

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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**Happy 39th Anniversary
of Ordination
to Fr. Mike!**

The Presentation of the Lord February 2, 2014

Pastor's Column

*Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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Nothing Less Than All of You Is What I Want

This past Friday, January 31, 2014, marked the 39th anniversary of my Ordination to the Priesthood. I give thanks to God for the gift of my vocation and God's willingness to allow me to share in the Priesthood of Jesus Christ. I pray for continued strength as I head into "the home stretch."

I am so grateful for the Church of St. Thomas More, this Community of Faith that I have the privilege and joy to pastor.

A Pastor needs to be fed, just as the flock needs to be fed. Please know that I am being fed by you, the Church of St. Thomas More! Your commitment, your desire, and your efforts to live as Disciples of Jesus, and to witness to God's Kingdom in this time and this place mean much to me. You feed me and you strengthen my commitment to be faithful to my promises and vows. Always remember that we need each other. You need a pastor, and, just as importantly, a pastor needs his community.

As I celebrate 39 years of ministry, two phrases come to mind: "permanent commitment" and "humor."

Firstly, the most important charism that is needed for our time is, I believe, "permanent commitment." There are many people in our world today who believe that people cannot make a commitment that lasts "until death." All of us, married, vowed religious, and ordained are called to give to this generation the gift of "permanent commitment."

Our young people, especially, need to see that people can make commitments that last a lifetime. That is what I have chosen to do. No matter what the problem or difficulty, I choose to believe that, with the help of God, it can be worked out.

On January 31, 1975, in Mt. Clemens, Michigan, Bishop Thomas Gumbleton, the Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit, ordained me. I will not walk away from this commitment because I believe that this generation needs to see the charism of permanence. People can say "yes" and that "yes" can last until death.

Secondly, what has "saved" me in my ordained ministry over and over again is "humor," the ability to laugh at myself and to laugh, not at others, but with others. Our very existence is Mystery. Continually we face the unknown, and as we face the joy, the turmoil, and the tragedy of life, humor is a vital gift that sees us through.

I give thanks to God that, in my 39 years of ministry, the gift of humor has found its way into my life and ministry. So much of life is unknown, and, at times, may seem meaningless and even absurd! So, in the face of "not knowing" and consciously "living the questions," I choose to laugh, regale, and enjoy the Mystery, and to be in

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awe of what life places before us, knowing that God walks with us through it all.

I ask that you celebrate with me. I ask that you pray for me in a special way. I need your prayerful support! Through your commitment to this Faith Community, help me to be a priest who is faithful until death.

These are the words of my Ordination Prayer Card. I pray this prayer often. Please pray it with your household from time to time:

Who is that Figure walking by the waters,
along the shore white, shining, and terrible?
He looks at me with Knowing eyes that hurt.
I think He sees my every fiber with those Eyes...
glowing, blazing, probing, loving Eyes,
dreadful, asking Eyes.
They say straightforward
Nothing less than all of you is what I want.

I feel that I am giving more of myself to the Lord today than I did 39 years ago, but I still have a long way to go before I am able to give the Lord everything. I encourage you to join me on the journey.

Let us pray that all of us, as Disciples of the Lord Jesus, each day, give a bit more of ourselves to Him until the transformation is total and complete!

Fr. Mike

Pilgrimage to Turkey and Italy

I will be leading a pilgrimage to Turkey and Italy...October 6-17, 2014...We will visit Istanbul, Venice, Florence, Padua, Assisi, and Rome with a Papal Audience...\$3599...Brochures are available at the Information Table on the Plaza after weekend Masses or in the Parish Office during the week.

—Fr. Mike Ratajczak

"Did You Know" Collection January 2014

\$2,532.00

Restaurant Fundraiser January 2013

Nucci's

\$396.38

Rosary

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

**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.

Welcome New Parishioners

**John Elmer & Ruth Valina
Stan & Kathleen Gardner
Alexis B. Norell**

Announcing the Baptism of

Colt James Rieman
on February 1



Our Christian community welcomes you with great joy!

Congratulations to

Carl & Dorothy Coleman

who celebrate their 63rd wedding anniversary February 4.

