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*A Roman Catholic Parish
in the Diocese of San Diego*

- ✝ Spirituality
- ✝ Tradition
- ✝ Community

Mass Schedule

Saturday at 5:00pm
Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am
Monday-Friday at 8:15am

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday-Friday, 6:30am-7:30pm

Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday, 4:00-4:30pm

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Join us for Triduum:
Holy Thursday, April 17, 6:00pm
Good Friday, April 18
12:00noon and 7:00pm
Easter Vigil, April 19, 8:00pm

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord April 13, 2014

Pastor's Column

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The Easter Triduum—April 17, 18, 19—Will These Be Our “High Holy Days” or Will It Be “Business As Usual”?

The season of Lent has always been an important time in the life of the Catholic Church. It begins very dramatically with the reception of ashes, in a sense, marking us as God's people.

Near the end of the season, today on Palm Sunday, we receive palms which remind us of the people's love for Jesus—a love which turned to hate and indifference quite rapidly.

The special practices of Lent...added prayer, fasting, abstinence, almsgiving...remind us that this is no ordinary time.

Because Lent is a season with a personality of its own, we tend to think of it as a season which has its existence just for the sake of itself. However, it is important to remind ourselves that Lent exists only as a preparation for something bigger. That something bigger is the **Easter Triduum**.

The term **Easter Triduum** might not sound familiar to you; however, you are very familiar with it. The Triduum is the three-day celebration of the death and resurrection of Christ—Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil/Easter Sunday.

The Church meets at times during those three days to remember what it is that Jesus has done for us.

Lent often overshadows the Triduum, but the documents from Vatican Council II tell us:

Christ redeemed us all and gave perfect glory to God principally through his paschal mystery: dying he destroyed our death and rising he restored our life.

Therefore the Easter Triduum of the passion and resurrection of Christ is the culmination of the entire liturgical year.

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“Did You Know?”

What would we do without phones and cable/internet service for the Parish? The phones and the internet help us, as Staff, better serve the needs of all our Parishioners.

The cost for phone and internet service for FYE 2013 was \$7,831.79.

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

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

Lent exists so that we can prepare ourselves for these three great days. What is remembered during these three days is so spectacular and miraculous that it takes the Church fifty days to celebrate it. From the close of Easter Sunday until Pentecost we celebrate with great joy that which Jesus has done for us.

Just imagine that someone you loved was torn from you unexpectedly, dying a painful, hideous death, and suddenly that person is brought back to life. Imagine your joy. How would you express that joy? Could you be happy for one day and be done with it? Probably not! It would take many days, perhaps a lifetime to express your joy. Because that person's life has been restored, your life has been restored.

That is exactly what happens. Jesus dies a hideous death. God's only Son sent to save us has been put to death. And then suddenly he is alive again. We need fifty days to celebrate this great miracle—or perhaps we need our lifetime to express it. Thus we take forty days (Lent) to prepare, three days (Easter Triduum) to experience, and fifty days (Easter time) to celebrate the great mystery of our faith.

What the Triduum commemorates, that which makes it the “culmination of the entire liturgical year,” is the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Because Jesus was willing to die for our sins and was resurrected, death no longer is the end of life for us. It is the beginning of new life. We gather at the Easter Triduum to remember the saving act of Jesus and the miracle of his resurrection. Because Jesus died and was resurrected, we live.

The term Triduum means “three days.” The three days are counted as the Hebrews counted their days, from dusk to dusk. Therefore, the three days of the **Easter Triduum** are from dusk on Holy Thursday to dusk on Good Friday (day one), dusk on Good Friday to dusk on Holy Saturday (day two), and dusk on Holy Saturday to dusk on Easter Sunday (day three).

Each of those days “tells” a different part of the story of Jesus' saving action. On Holy Thursday we remember the Last Supper, Jesus gives us the Eucharist and tells us to “Do this in memory of me.” He then washes the feet of the apostles. On Good Friday we remember the passion and death of Jesus. We celebrate the resurrection of Christ either at the Easter Vigil on Saturday night when new members are baptized and welcomed into our Catholic community or on Easter Sunday morning.

