

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

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**Breakfast at Nucci's  
Sunday, January 26  
Grab a flyer at the  
information table  
20% donated to STM**

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 26, 2014**

**Pastor's Column**

*Rev. Michael Ratajczak  
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**Christian Stewardship—Fulfilling God's Purpose**

As we journey through this month of January, we continue to reflect upon Christian Stewardship, and our responsibility to continue the mission and ministry of Jesus for this time and this place.

Christian Stewardship is a way of living, living as Disciples of the Lord Jesus. Thus Christian Stewardship is, simply put, Discipleship.

Last weekend, at all Masses, Anthony and Erin Barela gave a “witness talk” about their journey with the Lord Jesus as Catholics. They focused, especially, upon how the Faith Community of St. Thomas More has been present to them over the years.

They said, “St. Thomas More Parish is our faith family, our faith home. Our children are learning that people are more important than things, than stuff!”

Seeing a young family like them, committed to Jesus and to his Church, fills me with great hope for the present and for the future.

Christian Stewardship, lived on a daily basis, is the visible sign and acknowledgement of our dependence upon God and one another.

Christian Stewardship is not just about giving of time, talent, and treasure. It is also about receiving the gifts of time, talent, and treasure when the need arises in our lives.

This weekend, before all the Masses, Bill Ipsen, the Parish Financial Liaison, will give us a financial update on the Operations Budget and the beginnings of our Mortgage/ Building Completion Fund; and, Chris Smith, the Director of Stewardship and Development, will take time to give us an update, on the various ministry needs of our Parish.

This information will, again, remind all of us of our dependence upon God and one another. We are a part of the web of relationships, of the interconnectedness that gives meaning to life and helps us to be at peace.

As we make our way through this month of Christian Stewardship Awareness and Renewal, may all of us take more seriously, and say, more committedly, the words: “For All That Has Been—Thank You!” and “And For All That Will Be—Yes!”

*Fr. Mike*

## Thank You from Catholic Charities

Dear Rev. Ratajczak:

On behalf of Catholic Charities, I would like to thank you, the staff, and Parishioners of St. Thomas More Catholic Church for your generosity during the holiday season. With your Christmas stockings and gift card donations to our annual "Christmas Store" holiday program, we were able to provide gifts to more than 70 families, for a total of 220 children!

In addition, with more than 300 pounds of peanut butter and jelly donated from your "PBJ" program, we've constantly had these highly requested products available to our clients. It's a pleasure to see the joy and excitement in their faces when we offer this selection. When they thanked me, I let them know everything was donated by hundreds of people throughout the Diocese who cared about them.

Please pass along my sincere thanks to the St. Thomas More Catholic community for all their support during the holidays and all throughout the year 2013!

*In appreciation,  
Marco Lemus, Program Coordinator  
Food Resource Center—Vista, Catholic Charities*

## Farewell, Marcus!

For personal reasons, our Youth Advocate, Marcus Cabrera, has resigned his position effective Wednesday, January 22.

I know that he can be assured of our Parish prayers as he moves through this transition.

Rory Griffin and Martin Zschoche have assumed the responsibilities of the Youth Advocate for our teens on an interim basis.

Please pray for the Parish as we, too, move through this transition.

*—Rev. Michael Ratajczak, Pastor*

## Thank You! Thank You!! Thank You!!!

During the Advent/Christmas Season, a visitor, upon leaving Mass, said to me, "Father, I just love this Parish. There is so much joy here!"

I share this observation with each and everyone one of you and I compliment all who have helped to make our Advent/Christmas celebrations so special. To paraphrase an often used analogy—"It takes a village..."—"It takes a Parish..."

So many people have done so much in order to witness to Jesus through our celebrations and to create an environment of hospitality, warmth, and joy. To each of you, for all that you have done, I say "Thank You!"

I choose not to mention names or groups, for the fear of leaving someone out by mistake. You know who you are and what you have done—giving greater honor and glory to God.

I am humbled and proud to be your Pastor.

For all that has been, "Thank You!" For all that will be, "Yes!"

*—Rev. Michael Ratajczak, Pastor*

## Welcome New Parishioners

**Jason & Jaclyn Delvecchio & Family**

## Congratulations to

**Jack & Mary Bruzas**

who celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary January 26.

**Tom & Edith Noel**

who celebrate their 63rd wedding anniversary January 27.

*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 soul of:



**Donna Doherty**, who died on January 19. Her Vigil Service with rosary will be on Wednesday, January 29, at Eternal Hills Mortuary in Oceanside (time to be determined). Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, January 30, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep her husband Frank and her family in your prayers.

*May her soul 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?

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

## Vocations

In today's Gospel, Jesus called, the apostles clearly heard and responded. Sometimes we think that perhaps God is calling us to follow him, but hesitate because we are not sure or we are afraid to take up the challenge. If you THINK you hear God calling you to a vocation as a priest, deacon, or religious, give it a chance and explore the possibilities. Contact Deacon Tom at [thomasgoeltz@aol.com](mailto:thomasgoeltz@aol.com) or 760-727-8442. A vocation to serve God and his people is a great way of life. God Bless!

## 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](mailto:eriksson1@mindspring.com).



## 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 A; Weekday Year II  
Readings online at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org).

