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# LENT

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*A Roman Catholic Parish  
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#### 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 18  
Virtual Holy Land Tour 9:00am

Friday, March 21  
Lenten Fish Dinner 5:30pm  
Stations of the Cross 7:00pm

Second Sunday of Lent  
March 16, 2014

## Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak  
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### A Lenten Examination of Conscience

**Death and time seem to belong together as the conditions under which human beings can learn faith and love. Death helps us to see what is worth trusting and loving, and to see what is a waste of time.**

1. If I were to die tomorrow, have I had joy? Have I cared? Have I had the best of what was available? Have I had any what it is all for? Where is God in my life?
2. To what extent do I know the value and place of others in my life? Am I aware of and grateful for the roles others have played in making me, for better or for worse, who and what I am? Can I recognize the decisions of family, friends, or companions that have given me the freedom to make choices? Where is God in my life?
3. Am I capable of sacrificing my own desires, pleasures, longings, for the good of others? Can I see and be thankful for the sacrifices of others for me? Do I require praise for my self-giving, or am I willing to make mine an offering "in secret" solely for the good it can produce? Where is God in my life?
4. Who have I thought I loved? Was my motive self-giving or self-centered? When I hear the words "the joy of loving," do I think of what I can get or what I can give to others? How often have I said, in words or deeds, "No Thanks!" to someone who has said to me, "I want to love you"? Does the Golden Rule have any practical place in my life? When have I last prayed for someone who hurt me; acted kindly toward someone who offended me; desired the good for someone who hates me? Where is God in my life?
5. When I pray the Lord's Prayer, do I take seriously the words of the petition "Forgive us...as we forgive"? Am I willing to forgive others the wrongs they have done to me? Am I willing to ask forgiveness of wrongs I have done to others? Where is God in my life?

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Diocese of San Diego Annual Catholic Appeal

Our assessment: \$48,000

Pledges to date: \$26,251 from 178 families

# Called to Serve

**Pastor's Column** *(continued from page 1)*

6. How open am I to being healed? How open am I to exploring and recognizing and admitting those places in my heart and soul that need healing? Am I humble enough to recognize the role of others in the healing process, or does my ego insist that I "do it all myself"? Where is God in my life?

—Based on Neville Ward and Mitch Albom

As we continue our journey through this Season of Lent, let us take time to reflect upon this examination of conscience and seriously ask ourselves, "Where is God in my life?"

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 were attached to the bulletin recently 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 Schools tab. 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!

**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!

**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).

**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**

**Gregg & Nicole Acquista & Family  
Jack & Dee Bradley**

**In Memoriam**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

**Paul Cassidy**, who died on February 2. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, March 19, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep his wife, Elaine, and his family in your prayers.

**George "Jay" Falkenstein**, who died on March 5. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, March 27, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep his family in your prayers.

**Kathy Salter**, who died on February 18. Her Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, April 12, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep her husband, Charles, and her family in your prayers.

*May their souls 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.

**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...\$3,599...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 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 March 12 we have netted \$44,602  
from this program. Thank you donors!**



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

**Readings for the Week Ahead**

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

**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  
**Monday, March 17 (541)**  
*Patrick, bishop*  
1 Peter 4:7b-11  
Psalm 96:1-3,7-8b,10  
Luke 5:1-11  
**Tuesday, March 18 (542)**  
*Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop, doctor*  
1 John 5:1-5  
Psalm 19:8-11  
John 15:1-8  
**Wednesday, March 19 (543)**  
*Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
2 Samuel 7:4-5a,12-14a,16  
Psalm 89:2-5,27,29  
Romans 4:13,16-18,22  
Matthew 1:16,18-21,24a  
or Luke 2:41-51a  
**Thursday, March 20 (233)**  
Jeremiah 17:5-10  
Psalm 1:1-4,6  
Luke 16:19-31  
**Friday, March 21 (234)**  
Genesis 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a  
Psalm 105:16-21  
Matthew 21:33-43,45-46  
**Saturday, March 22 (235)**  
Micah 7:14-15,18-20  
Psalm 103:1-4,9-12  
Luke 15:1-3,11-32  
**Sunday, March 23 (28)**  
*Third Sunday of Lent*  
Exodus 17:3-7  
Psalm 95:1-2,6-9  
Romans 5:1-2,5-8  
John 4:5-42

