

**SAINT
THOMAS
MORE
CATHOLIC
CHURCH**

John 11:25-26

everyone never even life Jesus die lives
resurrection believe whoever dies
believes

**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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**Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 11, 2014**

Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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Happy Mother's Day

As we continue our celebration of the Feast of the Resurrection, we mark the Second Sunday of May as a national holiday, Mother's Day.

In the United States of America, Mother's Day was first suggested in the year 1872 by Julia Ward Howe, who wrote the words to the Battle Hymn of the Republic, as a day dedicated to peace. She would hold an organized Mother's Day meeting in Boston, Massachusetts every year.

It wasn't until 1907 when Anna Jarvis, from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, began a campaign to establish a national Mother's Day. Miss Jarvis persuaded her mother's Church in Grafton, West Virginia to celebrate Mother's Day on the second anniversary of her mother's death, the 2nd Sunday of May. By the next year, Mother's Day was also celebrated in Philadelphia.

She and her supporters began to write to ministers, businessmen, and politicians in their endeavor to establish a national Mother's Day. In 1910, the governor of West Virginia proclaimed the 2nd Sunday of May as Mother's Day and a year later every state celebrated it. In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson made the official announcement proclaiming Mother's Day as a national holiday that was to be held each year on the 2nd Sunday of May.

But Jarvis' accomplishment soon turned bitter for her. Enraged by the commercialization of the holiday, she filed a lawsuit to stop a 1923 Mother's Day festival and was even arrested for disturbing the peace at a war mothers' convention where women sold white carnations—Jarvis' symbol for mothers—to raise money.

This is not what I intended, Jarvis said. I wanted it to be a day of sentiment, not profit!

When she died in 1948, at the age of 84, Jarvis had become a woman of great ironies. Never a mother herself, her material fortune dissipated by her efforts to stop the commercialization of the holiday she had founded. Jarvis told a reporter shortly before her death that she was sorry she had ever started Mother's Day.

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Did You Know?



So far for this fiscal year which ends June 30, we have spent \$7,315 on janitorial and kitchen supplies. This means that at least one weekend collection is directed to pay just this one bill!
Your gift to the "Did You Know?" Campaign helps us to balance our Operations Budget!



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She spoke these words in a nursing home where every Mother's Day her room had been filled with cards from all over the world. Today, because and despite Jarvis' efforts, many celebrations of Mother's Days are held throughout the world.

As we remember and pray for our mothers, living and deceased, I share with you this quote from Washington Irving: *A father may turn his back on his child; brothers and sisters may become inveterate enemies; husbands may desert their wives and wives their husbands. But a mother's love endures through all; in good repute, in bad repute, in the face of the world's condemnation, a mother still loves on, and still hopes that her child may turn from his evil ways, and repent; still she remembers the infant smiles that once filled her bosom with rapture, the merry laugh, the joyful shout of his childhood, the opening promise of his youth; and she can never be brought to think him all unworthy.*

Fr. Mike

40th Anniversary of Ordination for Rev. Richard Lewandowski

On May 25, Fr. Rich will be celebrating his 40th anniversary of Ordination. We know he would appreciate a card and a few words of congratulation. If you would like to do so, here is his address:

Rev. Richard Lewandowski
59 Belgian Way
Fitchburg, MA 01420-8935

Update on Bishop Flores—April 29

Bishop Cirilo Flores, who suffered a stroke in his office at the Pastoral Center on April 16, is expected to go home from the hospital sometime this week. He will continue to receive care at home. Bishop Flores has been advised by his doctors that he will not be able to return to work at the Pastoral Center or celebrate liturgies for a period of 4-6 weeks.

Bishop Flores is grateful for all who have been praying for his recovery to good health.

—Msgr. Steven F. Callahan, Vicar General

Vocations

In today's Gospel, Jesus uses the analogy of a shepherd. His sheep will follow him as they know his voice. Our Church today needs more good and qualified shepherds...leaders. Do you feel a call to be such a leader as a priest, deacon, or religious? If so, explore the possibilities. Contact Deacon Tom at thomasgoeltz@aol.com or 760-727-8442. Leading people to God is a great vocation.