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:

Rita Ross, who died on January 24. Her funeral services will be held out of state. Please keep 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.

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 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.

**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

Sunday, February 2 (52A)

The Presentation of the Lord

Malachi 3:1-4

Psalms 24:7-10

Hebrews 2:14-18

Luke 2:22-40

Monday, February 3 (52S)

Blaise, bishop and martyr

Ansgor, bishop

Romans 5:1-5

Psalms 117:1-2

Mark 16:15-20

Tuesday, February 4 (32A)

2 Samuel 18:9-10,14b,24-25a,30-19:3

Psalms 86:1-6

Mark 5:21-43

Wednesday, February 5 (52T)

Agatha, virgin and martyr

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Psalms 31:3cd-4,6,8ab,16bc,17

Luke 9:23-26

Thursday, February 6 (52S)

Paul Miki, priest and martyr and companions, martyrs

Galatians 2:19-20

Psalms 126:1-6

Matthew 28:16-20

Friday, February 7 (32T)

Sirach 47:2-11

Psalms 18:31,47,50,51

Mark 6:14-29

Saturday, February 8 (32S)

1 Kings 3:4-13

Psalms 119:9-14

Mark 6:30-34

Sunday, February 9 (73)

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 58:7-10

Psalms 112:4-9

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

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
- Tony Calderone
- Shelby Campbell
- Brianne Campos
- Claudia Caplinger
- Aria Cappeluti
- The Carter Family
- Paul Cassidy
- Marilyn Clarke
- The Vaughn Clevenger Family
- Dolly Cole
- Carl & James Coleman
- Elaine Collins
- Stephanie Comito
- Carol Costa
- Steven Cresencia
- Lené Crowe
- Karen Flaharty Daley
- Beverly de Gelder
- Hugo Delgado, Jr.
- Cecelia DeSimone
- Carole Dillon
- The Doherty Family
- Edward Dolnik
- Art Dossman
- 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
- Jim Gallagher
- The Joe Garcia Family
- Kathy Gardner
- Jack & Marge Gillen
- Wendy Gonzales' Dad
- Rick Gonzalez
- Robert Graskamper
- Susan Hallahan
- Pat & Tom Hannon
- The Harker Family
- Barbara Hatem
- Barbara Hazlett
- Heidi Heaton
- Lilian Hills
- Samara Hook
- Susan Hori
- Rick Hughes
- Iolanda Iacobelli
- Linda Iacobelli Bennett
- Betty Karch
- Paul Kennedy
- Peggy Kiernan
- Debbie Kinney
- Mark Kneisel
- 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
- 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
- Perry Postulka
- Douglas Price-Williams
- The Joe Prokop Family
- Bill Pucket
- Barbara Ramm
- Rita Ritchie
- Adela & Elena Rivera
- Maria Rogers
- The Ross Family
- Dorothy Rouse
- The Russo Family
- Rachel Sainc
- Cindy Sanelli
- Paul Santy
- 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
- Sybil Staples
- 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
- Darlene Unland
- Barbara Upson
- Lucy Vienna
- Faith Vincent
- Vanessa Vitiello
- Kevin Watson-Graff
- Sue Welch
- John Whitton
- Darrel Williams
- Marceline Williams

Calendar Highlights

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

- Feb 2 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am 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 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
- 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
- Mar 8 *One Border, One Body Immigration and the Eucharist* Presentation
- 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.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 1, 5:00pm Henry Robles ☩
Sunday, February 2, 8:30am Guy Headrick ☩
Sunday, February 2, 10:30am Dante Tusei ☩
Monday, February 3, 8:15am Pablito Elias ☩
Tuesday, February 4, 8:15am Fred & Gilda Spiegl
Wednesday, February 5, 8:15am Jimmy Dunne ☩
Thursday, February 6, 8:15am Pat Hannon
Friday, February 7, 8:15am Jack Williams ☩
Saturday, February 8, 5:00pm Martin Stephen Lilly, Jr. ☩
Sunday, February 9, 8:30am Fran Jaeger ☩
Sunday, February 9, 10:30am Robert Ratajczak ☩

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

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.

