

**SAINT
THOMAS
MORE
CATHOLIC
CHURCH**

*So the Son of Man must be lifted up.
John 3:15*



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

✙ Spirituality
✙ Tradition
✙ Community

Mass Schedule

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

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday, 4:00-4:30pm

Rev. Michael Ratajczak, Pastor
Rev. Karl Bauer, Senior Priest
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Deacon Thomas A. Goeltz

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**Humanitarian Collection
for the Middle East**

See page 9 for details on how to
help our Catholic brothers and
sisters who are suffering.

**Exaltation of the Holy Cross
September 14, 2014**



**The Rite of Christian Burial for
Most Reverend Cirilo Flores
(1948-2014)
Fifth Bishop of San Diego**



Reception of the Body

Saint Joseph Cathedral
1535 Third Avenue, San Diego 92101
10:00am, Tuesday, September 16

Visitation at Saint Joseph Cathedral

10:15am-6:45pm, Tuesday, September 16

Vigil for the Deceased

Saint Joseph Cathedral
7:00pm, Tuesday, September 16

Funeral Mass

Saint Thérèse of Carmel
4355 Del Mar Trails Road
San Diego 92130

12:00noon, Wednesday, September 17

Committal

Holy Cross Cemetery
4470 Hilltop Drive, San Diego
After Funeral Mass
Wednesday, September 17

The funeral rites are open to the public, but seating may be limited.

Pastor's Column

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

Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross

On the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross (or Triumph of the Cross) we honor the Holy Cross by which Christ redeemed the world. The public veneration of the Cross of Christ originated in the fourth century, according to early accounts, beginning with the miraculous discovery of the cross on September 14, 326, by Saint Helen, mother of Constantine, while she was on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem—the same day that two churches built at the site of Calvary by Constantine were dedicated.

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Did You Know?

In addition to his salary, the Parish provides its pastor with a pension for retirement. The yearly premium directed to the Pastor's retirement plan for the fiscal year ending 2015 is \$22,828.44.

This plan is coordinated by the Diocese and the annual premium is the same for all Parishes throughout the Diocese.

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

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

The observance of the Feast of the Exaltation (probably from a Greek word meaning “bringing to light”) of the Cross has been celebrated by Christians on September 14 ever since. In the Western Church, the feast came into prominence in the seventh century, apparently inspired by the recovery of a portion of the Cross, said to have been taken from Jerusalem by the Persians, by the Roman emperor Heraclius in 629.

Christians “exalt” the Cross of Christ as the instrument of our salvation. Adoration of the Cross is, thus, adoration of Jesus Christ, the God “The Word Made Flesh,” who suffered and died on this Roman instrument of torture for our redemption from sin and death. The cross represents the One Sacrifice by which Jesus, obedient even unto death, accomplished our salvation. The cross is a symbolic summary of the Passion, Crucifixion, and Resurrection of Christ—all in one image.

The Cross—because of what it represents—is the most potent and universal symbol of the Christian faith. It has inspired both liturgical and private devotions: for example, the Sign of the Cross, which is an invocation of the Holy Trinity; the “little” Sign of the Cross on head, lips, and heart at the reading of the Gospel; praying the Stations (or Way) of the Cross; and the Veneration of the Cross by the faithful on Good Friday by kissing the feet of the image of Our Savior crucified.

Placing a crucifix (the cross with an image of Christ’s body upon it) in churches and homes, in classrooms of Catholic schools and in other Catholic institutions, or wearing this image on our person, is a constant reminder—and witness—of Christ’s ultimate triumph, his victory over sin and death through his suffering and dying on the Cross.

We remember Our Lord’s words, “He who does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for my sake shall find it” (Mt 10:38, 39). Meditating on these words we unite ourselves—our souls and bodies—with his obedience and his sacrifice; and we rejoice in this inestimable gift through which we have the hope of salvation and the glory.

Dying, you destroyed our death; rising you restored our life. Save us by your cross, Christ our Redeemer!

—*(Women for Faith and Family – www.wf-f.org)*

F. Mike

Looking for a Way to Be Involved?

Visit our newly updated website (www.stmoside.org) and click on Get Involved for an easy way to find the perfect ministry to fit your time and talent!