**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  
Khlise Buford  
Tony Calderone  
Shelby Campbell  
Brienne 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  
Beverly de Gelder  
Hugo Delgado, Jr.  
Carole Dillon  
Edward Dolnik  
Art & Dave Dossman  
John Drazkowski, Jr.  
La Vonne Dumas  
Debbie Ebaugh  
Carolyn Erickson Ey  
Sharon Evans  
The Falkenstein Family  
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  
Lois Garth  
Jack & Marge Gillen  
Wendy Gonzales' Dad  
Rick Gonzalez  
Pat & Tom Hannon  
The Harker Family  
Barbara Hatem  
Skip Hayden  
Heidi Heaton  
Lilian Hills  
Samara Hook  
Susan Hori  
Rick Hughes  
Iolanda Iacobelli  
Linda Iacobelli Bennett  
Betty Karch  
Laura Kater  
Connor Kerzie  
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  
Ashley Load  
Cassandra & Lauren Loretto  
Jack Lucarelli  
Joaquin 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  
The Douglas E. Schulte Family  
Maria Sebiane  
The Shaughnessy Family  
Juliana Shaw  
Joan Shea  
Elizabeth Shirzad  
Nick Soltau  
Fred & Gilda Spiegel  
Darek, Vanessa, & Elba Spizewski  
Patricia St. Pierre  
Pete Sullivan  
David Sweet  
Julie Teare  
Tommy & Ginger Thompson  
Sarah Tillinghast  
William Tompson  
Stephen Toth, Jr.  
Olivia Trejo  
The Trejo/Beltran Family  
The Trejo/Maldonado/Uribe Family  
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 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 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass  
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  
Jun 22 New Member Luncheon  
Aug 24 Pastor's Dinner

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

**Mass Intentions**

Saturday, March 15, 5:00pm Alfred Barmasse ☩
Sunday, March 16, 8:30am Patricia Leahey ☩
Sunday, March 16, 10:30am Pantaleo & Josephine Guernari ☩
Monday, March 17, 8:15am John Rodriguez ☩
Tuesday, March 18, 8:15am Bernice Robinson ☩
Wednesday, March 19, 8:15am Bob Petruzzo
Thursday, March 20, 8:15am Hugh Murphy ☩
Friday, March 21, 8:15am Terry Adams ☩
Saturday, March 22, 5:00pm Elizabeth Harrison ☩
Sunday, March 23, 8:30am Alice Alfonso ☩
Sunday, March 23, 10:30am Herman & Helen 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  
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 17 Sr. Maria Imelda Padilla, DCJ
March 18 Sr. Maria Pascuzzi, CSJ
March 19 Sr. Millicent Peaslee, OLVM
March 20 Sr. Juana Pereyra, SJS
March 21 Sr. Damien Peters, FDC
March 22 Sr. M. Genevieve Pistacchio, CSN
March 23 Sr. Mary Potter, RSM

## Social Ministries/Outreach

This Wednesday is St. Joseph Day, and in accordance with the STM Social Justice Committee mission statement and the Statement of Principles for the Interfaith Center for Worker Justice (ICWJ), we pray:

St. Joseph, Patron of Workers,  
help us to respect the dignity of all workers.

Help us to learn about and to care about  
workers who do not have fair wages,  
just benefits, and safe working environments.

Help us to raise our voices for justice for workers.

Help us to ask our government and our representatives  
to develop policies that create jobs and dignity.

You taught your son the value of work  
and the joy of work well done.

Teach us these lessons.

Guide us in our work  
and the work of justice  
in which we are all called to participate.

