

Annual Catholic Appeal 2014—Diocese of San Diego

Called to Serve

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

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Diocese of San Diego Annual Catholic Appeal

> Our Opportunity to "Pay It Forward"

Our assessment: \$48,000

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 16, 2014

Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak 760-758-4100 x100 michaelr@stmoside.org

Pastoral Staff Changes

2014 is an historic year of ongoing development, growth, and change as our Parish moves from a one-building campus to a three-building campus.

Our new Permanent Church will definitely be a profound symbol of the vibrancy of our faith community.

This year we will not only see a change in physical structures, but also there will be some changes in our Pastoral Staff, along with the creation of a new Staff Position that will better serve our Parish as we move from one to three buildings.

Kathleen Bell, our Faith Formation Director, after fourteen years of service, has decided to retire. Debbie Fredette has accepted my request to become the new Faith Formation Director.

Natalie Provinse has accepted my request for her retirement so that we are able to create a new full-time staff position of Business Manager. Natalie has been with the Parish almost from the beginning and has served as Parish Secretary and then as Bookkeeper. Her willingness to retire so that this new Business Manager position could be created demonstrates her love for our Parish and her desire to support the common good of our Parish as we move into the future.

The Business Manager will assume all the bookkeeping responsibilities as well as overseeing the well-being of our three-building campus and all of the interdependent systems that will link the three buildings together. Deacon John Fredette has accepted my request to become St. Thomas More's first Business Manager.

With the recent resignation of Marcus Cabrera, our Youth Advocate, we will begin a new search process for a Youth Advocate. We will return to a part-time position for Youth Advocate.

All of these changes will become effective July 1, 2014, and these changes will not increase the present cost of staff salaries.

I ask that you continue to pray for our Parish, for the safety of all the workers constructing our buildings, and for our Pastoral Staff as we move through these changes.

Fr. Mike

Solutions for Change Books

Solutions for Change is grateful for all of the book donations from STM over the past several years. However, they have decided to discontinue their online book selling program due to a decline in profits, as many electronic book options are now available (e.g., Kindle). Going forward, our Parish will not be accepting used books.

If you have books you wish to donate, here are some possible options:

- ♦ Save for Treasures Rummage Sale in the fall
- ◆ Take to Catholic Charities (760-631-2819)
- ♦ Take to local Goodwill
- ♦ Take to local library

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,

In addition to Mass, Reconciliation, and Eucharistic Adoration (see page 1 for schedules), there are opportunities to participate in liturgical and music ministries.

For further information, contact Douglas Lynn,
Director of Liturgy and Music,
at 760-758-410 x140 or douglasl@stmoside.org.
Matrimony (9 months advance notice required),
communion for the sick/homebound, and anointing
are available by request.

For further information, contact the Parish Office at 760-758-4100 x100 or Parishoffice@stmoside.org.

teach and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ,

There are programs for faith development and enrichment for all ages, including preparation for celebrating the sacraments.

For further information, contact Kathleen Bell, Director of Faith Formation, at 760-758-4100 x110 or kathleenb@stmoside.org.

and serve God's people in word and deed.

There are many groups who serve our Parishioners and provide outreach to the local community (see page 10).

For further information, contact Chris Smith, Director of Stewardship and Development, at 760-758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org.

See page 10 or www.stmoside.org for more details.

Welcome New Parishioners

Joan Brooks Anthony & Alycia Hernandez & Family Remi Jaramillo & Family Hugh & Nancy Solomon

Announcing the Baptism of

Gabriel Thomas Goeltz Vera Trinidad Ramirez on February 15



August Michael Wojcik on February 16

Our Christian community welcomes you with great joy!

Congratulations to

Al & Dede Waloch

who celebrate their 56th wedding anniversary February 15.

May God continue to bless your marriage, and may you be an inspiration to other married couples.

Vocations

A calling to a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life is a wonderful thing...but it is seldom as clearly pronounced as the call of the disciples in last week's Gospel. Rather, it is frequently a gentle urging that requires prayerful attention to discern. Think you might have the calling? Take some quiet time to prayerfully listen to God's voice. If you still feel you may have a calling, contact Deacon Tom at thomasgoeltz@aol.com or 760-727-8442, and explore the possibilities.

