

# LENT

Gethsemane  
Carl Bloch (1880)



*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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Join us for Lenten activities:

Tuesday, March 11  
Virtual Holy Land Tour 9:00am

Friday, March 14  
Lenten Fish Dinner 5:30pm  
Stations of the Cross 7:00pm

## First Sunday of Lent March 9, 2014

### Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak  
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michaelr@stmoside.org

#### Who and What Rules My Life?

During this Season of Lent, we enter into the desert as Jesus did and face, head-on, the demons with which we struggle.

Today, as we celebrate the First Sunday of Lent, we are reminded that immediately after his Baptism, the Spirit drove Jesus into the desert where he spent 40 days among the wild beasts and the angels of the Lord ministered to him.

Before Jesus began his public ministry, he had to struggle with his demons. He had to face temptation and conquer it.

His task is our task as well! As his disciples, continuing his mission and ministry, we must deal with and conquer our demons if we are to worthily and responsibly preach the Gospel.

If we take advantage of these 40 Days, we are given an opportunity to renew and refresh ourselves in order to be more faithful to our Baptismal Promises.

You are encouraged to take these questions with you into the desert this Lent. May these questions help you live more honestly, responsibly, and worthily as Disciples of the Lord Jesus:

*Am I living in the image and likeness of God?*

*Do I see myself as a daughter, as a son of God?*

*Do I think about Jesus on a daily basis?*

*Do I regard him as my brother?*

*What passions rule my life?*

*In what area(s) of my life, am I living a lie?*

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#### Did You Know?

The computer network is the heart of the Parish Office and the ministry of our Parish Staff. The computer network must be maintained and updated on a regular basis.

Recently we replaced 6 computers, 2 monitors, 1 printer, and 3 network components. The cost was \$5,324.

Your gift to the "Did You Know?" Campaign helps us to balance our Operations Budget!

**Pastor's Column** *(continued from page 1)***What is making me a slave?**

...alcohol, other drugs, food, money, cigarettes, anger, jealousy, unhealthy relationships, prejudice, stereotyping and judging groups of people of other races, religions, or different sexual orientation...

**What do I need to let go of and what do I need to grab hold of in order to get closer to God?**

What prevents me from living in the Kingdom of God, right here, right now?

What prevents me from proclaiming the Kingdom of God, right here, right now?

If we want to live in God's Kingdom, we must be willing to struggle with and, trusting in God's grace, be willing to conquer our demons!

Fr. Mike

**Annual Lenten Collection**

This annual collection supports the works of Catholic Relief Services, the Church in Africa, and the Church in Latin America. Envelopes are attached to the bulletin this week for your consideration and may be returned any time during the month of March. Your prayers and support are appreciated!

**An Invitation from Bishop Flores—  
Catholic Schools Survey**

Bishop Flores has commissioned a special committee to study the organizational structures, policies, and financial stability of our Catholic elementary schools in the Diocese of San Diego. Part of this effort involves an online survey being conducted by the University of San Diego. Your voice is extremely important! Please share your thoughts, opinions, and suggestions through this confidential and independent process. To participate in the survey, visit <http://www.diocese-sdiego.org> and click on the "Strengthening Our Diocesan Catholic Schools—Take Survey Now" banner. Questions about the survey may be directed to Dr. John Franey at [jfraney@sandiego.edu](mailto:jfraney@sandiego.edu). In advance, thank you for your participation! —*Bishop Cirilo Flores*

**Fr. Peter McGuine Retires from USAF Reserve**

Save the Date! After almost 27 years of service as a chaplain in the U.S. Air Force Reserve, former STM pastor Fr. Peter McGuine will be retiring from the military at the rank of Lt Col on Sunday, March 16, at the 5:30pm Mass at Our Lady of Grace Church, 2766 Navajo Rd., El Cajon. A special reception will take place after Mass in the Parish Hall. Please plan on attending if your schedule permits. All are welcome!

**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 760-809-6526.

**Welcome New Parishioners**

**Jennifer Browne  
Mary Fisher  
Jean Greenwald  
Daniel Theirl & Martha Adams**

**In Memoriam**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

**Kathy Salter**, who died on February 18. Her funeral services were private. There will be a Memorial Mass on Saturday, April 12, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep her husband, Charles, 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.*

**Vocations**

The Lenten Season is a time for prayer and reflection. A good time to listen with our hearts for what God wishes for us. If you feel that it might be a vocation to the service of God as a priest, deacon, or religious, let's explore the possibilities. Contact Deacon Tom at [thomasgoeltz@aol.com](mailto:thomasgoeltz@aol.com) or 760-727-8442. Regardless of what it might be, have a blessed Lent.