Diocese of San Diego Annual Catholic Appeal
Our assessment: \$48,000
Pledges to date: \$40,087 from 269 families
\$7,913 to go! Can you help?

Called to Serve

Welcome New Parishioners

Matt & Amy Franklin and Family

In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Skip Hayden, who died on April 11. His Rosary Service will be on Saturday, May 17, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep his family in your prayers.

May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Rosary

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



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, May 11 (49)
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:14a,36-41
Psalm 23:1-6
1 Peter 2:20b-25
John 10:1-10

Monday, May 12 (562)
Nereus and Achilleus, martyrs; Pancras, martyr
Revelation 7:9-17
Psalm 124:2-3,4-5,7-8
Matthew 10:17-22

Tuesday, May 13 (280)
Our Lady of Fatima
Acts 11:19-26
Psalm 87:1b-7
John 10:22-30

Wednesday, May 14 (564)
Matthias, apostle
Acts 1:15-17,20-26
Psalm 113:1-8
John 15:9-17

Thursday, May 15 (282)
Isidore
Acts 13:13-25
Psalm 89:2-3,21-22,25,27
John 13:16-20

Friday, May 16 (283)
Acts 13:26-33
Psalm 2:6-11b
John 14:1-6

Saturday, May 17 (284)
Acts 13:44-52
Psalm 98:1-4
John 14:7-9

Sunday, May 18 (52)
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 6:1-7
Psalm 33:1-2,4-5,18-19
1 Peter 2:4-9
John 14:1-12

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

Changa Aguilera
Mary Alexander
Carrie Autrey
Carol Baker
Jose Luis Barbosa
Patricia Barbour
Clarice Bednarz
John Bennici
Regina Bentz
Lisa Berg
Roseanne Berg
Mary Betz
Betty Jean Bielich
Beth Brewer
Janet Brown
Todd Brown
Katie Browne
Judith Brunner
Mary Bruzas
Anita Buerger
Tony Calderone
Leslie Campbell
Shelby Campbell
Brianna Campos
Marv Cap
Claudia Caplinger
Aria Cappeluti
Marilyn Clarke
The Vaughn Clevenger Family
Dolly Cole
Carl Coleman
James Coleman
Elaine Collins
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
Margaret Easton
Debbie Ebaugh
Carolyn Erickson Ey
Sharon Evans
Sally Fay
Victoria Lopez Fenton
The Fiore Family
Bishop Cirilo Flores
Ryan Flum
Ernie Follis
Eugene Franciscus
Kathryn Franklin
Joe Freire
The Greg French Family
Brian Frink
Jim Gallagher
The Joe Garcia Family
Kathy Gardner
The Garrett Family
Jack & Marge Gillen
Wendy Gonzales' Dad
Rick Gonzalez
Pat & Tom Hannon
The Harker Family
Barbara Hatem
The Hayden Family
Heidi Heaton
Lilian Hills
Samara Hook
Susan Hori
Hughes Family
Iolanda Iacobelli
Linda Iacobelli Bennett
The Jacobson Family
Betty Karch
Laura Kater
The Kemmerer/Kellogg Family
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
Shirley Loggins
Cassandra & Lauren Loretto
Jack Lucarelli
Joaquin Maldonado
The Malinowski Family
Paige Mansell
Alexander Mathews
Chandler May
Virginia McConnell
Dick McGeary
Bob McWilliams
Joyce Meehan
Kalei Mendiola
Bill Metzger
Rita Mikridge
Phyllis Minava
June Mitchell
Nancy Moore
Elizabeth Muehlbacher
Conrad Murphy
Margie Myers
Richard Obsitnik
Bernadette Padovan
Ethan Palm
Perry Postulka
Douglas Price-Williams
The Joe Prokop Family
Barbara Ramm
Lisa Reaves
Pat Richart
Jan Riley
Rita Ritchie
Adela & Elena Rivera
Maria Rogers
Dorothy Rouse
The Russo Family
Rachel Sainc
Marco Sainz, Jr.
Cindy Sanelli
The Saywell/Lynn Family
Linda Schmidt
Joan Shea
Elizabeth Shirzad
Smitty Smith
Nick Soltau
The Spiegel Family
Darek, Vanessa, & Elba Spizewski
Patricia St. Pierre
Sybil Staples
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
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