We look at the **Easter Triduum** as one single celebration that lasts for three days. We cannot separate the death of Jesus from his resurrection. We do not spend all of the three days in church, but at various times during those days, we are called to church to gather and remember together. When we are not in church, we are asked to keep the spirit of those days even in our homes, if possible. Those days are not days of “business as usual.”

The **Easter Triduum** is quickly approaching! I invite, encourage, and challenge you to look at your calendars, set your agendas, and re-arrange your priorities and activities, so that you can celebrate as many of these three days as you can here in the Faith Community of St. Thomas More.

Let these days be “High Holy Days” for you and your family. Do not let these days be just “business as usual!”

Fr. Mike

Welcome New Parishioners

Alec & Frances Barron & Family
Laura Paciorek

Congratulations to

Matt & Lena Rumps

who celebrate their 28th wedding anniversary April 12.

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

Lenten Reconciliation Services at Local Parishes

Date	Time	Parish
Mon, Apr. 14	6:30pm	St. Mark, San Marcos
Tue, Apr. 15	6:00pm	St. Peter, Fallbrook

Vocations

Think you may have a calling to the priesthood, diaconate, or religious life? The Lenten Season is an excellent time for prayer and quiet reflection. It is a time when we celebrate the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord. A time when we contemplate that which makes us Christian...Catholic. If you wish to explore a calling, contact Deacon Tom at thomasgoeltz@aol.com or (760) 727-8442.

Save the Date
Friday, June 13
4:30-9:30pm
STM Third Annual Gala

St. Thomas More

Gala



Happy Hour at 4:30pm kicks off our fundraising evening and you will have plenty of time to check out our amazing array of Raffle, Silent and Live Auction items, our Champagne Diamond Event, our new and improved Wheel of Fortune, and a chance to win a Mystery Day with Fr. Mike.

Join us for socializing and more fun!



Dinner is served at 6:30pm (\$40/person)
(vegetarian option available upon request)

Secure your spot now for our Social Event of the Year and get in on the many new and exciting opportunities that await you!

Plus reserve your spot for the *Pastor's Dinner*
Sunday, August 24, 2014 ★ 2:00-5:00 p.m.

Stone Brewing World Bistro and Gardens, Escondido
\$150/per person (\$75 tax deductible)

For information, please contact Chris Smith
(760) 758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org

Readings for the Week Ahead

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

Sunday, April 13 (37)
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Matthew 21:1-11 (Procession)
Isaiah 50:4-7
Psalm 22:8-9,17-20,23-24
Philippians 2:6-11
Matthew 26:14-27:66

Monday, April 14 (257)
Isaiah 42:1-7
Psalm 27:1-3,13-14
John 12:1-11

Tuesday, April 15 (258)
Isaiah 49:1-6
Psalm 71:1-4a,5ab-6ab,15,17
John 13:21-33,36-38

Wednesday, April 16 (259)
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 69:8-10,21-22,31,33-34
Matthew 26:14-25

Thursday, April 17 (39)
Mass of the Lord's Supper
Exodus 12:1-8,11-14
Psalm 116:12-13,15-16bc,17-18
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-15

Friday, April 18 (40)
Passion of the Lord
Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Psalm 31:2,6,12-13,15-17,25
Hebrew 4:14-16;5:7-9
John 18:1-19:42

Saturday, April 19 (41)
The Resurrection of the Lord The Easter Vigil
Genesis 1:1-2:2 or 1:1,26-31a
Psalm 104:1-2,5-6,10,12-14,24,35
Genesis 22:1-18
Exodus 14:15-15:1
Exodus 15:1-6,17-18 (Canticle)
Isaiah 54:5-14
Isaiah 55:1-11
Isaiah 12:2-6 (Canticle)
Baruch 3:9-15,32-4:4
Ezekiel 36:16-17a,18-28
Romans 6:3-11
Psalm 118:1-2,16ab-17,22-23
Matthew 28:1-10

Sunday, April 20 (42)
The Resurrection of the Lord Mass During the Day
Acts 10:34a,37-43
Psalm 118:1-2,16-17,22-23
1 Corinthians 5:6b-8
John 20:1-9