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

STM Archives Wants Your Material

The STM Historian is looking for material from Parish events and activities since our church was established in 1985. The kinds of material that are needed include: photographs, newspaper clippings, brochures, fliers, reports, videos, drawings—anything that represents our congregational memory! Please check your drawers, file cabinets, and that creepy ol' box in the attic. You can drop off your donations at the Parish office. Thanks!

For more information and questions, please feel free to contact: Brandon at 760-845-5450 or *brandon.oswald@gmail.com*.

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.

Readings for the Week Ahead

Sunday Year A; Weekday Year II Readings online at www.usccb.org.

Sunday, February 16 (76) Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sirach 15:15-20 Psalm 119:1-2,4-5,17-18,33-34 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Matthew 5:17-37

Monday, February 17 (533) Seven Founders of the

Order of Servites, religious Romans 8:26-30

Psalm 34:2-11 Matthew 19:27-29 Tuesday, February 18 (336) James 1:12-18

Psalm 94:12-15,18-19 Mark 8:14-21

Wednesday, February 19 (337)

James 1:19-27 Psalm 15:2-5 Mark 8:22-26

Thursday, February 20 (338)

James 2:1-9 Psalm 34:2-7 Mark 8:27-33

Friday, February 21 (534) Peter Damian, bishop, doctor

2 Timothy 4:1-5 Psalm 16:1-2a,5,7-8,11 John 15:1-8

Saturday, February 22 (535) The Chair of Peter, apostle

1 Peter 5:1-4 Psalm 23:1-6 Matthew 16:13-19

Sunday, February 23 (79)

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18 Psalm 103:1-4,8,10,12-13 1 Corinthians 3:16-23 Matthew 5:38-48

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 15, 5:00pm Jack Williams &

Sunday, February 16, 8:30am Pete DiPietro T

Sunday, February 16, 10:30am Larry Fortier &

Monday, February 17, 8:15am Don Morse

Tuesday, February 18, 8:15am Teresa Monts

Wednesday, February 19, 8:15am Rosemary Dodgen

Thursday, February 20, 8:15am Ann Couture ₽

Friday, February 21, 8:15am Carl Streling

Saturday, February 22, 5:00pm Robert Bourland P

Sunday, February 23, 8:30am Louise & Harry Valentine &

Sunday, February 24, 10:30am Joseph Immerso 1

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

Changa Aguilera Mary Alexander Carrie Autrey Jose Luis Barbosa Clarice Bednarz John Bennici Regina Bentz Lisa Berg Roseanne Berg Mary Betz Betty Jean Bielich The Breier Family Beth Brewer Janet Brown Todd Brown Nicholas Bruno Anita Buerger Bridget Buford Shelby Campbell Brianne Campos Claudia Caplinger Aria Cappeluti The Cassidy Family Marilyn Clarke The Vaughn Clevenger Family Dolly Cole Carl Coleman James Coleman Elaine Collins

Stephanie Comito Carol Costa Steven Cresencia Lené Crowe Karen Flaharty Daley Beverly de Gelder Hugo Delgado, Jr. Cecilia DeSimone Carole Dillon Edward Dolnik 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 Jim Gallagher The Joe Garcia Family

Kathy Gardner Jack & Marge Gillen Wendy Gonzales' Dad Rick Gonzalez Robert Graskamper Phillis Hall

Pat & Tom Hannon The Harker Family Barbara Hatem Barbara Hazlett

Heidi Heaton The Herkert Family 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 The Leone Family David Leué

The Paul Leué Family The Lloyd Family Ashley Load

Cassandra & Lauren Loretto 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 Joan Shea

Elizabeth Shirzad Bill Smith Nick Soltau

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.

Stephen Toth, IT.