**Welcome New Parishioners**

David & Liesa Balfour & Family
Ventura De La Rosa, Jr.
Justin & Meri-de Goltz & Family
Alice Jimeno & Family
Fernando & Carmen Lopez & Family
Javier & Cecelia Lopez & Family

Congratulations to

Mike & Mina Bell

who celebrate their 49th wedding anniversary September 11.
May God continue to bless your marriage, and may you be an inspiration to other married couples.

Flower Donations

The Altar Flowers for this weekend were given by **Eileen Dragula** for a special intention for the Dragula family.

**Announcing the Baptism of**

Kai Alexander Morente
Isabel Alani Spencer
on September 14



Our Christian community welcomes you with great joy!

In Memoriam

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Robert Falconer, who died on August 28. His Funeral Services will be celebrated on Saturday, September 27, at 11:00 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.

Vocations

Unsure as to what to do with your future? Looking for a rewarding way of life which serves both God and mankind? Give some prayerful consideration to becoming a priest, deacon, or vowed religious. If you think that God has been calling you, take some time to listen and pray over it, then explore the possibilities. Contact Deacon Tom at thomasgoeltz@aol.com or call 760-727-8442.

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
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.

Readings for the Week Ahead

Sunday Year A; Weekday Year II
 Readings online at www.usccb.org.
Sunday, September 14 (638)
Exaltation of the Holy Cross
 Numbers 21:4b-9
 Psalm 78:1b-2,34-38
 Philippians 2:6-11
 John 3:13-17
Monday, September 15 (443)
Our Lady of Sorrows
 1 Corinthians 11:17-26,33
 Psalm 40:7-10,17
 John 19:25-27 or Luke 2:33-35
Tuesday, September 16 (444)
Cornelius, pope, and Cyprian, bishop, martyrs
 1 Corinthians 12:12-14,27-31a
 Psalm 100:1b-5,
 Luke 7:11-17
Wednesday, September 17 (445)
Robert Bellarmine, bishop, doctor
 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13
 Psalm 33:2-5,12,22
 Luke 7:31-35
Thursday, September 18 (446)
 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
 Psalm 118:1b-2,16-17,28
 Luke 7:36-50
Friday, September 19 (447)
Januarius, bishop, martyr
 1 Corinthians 15:12-20
 Psalm 17:1b-d,6-7,8b,15
 Luke 8:1-3
Saturday, September 20 (448)
Andrew Kim Tae-Gön, priest, Paul Chông Ha-sang, and companions, martyrs
 1 Corinthians 15:35-37,42-49
 Psalm 56:10c-14
 Luke 8:4-15
Sunday, September 21 (133)
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Isaiah 55:6-9
 Psalm 145:2-3,8-9,17-18
 Philippians 1:20c-24,27a
 Matthew 20:1-16a