**Sunday, January 26 (67)**  
*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Isaiah 8:23-9:3  
Psalm 27:1,4,13-14  
1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17  
Matthew 4:12-23

**Monday, January 27 (317)**  
*Angela Merici, virgin*  
2 Samuel 5:1-7,10  
Psalm 89:20-22,25-26  
Mark 3:22-30

**Tuesday, January 28 (318)**  
*Thomas Aquinas, priest, doctor*  
2 Samuel 6:12b-15,17-19  
Psalm 24:7-10  
Mark 3:31-35

**Wednesday, January 29 (319)**  
2 Samuel 7:4-17  
Psalm 89:4-5,27-30  
Mark 4:1-20

**Thursday, January 30 (320)**  
2 Samuel 7:18-19,24-29  
Psalm 132:1-5,11-14  
Mark 4:21-25

**Friday, January 31 (321)**  
*John Bosco, priest*  
2 Samuel 11:1-4a,5-10a,13-17  
Psalm 51:3-7,10-11  
Mark 4:26-34

**Saturday, February 1 (322)**  
2 Samuel 12:1-7a,10-17  
Psalm 51:12-17  
Mark 4:35-41

**Sunday, February 2 (524)**  
*The Presentation of the Lord*  
Malachi 3:1-4  
Psalm 24:7-10  
Hebrew 2:14-18  
Luke 2:22-40

Mass Intentions
Saturday, January 25, 5:00pm Frances Seis ☩
Sunday, January 26, 8:30am John Kirk ☩
Sunday, January 26, 10:30am Pearl Hazelwood ☩
Monday, January 27, 8:15am Robert Morrill ☩
Tuesday, January 28, 8:15am J. C. Gonzalez ☩
Wednesday, January 29, 8:15am Merrill Garner ☩
Thursday, January 30, 8:15am Theresa Farrell
Friday, January 31, 8:15am Donna Doherty ☩
Saturday, February 1, 5:00pm Henry Robles ☩
Sunday, February 2, 8:30am Guy Headrick ☩
Sunday, February 2, 10:30am Dante Tusei ☩

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

Changa Aguilera  
Mary Alexander  
Carrie Autrey  
Jose Luis Barbosa  
Patricia Barbour  
Clarice Bednarz  
John Bennici  
Regina Bentz  
Lisa Berg  
Roseanne Berg  
Mary Betz  
Betty Jean Bielich  
Sr. Annette Bower  
The Breier Family  
Beth Brewer  
Janet Brown  
Todd Brown  
Nicholas Bruno  
Anita Buerger  
Bridget Buford  
Jeff & Janelle Butler  
Tony Calderone  
Shelby Campbell  
Brianna Campos  
Claudia Caplinger  
Aria Cappeluti  
The Carter Family  
Paul Cassidy  
Marilyn Clarke  
The Vaughn Clevenger Family  
Dolly Cole  
Carl Coleman  
James Coleman  
Elaine Collins  
Stephanie Comito  
Thomas Cornwell & Family  
Carol Costa  
Steven Cresencia  
Lené Crowe  
Karen Flaharty Daley  
Beverly de Gelder  
Hugo Delgado, Jr.  
Carole Dillon  
The Doherty Family  
Art & Dave Dossman  
John Drazkowski, Jr.  
La Vonne Dumas  
Virginia Dunbar  
Debbie Ebaugh  
Carolyn Erickson Ey  
Sharon Evans  
Victoria Lopez Fenton  
The Fiore Family  
Ryan Flum  
Ernie Follis  
Eugene Franciscus  
Kathryn Franklin  
Joe Freire  
The Greg French Family  
Brian Frink  
Jim Gallagher  
The Joe Garcia Family  
Kathy Gardner  
Jack & Marge Gillen  
Wendy Gonzales' Dad  
Rick Gonzalez  
Robert Graskamper  
Pat & Tom Hannon  
The Harker Family  
Barbara Hatem  
Heidi Heaton  
Lilian Hills  
Samara Hook  
Susan Hori  
Rick Hughes  
Iolanda Iacobelli  
Linda Iacobelli Bennett  
Betty Karch  
Paul Kennedy  
Peggy Kiernan  
Debbie Kinney  
Dewey Kolbo  
Tony Korwin  
Helen Kuhn  
Lillian Lachance  
The Lamelin Family  
Brandon LeBlanc  
Jeremiah Lemus  
David Leué  
The Paul Leué Family  
The Lloyd Family  
Ashley Load  
Cassandra & Lauren Loretto  
Jack Lucarelli  
James MacArthur  
Joaquin Maldonado  
Paige Mansell  
Alexander Mathews  
Chandler May  
Bob McWilliams  
Joyce Meehan  
Kalei Mendiola  
Bill Metzger  
Phyllis Minaya  
June Mitchell  
June Montgomery  
Nancy Moore  
Elizabeth Muehlbacher  
Conrad Murphy  
Margie Myers  
Richard Obsitnik  
The Oey Family  
Bernadette Padovan  
Ethan Palm  
Helen Pingtella  
Perry Postulka  
Douglas Price-Williams  
The Joe Prokop Family  
Bill Pucket  
Barbara Ramm  
Rita Ritchie  
Adela & Elena Rivera  
Joel Rivera  
Maria Rogers  
Dorothy Rouse  
The Russo Family  
Rachel Sainc  
Cindy Sanelli  
Linda Schmidt  
Dr. Kevin Seufert  
The Don Shaw Family  
Joan Shea  
Elizabeth Shirzad  
Nick Soltau  
Fred & Gilda Spiegl  
Darek, Vanessa, & Elba Spizewski  
Patricia St. Pierre  
Pete Sullivan  
David Sweet  
Julie Teare  
Tommy & Ginger Thompson  
Sarah Tillinghast  
William Tompson  
Stephen Toth, Jr.  
Olivia Trejo  
The Trejo/Beltran Family  
The Trejo/Maldonado/Uribe Family  
Corrie & Robert Vasquez  
Lucy Vienna  
Faith Vincent  
Vanessa Vitiello  
Kevin Watson-Graff  
Sue Welch  
John Whitton  
Darrel Williams  
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](http://www.stmoside.org),  
Schedule and Calendar