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
- Wade Breier and his doctors
- Beth Brewer
- Janet Brown
- Todd Brown
- Judith Brunner
- Mary Bruzas
- Anita Buerger
- Jeff Butler
- Tony Calderone
- 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
- Carol Costa
- Steven Cresencia
- Lené Crowe
- Karen Flaharty Daley
- Maureen Daly
- Beverly de Gelder
- Hugo Delgado, Jr.
- Cecilia DeSimone
- 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
- The Jacobson Family
- Betty Karch
- Laura Kater
- Paul Kennedy
- Connor Kerzie
- Peggy Kiernan
- Debbie Kinney
- Mark Kneisel
- Dewey Kolbo
- Tony Korwin
- Mary Krohn
- 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
- Ray Malinowski
- Paige Mansell
- Alexander Mathews
- Chandler May
- Virginia McConnell
- 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 Olivier Family
- Bernadette Padovan
- Ethan Palm
- Perry Postulka
- Douglas Price-Williams
- The Joe Prokop Family
- Barbara Ramm
- Lisa Reaves
- Mark Reinmiller
- Jan Riley
- Rita Ritchie
- Adela & Elena Rivera
- Maria Rogers
- Dorothy Rouse
- The Russo Family
- Rachel Saime
- Cindy Sanelli
- Linda Schmidt
- Maria Sebiane
- Juliana Shaw
- Joan Shea
- Elizabeth Shirzad
- Nick Soltau
- Fred & Gilda Spiegel
- Darek, Vanessa, & Elba Spizewski
- Patricia St. Pierre
- Mike Sterling
- 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

Calendar Highlights

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

- Apr 15-16 Restaurant Fundraiser at Nucci's
- Apr 17 **Holy Thursday**
Mass of the Lord's Supper at 6:00pm
Dinners at Parishioners' homes following Mass
Eucharistic Exposition following Mass until 10:00pm
- Apr 18 **Good Friday**
Morning Prayer at 8:15am
Celebration of the Passion of the Lord at 12:00noon and 7:00pm
Stations of the Cross at 3:00pm
- Apr 19 **Holy Saturday**
Morning Prayer at 8:15am
Butter Lamb Workshop at 10:00am
Blessing of Easter Food at 11:00am
Easter Vigil at 8:00pm
- Apr 20 **Easter Sunday**
Masses at 6:30am, 8:30am, 10:30am, and 10:45am
- Apr 21 Moms & Kids at South Buena Vista Park
- Apr 29 Restaurant Fundraiser at Chick-fil-A
- May 3 Women's Guild Game Day
- May 10 Women's Prayer Breakfast
- May 16-18 Parish Campout in Valley Center
- May 17-18 Baby Shower for Birth Choice
- May 28 Spirited Seniors Trip to Mission San Diego de Alcalá
- Jun 13 STM Annual Gala
- Jun 22 New Member Luncheon
- Aug 24 Pastor's Dinner

Mass Intentions
Saturday, April 12, 5:00pm Bud Flanagan ☩
Sunday, April 13, 8:30am Dorothy Staehr ☩
Sunday, April 13, 10:30am Jeanne Sisson ☩
Monday, April 14, 8:15am Esther Mendoza ☩
Tuesday, April 15, 8:15am Jack Williams ☩
Wednesday, April 16, 8:15am Al Dragula ☩
Thursday, April 17, 6:00pm Kimberly Schlunt ☩
Saturday, April 19, 8:00pm For the People
Sunday, April 20, 6:30am Cathleen Leue ☩
Sunday, April 20, 8:30am Joie and Angelo Gil ☩☩
Sunday, April 20, 10:30am Joe Barreras ☩
Sunday, April 20, 10:45am Paul Cassidy ☩

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
- 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.

April 14 Sr. Patricia Shaffer, RSCJ
April 15 Sr. Madeline Shayota, DMI
April 16 Sr. Regina Shin, RSCJ
April 17 Sr. Paula Smith, MMM
April 18 Sr. Suzanne Snyder, SHCJ
April 19 Sr. Margaret Spence, CSN
April 20 Sr. Virginia (Gloria) Sturgeon, SSND

Social Ministries & Outreach

Get On the Bus

During the month of May, many youngsters from infancy through age 17 will be travelling by bus to see their imprisoned mothers and fathers in prison. St. Thomas More Parish, along with other churches throughout San Diego County, are sponsoring five buses. In total, 46 buses will be taking children to see their parents in prisons throughout California. Due to finances and the long distances, this is often the only time the children see their mothers or fathers.