May 12 Women's Guild Luncheon
May 16-18 Parish Campout
in Valley Center
May 17-18 Baby Shower for
Birth Choice
May 19 Moms & Kids at South
Buena Vista Park
May 20-21 Restaurant Fundraiser at
Nucci's
May 28 Spirited Seniors Trip to
Mission San Diego
de Alcalá
Jun 1 Knights of Columbus
Breakfast
Jun 7 Women's Guild Installation
Luncheon at Shadowridge
Country Club
Jun 7 Confirmation with
Bishop Chávez
Jun 12 Spirited Seniors Trip to
Viejas Casino
Jun 13 STM Annual Gala
Jun 22 New Member Luncheon
Aug 24 Pastor's Dinner
Oct 4 Treasures Rummage Sale
Oct 10-12 Men's Retreat

Questions? Contact Henny at
760-758-4100 x100
hennyj@stmoside.org.

Mass Intentions
Saturday, May 10, 5:00pm Dante Tusei ☩
Sunday, May 11, 8:30am Tony Lucey ☩
Sunday, May 11, 10:30am Maria Surmenidis ☩
Monday, May 12, 8:15am Mother's Day Triduum
Tuesday, May 13, 8:15am Mother's Day Triduum
Wednesday, May 14, 8:15am Mother's Day Triduum
Thursday, May 15, 8:15am Brian McGinty ☩
Friday, May 16, 8:15am Mike Coccaro ☩
Saturday, May 17, 5:00pm Mari-Jo Porter ☩
Sunday, May 18, 8:30am Raymond Malinowski ☩
Sunday, May 18, 10:30am Maria Elena Quiroz

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 Thomas Gillen, US Army
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.

May 12 Sr. Anne Wentz, RSCJ
May 13 Sr. Maria Elena Whitney, SJS
May 14 Sr. Helen Louise Williams, CSJ
May 15 Sr. Ara Young, OCD
May 16 Sr. Jo Ceal Young, RSM
May 17 Sr. Adriana Rebeca Zuro, SJS
May 18 Sr. Elizabeth Abajo, SJS

Social Ministries & Outreach

Community Issues and Concerns Survey

The Parish Social Justice Committee asks you for a minute of your time as you leave church on May 17-18 to fill out a very, very brief survey of Parish and neighborhood needs. As members of this Parish, we are also members of the communities of Oceanside, Vista, San Marcos and Carlsbad. As we construct our new church building, we are reminded of the relationship between the Parish and the wider community.

Through this survey, the St. Thomas More Social Justice Committee aims to listen to our Parishioners on the issues and concerns that you and your family experience or see in your community. It is our hope to work as a Parish community, inspired and informed by our faith, to pursue solutions.

In doing this, we are following Catholic Social Teaching: "We believe people have a right and a duty to participate in society, seeking together the common good and well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable." (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) For more information, call Cathy Blecki 760-603-8930.

Baby Shower!

The Parish Culture of Life committee will be hosting a baby shower for Birth Choice, our local pregnancy resource center, the weekend of May 17-18 at all Masses. Formula, diapers, new baby clothes, and donations will be appreciated. For more information contact Jane Kelleher at 760-822-7041.

Blood Drive

It is time for our spring blood drive. The Red Cross mobile lab will be in the upper parking lot on Sunday, May 18, 8:30am-2:30pm. You may sign up for a time to donate at the table on the plaza after Masses May 10-11. Please be generous! For more information, contact Linda Dicus at 760-726-5081.