**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.

**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](mailto:brandon.oswald@gmail.com).

**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*

**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).

**Readings for the Week Ahead**

Sunday Year A; Weekday Year II

**Sunday, March 9 (22)**

*First Sunday of Lent*  
 Genesis 2:7-9;3:1-7  
 Psalm 51:3-6,12-14,17  
 Romans 5:12-19  
 Matthew 4:1-11

**Monday, March 10 (224)**

Leviticus 19:1-2,11-18  
 Psalm 19:8-10,15  
 Matthew 25:31-46

**Tuesday, March 11 (225)**

Isaiah 55:10-11  
 Psalm 34:4-7,16-19  
 Matthew 6:7-15

**Wednesday, March 12 (226)**

John 3:1-10  
 Psalm 51:3-4,12-13,18-19  
 Luke 11:29-32

**Thursday, March 13 (227)**

Esther C:12,14-16,23-25  
 Psalm 138:1-3,7c-8  
 Matthew 7:7-12

**Friday, March 14 (228)**

Ezekiel 18:21-28  
 Psalm 130:1-8  
 Matthew 5:20-26

**Saturday, March 15 (229)**

Deuteronomy 26:16-19  
 Psalm 119:1-2,4-5,7-8  
 Matthew 5:43-48

**Sunday, March 16 (25)**

*Second Sunday of Lent*  
 Genesis 12:1-4a  
 Psalm 33:4-5,18-20,22  
 2 Timothy 1:8b-10  
 Matthew 17:1-9

**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
- The Breier Family
- Beth Brewer
- Janet Brown
- Todd Brown
- Mary Bruzas
- Anita Buerger
- Khliise Buford
- Tony Calderone
- Shelby Campbell
- Brianne Campos
- Claudia Caplinger
- Aria Cappeluti
- The Carey Family
- The Cassidy Family
- Marilyn Clarke
- The Vaughn Clevenger Family
- Dolly Cole
- Carl & James Coleman
- Elaine Collins
- Carol Costa
- Steven Cresencia
- Lené Crowe
- Karen Flaharty Daley
- Hugo Delgado, Jr.
- Carole Dillon
- Edward Dolnik
- Art & Dave Dossman
- John Drazkowski, Jr.
- La Vonne Dumas
- 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
- Phillis Hall
- Pat & Tom Hannon
- The Harker Family
- Barbara Hatem
- Heidi Heaton
- The Herkert Family
- Lilian Hills
- Samara Hook
- Susan Hori
- Rick Hughes
- Iolanda Iacobelli
- Linda Iacobelli Bennett
- Sue Johnston
- Betty Karch
- Laura Kater
- 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
- Ashley Load
- Cassandra Loretto
- Lauren Loretto
- Jack Lucarelli
- Joquin Maldonado
- Paige Mansell
- Alexander Mathews
- Chandler May
- Bob McWilliams
- Joyce Meehan
- Kalei Mendiola
- Bill Metzger
- Phyllis Minaya
- June Mitchell
- June Montgomery
- Nancy Moore
- Ryan Moquin
- Elizabeth Muehlbacher
- Conrad Murphy
- Margie Myers
- Richard Obsitnik
- The Oey Family
- Bernadette Padovan
- Ethan Palm
- Perry Postulka
- Douglas Price-Williams
- The Joe Prokop Family
- Barbara Ramm
- Mary Ratajczak
- Rita Ritchie
- Adela & Elena Rivera
- Maria Rogers
- Dorothy Rouse
- The Russo Family
- Rachel Sainc
- Paul Salamunovich
- The Salter Family
- Cindy Sanelli
- Linda Schmidt
- Maria Sebiane
- The Shaughnessy Family
- Joan Shea
- Elizabeth Shirzad
- Bill Smith
- 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
- Barbara Upson
- Corrie & Robert Vasquez
- Lucy Vienna
- Vanessa Vitiello
- Kevin Watson-Graff
- Sue Welch
- Paul West
- John Whitton
- Marceline Williams
- Erin Young
- Patricia Zavala
- Martin Zschoche