Olivia Trejo
The Trejo/Beltran Family
The Trejo/Maldonado/Uribe Family
Darlene Unland

Darriene Uniand Barbara Upson Corrie & Robert Vasquez Lucy Vienna Vanessa Vitiello Kevin Watson-Graff Sue Welch Paul West 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 Capt. 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 PFC Cody Madere Pvt. 2 Jess Phillips, US Army Sr. Airman Robert Spear, USAF Sgt. Charles Watts, USMC

Calendar Highlights

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

Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and
10:30am Masses
Potluck and Presentation on Evangelii Gaudium Part 2
Moms & Kids at South Buena Vista Park
Restaurant Fundraiser at Nucci's
RBV Wind Ensemble and SDSU Wind Ensemble in
Concert at STM
Women's Prayer Breakfast
Liturgy of the Word for
Children at 8:30am Mass
RE.A.CH Classes at
Church, including High School
Knights of Columbus Breakfast
Ash Wednesday
One Border, One Body
Immigration and the
Eucharist Presentation
RE.A.CH Classes at
Church, including High School
High School Classes
Knights of Columbus St.
Patty's Day Dinner
Spirited Seniors Trip to
Getty Museum
RE.A.CH Classes at Church
Parish Lenten
Reconciliation Service
Day of Recollection
Women's Guild Game Day
STM Annual Gala
New Member Luncheon

Thank you for your prayers for Staff Sgt. Travis M. Meyers, USAF who has returned home safely.

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 17
Sr. Maria de la Paz Mejia, CVI
February 18
Sr. Natalia Mejia, RJM
February 19
Sr. Martha Mendoza, HMSS
February 20
Sr. Angela Therese Meram, IHM
February 21
Sr. Mary Leonita Metoyer, RSM
February 22
Sr. Juanita Mary Meyer, CSJ
February 23
Sr. Bertha Meza, SJS
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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 \$crip News

Thanks to all who support the Scrip program! A percentage of every Scrip gift card purchased benefits our Parish Mortgage/Building Completion Fund. Stop by the Scrip table on the plaza after weekend Masses or the Parish Office during the week to purchase/order Scrip or find out more about the program.

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 operational or not!
You get the tax deduction!

We can accept vehicles without current registration and can file for replacement title if it has been lost.

As of February 6 we have netted over \$44,402 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—Are you a mom with infant to school-age children looking to meet other moms? Want to find a great way to meet friends for both you and your children? Join the Moms & Kids ministry on the first and third Monday of the month at South Buena Vista Park (on South Melrose), 10:00am-12:00noon. See you there!



Promoting Life, Marriage, & Religious Liberty—Marriage Unique for a Reason: For a wealth of Church teaching on marriage, statements by United States Bishops on marriage and many other tools to equip ourselves in the efforts to defend marriage as a sacred union of one man and one woman, go to http://www.marriageuniqueforareason.org/ on the internet.

Bishops' Letter on Marriage—Faith, Hope and Love: "As the Church is a community of faith, hope, and love, so the Christian family, as the domestic church, is called to be a community of faith, hope, and love. Through this faith, hope, and love, Jesus, by the power of his Holy Spirit, abides within each Christian family, as he does within the whole Church, and pours out the love of his Father within it." To read the document go to http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/.

Marriage Moments—President's Day can be more than a day off work, a time when government offices are closed, or stores have sales. What does it mean to lead? What does it mean to protect and to seek the common good? These are questions for both spouses and presidents. By Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net.

Parenting Pointers—Parenting doesn't stop when your child turns 21 or leaves home. Use technology to help you stay connected with far flung kids. Check out, When Your Child Is Far Away at http://susanvogt.net/EnrichmentEx.htm#Top for ideas. By Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net.

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

Rosary

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



The Knightly News

Please mark your calendars for the next Knights of Columbus breakfast on Sunday, March 2. While you're at your calendar also mark Friday, March 7, as the first Lenten Fish Dinner. We will be having the Fish Dinner every Friday during Lent. Also, reserve Sunday, March 16, for a St. Patty's Day Dinner and some lively Irish music. Plan on joining us and the other members of the Parish for all of our wonderful meals. It's a great way to meet other Parishioners, have some friendly conversation and support the Knights of Columbus.

As always, we greatly appreciate your participation. For more information about the Knights, please call Andy Frost at 858-245-6305.

Parish Events

Attention Men!

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

Women's Guild News

Now that we have put away our red fashions, it's time to think about the "wearin' of the green." February is half over and that puts us three weeks away from our March meeting which will have a St. Patrick's Day theme. We won't be having green beer, but the menu will have a touch of Irish to it. While you are thinking of it, please call Vera Bayliss at 760-295-0059 with your reservation for lunch. The cost is \$10 as usual. There will be entertainment and lots of door prizes, so put March 10 on your calendar right away.