Renew our strength and commitment each day  
as we face the work ahead  
and as we labor for the common good of all.

Amen.

## 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.

## STM Scrip 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

### Bringing the Celebration Home: Daily Activities for Lent

**Countdown**—Lent is a spiritual time, and the stained glass gives us a way to track our time in prayer during Lent. Make a fun family competition: give each member a different color marker, and see whose color appears the most once your stained glass is full! Visit:

<http://enterundermyroof.blogspot.com> to download a copy of the stained glass.

**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!

**Relationship Skills Workshop**—Deacon Ralph and Peggy Skiano are presenting Relationship Skills Workshops every Tuesday night at 7:00pm at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 3888 Paducah Drive, San Diego. Come and explore how to improve your relationships. You can attend one workshop, several, or all of them. The next workshop is Tuesday, March 18, and the topic is "Handling Anger Constructively." For more information, call Deacon Ralph at 858-490-8292.

**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 the Marriage Conversation Right," 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 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.

**Marriage Moments—Marriage in the Church:** "As a vocation, or call from God, marriage has a public and ecclesial status within the Church. Catholic spouses ordinarily exchange marital consent within a church setting, before a priest or deacon. The living-out of marriage takes place within the whole Body of Christ, which it serves and in which it finds nourishment." To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

**Parenting Pointers**—March 21 is Single Parent Day. If you are a single parent we honor you for the effort you must make to provide continuous care for your child, often without the help of a ready partner. If you are blessed to have a helpmate, reach out to a parent who needs a helping hand this weekend. 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.



**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 “Set Your Mind on Things Above.” For more information, contact Deacon John Fredette at [johnf@stmoside.org](mailto:johnf@stmoside.org) or 760-758-4100 x132.

**Women’s Guild News**

Happy St. Patrick’s Day on Monday; and thanks to Jim McGinty and family for helping us celebrate a week ahead at our March meeting with Irish music and song. Our next get together will be with other Parishioners and friends at our Day of Recollection on Tuesday April 8. Registration forms were printed on the information flyers in last week’s bulletin and should be returned as soon as possible. A member of the Women’s Guild or Spirited Seniors will be on the plaza this and next weekend with additional forms if needed and an opportunity to sign up. All Parishioners are welcome. This Day will take the place of our April meeting and contribute to our purpose of spiritual growth of the Guild and its members.

As members of the Oceanside Deanery, members of the St. Thomas More Women’s Guild are invited and encouraged to attend their monthly meetings at different Parishes. The meetings are held the second Wednesday of every month, and lunch is provided for \$5. The April meeting will be held at St. Peter Parish in Fallbrook on Wednesday, April 9, at 11:00am (the day after our Day of Recollection). Information about the Deanery can be found on page one of our Directory.

In preparation for voting for next year’s Officers at the May meeting, members are encouraged to read Article VI of the Constitution and Bylaws (also in the Directory). Since the Nominating Committee presented the slate of officers in March, nominations from the floor will be called for before the election in May, since there will be no April meeting.

Let us pray for each other during Lent. —*Ann Buko, president*

**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. Cost is \$7 for one piece of fish, \$9 for two pieces, dessert extra. To make reservations for six or more, call Jim at 760-726-2807.

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

**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>



03/04/14  
*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

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

You may have noticed that during Lent we are using the Apostles' Creed instead of the Nicene Creed.

The Apostles' Creed is the most ancient of the Creeds in the Church. Another word the Church uses for this Creed is the term "symbol," and the Catechism of the Catholic Church states that the Apostles' Creed is "the ancient baptismal symbol (creed) of the Church of Rome," to which St. Ambrose adds: "It is the Creed of the Roman Church, the See of Peter, the first of the apostles, to which he brought the common faith" (CCC n.194).

In the early Church, Lent was a time of intense preparation for those who were to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. During Lent the candidates, referred to as the chosen, were brought together often and taught the beliefs of the Church as outlined in the Creed. When the teaching had been completed, the Creed itself was "handed over" to them so that they might learn it by heart. A week later the chosen returned and "handed back" the Creed, each person, in the words of the Creed, professing his or her acceptance of the faith.