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

Changa Aguilera
 Mary Alexander
 Charlotte Atkinson
 Carrie Autrey
 Joshua Avery
 Jose Luis Barbosa
 Patricia Barbour
 Clarice Bednarz
 John Bennici
 Regina Bentz
 Lisa Berg
 Roseanne Berg
 Elaine Berquist
 Mary Betz
 Betty Jean Bielich
 Beth Brewer
 Janet Brown
 Todd Brown
 Katie Browne
 Jack & Mary Bruzas
 Anita Buerger
 Tony Calderone
 Shelby Campbell
 Brianne Campos
 Aria Cappeluti
 Iannone Martin Castro
 The Vaughn Clevenger Family
 Sylvia Christine Coffee
 Dolly Cole
 Carl & Dorothy & James Coleman
 Elaine Collins
 Carol Costa
 Steven Cresencia
 Lené Crowe
 The Crull Family
 Karen Flaharty Daley
 The Daniels Family
 Hugo Delgado, Jr.
 Christine DeSantis
 Cecilia DeSimone
 Carole Dillon
 Edward Dolnik
 Art & Dave Dossman
 John Drazkowski, Jr.
 La Vonne Dumas
 Carolyn Erickson Ey
 Rick Espinosa
 The Falconer Family
 Sally Fay
 Victoria Lopez Fenton
 The Fiore Family
 The First United Methodist Church/
 Napa
 Mary Fleming
 The Flores Family
 Ryan Flum
 Ernie Follis
 Eugene Franciscus
 Kathryn Franklin
 Joe Freire
 The Greg French Family
 Brian Frink
 Jim Gallagher
 Kathy Gardner
 Lois & Len Garth
 Jack & Marge Gillen
 Eric Gilliland
 Wendy Gonzales' Dad
 Rick Gonzalez
 George Gritt
 Luke Guenst
 Pat & Tom Hannon
 The Harker Family
 Mark Harlin
 Dorothy Harrison
 The Hartdegen Family
 Barbara Hatem
 Heidi Heaton
 Lillian Hills
 William Hokama
 Samara Hook
 Susan Hori
 Iolanda Iacobelli
 Linda Iacobelli Bennett
 Natalie Johnson
 Laura Kater
 Dottie Kearney
 Connor Kerzie
 Peggy Kiernan
 Debbie Kinney
 Mark Kneisel
 Dewey Kolbo
 Tony Korwin
 Helen Kuhn
 Lillian Lachance
 The Lamelin Family
 Bernie Lanzrath
 Mike Lavis
 Brandon LeBlanc
 Jeremiah Lemus
 David Leué
 The Paul Leué Family
 Ashley Load
 Shirley Loggins
 Cassandra & Lauren Loretto
 Jack Lucarelli
 Joaquin Maldonado
 The Maldonado Family
 The Maldonado Trejo Family
 Paige Mansell
 Alexander Mathews
 Chandler May
 The McKeon Family
 Caryl McKinney
 Bob McWilliams
 Joyce Meehan
 Kalei Mendiola
 Bill Metzger
 Phyllis Minaya
 June Mitchell
 Vicky & Alda Molina
 Nancy Moore
 Elizabeth Muehlbacher
 Conrad Murphy
 Margie Myers
 Nida Navarro
 Richard Obsitnik
 Bernadette Padovan
 Ethan Palm
 Perry Postulka
 Douglas Price-Williams
 The Joe Prokop Family
 Barbara Ramm
 Jan Riley
 Connie Ringel
 Rita Ritchie
 Ann Roberds
 Lily Robinson
 Maria Rogers
 Dorothy Rouse
 The Russo Family
 Rachel Sainc
 Cindy Sanelli
 Linda Schmidt
 Joan Shea
 Judy Smith
 Nick Soltau
 Drew Spangler
 Jeanette Spangler
 Darek, Vanessa, & Elba Spizewski
 Patricia St. Pierre
 Sybil Staples
 Mike Sterling
 Pete Sullivan
 Julie Teare
 Tommy & Ginger Thompson
 Sarah Tillinghast
 William Tompson
 Stephen Toth, Jr.
 Olivia Trejo
 The Trejo/Beltran Family
 The Trejo/Maldonado/Uribe Family
 Lucy Vienna
 Lucy Viramontes
 Vanessa Vitiello
 Wilson Wanner
 Kevin Watson-Graff
 Paul West
 John Whitton
 Patricia Zavala
 Jeanne Zeltner

Calendar Highlights

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

Sep 17 Bible Timeline
 Sep 19 All About Eyes Class
 Sep 21 RE.A.CH Classes at Church
 Sep 28 Knights of Columbus
 Breakfast
 Oct 4 Treasures Rummage Sale
 Oct 11-12 Women's Guild Bake Sale
 Oct 10-12 Men's Retreat
 Oct 25 L.IfeWalk at Mission Bay
 Nov 1-30 Stewardship Awareness/
 Renewal
 Nov 8 Women's Retreat Day
 Nov 23 Stewards' Appreciation
 Reception
 Nov 23 Music Ministry Concert

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Jan 4 Twelfth Night Choral
 Festival
 Jan 24 Women's Prayer Breakfast
 Mar 1 New Member Reception
 May 1 STM Gala
 Jun 22-26 Vacation Bible Camp

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

Mass Intentions	
Saturday, September 13, 5:00pm	Rose Keeffe ☩
Sunday, September 14, 8:30am	Ivanno Villa ☩
Sunday, September 14, 10:30am	Patricia Leahey ☩
Monday, September 15, 8:15am	Albert J. Gemperline ☩
Tuesday, September 16, 8:15am	Maurine Shaughnessy ☩
Wednesday, September 17, 8:15am	Eamonn MacCluskey Jr. ☩
Thursday, September 18, 8:15am	Kathy Salter ☩
Friday, September 19, 8:15am	Cecilia Thomas ☩
Saturday, September 20, 5:00pm	Bernie Delaney ☩
Sunday, September 21, 8:30am	Ethel Vanderhagen ☩
Sunday, September 21, 10:30am	Tony McCloskey ☩

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.

