

SAINT
THOMAS
MORE
CATHOLIC
CHURCH



*A Roman Catholic Parish
in the Diocese of San Diego*

- ✠ Spirituality
- ✠ Tradition
- ✠ Community

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

Rev. Michael Ratajczak, Pastor
Rev. Karl Bauer, Senior Priest
Deacon John Fredette
Deacon Thomas A. Goeltz

1450 South Melrose Drive
Oceanside, CA 92056
760-758-4100
760-758-4165 fax

Office Hours: Monday-Friday,
8:30am-12:00noon
and 12:30-4:00pm
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www.stmoside.org



StThomasMoreRCC



Mary Mother of God
Tuesday, December 31
Mass at 5:00pm
Wednesday, January 1
Mass at 9:30am

December 25, 2013 ✠ Christmas

Our Mission is to worship God,
teach and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ,
and serve God's people in word and deed.





Ministry Contacts

760-758-4100 x100

Faith Formation & Evangelization

Kathleen Bell

Religious Education (Children)
Liturgy of the Word for Children
Sacramental Preparation
Middle School Youth Ministry
High School Youth Ministry
North County Young Adults
Women's Ministry
Men's Fellowship
Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs
Vocations
Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Liturgy and Music

Douglas Lynn

Bereavement
Liturgical Ministries
Liturgical Music

Marriage & Family Life

Jen Frost

Bringing the Celebration Home
Family Night
Marriage Preparation
Moms and Tots
Widows and Widowers of North County

Parish Organizations & Events

Lisa & Pat Attardo

Knights of Columbus
Spirited Seniors
Women's Guild

Social Ministries

Cherie & Greg Abrahms

Blood Drive
Brother Benno's Collections
Christmas Angel Ministry
Culture of Life
Disability Facilitation
Jail Ministry
Project Linus Blanket Making
Social Justice Committee
Engaging Spirituality
Just Faith
Solutions for Change
(Solving Family Homelessness)
St. Bonaventure Mission Clothing Drive
Youth Justice Foundation

Parish Staff

760-758-4100 x100

Rev. Michael Ratajczak, Pastor
Rev. Karl Bauer, Senior Priest
Deacon John Fredette
Deacon Tom Goeltz
Sr. Maureen Brown, Pastoral Associate
Kathleen Bell, Faith Formation
Marcus Cabrera, Youth Advocate
Douglas Lynn, Liturgy and Music
Chris Smith, Stewardship and Development

Pastor's Column:

Come Home for Christmas!

We hear much about "coming home" for the holidays. My Christmas greetings and prayers for you and yours are contained in these words from Fr. Henri Nouwen:

Coming Home

There are two realities to which you must cling. First, God has promised that you will receive the love you have been searching for. And second, God is faithful to that promise. So stop wandering around. Instead, come home and trust that God will bring you what you need. Your whole life you have been running about, seeking the love you desire. Now it is time to end that search. Trust that God will give you that all-fulfilling love and will give it in a human way.

Before you die, God will offer you the deepest satisfaction you can desire. Just stop running and start trusting and receiving. Home is where you are truly safe. It is where you can receive what you desire. You need human hands to hold you there so that you don't run away again. But when you come home and stay home, you will find the love that will bring rest to your heart.

Many of us have found our way home. Many of us continue to search. The Faith Community of St. Thomas More is here for all of us.

As Pastor, I pledge that I will do all that I can to ensure that our Parish will be a place and a people where you are truly safe; where you can share your story in trust; where, with other seekers, you will find human hands to hold you so that you don't run away again.

For those of us who are here every week, we have found rest for our hearts. This Christmas, we give thanks to God!