Jan 25-26 STM Authors Book Signing Event

Jan 26 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass

Jan 26 Brunch at Nucci's

Jan 26 RE.A.CH Classes at Church, including High School

Jan 29 Fr. Mike's Bookies discuss *On Heaven and Earth*

Feb 2 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30 am Masses

Feb 2 Potluck and Presentation on *Evangelii Gaudium* Part 1

Feb 3 Moms & Kids at South Buena Vista Park

Feb 8 Women's Guild Fashion Show

Feb 9 RE.A.CH Classes at Church, including High School

Feb 14 Spirited Seniors Valentine Luncheon

Feb 16 Potluck and Presentation on *Evangelii Gaudium* Part 2

Feb 17 Moms & Kids at South Buena Vista Park

Feb 19 RBV Wind Ensemble and SDSU Wind Ensemble in Concert at STM

Feb 22 Women's Prayer Breakfast

Feb 23 RE.A.CH Classes at Church, including High School

Apr 8 Day of Recollection

May 3 Women's Guild Game Day

Jun 13 STM Annual Gala

Jun 22 New Member Luncheon

Questions? Contact Henny at  
760-758-4100 x100  
[hennyj@stmoside.org](mailto: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.

January 27 Sr. Jeanette Lucinio, SP
January 28 Sr. Linda Lutz, CHS
January 29 Sr. Ann Machtemes, OSB
January 30 Sr. Christina MacLean, SMSM
January 31 Sr. Elisa Maldonado, SJS
February 1 Sr. M. Clare Manhart, RSM
February 2 Sr. Mary Manthi, CVI

## Social Ministries/Outreach

### Mission of Social Ministries/Outreach

The Mission of the St. Thomas More Social Justice Committee is to:

- † provide awareness and education of Catholic social justice teaching;
- † participate in creating a society with more just laws and social structures;
- † work with other faith groups on justice issues within social, economic, and political structures.

### Social Justice Email "Hotline"

Do you ever wonder where you fit in the social justice picture? How do you respond as a Christian when a social justice issue arises?

Sign up to be on an email list to be informed about some of the issues the Parish Social Justice Committee is working on or be invited to participate in an event in North County.

Send your email address to: [maureenb@stmoside.org](mailto:maureenb@stmoside.org)

*You are not alone in your desire to follow  
Jesus' call for justice for all God's children.*

### STM Scrip News

The Scrip program would like to remind you there are just over two weeks until Valentine's Day. The Scrip program has many ideas for that special day, but you must plan ahead. You can purchase gift cards to Ruth Chris, 1-800 Flowers, Groupon, Spafinder, Amazon.com, See's Candy, and Bella Dora Spa, to name a few. Stop by the Scrip table or come see Henny in the Parish Office to place SPECIAL orders for that SPECIAL someone.

**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](mailto: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.*

### 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!

**As of January 6 we have netted over \$42,343  
from this program. Thank you donors!**



**For more information, contact the Parish Office:  
760-758-4100 x100 or [parishoffice@stmoside.org](mailto:parishoffice@stmoside.org)**

## Marriage & Family Life



**Moms and Kids**—Join Moms & Kids at Calavera Hills Park on Friday, January 31, at 10:00am to make candles in preparation for Candlemas (Presentation of Jesus at the Temple) on February 2! Please RSVP to Jen Abelson ([jen.abelson@gmail.com](mailto:jen.abelson@gmail.com)) or Mindy Leonard ([mindy@redfish777.com](mailto:mindy@redfish777.com)).

**Bishops' Letter on Marriage—Effects of Cohabitation:** "Social science research, however, finds that cohabitation has no positive effects on a marriage. In some cases, cohabitation can in fact harm a couple's chances for a stable marriage. More importantly, though, cohabitation involves the serious sin of fornication. It does not conform to God's plan for marriage and is always wrong and objectively sinful." To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

**The Divorce Healing Ministry** of St. Luke's Parish invites those going through a 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.

**Marriage Moments**— "I urge you, brothers and sisters...that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and in the same purpose." (1 Cor. 1:10) Being united doesn't mean you have to have the same favorite ice cream, but the same ultimate purpose in life. What's important to agree on and what doesn't matter today? By Susan Vogt, [www.SusanVogt.net](http://www.SusanVogt.net).

**Parenting Pointers**—Babies are usually cute and lovable--but there are times when an unplanned pregnancy can be a crisis for the whole family. Talk to your children about the sanctity of human life, no matter how invisible. Make it real by supporting both pregnant mothers and those struggling to raise a young child—perhaps alone. By Susan Vogt, [www.SusanVogt.net](http://www.SusanVogt.net).

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



### Food Bank Contributions

Look for the blue barrels on the Plaza at weekend Masses to deposit your contributions for North County Community Services Food Bank in San Marcos. Thank you for your support! For more information, contact Ron Briseno at 760-758-4100 x100 or [parishoffice@stmoside.org](mailto:parishoffice@stmoside.org).

### Book Signing

Eight St. Thomas More Parishioners who have authored books will be available on the Plaza after all three Masses January 25-26.

Their books present diverse, interesting topics; some for children, others for adults. Add to your reading pleasure and also consider for gifts in 2014.

Any last minute entries may contact Judy Smith, 760-685-4678.

## Parish Events

### Attention Men!

Join us for the weekly *That Man is You!* Program, which meets Saturday mornings from 6:45-8:30am. For more information, contact Deacon John Fredette at [johnf@stmoside.org](mailto:johnf@stmoside.org) or 760-758-4100 x132.

### Women's Guild News

Since our next meeting will be the Fashion Show on Saturday, February 8, at Shadowridge Country Club, this is one week you do not have to call in reservations for lunch. Lunch is included in the Fashion Show ticket, as are all the wonderful door prizes. However, you will be sorry if you don't bring money because the opportunity baskets and prizes for raffle are very inviting, and your chances for winning one are good. Ticket sales are going wonderfully and may very well be sold out by next weekend. So get your ticket now if you haven't got one already—stop by the Women's Guild table on the Plaza after weekend Masses. Valerie Thompson and her committee have been working hard to make this the best show yet.