September 15	Sr. Yvonne Hawker, OSF
September 16	Sr. Linda Hayward, RSCJ
September 17	Sr. Katharine Heidkamp, MMS
September 18	Sr. Soledad Hernandez, SSP
September 19	Sr. Electa Hevener, OCD
September 20	Sr. Mary Hotz, RSCJ
September 21	Sr. Bernard Ibrahim, DMI

Deployed Military

Gunnery Sgt. Fernando Andrade, Jr.
 1st Lt. Jeffrey Bauer, USMC
 PFC John Brandone
 Lt. Devon Czarzasty
 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
 Nicole Rieger, US Navy
 Sr. Airman Robert Spear, USAF
 Sgt. Charles Watts, USMC

Social Ministries & Outreach

All About Eyes Class at STM

Anyone experiencing visual problems and desiring more information on resources that can be beneficial will get answers to many questions regarding visual impairments and eye health from a class facilitated by the Braille Institute on Friday, September 19, 1:00-2:00pm. You do not have to be visually disabled to take this class. For more information or to sign up, contact Ann Eriksson at 760-599-7151.

Brother Benno's Toiletry/New Underwear Drive

Got toiletries? Got NEW underwear? We will be holding our annual drive to help the homeless and needy on September 20-21 before all Masses. Look for Deacon Tom and his truck in the parking lot. Please be generous as always. As Christians, we are all called to help those less fortunate, and this is one way you can help. Thank you and God bless.

St. Bonaventure Clothing Drive (November 8-9)

November 8-9 we will again be holding our annual clothing drive for the benefit of the Navajo served by St. Bonaventure Mission in New Mexico. Want to help? Scour your closets for clothing you no longer wear, sturdy shoes and extra blankets. Perhaps you could also ask your neighbors or coworkers to donate items. Clothing of all kinds and sizes are needed. The temperature on the Reservation ranges from below freezing to over one hundred. If you have questions or comments contact Deacon Tom at thomasgoeltz@aol.com or 760-727-8442...or come to our table on the plaza October 11-12. Thank you for your continued generosity. God bless!

Fully Catholic?

If you've been coming to Mass for a while, but are not Catholic, we invite you to look deeper into the Catholic faith. Come meet some faithful Catholics who love the Lord and would consider it a privilege to get to know you.

Our Parish offers sessions that give you the opportunity to share with others the truths of the Catholic faith and the fellowship of our church family.

We invite you to learn what Catholics believe in an open and welcoming environment. These sessions also are opportunities for you to ask those perplexing and difficult questions you may have about the Church.

Sessions are held Sunday mornings.

To find out how to get started, contact Kathleen Bell at 760-809-6526 or 80bell80@gmail.com.

**Our Mission is to:
worship God,
teach and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ,
and serve God's people in word and deed.**

Marriage & Family Life

Moms & Kids—Moms! The Moms and Kids ministry is meeting on the third Monday of September at a local park, 10:00am-12:00noon. There are many other events within our community throughout the month posted on our private Facebook page. Join us! Contact Jen Abelson at jen.abelson@gmail.com.



Relationship Skills Workshop—Deacon Ralph and Peggy Skiano, of the Diocesan Marriage and Family Life Office are presenting Relationship Skills Workshops every Tuesday night at 7:00pm at Corpus Christi Parish Hall, 450 Corral Canyon Rd, Bonita, through November 18. Come and explore how to improve your relationships. You can attend one workshop, several, or all of them. The next workshop is September 16, and the topic is *Control Issues*.

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>.

Bishop's Letter on Marriage—Marriage: Love and Life In The Divine Plan: Similar, but Different—"Male-female complementarity is intrinsic to marriage. It is naturally ordered toward authentic union and the generation of new life. Children are meant to be the gift of the permanent and exclusive union of a husband and a wife. A child is meant to have a mother and a father." To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

Marriage Encounter—Do you have a good marriage but want a little jumpstart? Would you and your spouse like to rediscover and reconnect with each other? Then we invite you to attend a Marriage Encounter Weekend. Weekends take place in San Diego and other Southern California locations throughout the year. For more information, visit www.wvme.org or contact Eddie and Sheila Murphy at 760-295-0008.