In order to make this happen, we need your help! An envelope was attached to the bulletin last week for contributions to cover the cost for these events. We have also been asked to donate the following items for the children on the bus:

- Entertainment items for youth, ages 12-17 (books, magazines, brain teasing workbooks, small hand held games, sketching books, etc.)
- Individually wrapped snacks (no peanuts or raisins)

These items may be dropped off at the Parish Office during the week or after all Masses the weekend of April 26-27.

If you would like to donate homemade cookies for the children, please give Sr. Maureen a call at (760) 758-4100 x131. They will be needed the morning of May 8.

Thank You!

The Family Shoe Ministry and Solutions for Change would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the Parishioners of St. Thomas More for their generous response to the February shoe collection. Hundreds of pairs (3 truck loads full!) of men's, women's and children's shoes were delivered to Solutions for Change warehouse last month and are currently being distributed to residents in need.

The Family Shoe Ministry plans to have a second shoe drive at the end of summer which will focus on collecting new or gently used children's shoes. Thank you very much!

Rosary

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



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 18 we have netted \$49,652 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 through school-age children wanting to meet other moms in our Parish? Want to find a great way to meet friends for both you and your children? Join our dynamic and energetic Moms and Kids ministry on the first and third Monday of the month at South Buena Vista Park (on South Melrose), 10:00am-12:00noon. There are many other events throughout the month posted on our private Facebook page. Join us!



Bringing the Celebration Home: Butter Lambs for Easter—This Easter, come learn how to create a lamb made of butter for your Easter table! Jesus is our Paschal Lamb, and using your lamb as a centerpiece reminds us of this. This fun event will start at 10:00am on the lower level on Holy Saturday, and will lead into the Easter Food blessing at 11:00am. To register, contact Jen Frost at jenf@stmoside.org or 858-692-7438. There is no cost, and all you need to bring to participate are four things: two sticks of VERY COLD butter, a small cooler to keep the butter cold, a sharp paring knife, a small plate for your lamb to sit on, and (if you have one) a garlic press.

Pray for 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: Love and Life In The Divine Plan: Living Chastely “Married people are called to love with conjugal chastity. That is, their love is to be total, faithful, exclusive, and open to life...The practice of marital chastity ensures that both husband and wife will strive to live as a gift of self, one to the other, generously. In other words, marital chastity protects a great good: the communion of persons and the procreative purposes of marriage.” To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

Marriage Moments—Marriage can be like Holy Week. One day it's Palm Sunday and everyone is singing your praises. But the one closest to you can betray you. All seems lost. It's not easy but faith reminds us of the forgiveness and sacrificial love, resurrection is possible. Can you believe it? by Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net.

Parenting Pointers—This week will include Good Friday: “Humility is the virtue of parenthood. It usually comes unbidden after the pride of being the perfect parent is punctured by our children's honesty and raw edges.” (Raising Kids Who Will Make a Difference) Not all suffering is physical. How have your children purified you this Lent? by Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net.

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

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 (last session for this year) is "A New Springtime of the Human Spirit." For more information, contact Deacon John Fredette at johnf@stmoside.org or (760) 758-4100 x132.

Women's Guild News

A great big "THANK YOU" to everyone who participated in the Bake Sale last weekend, from Callers, to Bakers, Buyers, and Donors. Your continued support made it another success. We made over \$1,000. Thanks to Nancy Wozniak and Pat Wong for all their efforts in making all things work together with such good results.

All those who attended the "Day of Recollection" on Tuesday will testify to the wonderful blessing we received in Fr. Tom West, OFM, who spoke and enriched us spiritually, and who contributed so beautifully to our Lenten day of prayer. We thank him and Pat Wong, without whom the day would not have run so smoothly and successfully. We also thank the many individuals who took part in the rituals and serving lunch, especially Marilyn and Jim Day of the Spirited Seniors.