February 3 Sr. Janet Marich, FDC
February 4 Sr. Kathleen Martin, CSJ
February 5 Sr. Briana Martinez, OCD
February 6 Sr. Barbara Ann Mason, OP
February 7 Sr. Alexandra Matti, DMI
February 8 Sr. E. Aileen McCombs, SFCC
February 9 Sr. Jeanette McDermott, MMS

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

*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 barely 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
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**

Marriage & Family Life

Moms & Kids—Join Moms & Kids at South Buena Vista Park on Monday, February 3, at 10:00am! For more information, contact Jen Abelson at jen.abelson@gmail.com or Mindy Leonard at 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.

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.

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.

Facing a Hospital Stay?

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



Parish Events

Attention Men!

Join us for the weekly *That Man is You!* Program, which meets Saturday mornings from 6:45-8:30am. The topic for next week is "Grace Flowing from the Temple." For more information, contact Deacon John Fredette at johnf@stmoside.org or 760-758-4100 x132.

Women's Guild News

February is upon us and red hearts are everywhere you go to shop. As Christians we already know love is in the air so it's nice to celebrate it. And celebrate we shall on Saturday, February 8, at the Fashion Show, which is where we will hold our usual monthly meeting. There are still a few more tickets available if you would like to invite a friend. Contact Karen Carrothers 760-994-4727 or karencarrothers@cox.net, or see her on the plaza after Mass for tickets. This is your last chance to get one.

Our Nominating Committee will be gathering names for the slate of officers for our annual elections to the Board in May. If you would like to put your name or someone else's name in nomination please contact Committee Chair Marcy Bernier at marcellebca@yahoo.com or 769-696-3206.

We look forward to seeing you next Saturday at 11:00am. Hats and gloves fit right in if you even have any anymore! Have fun dressing up! —*Ann Buko, president*

Spirited Seniors Luncheon

The Spirited Seniors are celebrating St. Valentine's Day with a buffet luncheon and piano concert on Friday, February 14, 11:30am-2:30pm. The cost is \$12 for members and \$15 for non-members. It will be catered by Ciao Ristorante of Vista. The deadline for reservations is February 7. Please put your registration request and your check made to "St. Thomas More Spirited Seniors" in an envelope marked "Spirited Seniors St. Valentine's Day Luncheon" and return it to the offertory collection or Parish Office, Box 12. For more information, contact Jim and Marilyn Day at 760-509-4545 or Cheryl Rowland at 760-726-5578.

Women's Prayer Breakfast

Please join us for our Women's Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, February 22, at 9:00am on the lower level of the Parish Center. Our very own Debbie Fredette will speak on "Love Letters from Our King." For more information, contact Erin Barela at 760-580-5659 or erinbarela@gmail.com.

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.

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) 894 available	\$300/person
Daily Mass Chapel and Choir Chairs (200) 135 available	\$300/each



01/15/14

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*).



Parishioners and staff members gathered to commemorate the placing of the stones with family names in the foundation of our permanent church.

Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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

Called to Be People of Light

The Psalms of February

by Denise Simeone,
from Celebration
February 2014,
with permission.

Psalm 24 begins: “The earth is the Lord’s and all it holds, the world and those who dwell in it” (v.1). It seems a fitting reminder on this Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Feb 2), for through the prophet Simeon we hear how Jesus will be the salvation of all: “Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel” (Luke 2:29-32).

Twice in the psalm we ask, who is this king, this Lord of glory? We are told to raise our heads and look at this king of glory as Simeon did and recognize the source of God’s grace and compassion. This is the same message Malachi proclaims in the first reading. The Lord whom you seek is coming; make yourselves ready. We hear the call to repentance and the reforming of our lives.

Psalm 24 reminds listeners that it is the clean and pure of heart, those who remain true to God’s message, who will be blessed with God’s justice. On this feast we can align our way of living to reflect the God in whom we believe. The verses this Sunday remind us we have only to lift our heads to see this marvelous sight. “Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!” (v.8).