Marriage Moments—A trip down Memory Lane #6: How did you decide to marry? Was the proposal traditional? Creative? Expected? Mutual? Reminisce together today. By Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net.

Parenting Pointers—10 Life Skills Your Teen Needs Before Leaving Home. #9 is Ability to discern between love and infatuation. #10 is Ability to admit fault and start over. These last two skills are hard won, and too many adults have still not learned them. Gently ask your teens opinion about how to learn these skills. <http://imom.com/10-life-skills-your-teen-needs-before-leaving-home/> 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.

Visit the Parish Website! www.stmoside.org

Parish Events

Attention Men!

Year three of “That Man is You!—The Revelation of the Father” continues. The Revelation of the Father takes an honest look at the challenges facing fathers in modern culture, considers the reality of fatherhood, and discovers a mystery far deeper than a simple biological reality. TMIY integrates the latest medical science with the vision of St. Joseph presented in Scripture.

The topic for September 20 is “The Mystery of Creation Renewed.”

To register on-line, go to www.thatmanisyou.org and click on the “Sign up!” button or contact Deacon John at johnf@stmoside.org or 760-758-4100 x104.

The Knightly News

The Knights of Columbus will be serving their delicious pancake breakfast on Sunday, September 28, 9:30-10:30am. 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 E-mail BakerJamesL39@gmail.com

Women’s Guild News

The young-at-heart, creative, lively, dedicated ladies of the Guild invite you to share with them their friendship, luncheons, enjoyable programs, door prizes, raffles, and good times by becoming part of our Women’s Guild. Or have you already “done your duty” volunteering and earned your place as a senior member who deserves to be on the receiving end now? You belong in the Women Guild. It’s time for us to give back to you. Join the Women’s Guild. We are still taking registrations. Dues are \$10 for the year, and a form is available on the Parish website and in the office. You can drop it in the weekend collection basket, drop it off at the Parish Office, or just mail it in. We look forward to welcoming you.

Have a grace filled week. —*Ann Buko, president*

Catholic Widows and Widowers of North County

Would you like to expand your social life and meet a group of interesting and friendly widowed people? For more information, call Carol Kope at 760-726-0533 or Gerri Wilmott at 760-758-9949. See the bulletin board on the lower level for our complete monthly calendar of social activities. RSVPs are required.

Young Adult Ministry Activities

Visit www.yamsd.org for complete information on events for young adults, including a retreat September 19-21 at Whispering Winds Retreat Center near Julian.

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

Got STM eNews?

We send out occasional emails with reminders/details about Parish events and other information. If you’d like to join the list, go to the Parish website, www.stmoside.org, click on Contact Us, then click on Join Our eNews List.

Memorial Item Donations

Memorials are a way of honoring those whom we love, whether they are living or deceased. Often, memorials are made for a special intention or in thanksgiving for a variety of blessings received from God.

Our Parish Campus will be a living memorial. All who help in building it will leave something to the community itself that will be used by generations to come. The good they do is not interred with them, but will remain to share in the divine activity of God here on earth.

Listed below are items still available for adoption.

All contributions will be recognized in a special memorial to be displayed in our Parish Memorial Garden.

For more information or to adopt an item, contact Chris Smith
760-758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org

Pipe Organ	\$850,000
Memorial Garden	\$500,000
Reflection Garden	\$250,000
Church Doors (Bronze)	\$100,000
Crucifix	\$75,000
St. Thomas More Shrine (Tapestry)	\$75,000
Pew Seating for the Church (1,000) 839 available	\$300/person
Daily Mass Chapel and Choir Chairs (200) 129 available	\$300/each

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

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 June 17 we have netted \$52,402 from this program. Thank you donors!



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

CPR

The St. Thomas More CPR program will offer several classes in Adult and Infant/Child CPR in September and October. For the first time this will include weekday afternoons and evenings. For details, visit the information table on the plaza, the Parish Office, or the Parish website.