St. Bonaventure Clothing Drive

Although it is early, if you are "spring cleaning" your closets, please set aside the used but serviceable clothing, shoes, and blankets for our annual clothing drive for the St. Bonaventure Mission in New Mexico in November. STM is the only dedicated clothing drive for the Mission and literally hundreds of impoverished native Americans who live on the reservation count on us. Any questions, contact Deacon Tom at thomasgoeltz@aol.com or 760-727-8442.

Thank you and God bless.

STM Vehicle Donation Program

Do you have a vehicle you want to donate?
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 April 29 we have netted \$51,402 from this program. Thank you donors!



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

Marriage & Family Life

Moms & Kids—Do you have infant to school-age children? Join us for one of our regular activities on the first and third Mondays of the month at South Buena Vista Park (in Vista), 10:00am-12:00noon. There are many other events throughout the month posted on our private Facebook page. Contact Jen Abelson at jen.abelson@gmail.com to join.



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: Marriage and Eucharist—"In the Eucharist, spouses encounter the love that animates and sustains their marriage, the love of Christ for his Church. This encounter enables them to perceive that their marriage and family are not isolated units, but rather that they are to reach out in love to the broader Church and world of which they are a living part." To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

Marriage Moments—"If you are patient when you suffer...this is a grace before God" (1 Peter 2:20). In any marriage there are times of suffering. Sometimes it is physical, other times emotional. Sometimes our beloved might even be the source of our trial. Check in with each other today. Is your spouse suffering in silence? Can you bring words of comfort?

Parenting Pointers—"Come to Christ, a living stone, rejected by human beings but chosen and precious in the sight of God." (1 Peter 2:4). Sometimes one of our children may feel rejected or left out. Perhaps they are socially awkward, visually unattractive, or handicapped in some way. Share a time you felt rejected with your child.

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.

Young Adult Ministry Activities

Visit www.yamsd.org for complete information on events for young adults, Bible Study, social activities, praise and worship nights, outreach projects., Theology on Tap evenings, ultimate Frisbee, and a relationships skills series.

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

Knightly News

The Knights of Columbus will be serving their delicious pancake breakfast on Sunday, June 1, 9:00-10:30am. Come and enjoy a full breakfast which includes pancakes, eggs, sausage, potatoes, coffee/juice, and fruit. This is a great opportunity to socialize with fellow Parishioners. To make reservations for six or more, call Jim at 760-717-5524 or BakerJamesL39@gmail.com.

Parish Events

Women's Guild News

Vera's telephone number to make lunch reservations for Monday's meeting was wrong in last week's bulletin. Here is the correct number if you still need it: 760-295-0059. Please come to this very important meeting of the year and find out about our 25th Anniversary celebration and Installation luncheon at Shadowridge Country Club on June 7. That will be the last meeting of our calendar year. Reservations will be available at the meeting and later.

This week a letter will be mailed to every Parishioner, with a sheet of raffle tickets and a letter inviting them to join in our last fund raiser of the year and have a good chance of winning one of the beautiful blankets our quilt group has created. The quilts for the raffle will also be on display at Monday's meeting.

Don't forget to bring your extra books to exchange and be ready to participate in elections for next year. That and a great lunch, a guest speaker, lots of door prizes, and raffle should make this a really enjoyable day. See you there.

A blessed and happy Mother's Day to all you moms ☺. . . and praise to our mother Mary during her month of May!

—Ann Buko, president

Catholic Widows and Widowers of North County

Because of Memorial Day weekend, our communal Mass will be on Sunday, May 18, at St. Timothy Church in Escondido. Check the bulletin board on the lower level of the Parish Center for our calendar of events including communal Mass, dining out, hiking, and more! RSVPs are required. For more info. call Carol Kope at 760-726-0533 or Gerri Wilmott at 760-758-9949.