**Calendar Highlights**

More details at [www.stmoside.org](http://www.stmoside.org),  
 Schedule and Calendar

- Mar 9 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
- Mar 9 Girl Scout Sunday with Recognition at 10:30am Mass
- Mar 9 RE.A.CH Classes at Church, including High School
- Mar 11 Virtual Holy Land Tour, Part 1
- Mar 14 Knights of Columbus Fish Dinner and Stations of the Cross
- Mar 16 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
- Mar 16 High School Classes
- Mar 16 Knights of Columbus St. Patrick's Day Dinner
- Mar 18 Virtual Holy Land Tour, Part 2
- Mar 18 Spirited Seniors Trip to Getty Museum
- Mar 18-19 Restaurant Fundraiser at Nucci's
- Mar 20 Project Linus Coffee
- Mar 21 Knights of Columbus Fish Dinner and Stations of the Cross
- Mar 23 RE.A.CH Classes at Church
- Mar 31 Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service
- Apr 5-6 Women's Guild Bake Sale
- Apr 8 Day of Recollection
- Apr 12-13 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
- Apr 17 Holy Thursday
- Apr 18 Good Friday
- Apr 19 Holy Saturday
- Apr 20 Easter Sunday
- May 3 Women's Guild Game Day
- May 16-18 Parish Campout in Valley Center
- Jun 13 STM Annual Gala

**Mass Intentions**

Saturday, March 8, 5:00pm Rose Kempf
Sunday, March 9, 8:30am Elena & Ernesto Vozza ☩
Sunday, March 9, 10:30am Mario Vozza ☩
Monday, March 10, 8:15am Millie Lizardi
Tuesday, March 11, 8:15am Francisco Lopez ☩
Wednesday, March 12, 8:15am Maria Elena Quiroz
Thursday, March 13, 8:15am Tom & Hildegard Guerin
Friday, March 14, 8:15am Gilda Spiegl
Saturday, March 15, 5:00pm Alfred Barmasse ☩
Sunday, March 16, 8:30am Patricia Leahey ☩
Sunday, March 16, 10:30am Pantaleo & Josephine Gernari ☩

**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
- PFC Cody Madere
- 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.

March 10 Sr. Anne O'Connor, CSN
March 11 Sr. LaVern Olberding, OSF
March 12 Sr. Francisca Olvera, OLVM
March 13 Sr. Ramona Oppenheim, MM
March 14 Sr. Eugenia Mayela Ortega, HCJS
March 15 Sr. Jane O'Shaughnessy, RSCJ
March 16 Sr. Carol Pack, SSS

## Social Ministries/Outreach

### Walk for Life to Benefit Birth Choice

Saturday, March 15, 9:00am, Buddy Todd Park, 3000 Mesa Dr., Oceanside. It's a family event including a free lunch, balloon artist, children's face painting, a bounce house, a band, basketball, and sand volleyball. There are several ways to help: participate, sponsor a walker, or make a donation to the cause. Visit [BirthChoicedonors.net](http://BirthChoicedonors.net) for more information or contact Jane Kelleher at 760-822-7041.

### Brother Benno's Food Drive

March 15/16 will be our annual drive for non-perishable foods for the poor and needy served by Brother Benno's. Deacon Tom will have trucks available before all the Masses for your donations. In the spirit of Lent, and with an open heart, please be generous. The hungry need your help. Any questions, contact Deacon Tom at [thomasgoeltz@aol.com](mailto:thomasgoeltz@aol.com) or 760-727-8442. God bless and have a Spirit filled Lenten Season.

### Calling All Blanketmakers!

Project Linus is back and the annual Project Linus Coffee will be held on Thursday, March 20. Anyone interested in making hand made blankets for children in distress may call Mary Coxon at 760-599-8760 and attend the coffee for more information. Busy bees with blankets may turn them in at this time.

### The Knightly News

Friday nights during Lent (except Good Friday), the Knights of Columbus will serve their popular fish dinner, which includes baked cod, potatoes, vegetables, salad, coleslaw, and cornbread, 5:30-6:30pm. A delicious selection of sweets is available at Bob Wong's famous dessert bar. To make reservations for six or more, call Jim at 760-726-2807.

Also, reserve Sunday, March 16 for a Saint Patty's Day luncheon at 12:00 noon with some lively Irish music.