Behind the scenes, other members are busy quilting for the June raffle; sending out birthday and get-well cards; working on nominating and Constitution/By Laws revision committees; planning our other meetings; the next Bake sale and of course, Game Day. The last meeting of the year, the installation luncheon, will be a celebration of our 25th Anniversary. But in the midst of all this activity we will be taking time out during Lent for our annual Day of Recollection to remind ourselves the purpose of all these activities: the greater glory of God, our own spiritual growth, and support for our Parish. The retreat day will be open to all men and women of the Parish and elsewhere. Join us if you can. —Ann Buko, president

### Got STM eNews?

We send out occasional emails with reminders/details about Parish events and other information. If you'd like to join the list, go to the Parish website, [www.stmoside.org](http://www.stmoside.org), click on Contact Us, then click on Join Our eNews List.

### Catholic Widows and Widowers of North County

CWWNC meets the second Sunday of each month for a general meeting and potluck at 2:00pm. On the fourth Sunday of each month, we gather for Mass at various Parishes in North County followed by lunch. Check the bulletin board on the lower level of the Parish Center for our calendar of events, including potlucks, dining out, hiking, and more! RSVP's are required. For more info. call Carol Kope at 760-726-0533 or Gerri Wilmott at 760-758-9949.

### Rosary

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



## Memorial Item Donations

Memorials are a way of honoring those whom we love, whether they are living or deceased. Often, memorials are made for a special intention or in thanksgiving for a variety of blessings received from God.

Our Parish Campus will be a living memorial. All who help in building it will leave something to the community itself that will be used by generations to come. The good they do is not interred with them, but will remain to share in the divine activity of God here on earth.

Listed below are items still available for adoption.

*All contributions will be recognized in a special memorial to be displayed in our Parish Memorial Garden.*

For more information or to adopt an item, contact Chris Smith  
760-758-4100 x120 or [chriss@stmoside.org](mailto:chriss@stmoside.org)

<b>Pipe Organ</b>	<b>\$850,000</b>
<b>Memorial Garden</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>
<b>Reflection Garden</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>
<b>Church Doors (Bronze)</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>
<b>Crucifix</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>
<b>St. Thomas More Shrine (Tapestry)</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>
<b>Pew Seating for the Church</b> (1,000) 894 available	<b>\$300/person</b>
<b>Daily Mass Chapel and Choir Chairs</b> (200) 135 available	<b>\$300/each</b>



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For more information on our progress, visit our website, [stmoside.org](http://stmoside.org), and click on *Our New Church*.

### Stay Up to Date on Construction Activity!

Check the Parish website ([www.stmoside.org](http://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

## FULFILLING GOD’S PURPOSE

Stewardship, as I have written over the past couple of weeks, requires the giving of your time and talent—or at least the allocation of some of your time and the openness to adapting your God-given talents to God-driven ministry in service to this faith community and the world beyond our walls.

But it also requires that we support our community through our monetary gifts. Fr. Mike likes to remind us that all that we have is gift, from God. We start with nothing, and we will finish with nothing to accompany us on our journey of everlasting life.

Now, I’m not saying that we have to beggar ourselves to enter the Kingdom of God. But doing our part is important. And despite the renewed focus from our pope on the needs of the poor, it is important to recognize that the scope of the mission and ministry of the church is broad. It includes the poor, the widowed, and the orphaned, the newly arrived and the soon to depart. But it also includes supporting the daily and weekly activities of the church. From a liturgical point of view, this means supporting the activities of the faithful (that’s you and me) in our

worship of God.

The “Did You Know?” Campaign was created to let all of us know the “cost of doing (God’s) business” here at the Parish. Generally, we hear of the big ticket items, over \$5,000 per year. Taking a page from that book, let’s take a look at the liturgical ministries from a “did you know?” perspective.

Each year we purchase 66,000 (!) hosts from the Cistercian nuns in New Mexico. Cost: \$1,500. We purchase 360 liters (over 95 gallons) of altar wine. Cost: \$2,100. We purchase candles, oil, palms, charcoal, and incense. Cost: \$1,250.

Each year we purchase music for the choirs as well as congregational licenses for copyright compliance (\$2,000 each), we replace equipment for the handbells and the praise team (\$1,000), and we tune the pianos (\$500).

These are just *some* of the daily, weekly, and yearly “costs of doing (God’s) business.” And then, let’s look at that list of things still needed for our new permanent church (see page 5 of the bulletin).

There are a few liturgical things still on that big list—pews, chairs for the daily chapel and main worship space



Matthew 4:16

(for the choir and for the required flexible seating), and the pipe organ. Anyone who has shopped for a good, solid wood chair understands why pews cost about \$300 per seating space (18 inches). And we need to purchase seating for 1,000 people. The chairs for the daily chapel, the choir area, and the flexible seating around the baptismal font come in at the same cost per seat. On another page in the future, I will discuss the particular local need and broad historical requirement of having a pipe organ in a Catholic church. But did you know that our start-up set of handbells was donated by a Parishioner? Cost: \$15,000.

All of these things that we “need” for the mission and ministry of this faith community in this time and place cost money. Unfortunately, buying a case of altar wine is nowhere near as sexy (from a Christian point of view) as feeding the many, many needy people at Brother Benno’s. But still. And our treasure makes it happen.

—Douglas

### Upcoming Music



FEBRUARY 2  
Presentation of the Lord



5:00pm Mass

Praise Team

8:30am Mass

Tower Bells

10:30am Mass

Sanctuary Choir

## BLESSING OF CANDLES NEXT WEEKEND

### Bring candles from home!

Next Sunday, which we celebrate the Presentation of the Lord, is often called Candlemas Day.