Spirited Seniors to Visit Mission San Diego

The Spirited Seniors are traveling by coach to historic Mission San Diego de Alcalá on Wednesday, May 28, at 8:00am. For the price of \$30 for members and \$35 for non-members, you will enjoy round-trip transportation, a docent-led tour of the Mission, celebrate Mass, and then travel to nearby Old Town to explore and eat lunch at the restaurant of your choice. Space is limited and the deadline for reservations is May 19. Please put your registration request and your check made to "St. Thomas More Spirited Seniors" in an envelope marked "Spirited Seniors Mission San Diego Trip" and return it to the offertory collection or Parish Office, Box 12. For more information, contact Jim and Marilyn Day at 760-509-4545 or jandmday@cox.net.

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.

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 chris@stmoside.org

Pipe Organ	\$850,000
Memorial Garden	\$500,000
Reflection Garden	\$250,000
Church Doors (Bronze)	\$100,000
Crucifix	\$75,000
St. Thomas More Shrine (Tapestry)	\$75,000
Pew Seating for the Church (1,000) 857 available	\$300/person
Daily Mass Chapel and Choir Chairs (200) 133 available	\$300/each

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

Stay Up to Date on Construction Activity!

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



The daily chapel area

Liturgy & Music Worship God

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

SHOW US THE PATH OF LIFE

The Psalms of May

We often use the language of “being on a journey” during Lent, drawing on images of Jesus’ journey to Calvary, walking the stations, or praying the way of the cross. Our Easter season continues the theme of journey with strong images.

The psalmist’s words entreat, “Lord, you will show us the path of life” (Psalm 16:11) on May 4, setting the stage. He is confident that God guides his steps; she knows God protects her from all danger, even death. God is the safety net providing sustenance and nourishment, refuge and security. In return, we respond with gladness and rejoicing, for we truly are protected on the path to follow God. God will only show us the way that will bring us life, a path where we experience the abounding joy of being in God’s very presence.

On such a path, the disciples experienced a burning in their hearts as they found themselves accompanied by the unrecognized Lord on their way to Emmaus. Their companion was the Christ, who not only set their hearts on fire with his words and teachings but also opened their eyes, leading them back to their community to proclaim the good news. Confident that God shows us the path of life, we have the same opportunity for proclamation and witness.

The well-known responsorial sung on May 11 reminds us once again of God’s protection on the path: “He

guides me in right paths for his name’s sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side. With your rod and your staff that give me courage” (Psalm 23:3-4). Like the flock, which the shepherd’s staff protects from danger and wild animals, we are protected from darkness or death and have nothing to fear: “The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want” (v. 1).

The Gospel tells us that the sheep recognize the shepherd’s voice; they will not follow a stranger. To whose voice do we listen? We know God deep in our bones. We have been made in God’s very image. We know God offers the path of righteousness and justice. We know the way we journey is under the loving-kindness (*hesed*) of God. We are guarded, guided, provided for, loved, and promised a dwelling place with God forever. Surely this is a path of life.

In the Gospel of May 19, Jesus asks his followers to trust and believe his promise to prepare a dwelling place for them. “I am the way and the truth and the life” (John 14:6). Once again God opens the path by being the very way to follow. The Gospels are not just the accounts of Jesus’ experiences as he walked among humanity. They are the witness of the members of the early communities who followed Jesus to his death and resurrection but then had to find a new way to follow and believe in the risen Lord. The responsorial psalm for this Sunday reminds us of our need to find our way to follow and believe: “Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you” (Psalm 33:22). Why do we follow? The psalm tells us: because the Lord is upright, trustworthy, loves justice and righteousness, and fills the earth with loving-kindness. God’s word is



John 10:2

true (v. 4), and in Jesus, God’s word became manifest for all time.

On May 26, we hear what we must do. Jesus tells his disciples, “If you love me, you will keep my commandments” (John 14:15). But the promise of accompaniment on this journey toward loving and keeping God’s commands is clear: The Spirit will be a sign of Jesus’ abiding presence. We are not abandoned, alone, or orphaned, but we are loved, treasured, and have reason to hope in this promise. The sign of a new age, a new dawn, is already present if we conform our lives to God’s command to love.