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

### 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](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.*

## Marriage & Family Life

**Moms & Kids**—Are you a mom with infant-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 (March 17 at Hidden Canyon Community Park in Carlsbad) from 10:00am-12:00noon. See you there!



**Bringing the Celebration Home: Daily Activities for Lent Countdown**—Lent is here. Each weekend of Lent, we will provide an activity for you and your family to do together during the Lenten season. This week, create a Countdown to Easter Chain with Daily Lent Activities for the whole family! Visit <http://enterundermyroof.blogspot.com> for more ideas and information.

**Promoting Life, Marriage, and Religious Liberty**—Defense of Traditional Marriage: Are conversations about defending traditional marriage becoming difficult in Parish, family, and work settings? Listen to Bill May, author of "Getting Things Right Radio Show," and guest on the Setting Things Right Radio Show, where he describes best practices on how to defend traditional marriage in ways that are effective, reasonable, and compelling. On the internet, go to: <http://ihrarchive.org/archive/str-20130717.mp3>.

**Bishops' Letter on Marriage—Marriage and the Community:** "The marital vocation is not a private or merely personal affair. Yes, marriage is a deeply personal union and relationship, but it is also for the good of the Church and the entire community." To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

**Marriage Moments**—The serpent tempted Eve to doubt God's counsel. (Gn 2 & 3). Jesus was tempted to give in to comfort, pride, and power. (Mt 4:1-11). What is the biggest temptation to your marriage these days—Busyness? Self-righteousness? Worries about money or children? by Susan Vogt, [www.SusanVogt.net](http://www.SusanVogt.net).

**Parenting Pointers**—Whether or not you follow global politics, at any given time there are many countries in which families are torn apart by war. Syria is one that is especially sad as peacemaking efforts are failing. Syrian Christians have asked that we pray for our brothers and sisters like them around the world who share our faith, but not our freedom. Tell your child about a country beyond your own borders. 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.

### 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).



## 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 "Give God Some of Your Time." For more information, contact Deacon John Fredette at [johnf@stmoside.org](mailto:johnf@stmoside.org) or 760-758-4100 x132.

### Women's Guild News

Focusing on Lent, we encourage you to send in your registration to attend the Day of Recollection being held on April 8 at St. Thomas More. We are blessed to have Fr. Tom West, OFM, PhD, from the Franciscan School of Theology as a speaker to lead us in deepening our spirituality. See the flyer in today's bulletin. Invite your spouse and your friends to join you for this five-hour spiritual experience. It is not too early to reserve the day and make this part of your 40-day Lenten journey. Spirited Seniors and Women's Guild representatives will be on the Plaza after Mass the next few weekends with extra forms to collect your registrations and answer any questions.

Our Women's Guild nominating committee has completed its task of presenting a slate for next year's Board of Directors. They are:

President: Ann Buko  
 1st Vice President: Barbara Brown Barreras  
 2nd Vice President: Kathleen Gerhard  
 Recording Secretary: Henrietta Black  
 Treasurer: Marcy Bernier  
 Corresponding Secretary: Lou Gordon

Elections will be held at the May meeting. The April Day of Recollection will take the place of the April general membership meeting.

If you have not signed up for the Monday March 10 luncheon meeting at 11:00 am when we honor St. Patrick, please do so today, even though it is late. Call Vera 760-295-0059.

—Ann Buko, president

### Visit the Getty Center with the Spirited Seniors

Tuesday, March 18. Meet at STM parking lot at 7:15am, returning at approximately 6:30pm. Lunch on your own. Enjoy the day at this fascinating center of culture and art, including that of ancient Greece and Rome as well as Europe. Optional 45-minute docent-led walking tour covering topics of architecture and gardens, etc. Cost for members is \$25; cost for non-members is \$30. Deadline for reservations is March 8. Please make your check out to "STM Spirited Seniors," indicate whether you'd like to take the walking tour, place in an envelope marked "Spirited Seniors Getty," and return it to the offertory collection or the Parish Office, Box 12, by March 8. For more information, contact Judy or Jerry Buoniconti at 760-758-5113.

### Catholic Widows and Widowers of North County

On Sunday, March 23, CWWNC will gather for communal Mass at nearby St. Patrick Church in Carlsbad at 11:00am followed by brunch at Broken Yolk in Oceanside. 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](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) 892 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*).