Our Nominating Committee is working on the slate of officers for the election of next year's Board Members. There is still time to submit your own or another member's name for the ballot. Call Marcy Bernier, chairperson.

Ash Wednesday occurs on March 5, the Wednesday before our next meeting; as does daylight savings time March 9, when we spring (our clocks) forward and lose an hour of sleep. Ready or not, the meeting will begin promptly at 11:00am.

After honoring our Presidents, it will be only two weeks until Mardi Gras! You still have some time to play before we pray for 40 days. Enjoy your week. —*Ann Buko, president*

Community Service Numbers: 2-1-1 for human services information: 5-1-1 for traffic

Family Shoe Ministry

What's in your closet?? The Family Shoe Ministry will have its first collection of the year on February 15-16. We will be collecting both new and gently used pairs of shoes of any size for the families at Solutions for Change. From infant booties to Dad's work boots, all types would be greatly appreciate by these families working to get back on their feet. Please, look in your closets and under your beds to see what you can donate. Volunteers to help organize the shoes for delivery can join Rick and Heidi Madden at the tables on the collection days. Thank you.

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	\$300/each



(200) 135 available

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For more information on our progress, visit our website, stmoside.org, and click on Our New Church.

Stay Up to Date on Construction Activity!

Check the Parish website (www.stmoside.org) to watch live action on our webcams (click on the camera icons) or view the Construction Progress album (click on Our New Church).



Liturgy & Music Worship God

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

February 16, 2014

WHEN THE LIGHT IS CHAOTIC

This past Sunday, it was my turn to talk to the Genesis kids (our youngest RE.A.CH class for 3-, 4-, and 5-year olds) about what I do at St. Thomas More. The Genesis catechists want to introduce the children to their Parish community, and part of that is for them to know that there are people who work in the office. Some months ago, I first encountered the Genesis kids when they "found" me on their scavenger hunt to find out where all the office staff works.

Since it was pretty clear from the outset that an in-depth theological and philosophical discussion of the origins of the word "liturgy" might be problematic (from the Greek word *leitourgia*, which describes either the work of an individual in Christian service or, more generally, all Christian service), and that a talk about the myriad forms of liturgy used in the Catholic Church might be longer than the average Genesis kid's attention span, I fell back on the other possible topic in my part of the St. Thomas More world, music.

We started with a song and with a brief discussion about music in worship in which they demonstrated a solid understanding of the musical role of the assembly in worship—Who sings? Everybody sings! Then some of the handbells came out. Although our smallest handbell registered high on the cuteness scale, our largest handbell brought out the wonder, especially when two brave souls came up, wrapped four

Jamie Foxx
Sang in Choir

little hands around the big bell's handle, and rang it together.

Then came a big moment, when everybody who wanted to play a handchime got a chance to do it. Eventually, they sang "This Little Light of Mine" while accompanying themselves with the handchimes.

It was chaotic. It was Pre-K. Music was made. It was a success. Some of the kids in the green group rang their notes with the red group. Some of the yellow notes blended in with blue notes. Some kept playing their handchime again and again, entranced by the sound. But it was



Matthew 5:24



beautiful, in a chaotic, Aurora Borealis sort of way.

On the way home, it occurred to me that this was a lot like the music we make as the People of God during worship. Some of us sing every congregational song. Some only sing the songs we know. Some sing one note all the time, drone fashion. Sometimes, it sounds chaotic. Always, it is a success, because

when we sing together as the People of God, our individual musical eccentricities disappear, and we become something more than the sum of our individual musical efforts. We become a musical "Aurora Morealis," a Light for the World, and like the Northern Lights, our song becomes a beautiful thing, lifting our praise and prayer to God.

-Douglas

Upcoming Music

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FEBRUARY 23 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm MassTower Bells

8:30am Mass Sanctuary Choir

10:30am Mass

Praise Team

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, especially new Parishioners~

February 16, 12:00noon THE AGENDA OF POPE FRANCIS, Part 2

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

- A potluck luncheon right after the 10:30am Mass
- Followed by a continuing discussion of the priority of Pope Francis as outlined in THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL.
- You are welcome whether or not you came to Part 1.
- Great opportunity for new Parishioners to meet the community!
- Childcare available!