Liturgy & Music *Worship God*

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

MAKE MY SOUL TO GLOW

approaching God—Vincent and Mary

by Erin Ryan,
 from Celebration
 September 2014,
 with permission.

You yourself a sword will pierce so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed (Luke 2:35).

The phone rings. “Good morning, Charlotte Fine Art Gallery,” I answer. “This is Erin speaking.” Several times a week, the voice on the line starts telling me about a piece of art they found at the Goodwill, or bought at an estate sale, or discovered while doing renovations on a house. They tell me the artist’s name. Is it worth anything? I stop them. “I’m afraid we don’t do appraisals here.” Most of the time, I give the caller the name of an area appraiser. They thank us and go their way. Other times, my “We don’t do appraisals” comment is met with confusion. “But I just wanted you to tell me a little bit about it,” they’ll say. “Can’t you do that?” As in, *right now?*

On “Antiques Roadshow” or “Pawn Stars” or “Storage Wars,” somebody walks up with a painting and the appraisal expert immediately rattles off the artist’s life story and reveals what the art is worth. What they don’t show on these programs is the mountain of research that the expert did off-camera.

It always boggles my mind that people think I can evaluate a painting instantly, based on a signature they read to me over the phone. Every decent-sized town has an art guild attached to it. That’s thousands—millions—of artists to be discovered in attics or thrift stores. How could I possibly know them all? But of course, there are some artists whose names are known to everyone.

A few weeks ago, I went with my family to an exhibit called *Van Gogh Alive!* Before coming to Charlotte, it had toured in Istanbul, Phoenix, Ankara, Tel Aviv, Santiago, Milan, and Moscow. It was not your traditional art exhibit. It contained no

actual paintings.

“More than 3,000 Van Gogh images at enormous scale create a thrilling display that fills giant screens, walls, columns, ceilings and even the floor—immersing you entirely in the vibrant colours and vivid details that constitute Van Gogh’s unique style,” the website explains.

The exhibit was crowded. Van Gogh is a popular artist. When we went to the Van Gogh exhibit in 1999 in Washington, we waited in line for hours to get tickets.

Alive! started off with plaques that explained the details of the artist’s life: Born in the southern Netherlands, Van Gogh was an art dealer and a minister before devoting himself to painting in 1880, at age 27. His art was a near-religious calling. He exhibited and associated with artists of his day, but it is often said that he sold only one painting during his lifetime, “The Red Vineyard” (ca. 1888). He shot himself at 37, fearing he was a burden on his beloved brother Theo, an art dealer, who consistently supported him.

Next we filed into the multimedia presentation. It took us over the last 10 years of Van Gogh’s life—Paris; Arles, where he turned out canvases of poppies and sunny landscapes suffused with his favorite color, yellow; the asylum at Saint-Rémy, where he painted “Starry Night.” As the colors glowed luminous and then grew darker, the music changed, too. First the calm tones of Vivaldi; then the melancholy piano of Satie; then Saint-Saëns’ jagged “Danse Macabre.” Quotes drawn from Vincent’s letters to Theo appeared on the walls, showing the artist’s intense struggle to stay afloat:

I wish they would only take me as I am.

Only when I fall do I get up again.



John 3:17

I wish to express, not sentimental melancholy, but serious sorrow.

It ended with one of his last paintings, “Wheatfield with Crows,” completed shortly before his death. I felt as though I had been inside the man’s mind. The room pulsed with Vincent’s naked, hopeful, desperate feeling, his struggle to make others realize the overwhelming love that he wrote about in his letters, even in the midst of his pain. Art was love for him; his way of approaching God. In the end, he succumbed to the pain, though he left the fruits of his struggle for us to see.

At that moment, I thought: This is why we remember him, among the multitude of artists who have come and gone.

On September 15, we remember Our Lady of Sorrows. We sing “*Stabat Mater*,” one of four pre-Gospel sequences still preserved in the liturgy of the Western church.

“At the cross her station keeping, stood the mournful Mother weeping, close to Jesus to the last,” go the familiar words. We sing about her struggle, her pain. About the sword that has pierced Mary’s heart. And then we ask her to help us know how to go through the struggle and come out the other side, to see what she has come to see.

“O sweet Mother!” we implore her,

Make me feel as you have felt;
 Make my soul to glow and melt
 With the love of Christ, my Lord.