*Another major concrete pour on Wednesday, February 19.  
 There was a steady stream of trucks all morning!*

# Liturgy & Music *Worship God*

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

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

There is something in us that moves us to visit the scene where an important event occurred. Visitors flock to the Ford Theater to stand where President Lincoln was assassinated; mourners visit the site of the Oklahoma City bombing; Elvis admirers tour Graceland. So it was for the early Christians who greatly desired to journey to Jerusalem and to see with their own eyes the places where Jesus lived, suffered, and died. The traditional sites of the Lord's passion soon became popular stopping places; even today the Via Dolorosa is included in most pilgrims' itineraries.

friars, led to widespread acceptance of a devotion that traced the footsteps of Jesus from his trial to his tomb.

But it was more than curiosity that caused this devotion to flourish. Prayers that emphasized Jesus' obedience unto death, sorrow for sin, and God's abiding love and mercy were at the heart of it. Although the reforms of the Second Vatican Council placed greater emphasis on the Sunday Mass, the stations of the cross are still a valuable resource for prayer, especially during Lent, with its twofold emphasis on baptismal renewal and penitential acts.



Matthew 4:3



### Upcoming Music

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**MARCH 16**  
**2nd Sunday of Lent**

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**5:00pm Mass**

Cantor &  
Congregation

**8:30am Mass**

Praise Team

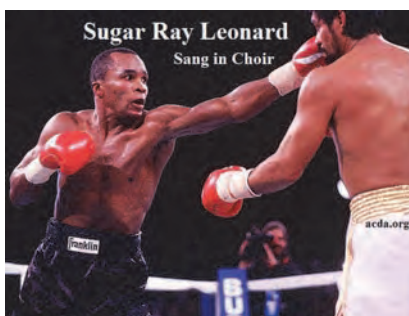
**10:30am Mass**

Cappella Choir

Because not everyone was able to visit Jerusalem, pilgrims brought back stories and images of what they had seen for those who remained at home. Eventually shrines that focused on the passion and death of the Lord appeared all over Europe. In the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries, increased emphasis on the suffering of the Messiah, coupled with the fervor of the Franciscan

Essential to this devotion, whether prayed by an individual or a group, is meditation on the passion of the Lord in spoken and sung prayer, and movement from one station to the next. Ideally, everyone walks in procession to each station, uniting ourselves in our bodies to the Lord's passion and death.

The number of stations has varied widely over the centuries. Recent revisions have omitted stations not included in the scriptures, and added stations that are, such as Jesus praying in the Garden of Olives, the denial of Jesus by Peter and Jesus' promise to the good thief. Frequently, a fifteenth station depicting the resurrection of Jesus is added to illustrate the fullness of the paschal mystery.



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*The St. Thomas More community walks the Stations of the Cross on the upper level of the Parish Center every Friday evening during Lent, beginning at 7:00pm. We invite you to join with us as we pray over the Jesus' final days on earth.*

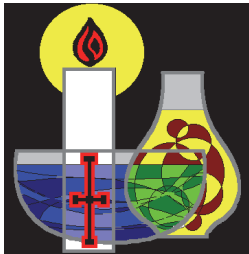
# Faith Formation

*Teach and Live the Gospel*

*Debbie Fredette, Director of Faith Formation  
760-758-4100 x110  
debbief@stmoside.org*

## The Bishop Calls!

With great joy we send forth our four Candidates for full initiation into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil.



Rich Antle, Al Fortaliza, Joe Garcia, and Johnny Mills will participate this Sunday at Golden Hall with our chief shepherd, Bishop Flores, and all from the 99 parishes who have been called into full communion with the Catholic Church.

Please keep our Candidates in your prayers throughout this Lenten season that this may continue to be a fruitful time in their preparation to celebrate the Easter Sacraments.

**Today is a RE.A.CH Sunday  
at Church**

## Youth Justice Foundation =Sweet Justice!

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

You helped team members Cristina, Daniel, Elizabeth, Olivia, Alana, Scott, Isaac, Roman, and Jaden raise enough in proceeds to donate EIGHT beehives to families in Nicaragua.

Look for EDGE and Youth Justice Ministry teams when they return to the plaza March 15 & 16.