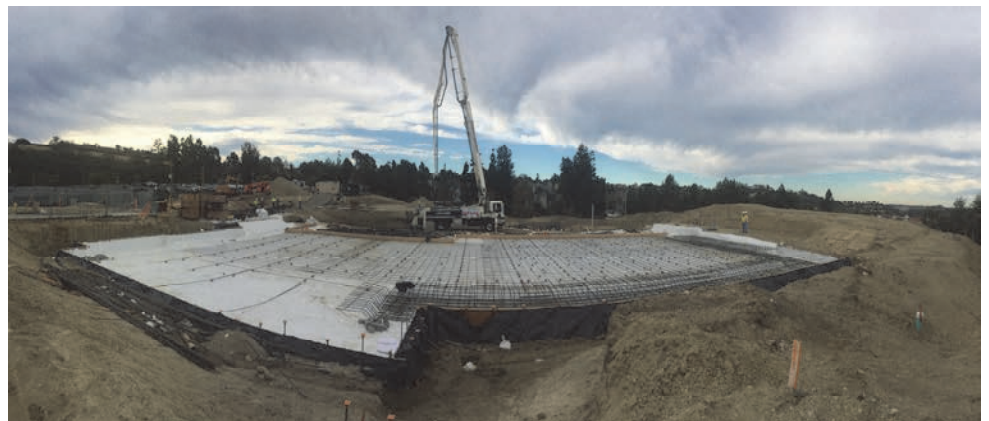
For those of us who are guests this Christmas, who do not have a faith community, and who are looking for a home, please come back again and again!

If you feel the call to belong to a Faith Community, but are not sure how to go about it, feel free to give me a call or set up an appointment. I would welcome an opportunity to chat with you.

Come home for Christmas!

Merry Christmas to you and yours!

Fr. Mike



We Are Building Our Permanent Church!

...and you can watch the progress on our webcams. Go to the Parish website stmoside.org and click on the Construction webcams icons to watch, or click on *Our New Church* and check the Construction Progress Album.



We Worship!

It takes over 200 ministers to celebrate our weekend liturgies. New ministers are always welcome—training provided. Hospitality ministers, altar servers, readers, Eucharistic ministers, musicians...are you being called?

We Pray!

Prayer List—To request prayers for a family member or friend who is ill or needs prayers for any reason, contact the Parish Office and we will publish the name for four weeks in our weekly bulletin. Our Parishioners pray for those on the list.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament—Eucharistic Adoration is available Monday-Friday, 6:30am-7:30pm, in our Blessed Sacrament Chapel. We are so blessed to be able to drop in at almost any time and have a little “one-on-one” with Jesus in the Eucharist.

Rosary—A communal Rosary is prayed after every weekday Mass (Monday-Friday) in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.



Youth Groups

IGNITE High School—Meets every Monday from 7:00-8:30pm for fellowship, prayer, fun, and music! Bring friends!

EDGE Middle School—Meets two Sundays a month from 5:00-6:30pm for religious education, fellowship, prayer, fun, and music!

Looking for More Information?

Are you interested in learning more about religious education for children and adults, Catholicism, becoming a Catholic, or returning to the Catholic Church?

Contact Kathleen Bell at 760-758-4100 x110.

We Serve!

Opportunities to help others by donating goods and/or services to local charities we support: Birth Choice Pregnancy Resource Center, Brother Benno’s Homeless Shelters, Solutions for Change (Solving Family Homelessness), and more!



We Party! (Fellowship)

Meet new friends, enjoy good food and fellowship, and sometimes raise money! Knights of Columbus, Women’s Guild, Men’s Fellowship, Spirited Seniors, Widows and Widowers of North County, High School Youth Ministry—IGNITE!, Middle School Youth Ministry—EDGE!...



We Give!

...money, to support our community, our ministries, and our outreach.

Sacrificial Giving Option—Ongoing commitment that helps to support our operating expenses and our mortgage/building completion obligations, as well as other special items.

Tithing Option—Ongoing commitment of 10% of income, 8% to St. Thomas More (distributed to our basic needs) and 2% to charities of choice. The one-check option!

Special Collections Options—As the need arises, we donate to disaster relief, local charities, and universal church activities.

Memorial Items—Memorials are a way of honoring those we love. Our Parish Campus is a living memorial to our community for generations to come. Various items and opportunities are available.

Vehicle Donation Program—Do you have a vehicle you want to donate? Just call us, and we’ll have it picked up. You get the tax deduction! **Non-operational is OK!**

Contact Chris Smith at 760-758-4100 x120.