According to Luke’s account of the Gospel, Simeon recognized Jesus as the Messiah in the Temple and declared him “a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel” (Luke 2:32).

This sparked the tradition of blessing candles for the home. In some places there are candle processions in churches and in the streets, which became known as Candlemas.



# Faith Formation

*Teach and Live the Gospel*

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## Faith Formation for Adults

*Join us for any of the following events . . . bring a friend! All are welcome~*

**January 29, 7:00pm . . . this Wednesday!**

### FR. MIKE'S BOOKIES

Join in the discussion on the lower level,  
and share your insights

- The book is *On Heaven and Earth* by Pope Francis
- The hardcover book is available at the Parish Office for \$16. It is also available for \$9.78 on Kindle through Amazon.com and other electronic versions.
- Our discussion leader is the welcoming Kurt Schwend.



**February 2 and February 16, 12:00noon**

*Next Sunday!*

### THE AGENDA OF POPE FRANCIS

Join Deacon Tom and Patt Goeltz and Deacon John and Debbie Fredette for

- A potluck luncheon right after the 10:30am Mass on these two dates (*Guaranteed home in time for the Super Bowl!*)
- Followed by a discussion of the issues addressed by Pope Francis in his “manifesto” *EVANGELII GAUDIUM / JOY OF THE GOSPEL*.
- Consider what kind of a man is he?
- What does he want of each of us?
- For years we have heard the term “New Evangelization.” What does it mean? What is our role in it?
- What does the Pope think about society, the economy, and other issues and our role in them?
- A copy of *EVANGELII GAUDIUM / JOY OF THE GOSPEL* can be found on our Parish website ([www.stmoside.org](http://www.stmoside.org)); click on Links.
- Or Google “Summary of Evangelii Gaudium” and you will find many possibilities for a shorter version.

## TEEN FAITH FORMATION

### Phase 1

- \* Core Course continues Sunday evening, then meets February 9 and 23 with weeks off in between
- \* Mini Courses coming up . . . be sure the dates are saved  
March 2, 9, 16  
April 6, 13, 27

### Phase 2

- \* Sunday classes begin this Sunday at 9:00am, followed by
- \* Mass as a group at the 10:30am Mass

### Covenant Ritual

Our teen Candidates for Confirmation begin their final period of preparation this Sunday at the 10:30am Mass with the Covenant Ritual.

This is an opportunity for

- \* the Candidates to declare their intention to explore Gospel values with an open heart,
- \* the Sponsors to declare their intention to walk this faith journey with their candidates, and
- \* the community of St. Thomas More to declare its intention to support these candidates by prayer and example.

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill us with the fire of your love!*

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This program is one way of helping the Parish raise the resources necessary to continue our campus build out and also help plan for our future needs (i.e., Tower of Faith participants). Gifts of this nature are beneficial and much appreciated by St. Thomas More.

#### For more information please contact:

Chris Smith at 760-758-4100 x120 or [chriss@stmoside.org](mailto:chriss@stmoside.org).

*"... A Time To Build!"*  
includes our Faith journey as well  
as the build out of our Parish Campus.

## Collection for Week of January 18/19, 2014

Number of Registered Households		1,071
Offertory*	\$	12,323.46
Offertory (Loose Collection)		1,126.00
Children's envelopes		0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>13,449.46</b>

## 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](mailto:Parish_office@stmoside.org).

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## Fulfilling God's Purpose

As our Christian Stewardship Awareness/Renewal month draws to a close, it is important for each of us to realize that our purpose in life is to fulfill whatever purpose(s) God created us to fill.

**The definition of "steward" is one who manages** multiple areas of another's property and finances. Hence, as Christian stewards, we manage the gifts that have been given to us by God and return them with gratitude.

**The definition of "ministry" is the act of serving.** As Christian stewards we are called to serve by way of ministering with the gifts God has given to us.

Our 2014 Christian Stewardship booklets, *Fulfilling God's Purpose*, have been mailed to all registered Parishioners. Please take the time to review and enjoy the pages of this booklet.

Hundreds of YOU are key players in the multiple ministries that cover the pages of this booklet. Thank you for your service and dedication! We are a blessed and faith-filled Parish.

In addition to the 100+ ministries listed, there are many more sub-ministries which help to make God's purposes come to fruition in the best way possible here at St. Thomas More and beyond. If you are not already involved, I warmly invite you now.

### We are called to serve. We are called to fulfill God's purpose.

The insert in this weekend's bulletin gives samples of a variety of ways to serve through our ministries. It also gives examples of giving of our resources with a percentage chart to check out. Take a few minutes to review these items. You might find that God has a new way for you to serve. Please contact me to find out more.

"And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God." —*Colossians: 1:10*

Following is a Christian Stewardship Prayer for reflection:

*My church is composed of people like me.*

*I help make it what it is.*

*It will be friendly, if I am.*

*It will do great work, if I work.*

*It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver.*

*It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, if I invite and bring them.*

*It will be a church of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, and a church with a noble spirit, if I who make it what it is, am filled with these same things.*

*Therefore, with the help of God, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my church to be.*

*Amen.*

*Here am I Lord; I come to do your will.*

—*Psalms 42:2*



## News and Information from the Larger Church

**Franciscan School of Theology at Mission San Luis Rey**—For more information, contact Vince Nims at 510-828-2869 (call or text) or [vnims@fst.edu](mailto:vnims@fst.edu) or visit [fst.edu](http://fst.edu).

**Relationship Skills Workshops**—Tuesdays, 7:00pm, through April 22, Diocesan Pastoral Center, 3888 Paducah Dr., San Diego. Come and explore how to improve your relationships. You can attend one workshop, several, or all. For more information, contact Deacon Ralph Skiano at 858-490-8292.