We wish you a very holy Holy Week close to our loving Savior.

—Ann Buko, president

Catholic Widows and Widowers of North County

On Sunday, April 27, CWWNC will gather for communal Mass HERE at the 10:30am Mass followed by brunch at Nucci's. This is a great opportunity for prospective members to get acquainted with our group. On the second Sunday of each month we meet for a general meeting and potluck at various areas in North County. Check the bulletin board on the lower level of the Parish Center for our calendar of events including bowling, 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.

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.

For more information, contact scrip@stmoside.org or (760) 758-4100 x150.

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.

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	\$300/person
(1,000) 868 available	
Daily Mass Chapel and Choir Chairs	\$300/each
(200) 133 available	

04/8/14



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

Stay Up to Date on Construction Activity!

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



Pouring concrete walls
A view on April 3

Liturgy & Music *Worship God*

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

Upcoming Music



APRIL 17
Holy Thursday

6:00pm

Sanctuary Choir
 Tower Bells



APRIL 18
Good Friday

12:00noon

Cantor &
 Congregation

7:00pm

Sanctuary Choir



APRIL 19
Easter Vigil

8:00pm

Cappella Choir
 Praise Team
 Sanctuary Choir
 Tower Bells



APRIL 20
Easter Sunday

6:30am

Cantor &
 Congregation

8:30am

Sanctuary Choir
 Tower Bells

10:30am

Praise Team

10:45am
 (lower level)

Sanctuary Choir

The Lord God has given me a well-trained tongue,
 that I might know how to speak to the weary
 a word that will rouse them.

Isaiah 50:4

How many, Lord, how many well-trained tongues are ready
 to sing the blessed aching notes of these holy, holy, holy days?

How many Lord, how many tongues will be so courageous, so trusting,
 so willing to walk once again into the fire of paschal splendor?

How spent will those tongues be in the completion of our duty
 to speak to the weary and to rouse them for wondrous love songs?

How gladly will we trade our mantras of sorrow for
 empty tomb anthems and relentless alleluias?

How many, Lord, how many well-trained tongues
 will empty themselves of everyday and fill up,

Fill up with paschal passion only to have those empty, weary tongues
 taste once again the sharp wine of resurrection glory?

—Cynthia Serjak, RSM, Sisters of Mercy of the Americas
 with permission

Triduum—The Three Days

We celebrate **one great liturgy**, with our prayer flowing
 without interruption, from one celebration to the next.

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Thursday 6:00pm

Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

Friday Noon and 7:00pm

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

Saturday 8:00pm

How many are willing, Lord?



Matthew 21:15

Easter in a Time of Transition

To accommodate all who want to attend a late-morning Easter Sunday Mass, we will be adding a Mass at 10:45am.

Please carpool for any Mass on Easter Sunday. Share a vehicle with a neighbor. Bring your family in one car. Park in the Ralph's lot and walk over if you are able. We'd like our first-time visitors to enjoy the hospitality of a parking space.

And remember, our Hospitality Ministers love you, your friends, and your family members too, but they will not be able to let you save seats. If you have a large number of people in your group who want to sit together, come early, come together, and worship together.

Thank you!



Paul Salamunovich, 1927–2014

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

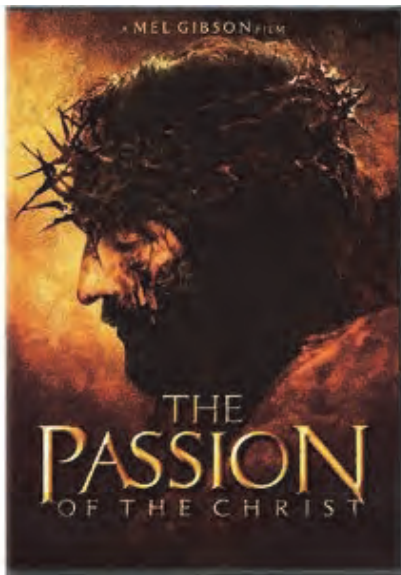
Debbie Fredette
Director of Faith Formation
(760) 758-4100 x110; debbief@stmoside.org