The psalm recounts the journey the Israelites took in their sojourn in the desert. The path opened before them as they fled slavery. The Lord changed the sea into dry land and guarded their way. In the face of such a God, all they could do was shout joyfully, sing praise, and proclaim God’s mighty deeds. In the wilderness, those who were enslaved became a nation, a new creation, as they began their passage with the Lord. “Let all the earth cry out to God with joy” (Psalm 66:1).

Journeys are often funny and unexpected things. Paths can lead in many directions. The way is not always clear. But with the promise of the Spirit’s abiding presence, we set forth confident and trusting because we know we are safely guarded and steadfastly loved.

Upcoming Music



MAY 18
Fifth Sunday of
Easter



5:00pm Mass
 Cantor &
 Congregation
8:30am Mass
 Sanctuary Choir
10:30am Mass
 Tower Bells



Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

Matt Franklin
Youth Advocate
760-758-4100 x161; mattf@stmoside.org

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

Family Faith Formation

All Are Welcome!

Come to the end of the RE.A.CH year XLT night. Join us for praise and worship, a great talk by Matt Franklin, our new Youth Advocate, and Eucharistic Adoration. You won't want to miss this great close to a great year!



Faith Formation for Adults

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

Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother

Join Deacon Tom and Patt for this 8-part series from Ascension Press beginning Sunday, May 25. Potluck begins at 12:00 noon. Child care will be provided following lunch.



A Catholic Bible study that will bring you on an extraordinary pilgrimage, revealing Mary's unique role in God's Kingdom and in our lives.



Expecting ??

Why not schedule your Baptismal appointment today before the arrival of your little one? Please contact the Faith Formation Office at 760-758-4100 x110 or debbief@stmoside.org for more information.

Happy Mother's Day!

Children's Faith Formation



Tim Keane teaches the Genesis kids about Jesus not being recognized by his apostles. We almost didn't recognize Tim in his disguise!

They're Back!!!

The high school teens return from their weekend retreat at Kamp Kuper.



Steubenville San Diego July 25-27

Don't miss one of the best weekends of your life! For more information come by the Faith Formation office or contact Rory at roryg@stmoside.org.

IT'S RE-ENROLLMENT TIME

Have you picked up your packet for RE.A.CH 2014-2015 ?
See Debbie on the plaza this weekend to sign up

Welcome Matt Franklin—Youth Advocate!!!

I cannot even begin to express how excited I am to be a part of the staff here at St. Thomas More. I was raised in Vista but have lived in Oceanside for the past six years with my wife Amy and our six awesome kids.

We are all given a mission to live. For the past twelve years, Youth Ministry has been my mission field. From leading worship and speaking at churches and conferences all over the country to simply consoling a student who can't seem to understand why God would love him so much, I have been blessed to know that I work for a mighty, loving, and merciful God.

We (my family and I) are extremely excited to serve in the city we call home. I look forward to working alongside the families of St. Thomas More as we prepare the young people of our church to be the faithful, fearless Catholics they were created to be. —Matt Franklin



Caleb, Leah, Matt, Amy, Joel, Hannah, Jonathan, and Andrew.

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Collection for Week of May 3/4, 2014

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Offertory (Loose Collection)		640.00
Children's envelopes		0.00
Total	\$	20,685.31

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Mother's Day 2014 ~ A Stewardship Reflection

May 11 is Mother's Day in the U.S., and similar holidays are celebrated in most countries. After all, what theme is more universal than the importance of motherhood?

We Catholics prize that nurturing relationship so highly that we call our church, "Holy Mother," and we venerate Mary, the mother of Jesus, for her pivotal role in the life of the savior.

Yet, Mother's Day can bring with it a plethora of emotion and memories. Any mother can attest to the difficulty and challenge of the task of parenting. And mothers come in all shapes and sizes.

- * Some mothers are birth mothers, some are adoptive.
- * Some mothers are the grandmas or aunts who raised us.
- * Some mothers left us far too soon, and no matter when they leave, they always leave us orphans.
- * Some mothers are the people we rebelled against; some mothers are the women we idolized.
- * Most often, our mothers were probably both.