**Healing Mass**—Wednesday, January 29, 6:30pm, St. James Church, 625 S. Nardo Ave., Solana Beach. Celebrated by Dr. Denis Phaneuf. All are welcome!

**Gods & Gifts: Vatican Museum Tour**—Wednesday, January 29, Bowers Museum, Santa Ana. Presented by All Hallows Church, La Jolla. \$50 includes luxury bus trip and admission to the museum (food is on your own). For more information, contact [www.allhallows.com](http://www.allhallows.com) or 858-459-2975. For more information about the exhibit, visit [www.bowers.org](http://www.bowers.org) (Current Exhibits).

**Magnificat Women's Prayer Breakfast**—Saturday, February 15, 9:30am, Mission Valley Sheraton. Retired police officer, Kathy Marchetti will speak on God's endless mercy in her powerful life story. RSVP by February 7 to 619-701-2718 or [www.magnificat.sd.org](http://www.magnificat.sd.org).

**"The Fabulous 50s" Charity Luncheon**—Tuesday, February 18, 11:00am, Hilton Mission Valley, 901 Camino Del Rio South, San Diego. Hosted by St. Vincent de Paul Village Ladies Guild to benefit the children at Fr. Joe's Villages. RSVP to Jane Hargrove at 585-453-7016 by February 11.

**Monthly Holy Hour for Priestly and Religious Vocations**—Third Wednesday of each month (next is February 19), 7:30-9:00pm, Diocesan Pastoral Center, 3888 Paducah Dr., San Diego. For more information, contact Fr. Pedro Rivera at [privera@diocese-sdiego.org](mailto:privera@diocese-sdiego.org) or 619-291-7446.

**Java with Jesus**—Thursday, February 20, 7:00-9:00pm, St. Michael Church, Holy Family Center, 15410 Pomerado Rd., Poway. For teenagers, young adults, and families. To register, contact Sr. Aurora Lopez-Ornelas, [alopez-ornelas@diocese-sdiego.org](mailto:alopez-ornelas@diocese-sdiego.org).

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**Voices for Children 22nd Annual Golf Tournament**—Monday, February 24, Del Mar Country Club. Proceeds will further our mission to transform the lives of foster children. For more information, contact Jill Jones Mason at 858-598-2222.

**Rachel's Vineyard Post-Abortion Healing Retreat for Women**—March 21-23 in Temecula. For more information or to register, contact Dolores at 951-325-7702.

**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**—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](http://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](mailto:fwgrant@gmail.com).

**The Center for Christian Spirituality at the University of San Diego** has a great lineup of events. Visit [www.sandiego.edu/ccs](http://www.sandiego.edu/ccs).

**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](http://www.speakupnow.org) or 858-598-2235.

#### Online Rosary

Pray the rosary online—visit [www.therosary3.com](http://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](http://ihradio.com/sandiego)

#### Young Adult Ministry Activities

Visit [www.yamsd.org](http://www.yamsd.org) for complete information on events for young adults, including our local chapter, North County Young Adults.

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](http://www.CatholicsComeHome.org).



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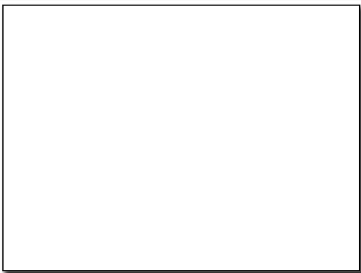
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# Stewardship

## Awareness/Renewal 2014

# Time & Talent

Offering time, talent, and treasure to our Parish will help ensure that God's work continues. Sharing one's time, talent, and treasure is a way to thank God for God's many blessings and gifts.

We have many ministries that can use your time and talent!



*Available at weekend Masses?  
Consider the ministries of*

Hospitality  
Reader  
Eucharistic Minister  
Altar Server  
Music

*Do you like to serve in a group?*

Knights of Columbus  
Women's Guild  
Spirited Seniors  
Widows and Widowers  
Men's Fellowship  
Women's Ministry

*Can you help with religious education?*

Catechist or Assistant Catechist  
Liturgy of the Word for Children  
Youth Ministry  
Young Adult Ministry

*Looking for family activities?*

Bringing the Celebration Home  
Moms and Kids  
Faith Formation for Adults (with childcare)

*Interested in outreach and social justice?*

Social Justice Committee  
Culture of Life Committee  
Youth Justice Ministry  
Solutions for Change  
Brother Benno's

*Like to help with BIG events?*

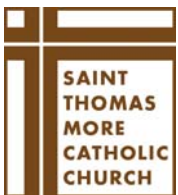
Annual Gala  
Treasures Rummage Sale

Check your Stewardship Booklet (arriving in the mail soon)  
for more opportunities!

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"Christ has no body now on earth but yours.  
No hands, but yours. No feet, but yours.  
Yours are the eyes through which the  
compassion of Christ must look out on this world."  
St. Teresa of Avila



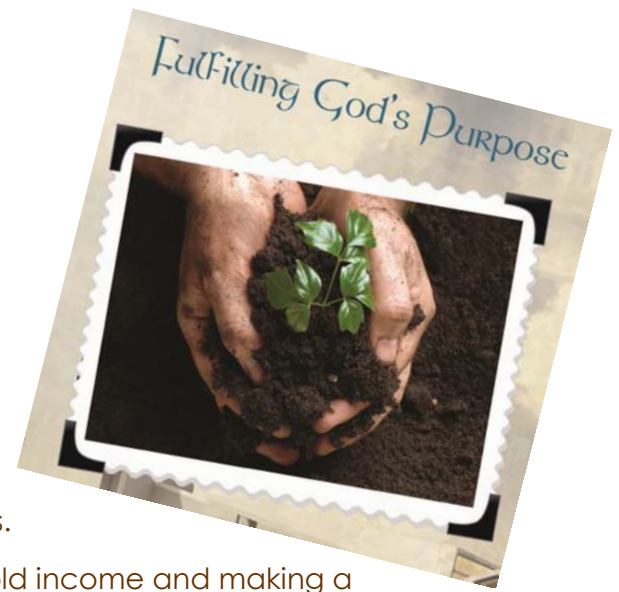
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# Stewardship