Children's Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation

Movie Night

Join the High School Youth for a showing of *The Passion of the Christ* Wednesday, April 16, at 7:00pm in the lower level. Contact Rory Griffin for more information at: roryg@stmoside.org



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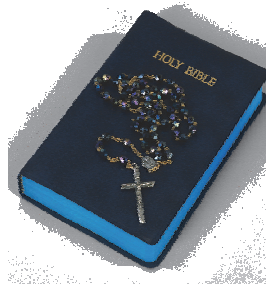
Tuesday, April 15, 9:15-10:00am

Join Fr. Karl Bauer for his final presentation on the Holy Land for an opportunity to connect the Scriptures of Lent with the places they actually took place. No suitcase required!



SCRIPTURE AND THE ROSARY . . . continues

Wednesday, April 16, 9:00am or Thursday, April 17, 7:00pm



In this study, the treasures of the Bible illuminate the mysteries of the rosary, revealing the sacred and inseparable link between Scripture and the rosary.

Please contact Pauline Lapre at plapre@escondido.org for further information or sign up in the Faith Formation office.

Join Us for Our Annual Butter Lamb Workshop!

Saturday, April 19, 10:00am followed by Blessing of Easter Food at 11:00am



SEVEN WAYS I'VE LEARNED TO SET THE WORLD ON FIRE

Tuesday April 29, 9:30am (Session 1)
Tuesday May 6, 9:30am (Session 2)

Video series from the Los Angeles Education Congress 2014 featuring Fr. Robert Barron. See the flyer in today's bulletin for details.



WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Saturday, May 10, 9:30am

Dr. Cyndi Peterson will speak on "A Mother's Heart: Following Mary." Mark your calendars now and watch for details.

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



Examples of the various future planning vehicles are:
**Designated Beneficiary Accounts,
Last Will and Testament, Living Trust, Life Insurance,
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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 April 5/6, 2014

Number of Registered Households		1,089
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Children's envelopes		2.00
Total	\$	20,703.66

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Christian Stewards Find Hope in the Cross

- ✠ Do you ever think about how you experience the cross of Jesus Christ?
- ✠ Do you ever think about the power of that cross in your daily life?
- ✠ Is the cross even relevant to your life?

It is to stewards of the Lord, who recognize the hope Christ brings through the gift of his cross. They acknowledge that for them, the cross is their *only* hope.

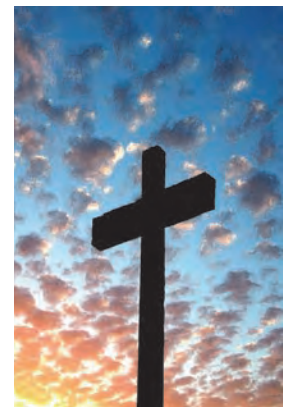
Being good stewards of our life in Christ is not easy, but to embrace the cross is not only countercultural, it seems absurd. Then again, we cannot avoid what Jesus said to his disciples: "If you wish to come after me you must deny yourself and take up your cross daily and follow me. For if you wish to save your life, you will lose it; but if you lose your life for my sake you will save it" (Luke 9:23-24).

The cross is more readily embraced by people of faith who suffer, are poor, broken, or are the victims of such things as violence, oppression, or natural disasters. They see the cross as the hope that no matter what has happened to them, God will see them through. The Father did it for Jesus who hung on the cross, so surely their sufferings will be redeemed by Jesus' sufferings.

Where people possess much material abundance, comfort, and leisure, however, there is a tendency to de-emphasize the cross, to draw away from it. They can't touch it or feel it so they wish to "save" their lives by looking to other things: power, wealth, fame, relevance, being the center of attention. What is preached about the cross from the pulpit sounds good, but in reality something more tangible is desired.

Christ emptied himself completely in humble obedience, allowing himself to suffer and die out of compassion for the world (Philippians 2:6-11). Good stewards follow his example and work day-to-day to empty themselves and live compassionately; most noticeably by sharing their lives with others.

As we approach the climax of our liturgical year, the Easter Triduum, let us ask the Holy Spirit for an even deeper awareness of the cross in our lives.