## Faith Formation for Adults

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

- **March 10, 18, 25, April 1, 15, 9:15-10:00am**  
**A VIRTUAL TOUR OF THE HOLY LAND**  
*(. . . and it's free!)*

Join Fr. Karl Bauer on five Tuesdays of Lent after Mass and coffee and donuts for an opportunity to connect the Scriptures of Lent with the places where they actually took place.

- **April 9 and 10**  
. . . begins the next session of Bible Study with a five week program on **Scripture and the Rosary**.

This study brings the treasures of the Bible to illuminate the mysteries of the rosary, revealing the sacred and inseparable link between Scripture the rosary.

## PBJ Update

(Food for Children at the Emergency Crisis Center)

2014 GOAL: 365 pounds  
Collected to date: 397 pounds

An opportunity for almsgiving during Lent



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Diocese of San Diego Annual Catholic Appeal  
Our assessment: \$48,000  
Pledges to date: \$21,836 from 144 families

This is our opportunity to "Pay It Forward" and help others as the Diocese has helped us. EVERY gift is welcome, as are your prayers for the success of this effort. Thanks to all who have responded already!

# Called to Serve

## Collection for Week of March 1/2, 2014

Number of Registered Households		1,082
Offertory*	\$	10,076.91
Offertory (Loose Collection)		644.00
Children's envelopes		0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>10,720.91</b>

\* 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

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## Be a Good Steward of the Lenten Season

The Lenten season prepares us for the celebration of Easter. It is a time for Christians to embrace prayer, fasting, and almsgiving in a more concerted way.

For some it is a time of healing, an opportunity to repair their spiritual brokenness. For others it is simply a good time to cultivate their spiritual lives in a more disciplined manner.

The goal of Lenten practices: to prepare ourselves to enter into the paschal mystery of Holy Week with a more humble spirit and determination to follow Jesus Christ. This ancient triad of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving offers wonderful spiritual benefits. Being a good steward of these gifts by planning ahead and following through is essential to having a fruitful Lenten experience.

**Prayer:** What greater gift could we give ourselves during Lent than the gift of prayer? The fruits of developing a disciplined time of prayer are bountiful. Make plans for a prayer time each day. Do not wait until you "find time" but make a time of prayer your priority. This will involve sacrifice on your part—perhaps giving up some television viewing time, using part of your lunch hour, or getting up in the morning earlier than usual. Spend some time in extra prayer with the community: a weekday Mass, Stations of the Cross. Whatever you decide, resolve to spend more time with the Lord.

**Fasting:** Christian stewards understand that all they receive, including the bountiful food and drink that is often taken for granted, ultimately comes from the Lord. By denying ourselves food for a time, we are reminded in physical and emotional ways of the Lord's generosity.



As we fast, thoughtlessness is replaced by gratitude and mindfulness of the needs of others. The ancient practice of fasting also conditions us for greater spiritual practices. Incorporate some aspect of fasting from food or drink into your Lenten practice, something in addition to the sacrifices we make on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent.

**Almsgiving:** This spiritual discipline heightens our sense of generosity. Just as an increase in prayer and fasting leads us to be more grateful for the gifts we've received and promotes a greater awareness of others, almsgiving helps us to reach out to others in gratitude. Just as we don't "squeeze in" time to pray during Lent, we also don't scrutinize our checkbook when being generous with others. Again, make a plan and let a meaningful sense of sacrifice be your guide.

—ICSC Catholic Stewardship, March 2014 e-bulletin (with permission)

*Many people mistake our work as our vocation. Our vocation is the love of Jesus.*  
—Blessed Mother Teresa



## News and Information from the Larger Church

**Angel's Depot Volunteer Opportunity**—Third Monday of each month, 8:15-10:15am, helping the elderly to carry food boxes to their cars. Angel's Depot provides boxes of food to needy elderly. For more information, contact Deacon John Fredette at 760-758-4100 x132 or [johnf@stmoside.org](mailto:johnf@stmoside.org).

**Concordia University Concert Handbells**—Sunday, March 9, 4:30pm, Faith Lutheran Church, 700 E. Bobier Dr., Vista. For more information, contact [musician328@yahoo.com](mailto:musician328@yahoo.com).

**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](mailto:anna@fertilitycaresd.com).

**"Setting Hearts on Fire" Presentation**—Wednesday, March 12, 7:00pm, Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Hall, 1654 State St., San Diego. Presenter will be Leisa Anslinger, world renowned speaker on inner faith and stewardship. For more information, contact [tim@olrsd.org](mailto:tim@olrsd.org).