The following three Sundays of Ordinary Time offer successive passages from Matthew Chapter 5 of Jesus’ instructions to disciples. On Feb 9, we hear the images of salt

and light. If we choose to share in Jesus’ mission, this is what we will look like. This is a disciple.

Psalm 112, sung this Sunday, gives clear examples of what it is to be a person of light. She will be gracious, merciful and just. He will be steadfast and firm, trusting in the Lord and lavishly giving to the poor. The first reading from Isaiah also gives a clear message of what it looks like to be faithful to the Lord: Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and homeless, clothe the naked: “Do not turn your back on your own” (Isaiah 58:7).

Other translations of this verse are very clear: Do not turn your back on “your own flesh and blood.” All are God’s own. If we act accordingly, then light will rise, and darkness, gloom, despair, and injustice will be no more. Remember; do not forget. Do not become like a hidden light, or salt without flavor. The message echoes Jesus’ words to the disciples as we proclaim the responsorial: “The just man is a light in darkness to the upright” (v.4).

We continue to hear the message of justice on Feb 16. The responsorial from Psalm 119 (the Bible’s longest psalm) sets the stage: “Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord” (v.1). Walk in the law of the Lord. Seek with your heart. Be blameless. Be firm in your observances. Our prayer to God is for instruction and discernment so that, as servants, we may follow in our hearts.

Jesus’ continued instruction to disciples is clear. In fulfilling the law, Jesus expands beyond the legalism of some, and his interpretation magnifies the way to act in following the law. There are many ways to harm another person: We can kill by anger, by small demeaning actions, by suing



Luke 2:29-31

someone and exhausting all their resources in court. Understanding the expanse of God’s plan for all of humanity and the breadth of God’s love is the work of discipleship. Truly we need God’s instruction so that we “may live and keep your words” (Ps. 119:17). Psalm 119 ends: “Seek out your servant, for I do not forget your commandments” (v.176).

Psalm 103, sung Feb 23, overflows with praise for all the Lord has done. We sing the responsorial “The Lord is kind and merciful” (v.8) as our litany of praise. The psalm recalls God’s actions of forgiveness, healing, kindness, compassion, and redemption. God does not deal with us according to our destructive crimes or sins but has forgiven us beyond imagining: “As far as the east is from the west, so far has he put our transgressions from us” (v.12).

Jesus tells disciples that a follower strives for the same kind of love God offers. Knowing we are forgiven, who are we to hold a grudge? Who are we to call someone enemy when they are our own flesh and blood? We share the body and blood of Jesus as we gather at the table of word and Communion. We partake in this sign of God’s loving redemption and forgiveness of sins. We accept God’s faithful covenantal love for ourselves. Can we do any less than to follow that same path of compassion and love?

Upcoming Music

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FEBRUARY 9
5th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

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5:00pm Mass

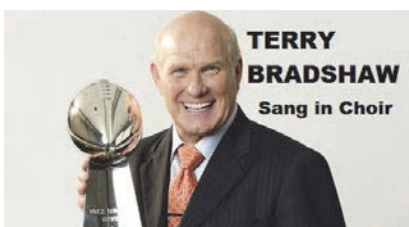
Cantor &
Congregation

8:30am Mass

Cappella Choir

10:30am Mass

Cantor &
Congregation



Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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

Faith Formation for Adults

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



February 2 and February 16
12:00noon

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*
- 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, click on Links.
- Great opportunity for new Parishioners to meet the community!



PBJ Update

(Food for Children at the Emergency Crisis Center)

2014 GOAL: 365 pounds
Collected to date: 344 pounds



UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES TO NURTURE YOUR FAITH:

• **February 16** Starting with a potluck at noon
THE AGENDA OF POPE FRANCIS, Part 2

• **February 22**
WOMEN’S PRAYER BREAKFAST

• **March 8**
ONE BORDER, ONE BODY: IMMIGRATION AND THE EUCHARIST

Fr. Daniel G. Groody, CSC, PhD, Associate Professor of Theology at Notre Dame University will be at St. Thomas More on Saturday, March 8, 2014, from 9:30-11:00am and at USD from 2:00-3:30pm.

He has worked with the U.S. Congress, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, the World Council of Churches, and the Vatican on issues of theology, globalization, and immigration.