The Apostles' Creed may be used at any Sunday Mass, but the Church particularly recommends its use during Lent and Easter Time. Why? Because the words of this ancient Creed have been used for centuries as the basis of our baptismal

promises, and the seasons of Lent and Easter put a strong focus on baptism. During Lent we prepare those who will be baptized at Easter while readying ourselves to renew our own baptismal promises. During Lent, as we recite the Apostles' Creed, we pray that it will stir up in our hearts our commitment to Christ which was first made at our own baptisms and prepare us to renew our promises this Easter.

—Adapted from material from the  
 Archdiocese of New York, with permission.



Matthew 17:7

I believe in God,  
 the Father almighty,  
 Creator of heaven and earth,  
 and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
 born of the Virgin Mary,  
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died and was buried;  
 he descended into hell;  
 on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
 he ascended into heaven,  
 and is seated at the right hand of  
 God the Father almighty;  
 from there he will come  
 to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy catholic Church,  
 the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body,  
 and life everlasting.

Amen.

### Upcoming Music

✘

**MARCH 23**  
**3rd Sunday of**  
**Lent**

✘

**5:00pm Mass**

Cantor &  
 Congregation

**8:30am Mass**

Sanctuary Choir

**10:30am Mass**

Tower Bells



# Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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## Children's Faith Formation

Do you know where the happiest place on earth is? If you are between the ages of 3 and 5, it's right here at St. Thomas More!

The Genesis Program is the newest addition to our Faith Formation Program. It offers fun-filled faith-based activities like Arts and Crafts, Bible Stories, Parish Guest Speakers, and lots of Music and Dancing. Come check us out!

## EDGE Youth Group Reaches Out to Parishioners in Need of Prayer

Our middle school kids recently spent the evening writing words of encouragement on handmade "Thinking of You" and "Get Well" cards to every Parishioner on our Parish prayer list. Prayer is Powerful!



## Adult Faith Formation

### Do You Want to Tour the Holy Land without Ever Leaving Your Chair?

Come spend the next four Tuesday mornings (9:00-10:15am following morning Mass) with Fr. Karl as he takes us on his own virtual tour of the Holy Land. Using his personal experiences with amazing videos, Fr. Karl is sure to WOW audiences with this inspiring presentation.

### Are You a Mom with Infant to School-Aged Children?



Want to meet some other great moms for fun and friendship? Come join our **Moms & Kids** group! We get together for park playdates, brunch with the kids, faith projects, and more. Contact Jen Abelson at [jen.abelson@gmail.com](mailto:jen.abelson@gmail.com) or 410-570-6962 or Mindy Leonard at [mindy@redfish777.com](mailto:mindy@redfish777.com) or 760-400-8822.

### Would You Like to Make a Difference in Someone's Life? Become a Catechist!

It's fun...it's easy...it's satisfying and yes, you will make the difference in someone's life! **YOURS!** Contact Debbie Fredette at [debbief@stmoside.org](mailto:debbief@stmoside.org) for more info or just ask one of our current catechists. They are the ones with the smiles on their faces!



# Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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

## TOWERS OF FAITH

### Future Support and 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](mailto:chriss@stmoside.org).

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

### Collection for Week of March 8/9, 2014

Number of Registered Households		1,081
Offertory*	\$	16,325.91
Offertory (Loose Collection)		761.00
Children's envelopes		0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>17,086.91</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

We offer a variety of options for easier giving. In addition to the extra mail-back envelopes included in your packet, we offer automatic credit card withdrawal (Visa, MC, or Discover) and automatic checking/savings account deduction. For more information, contact the Parish Office at 760-758-4100 x100 or [Parish\\_office@stmoside.org](mailto:Parish_office@stmoside.org).

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## Christian Stewardship ~ Prayer for March

God of mercy,

You have given us this special time to reflect on our lives,  
 believe in the Good News and draw closer to You.