—ICSC Catholic Stewardship, April 2014 e-Bulletin (with permission)

Holy Week is upon us. Let us find hope in the cross and pray that as we embrace it, we too will experience in a special way the joy of new life in the risen Lord.

News & 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.

Bishop Flores on Twitter—His first tweet will be on Easter Sunday, April 20. Follow him @BishopFlores.

Choir Concert in La Jolla—Sunday, April 13, 3:00pm and Friday, April 18, 1:00pm, All Hallows Catholic Church, 6602 La Jolla Scenic Dr. S., La Jolla. “Lenten Sketches,” a musical performance on the last days of Jesus.

Palm Sunday Choral Concert in Rancho Bernardo—Sunday, April 13, 4:00pm, San Rafael Catholic Church, 17252 Bernardo Center Dr., San Diego. “Who Do You Say That I Am?” by contemporary Christian composer, Lloyd Larson, will be performed by the church choir. For more information, contact 858-487-4314.

Monthly Holy Hour for Priestly and Religious Vocations—Third Wednesday of each month (next is April 16), 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.

After-Abortion Healing Retreat—May 204, Diocesan Pastoral Center, 3888 Paducah Dr., San Diego. Closing Mass included. For information/registration, contact Rosemary Benefield at 858-581-3022 or visit www.RachelsHope.org.

Volunteers Needed—Scripps Coastal Medical Center, 4138 Mission Ave., Oceanside. Patient escorting, reception, and clinical and clerical help in clinic setting. For more information, contact (760) 901-5134.

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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.

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

The Center for Christian Spirituality at the University of San Diego has a great lineup of events. Visit www.sandiego.edu/ccs.

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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.





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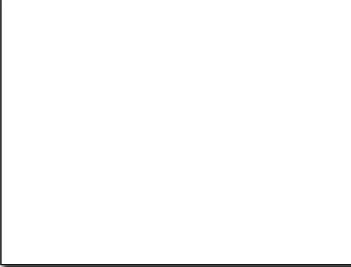
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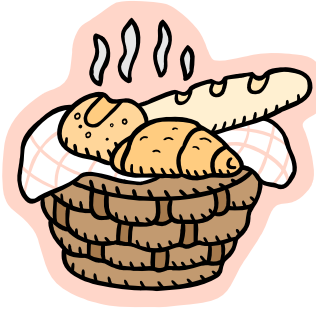
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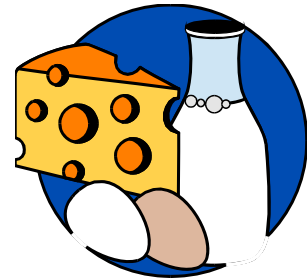
In earlier times, meat and dairy products were excluded from the daily diet during the entire season of the Great Fast (Lent).

As the end of the strict fast approached, the people showed their joy and gratitude by taking their food to church to be blessed and eaten after the Easter Liturgy.

As we celebrate the Pasch, a feast of new life, we bless the food sustaining our physical life. Thus this custom has its meaning even today and, so we are encouraged to observe this ritual for our time.

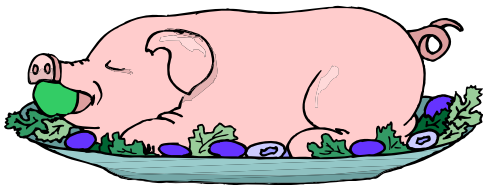
The foods traditionally blessed for Easter can be reduced to three categories:

1. Easter bread;
2. Meat products, like ham, stuffed veal, suckling pig or lamb, sausage, bacon;
3. Dairy products, like butter, cheese, eggs.



We will celebrate a Blessing of Easter Foods this year on Holy Saturday, April 19, at 11:00am on the lower level of the Parish Center.

Everyone is invited to come with an “Easter Basket of Food” and to partake in this ancient tradition and blessing.



...and if you are planning to make a Butter Lamb that morning, you are invited to stay for the blessing!



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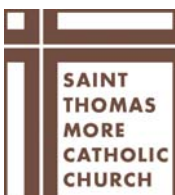
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