Calendar Highlights

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

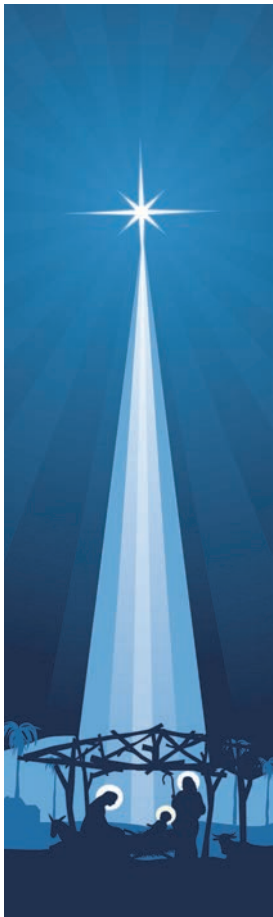
Dec 31	Mary Mother of God Mass at 5:00pm
Jan 1	Mary Mother of God Mass at 9:30am
Jan 4	That Man Is You! resumes
Jan 5	Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
Jan 5	Twelfth Night Choral Festival at STM
Jan 6	High School Youth Group
Jan 6 & 8	Engaging Spirituality begins
Jan 10	Men’s Fellowship
Jan 11-31	Stewardship Awareness/ Renewal
Jan 12	Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
Jan 12	Religious Education Classes at Church, including High School
Jan 13	Women’s Guild Luncheon
Jan 19	High School Religious Education Classes
Jan 19	Spirited Seniors at the Avo Playhouse
Jan 22-23	Bible Study begins
Jan 25-26	STM Authors Book Signing Event
Jan 26	Religious Education Classes at Church, including High School
Feb 22	Women’s Prayer Breakfast
Mar 5	Ash Wednesday Masses at 8:15am, 12:00noon, 5:30pm, and 7:30pm
Apr 17	Holy Thursday Mass at 6:00pm
Apr 18	Good Friday Morning Prayer at 8:15am Celebration of Our Lord’s Passion at 12:00noon and 7:00pm
Apr 19	Holy Saturday Morning Prayer at 8:15am Blessing of Easter Food at 11:00am Easter Vigil at 8:00pm
Apr 20	Easter Sunday Masses at 6:30am, 8:30am, and 10:30am

Would You Like to Join Our Faith Community?

Please complete this form or leave a message at 760-758-4100 x100 with your name and phone number, and we’ll contact you to begin the registration process. Welcome!

Name: _____

Phone/email: _____



Twelfth Night Choral Festival

Our 13th Annual
Ecumenical Gathering
featuring
Congregational Carols and
North County Choirs

Sunday January 5
6:00 p.m.

Engaging Spirituality
Live deeply. Love broadly.

are you deeply concerned about our world?



ARE YOU THIRSTY FOR GOD
AND HUNGRY FOR JUSTICE IN
THE WORLD? *Do you long to be
contemplative and compassionate?*

Weekly sessions will be held on Monday evenings or Wednesday mornings, starting January 6 or 8, 2014. Groups will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis, so sign up now!

To sign up, contact Sr. Maureen Brown at 760-758-4100 x131 or maureenb@stmoside.org.

The cost of the materials (several books and a journal) is \$80 for this 22-week program. Please do not let monetary concerns keep you from signing up—partial scholarships are available.

Genesis to Jesus

WISH YOU KNEW THE BIBLE BETTER?



Join us for a Great
Bible Study at

St. Thomas More Catholic Church
1450 South Melrose Drive
Oceanside, CA 92056

Wednesdays beginning Jan. 22,
at 9:00am or

Thursdays beginning Jan. 23,
at 7:00pm
[10 Sessions]

GENESIS TO JESUS IS A
BIBLE STUDY FROM DR. SCOTT
HAHN & THE ST. PAUL CENTER
FOR BIBLICAL THEOLOGY

- Get the big picture overview of the Bible.
- See how Jesus & the Church are the fulfillment of God's fatherly plan for the world from the very beginning of time.
- Learn to share your Catholic faith from the Bible.

Registration due by January 19,
2014. Materials fee of \$25 payable
to the Church of St. Thomas More.

Contact: Addie
(760) 305-8355 or addie@usa.com



join
moms & kids
for our
first get together
of 2014!

are you a mom with infant to
school-aged children? want to
meet other moms for fun and
friendship?

bagels and play at the park

South Buena Vista Park
January 6th, 2014
10am-12pm

jen abelson: 410-570-6962
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