Thank you to all who contributed to January's *Youth Justice Ministry* table.

You helped team members Elizabeth and Kathryn Harmata, ... Cristina Tusei,



Alanna, Lauryn, and Olivia Jarvis, Kolbe Schanzenbach (and his recruits), plus Roman and Brynn raise enough in proceeds to donate a pig to a family in the Philippines.

Look for Edge and Youth Justice Ministry teams when they return to the plaza on **February 8 & 9**

... .. and help us donate a beehive to a family in Nicaragua.

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These individuals (*several anonymous*) have included STM in their estate planning. This helps to ensure their ongoing support and a legacy for our Parish. *Towers of Faith* is a valuable portion of our future support.



**Examples of the various future planning vehicles are:
 Designated Beneficiary Accounts,
 Last Will and Testament, Living Trust, Life Insurance,
 Stocks and Bonds, Real Estate, and Endowments.**

Any Parishioners who have already included STM in their estate plans are *Towers of Faith* participants. If you are interested, please contact us. Your participation is most welcome and appreciated!

Chris Smith at 760-758-4100 x120, or chriss@stmoside.org.

Do two people in your family know the location of your will and/or living trust?

Collection for Week of January 25/26, 2014

Number of Registered Households		1,074
Offertory*	\$	5,317.66
Offertory (Loose Collection)		1,661.50
Children's envelopes		0.00
Total	\$	6,979.16

* 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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Stewardship is a means to an end, a furthering of God's purposes.

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As we affirmed in our January Stewardship Awareness month, we are called to serve. We are called to fulfill God's purpose. Each of us has been blessed by God with a variety of gifts. To return these gifts with gratitude is to fulfill God's purpose.

As the Barelas pointed out in their lay witness talks, discernment is key. Ask God for guidance and he will answer you. In whatever way you serve, you help to make a difference.

The Christian Stewardship booklets and bulletin inserts are available on the Parish Information table and website for anyone who has not yet received these items. Please contact me to discuss what fits you the best. With 100+ ministries here, there is something for everyone. Your life will change for the better.

- † Thank you for your gifts of time.
- † Thank you for your gifts of talent.
- † Thank you for your gifts of treasure.
- † Thank you for joining us on God's journey.
- † Thank you for being a part of our Faith Community!



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**Life is a test.
 (#2 pencil not required.)
 —God**

News and Information from the Larger Church

Franciscan School of Theology at Mission San Luis Rey—Information meeting Monday, February 3, 7:00-8:30pm. For more information, contact Vince Nims at 510-828-2869 (call or text) or vnims@fst.edu or visit 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.

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.

"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 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.

News from St. Francis Church

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Catholic Schools Survey—Bishop Cirilo Flores has formed a special committee to study the organizational structures, policies, and financial stability of our Catholic elementary schools. As part of the research, he has invited every family to complete an online survey to give you the opportunity for your voice to be heard, for your experiences to make a difference, and your perspectives to be a part of the plan to strengthen our schools. Please go to www.diocese-sdiego.org and click on the banner "Strengthening Our Diocesan Catholic Schools—Take Survey Now" to complete the survey. Thank you for taking the time to make a difference.

Free Electronic Recycling at St. Francis Church—On Saturday, April 5, 10:00am -2:00pm, bring your old or broken electronics in for legal disposal or recycling at the upper church parking lot. Just drive up and drop off! Proceeds made will benefit the St. Francis Preschool Program.

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.

Walk for Life to Benefit Birth Choice—Saturday, March 15. Visit BirthChoicedonor.net for more information.

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.

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 lineup of events. Visit www.sandiego.edu/ccs.

Online Rosary

Pray the rosary online—visit www.therosary3.com

Catholic Radio—AM 1000/Sirius 130—San Diego

Free program guides and bumper stickers available at the information table the Plaza after weekend Masses.

Visit ihradio.com/sandiego

Young Adult Ministry Activities

Visit www.yamsd.org for complete information on events for young adults, including our local chapter, North County Young Adults.

Also, search *Office of Young Adult Ministry* on Facebook.

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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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