**Three Irish Tenors from Dublin Concert**—Thursday, March 13, 8:00pm, Jenny Craig Pavilion at the University of San Diego. For more information, contact 619-818-3320 or [info@threeirishtenors.com](mailto:info@threeirishtenors.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](mailto:LBrunolli@yahoo.com) or [www.RachelsHope.org](http://www.RachelsHope.org). Sponsored by the Diocese of San Diego.

**Monthly Holy Hour for Priestly and Religious Vocations**—Third Wednesday of each month (next is March 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.

**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.

**Brother Benno's Auxiliary Breakfast Fundraiser**—Saturday, March 22, 8:00-9:30am, Applebee's, 2146 Vista Way (Hwy 78/Jefferson), Oceanside. Tickets \$10 per person. Breakfast includes scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausages, coffee, milk, and orange juice. For tickets, contact Vera Bayliss at 760-295-0059 or Vikki Ramey at 760-803-6267.

**The Truth Will Set You Free Men's Conference, Women's Conference and Family Event**—March 29-30, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church in Rancho Penasquitos, featuring Fr. Stan Fortuna, CFR. For more information, contact 619-403-9242 or [www.SharingTheTreasures.com](http://www.SharingTheTreasures.com).

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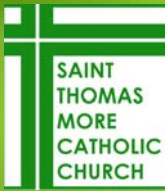
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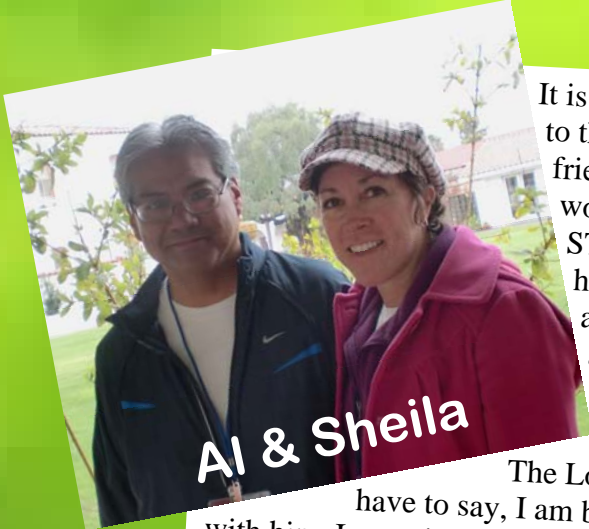


# RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION 2014

The St. Thomas More RCIA Team would like to introduce the Candidates sent to the Call to Continuing Conversion with Bishop Cirilo Flores in San Diego on March 9, 2014.

The Call to Continuing Conversion invites all the Candidates (those who have received only Baptism) and the faithful into a time of intense preparation, by prayer and spiritual recollection, for the renewal of Baptism at the Easter Vigil.

This step moves these members into the period of Purification and Enlightenment. The “enlightenment” is the experience of a personal encounter with Christ the Savior during the community’s Lenten retreat in prayer. With the faithful, the already baptized Candidates purify their minds and hearts as they each examine their conscience and do penance.



**Al & Sheila**

It is with great joy that I would like to introduce Candidate **Al Fortaliza** to the loving community of St. Thomas More. I first met and became friends with Al almost 8 years ago at the company where we are both working. Little did I know that a simple invitation to come hear the STM Handbell Choir play at Mass would lead to God touching his heart in such a profound way. Al has found a comfort and peace in attending Mass. After that first invitation, he heard God calling him and he kept coming back.

When Al shared with me last October that he wanted to complete his initiation into the Catholic Church, I was so stoked for him! The Lord immediately put it on my heart to offer to be his sponsor and, I have to say, I am both honored and extremely humbled to walk this faith journey with him. I am witnessing firsthand Al’s thirst to grow spiritually in his knowledge of God and his love of reading the Scriptures and praying the Rosary. As I have come to know Al over the years, I know that he is fun-loving, extremely kind, and is gifted with an open and sharing nature. Through walking this RCIA journey with him, he has been an inspiration to me and my own faith has grown. I am inspired to see so many positive changes in him and to see the Holy Spirit working in him to openly share his faith with others. It is truly awesome! We are so blessed to have Al join our faith community.