## Awareness/Renewal 2014

# Treasure



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Sacrificial Giving is the process of consciously examining household income and making a decision to give a percentage of it to the Church. When you add up all your gifts to St. Thomas More, what percentage is that amount of your gross household income? Maybe it is ½%, 1%, 3%, or more? You are encouraged to increase it by a percentage each year until you have made that leap of Faith and are using the STM Tithing Program, which is giving 8% to St. Thomas More\* and giving 2% to one or more other charities that you choose.

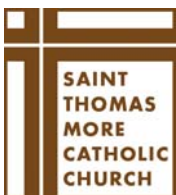
Percentage of Income Annual Income	1%	2%	4%	6%	8%
\$10,000	\$2	\$4	\$8	\$12	\$15
\$20,000	\$4	\$8	\$15	\$23	\$31
\$30,000	\$6	\$12	\$23	\$35	\$46
\$40,000	\$8	\$15	\$31	\$46	\$62
\$50,000	\$10	\$19	\$38	\$58	\$77
\$60,000	\$12	\$23	\$46	\$69	\$92
\$70,000	\$13	\$27	\$54	\$81	\$108
\$80,000	\$15	\$31	\$62	\$92	\$123
	Amount of Weekly Gift				

\*For families who choose to participate in the STM Tithing Program, their 8% gift to St. Thomas More is distributed among the following:

- Parish Operations
- Mortgage/Building Completion Fund
- Christmas and Easter Offerings
- Religious Education
- Sacrament Stipends
- Baptism
- Wedding
- Funeral
- Annual Catholic Appeal
- Special Collections
- Lenten Collection
- Peter's Pence
- Missionary Cooperative Appeal
- Mission Sunday
- National Needs
- Retirement Fund for Religious

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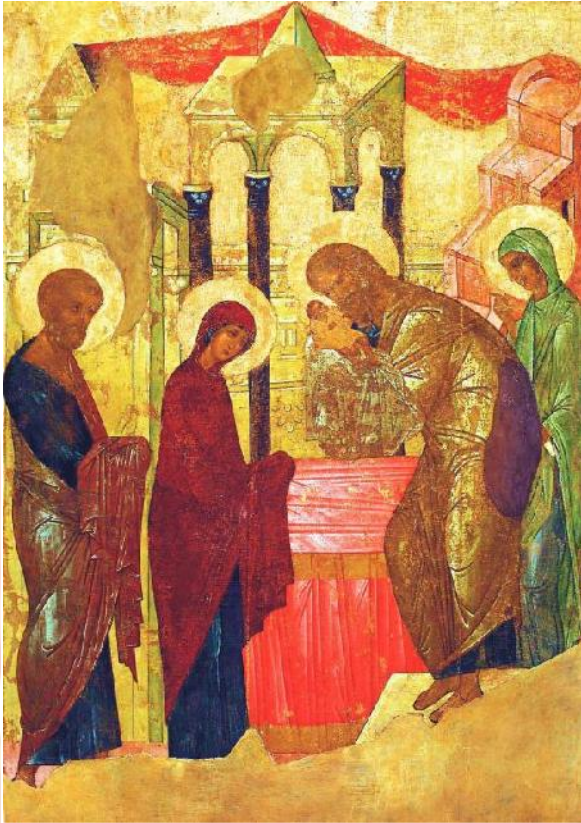
*"But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold."  
 Matthew 13:23*



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## Bringing the Celebration Home: Candlemas



*Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple  
painted by St Andrei Rublyov*

Candlemas, celebrated on February 2nd, originated in the fifth century and represents the light of God's glory, which manifested itself in Jesus Christ. When Jesus is first brought to the temple - or presented - as a baby (Luke 2:21-38), Simon holds him in his arms and calls him "a light of revelation to the Gentiles and the glory of Your people of Israel." (Luke 2:32). The "light" he calls Jesus is what we celebrate with candlelight - celebrating our Light of the World. In the beautiful portrayal of this moment above, you can even see the face of Christ shining with the beauty of light!

Candlemas is celebrated 40 days after the birth of Christ on Christmas Day. This is in keeping with the Mosaic Law, which stated that a woman needed to purify themselves for 40 days after giving birth. After giving birth, Mary would have taken 40 days to purify herself and then brought Jesus to the temple and made an offering...and it was then that Simon recognized the importance of this beautiful baby.

Flip for Ways to Celebrate at Home!



## Bringing the Celebration Home: Candlemas Activities

1

The Presentation of the Lord is also the fourth of the five Joyful Mysteries. Tonight, recite a decade with your family.

2

Bring a candle to Mass to be blessed. Below is a space that you can decorate, cut out, and affix to the outside of your blessed candle before lighting it. Parents, never leave a lit candle unattended!



3


For moms with infants to school-aged children, plan to join us at Calavera Hills Park on Friday, January 31, 10:00am to make candles in preparation for Candelmas. Please RSVP to Jen Abelson ([jen.abelson@gmail.com](mailto:jen.abelson@gmail.com)) or Mindy Leonard ([mindy@redfish777.com](mailto:mindy@redfish777.com)).

For more information about Marriage & Family Life activities at St. Thomas More, contact Jen Frost at [jenf@stmoside.org](mailto:jenf@stmoside.org) or 858-692-7438.

Flip for Background on Candlemas!