It's a complex relationship, this parenting. As Christian stewards, many of us are mothers, but all of us are sons and daughters.

During May, we honor and remember not just our own moms, but Mary, the Mother of God. We see her as the great symbol of motherhood and as our role model.



At her knee, Jesus learned his prayers and the faith of his ancestors. At her hearth, Jesus grew in wisdom and grace and developed his sense of manhood and destiny.

And all mothers should resist comparing themselves to Mary. It's tough enough being a mom without setting the barrier that high. But we all should ask Mary's intercession, so that in our endeavors to be good stewards and to raise good stewards, to nurture in the faith those entrusted to us, she might come to our assistance and guide us with her motherly understanding.

And on Mother's Day, we ask Mary to bless all mothers, especially our own. *—ICSC May 2014 e-Bulletin (with permission)*

Special love and blessings this Mother's Day to all mothers and all who have taken on that role to help others ~ Chris

*God doesn't require us to succeed.
 He only requires that you try.
 —Blessed Mother Teresa*

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.

Golf Tournament to Benefit Interfaith Community Services—Monday, May 12, Morgan Run Club and Resort in Rancho Santa Fe, sponsored by the San Diego North Chamber of Commerce. Visit <http://www.interfaithservices.org/ics-to-benefit-from-san-diego-north-chamber-golf-tournament/> for more information.

“Life Matters” Dinner and Presentation—Thursday, May 15, 5:00pm. Features speakers from Agnus Dei Foundation/Lamb of God Maternity Home, Rachel’s Hope, and Culture of Life Family Services. For more information, contact 858-794-7824.

Monthly Holy Hour for Priestly and Religious Vocations—Third Wednesday of each month (next is May 21), 7:30-9:00pm, Diocesan Pastoral Center, 3888 Paducah Dr., San Diego. For more information, contact Fr. Pedro Rivera at privera@diocesandiego.org or 619-291-7446.

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.

Mission San Luis Rey Retreat Center in Oceanside has an ongoing schedule of retreats! Visit www.sanluisrey.org for more details.

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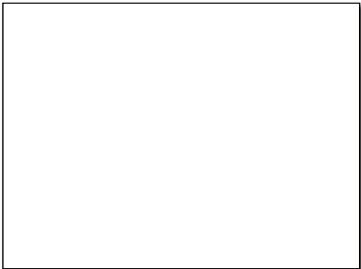
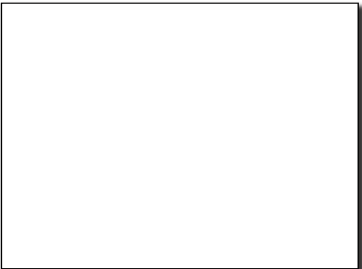
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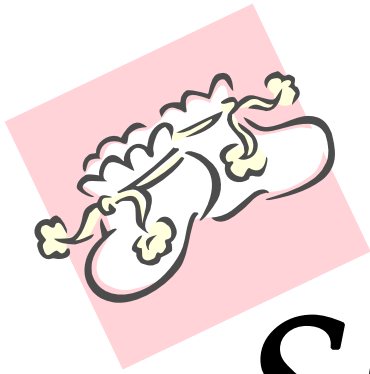
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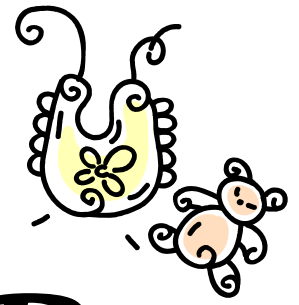


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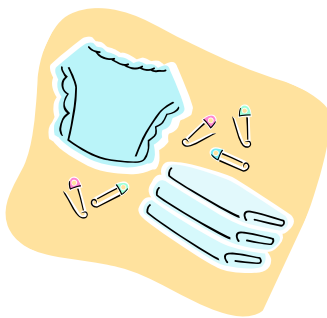


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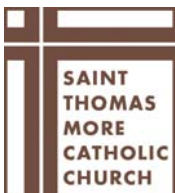


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