—Sheila Murphy, Sponsor

It has been an honor to be on this RCIA journey with my friend, **Rich Antle**, as he completes his initiation into the Catholic faith. Rich is a faithful husband, father, and friend, and he inspires me daily with his quest for knowledge and truth. I look forward to sharing in the Eucharist with my friend and continuing to support him in any way that I can.

—Dennis Baggett, Sponsor and Friend



**Rich & Dennis**

God grants us many blessings when we aren't really expecting them. Being able to serve as **Joe Garcia**'s sponsor during the RCIA process has been one of those blessings. Joe brings an inspiring enthusiasm to our Parish and our Church. It has been delightful as well to meet Joe's beautiful family: his wife, Tracy, and young son, Lucas. St. Thomas More Parish is very fortunate to have Joe and his family join us. I am happy to have Joe join our ever-changing circle of good friends of faith.

—Paul Schlunt, Sponsor



It is my pleasure to introduce **Johnny Mills** to our St. Thomas More community. Johnny's life path has led him to the Catholic faith and to our Parish, and we are the better for it. Johnny grew up in Kentucky, spent 21 years in the United States Navy, and migrated to California after leaving the service.

Johnny's first job in San Diego County was at Casa de Amparo as a teacher in the elementary program for students who need therapeutic help beyond what foster homes can provide. While at Casa he met a fellow teacher, Valentina, and her daughter Michelle. Johnny and Valentina were married last August.

On a recommendation from a friend, Johnny attended Mass at St. Thomas More where he was impressed by the warmth and hospitality of the Parish. To his surprise, he saw Valentina and Michelle at St. Thomas More. As I said, his life path has led him through our Parish to his current state of happiness and spirituality.

Some of you will know Johnny because he is already engaged in Parish ministry as a teacher in the religious education program for youth. Johnny is inquisitive, and has worked hard in exploring all aspects of Catholic faith during the RCIA process. He is a terrific person whom everyone needs to get to know.

—Steve Lilly, Sponsor

# DAY OF RECOLLECTION

for all men & women of the Parish & friends

Tuesday, April 8, 2014

9:00am-2:20pm

St. Thomas More Catholic Church  
Upper Level



**Rev. Fr. Tom West, OFM, PhD**

Sponsored by Spirited Seniors and STM Women's Guild

Sack lunch will be provided after Mass.  
Stations of the Cross will conclude the day.

Join us on our Lenten journey. Please return registration form with your check in the amount of \$15 for each person (or \$25 per couple) to the parish office in box 35 or place it in the collection basket. Make checks payable to STM Women's Guild. For more information call Pat Wong (760) 806-1310 or Marilyn Day (760)509-4545.

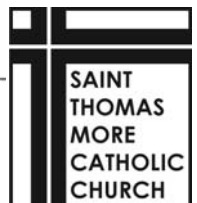
**Registration deadline is Friday, April 4, 2014**

Registration Form Day of Recollection Tuesday, April 8, 2014

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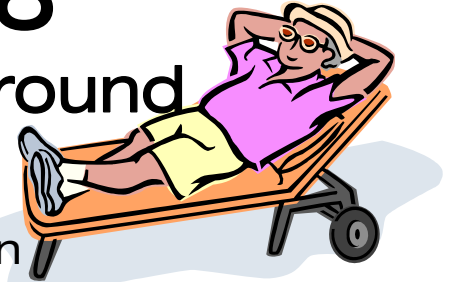
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Make check out to "STM Women's Guild" \$15 single; \$25 couple. Deadline April 4, 2014





# St. Thomas More Parish Campout May 16 — 18 Woods Valley Kampground Valley Center



Check in—Friday at Noon  
Check out—Sunday at Noon

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**We'll take reservations until April 13th**

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- There is a pond for the kids to fish in. Near the pond is a play area. Of course the pool is there for swimming. A hay ride is provided on Saturday evenings.
- On Saturday, we can walk to Bates Nut Farm, about 1 mile up the road. There are animals to feed and great gift, fruit and nut shops.
- Saturday afternoon @4:00 we will celebrate Mass at the campsite.
- After Mass we will provide the barbeque where everyone can grill their own meat. We'll have a side dish, salad and dessert potluck.
- Campfires in the evenings, of course!



**Come and join us for fun,  
fellowship and relaxation!**



Please contact Henny Jocelyn  
at (760)758-4100 x 100  
if you have any questions.