## February 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>2</b> <b>Presentation of the Lord</b> 8:30 AM-Mass/LOWC 9:00 AM-Confirmation Class 10:30 AM-Mass/LOWC 12:00 PM-Adult Faith Formation	<b>3</b> 8:15 AM-Mass 10:00AM-Moms & Kids at South Buena Vista Park 7:00 PM-High School Youth Group	<b>4</b> 8:00 AM-Walking Ministry 8:15 AM-Mass 9:00 AM-Donuts and Coffee 9:00 AM-Bible Study Leaders 7:00 PM-Tower Bells 7:00 PM-Knights of Columbus	<b>5</b> 8:15 AM-Mass 9:00 AM-Bible Study 5:30 PM-Teen Prayer Hour 7:00 PM-Finance Council 7:00 PM-Praise Team	<b>6</b> 8:15 AM-Mass 9:00 AM-Donuts and Coffee 10:00 AM-Women's Guild Quilters 10:30 AM-JustFaith 1:00 PM-Centering Prayer 7:00 PM-Bible Study 7:00 PM-Sanctuary Choir 9:00 PM-Cappella Choir	<b>7</b> 8:15 AM-Mass 9:15 AM-Communion Service (Emeritus at Carlsbad)	<b>8</b> <b>Fair Trade Youth Chocolate Sales</b> <b>Women's Guild Fashion Show (Off Site)</b> 6:45 AM-That Man Is You 8:00 AM-Adult CPR/AED 3:30 PM-RCIA 4:00 PM-Reconciliation  <b>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 5:00 PM-Mass/RCIA
<b>9</b> <b>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>Fair Trade Youth Chocolate Sales</b> 8:30 AM-Mass/LOWC 9:00 AM-Confirmation Class 10:20 AM-RE.A.CH 10:30 AM-Mass 12:30 PM-RE.A.CH 4:30 PM-RE.A.CH 6:30 PM-RE.A.CH High School Core Course	<b>10</b> 8:15 AM-Mass 7:00 PM-High School Youth Group	<b>11</b> 8:00 AM-Walking Ministry 8:15 AM-Mass 9:00 AM-Donuts and Coffee 9:00 AM-Bible Study Leaders 7:00 PM-Baptism Preparation Part I 7:00 PM-Tower Bells 7:00 PM-Interior Design	<b>12</b> 8:15 AM-Mass 9:00 AM-Bible Study 1:30 PM-Spirited Senior Board 4:00 PM-Staff Meeting 5:30 PM-Teen Prayer Hour 7:00 PM-Development Council 7:00 PM-Praise Team	<b>13</b> 8:15 AM-Mass 9:00 AM-Communion Service (Pacific Place) 9:00 AM-Donuts and Coffee 10:30 AM-JustFaith 1:00 PM-Centering Prayer 7:00 PM-Bible Study 7:00 PM-Sanctuary Choir 9:00 PM-Cappella Choir	<b>14</b> 8:15 AM-Mass 11:30 AM-Spirited Senior Luncheon 7:00 PM-Men's Fellowship	<b>15</b> <b>Family Shoe Ministry</b> 6:45 AM-That Man Is You 8:00 AM-Infant/Child CPR 2:00 PM-Baptisms 3:30 PM-RCIA 4:00 PM-Reconciliation  <b>6th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 5:00 PM-Mass/RCIA
<b>16</b> <b>6th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>Family Shoe Ministry</b> 8:30 AM-Mass/LOWC 9:00 AM-Confirmation Class 10:30 AM-Mass/LOWC 12:00 PM-Adult Faith Formation	<b>17</b> <b>President's Day</b> <b>Parish Office and Chapel Closed</b> 8:15 AM-Mass 10:00AM-Moms & Kids at South Buena Vista Park 7:00 PM-High School Youth Group	<b>18</b> 8:00 AM-Walking Ministry 8:15 AM-Mass 9:00 AM-Donuts and Coffee 9:00 AM-Bible Study Leaders 7:00 PM-Tower Bells	<b>19</b> 8:15 AM-Mass 9:00 AM-Bible Study 5:30 PM-Teen Prayer Hour 7:00 PM-RBV High School Wind Ensemble Concert	<b>20</b> 8:15 AM-Mass 9:00 AM-Donuts and Coffee 10:00 AM-Women's Guild Quilters 1:00 PM-Centering Prayer 7:00 PM-Bible Study 7:00 PM-Sanctuary Choir 9:00 PM-Cappella Choir	<b>21</b> 8:15 AM-Mass	<b>22</b> 6:45 AM-That Man Is You 9:30 AM-Women's Prayer Breakfast 3:30 PM-RCIA 4:00 PM-Reconciliation  <b>7th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 5:00 PM-Mass/RCIA
<b>23</b> <b>7th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 8:30 AM-Mass/LOWC 9:00 AM-Confirmation Class 10:20 AM-RE.A.CH 10:30 AM-Mass 12:30 PM-RE.A.CH 4:30 PM-RE.A.CH 6:30 PM-RE.A.CH High School Core Course	<b>24</b> 8:15 AM-Mass 7:00 PM-High School Youth Group	<b>25</b> 8:00 AM-Walking Ministry 8:15 AM-Mass 9:00 AM-Donuts and Coffee 9:00 AM-Bible Study Leaders 7:00 PM-Baptism Preparation Part II 7:00 PM-Tower Bells	<b>26</b> 8:15 AM-Mass 9:00 AM-Bible Study 12:00 PM-Parish Social Justice Committee 5:30 PM-Teen Prayer Hour 7:00 PM-Praise Team	<b>27</b> 8:15 AM-Mass 9:00 AM-Donuts and Coffee 1:00 PM-Centering Prayer 7:00 PM-Bible Study 7:00 PM-Sanctuary Choir 9:00 PM-Cappella Choir	<b>28</b> 8:15 AM-Mass	