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES TO NURTURE YOUR FAITH:

February 22

WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Sign up after Mass or at the Parish Office

March 8

ONE BORDER, ONE BODY: IMMIGRATION AND THE EUCHARIST

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

Don't miss this opportunity to hear his thoughts on this important topic. 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.

Fr. Groody's visit in North County is co-hosted by St. Thomas More, St. Peter, and St. Patrick Parishes.

Confirmation 2014

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Saturday, June 7, at the 5:00pm Mass with Bishop Chavez presiding.

Keep our 28 candidates in prayer as they prepare for the fullness of God's Spirit.



VBS Under Construction



There will be no VBS this summer at STM because we are under construction in a variety of ways . . . including getting started on our scenery for 2015.

You are encouraged to support the many VBS programs at churches in our area for 2014, and join us again in 2015 for another exciting opportunity to grow in God's love!

PBJ Update

(Food for Children at the Emergency Crisis Center)

2014 GOAL: 365 pounds Collected to date: 355 pounds



Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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

TOWERS OF FAITH Future Support & Estate Planning Options

Towers of Faith is a movement that has arisen out of the visionary leadership and generosity of several of our Parishioners. We stress that this is not about the gift amount, but rather the love and thought behind the gift.

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 February 8/9, 2014

Total	\$ 18,380.36
Children's envelopes	 0.00
Offertory (Loose Collection)	691.00
Offertory*	\$ 17,689.36
Number of Registered Households	1,078

* 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*.

St. Francis and St. Thomas More Offertory Envelopes

Any St. Francis Offertory Envelopes given to the offertory collection at St. Thomas More will be returned to St. Francis.

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CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP Let Your Light Shine

God our Father, you who said,
"Let there be light shining out of the darkness,"
make your light shine in our hearts
so that the knowledge of the glory of God
which is on the face of Christ
may shine there also.

Throughout this day
may your mercy be our defense;
your praise, our gladness;
your Word, the treasure of our hearts.
Let your blessing descend on each of our actions.

Let it accompany us and help us reach that great morning which knows no night, when we will praise your love unceasingly, through your Son Jesus Christ, our Savior and brother, in the unity of the love of the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.

—by Lucien Deiss, C.S.Sp., ICSC February e-bulletin (with permission)



Did you know that it takes 75 Liturgical Ministers to cover all three Masses on any given weekend, including:

- † Eucharistic Ministers
- † Hospitality Ministers
- † Greeters
- Readers
- † Altar Servers
- † Sacristans
- † Cantor and Pianist
- † An extra plus with our choirs!

Please contact me to come on board with any of the above ministries. All are welcome! —*Chris*

The purpose of life is a life of purpose.

—Robert Byrne

News and Information from the Larger Church

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"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*.

16th Annual Divine Mercy Conference—February 21-22, Juan Diego Center, Pala. Bishop Cirilo Flores will celebrate the opening Mass on Friday, February 21, 7:00pm. For more information, visit *www.SDdivinemercy.org* or call 619-276-6637.

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.

Film, Discussion, and Refreshments—Friday, February 28, 7:00pm, Guadalupe Room, near Pier View Way and Freeman, Oceanside. Sponsored by the Patrician's group at St. Mary Star of

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Free Introductory Session on Creighton Model Fertility Care System—Sunday, March 9, 6:15pm, St. Mary Star of the Sea, Oceanside. A method for naturally achieving or avoiding pregnancy in harmony with Church teaching. RSVP required. For information or to RSVP, contact Anna Saucier at 619-630-8086 or *anna@fertilitycaresd.com*.

After-Abortion Overnight Healing Retreat for Catholic (or Catholic-friendly) Women—March 14-16, St. Mary's Retreat Center, Escondido. Confidentiality maintained. For information/registration, contact Leslie Brunolli at 760-745-2529 or LBrunolli@yahoo.com or www.RachelsHope.org. Sponsored by the Diocese of San Diego.

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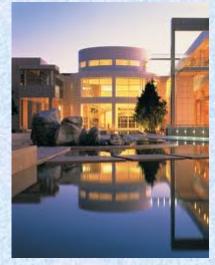
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