May this season of Lent  
 help us be good stewards of this time:  
 to fast and pray,  
 be more generous  
 and show others how to live in Christ.

Let us see each day of this season  
 as a new opportunity to renew our lives  
 and gain a deeper appreciation of Your active presence  
 in us and our community of faith.

Give us the grace to see Your face in others,  
 especially the poor and those who suffer.

And through your Spirit,  
 enkindle in us the fire of Your love  
 so that we may be better stewards  
 of Your redeeming work throughout the world.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son.

Amen.

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**Challenges are what make life interesting;  
 overcoming them is what makes life meaningful.**  
 —J.J. Marine



## News and Information from the Larger Church

**MISSIO App for Smart Phones**—Connects you to the Pope and his daily messages. Learn more at [www.MissioApp.org/bulletin](http://www.MissioApp.org/bulletin).

**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).

**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.

**REBUILD! Your Life after Divorce**—A healing weekend event March 28-29 at the Doubletree Hotel in San Diego. English and Hispanic tracks, powerful Catholic speakers, good food, restful venue, and a way to reclaim God's *peace, power, and passion* in your life. For more information and to register, visit [www.marriagebuildingusa.org/rebuild](http://www.marriagebuildingusa.org/rebuild).

**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 Peñasquitos, featuring Fr. Stan Fortuna, CFR. For more information, contact 619-403-9242 or [www.SharingTheTreasures.com](http://www.SharingTheTreasures.com).

**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**—Tuesdays, 9:00-10:00am, outside the clinic at 120 Craven Rd., San Marcos. For more information, contact Jane Kelleher at 760-822-7041

**Birth Choice Volunteer Counselors Training**—Call Heidi at 760-744-1313 for details and to sign up. Birth Choice is a pro-life, Christ-centered pregnancy resource center offering free pregnancy testing, ultrasound, and options counseling for women in crisis. For more information, visit [www.birthchoice.net](http://www.birthchoice.net).

**Support Group for Separated/Divorced**—An ongoing support group meeting Sundays at 10:15am at St. James Catholic Church in Solana Beach. For more information, contact Frank Grant at 760-533-1520 or [fwgrant@gmail.com](mailto:fwgrant@gmail.com).

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- Sports: Volleyball, Flag Football, Soccer, basketball, track and field
- Special family events: Family BBQ, Chili Cook-Off, Christmas Pageant, Performing Arts, Family Outdoor Movie Nights, Family Dining Out Nights, Catholic Schools Week, Promotions and graduation events
- Partnerships in Service to Community: Soup Kitchen, Sack Lunch Ministry, Life Care

Contact us today for more information!

Preschool Office, Ms. Jennifer Paino, 760-630-7964.

K-8 Office, Mrs. Mary Drego 760-630-7960.

Visit us online at <http://sfs-vista.org>

**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.

**St. Francis 25th Annual Women's Retreat**—April 25-27 at Oakbridge Christian Camp in Ramona. Fr. Pat Crowley will be our guest presenter, and our theme is "Receive the Holy Spirit". Registration fee is \$225 and space is limited. To register or for more information, contact Rae Arnold 760-500-3201 or [sonraetoo@yahoo.com](mailto:sonraetoo@yahoo.com).



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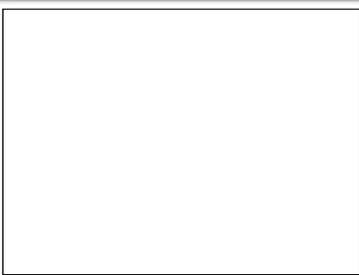
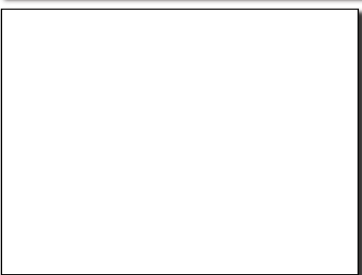
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