirited Senior members, guests and other St. Thomas More and St. Francis Parishioners. The deadline to RSVP is December 10. Please call Nancy Gayvert at 760-295-0645 with questions.

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.

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	\$300/each

Daily Mass Chapel and Choir Chairs (200) 137 available

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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*).

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



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

THROUGH THE DOOR EMBARKING ON A JOURNEY OF FAITH

Youth Choir for Christmas

4:00pm Mass Christmas Eve

Grades 6-12

Rehearsals Wednesdays 7:00-8:15pm Dec 4

Dec 11 Dec 18

Contact Joleen

joleens@cox.net

760-458-2973

This Sunday, we mark the close of the Church's Year of Faith. As our most precocious children will certainly note, the Year of Faith—which began October 11, 2012, and ends today, November 24, 2013—is not a "year" in the 12-month sense. Rather it is a period of time that marks the beginning of our future.

The opening and closing dates of this Year of Faith are meant to remind us of our history of and our future in faith. The Year of Faith began on the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council. The closing date, this Sunday, marks the end of the Church year, when our focus is on things to come, when like the thief hanging beside Jesus on the cross, we might ask, "Jesus, remember me when you come in to your kingdom" (Lk 23:42).

In his letter announcing the Year of Faith, Pope Benedict reminded us that our journey of faith is openended:

The "door of faith" (Acts 14:27) is always open for us, ushering us into the life of communion with God and offering entry into his Church. It is possible to cross that threshold when the word of God is proclaimed and the heart allows itself to be shaped transforming grace. To enter through that door is to set out on a journey that lasts a lifetime. It begins with baptism, through which we can address God as Father, and it ends with the passage through death to eternal life, fruit of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, whose will it was, by the gift of the Holy Spirit, to draw those who believe in him into his own glory. (Porta Fidei, §1)



Luke 23:43

This Sunday afternoon, the Parish marks the close of the Year of Faith with a program of prayer and proclamation, music and memory, celebrating our journey of faith this past year, and looking forward to a faith-filled future.

I hope you will join us.

—Douglas

Upcoming Music

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DECEMBER 1 1st Sunday of Advent

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5:00pm Mass

Tower Bells

8:30am Mass

Sanctuary Choir

10:30am Mass

Praise Team

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



Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospe

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

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

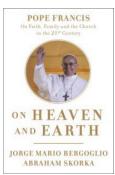


(Please follow the Annual Plan for the next two weeks)

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.

On Heaven and Earth, originally published in Argentina in 2010, brings together a series of these conversations where both men talked about various theological and worldly issues, including God, fundamentalism, atheism, abortion, homosexuality, euthanasia, same-sex marriage, and globalization.

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 through other electronic book sources..

PBJ Update



(Food for Children at the Emergency Crisis Center)

2013 GOAL: 365 pounds Final 2013 Collection: 380 pounds!!!

Thanks for helping us make our goal for the year!

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.

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, January 23. Registration begins December 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 next week. Get yours while supply lasts.

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 supply lasts, at the Information Table, or on the lower level of the Parish Center.

Stewardship & Development



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

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.

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Collection for Week of November 16/17, 2013

Total	\$ 9,074.86
Children's envelopes	 0.00
Offertory (Loose Collection)	1,044.00
Offertory*	\$ 8,030.86
Number of Registered Households	1,067

* 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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Christian Stewardship and Thanksgiving Day

Thanksgiving Day truly holds a spiritual significance for the Christian steward. It is a day that makes us take notice of the fundamentals of stewardship and the importance of having a grateful heart.

For the Christian steward, the holiday is rooted deeply in the biblical belief that the world was created by a loving God as a gift for each of us. Thanksgiving is a day that gives us an opportunity to show our gratitude, provide hospitality, and celebrate with loved ones, friends, and/or those who are otherwise unable to celebrate.

Stewards strive to embrace a life of gratitude; a life that reminds them of the relative abundance they enjoy. It is an abundance unavailable to most of the earth's inhabitants. Most of us have much more than we really need, and the spirit of gratitude should impel us to share this relative abundance with those who are less fortunate.

As Thanksgiving Day approaches, let us take stock of the many wonderful blessings we enjoy. Let's be sure to take time to thank God in prayer for our abundance, avoid the sin of an ungrateful heart; and consider how we might be even better stewards of the many various and unique gifts that God has entrusted to us.

-partially excerpted from ICSC Stewardship e-bulletin, November 2013 (with



Special thanks goes out to our incredible team that works each year to prepare a scrumptious Thanksgiving dinner for those who don't have family nearby. They work tirelessly for days so that many in our faith family can feast and celebrate together!



Blessings and extra gratitude this Thanksgiving to all, especially as we see our buildout coming to fruition!

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 *motherv5@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*.

Options Program at Cathedral Catholic High School—the first Inclusive Education Program in a Catholic High School in California. The Options Program will provide students with intellectual disabilities and/or delays an opportunity to become a part of the CCHS community. Options will accept 2-4 freshmen to start in January 2014. For more information and applications, contact Megan Burton at *mburton@cathedralcatholic.org* or 858-523-4000 x1215.

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 December 18), 7:30-9:00pm, Diocesan Pastoral Center, 3888 Paducah Dr., San Diego. For more information, contact Fr. Pedro Rivera at privera@diocese-sdiego.org or 619-291-7446.

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

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- Equal tuition rates,
- Financial aid opportunities, and
- Fundraising support.

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*.

more information, contact Richard Hodges at 760-439-3415 or Jahna White at 760-586-6356.

Birth Choice Volunteer Counselors Training—TuesdayCall Heidi at 760-744-1313 for details and to sign up. Birth Chioce 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*.

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*.

Retrouvaille for Troubled Marriages—A three-month program that consists of a weekend experience combined with seven post sessions. It is designed to provide the tools to help put marriages in order again. For details, call 951-259-9474 or visit www.helpourmarriage.com.

Advent-Christmas Calendar Online

Reflections and activities for each day of Advent and the Christmas Season from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops:

http://usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-resources/advent/.

Online Rosary

Pray the rosary online—visit www.therosary3.com

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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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