Upcoming Music

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SEPTEMBER 21
25th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

✦

5:00pm

Tower Bells

8:30am

Sanctuary Choir

10:30am

Praise Team

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

REACH KIDS LOVE JESUS!!



In May, our 2014 REACH year came to a close with lots of celebration. Many thanks to catechist Erin Hogan, who put our handmade items all together to make these beautiful banners for our REACH area. We LOVE them!

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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,
 Stocks and Bonds, Real Estate, and Endowments.**

Any parishioners who have already included STM in their estate plans are *Towers of Faith* participants. If you are interested, please contact us. Your participation is most welcome and appreciated!

Chris Smith at 760-758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org.

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

Collection for Week of September 6/7, 2014

Number of Registered Households		1,116
Offertory*	\$	23,935.75
Offertory (Loose Collection)		920.50
Children's envelopes		0.00
Total	\$	24,856.25

* 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: extra mail-back envelopes included in your packet or credit card and automatic checking/savings account deductions by signing up in the office or online. For more information, contact the Parish Office at 760-758-4100 x100 or parishoffice@stmoside.org.

St. Francis and St. Thomas More Offertory Envelopes

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A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER for September

The month of September has traditionally been set aside to honor Mary as Our Lady of Sorrows, whose feast is September 15. All the sorrows of Our Blessed Mother are joined with the passion and death of her son, Jesus Christ.

And so we pray:

Oh my Jesus,

In your passion

*came true the prophecy of Simeon,
 that your mother would be pierced
 by a sword of immeasurable
 anguish and sorrow.*

*Grant that as we who commemorate
 the memory of her grief,
 imitate her stewardship example
 and participate in a profound way
 in your redemptive work.*

*Help us to embrace the journey of your passion,
 so that like Our Blessed Mother,
 your first and greatest disciple,
 we too may be brought from death to life
 by your cross and resurrection.*

*We pray this to you, Christ, our Lord,
 Amen.*



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

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.

Iraqi Christian Relief Fund—Over 200,000 Iraqi Catholic Christians are being persecuted, and have been left homeless living in dire conditions. St. Peter Chaldean Church in El Cajon is soliciting donations to help our brothers and sisters in Iraq. Visit www.IraqiChristianReliefFund.org for more information.

Monthly Holy Hour for Priestly and Religious Vocations—Third Wednesday of each month (next is September 17), 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.

Franciscan School of Theology Vision Series—Thursdays, September 18, October 16, and November 20, 7:00-8:00pm. Free lectures about the mission of the Franciscan Intellectual Tradition. For more information, contact Donna Foley at 760-547-1800 x224 or dfoley@fst.edu.

“Shaken Not Stirred” Musical Review—Sunday, September 28, 3:00pm, Broadway Theatre, 340 E. Broadway, Vista. Tickets are \$28 per person, includes appetizers, performance, and snacks. Proceeds benefit Brother Benno’s Auxiliary. For more information, contact Claire at 760-295-6099.

Rachel’s Hope After-Abortion Healing Retreat for Women—October 3-5, Diocesan Pastoral Center, 3888 Paducah Dr., San Diego. For more information, contact Rosemary Benefield at 858-581-3022 or visit www.RachelsHope.org.

Cathedral Catholic High School Open House—Saturday, October 4, 10:00am-1:00pm 5555 Del Mar Heights Rd., San Diego. The event is open to families and students of all ages and will include tours, panel sessions, and an information fair. Visit www.cathedralcatholic.org for more information.

Culture of Life Family Services 5th Annual “Pro-Life Is Good” Gala and Auction—Saturday, October 4, 5:30-10:00pm, at the Rancho Bernardo Inn with keynote speaker Rick Santorum. For more information, contact 619-564-3307 or gala@colfs.org.

Late Night Catechism—Saturday, October 4, 7:30pm, St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, 6628 Santa Isabel, Carlsbad. A one-sister off-Broadway comedy. Tickets are \$30 and available at www.kofc9022.org. For more information, call 760-438-3393.

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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.

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.

Humanitarian Collection for the Middle East

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has proposed that collections be taken up to provide relief and pastoral support for our affected brothers and sisters in the Middle East.

Money given to the collection will be disbursed for humanitarian needs by Catholic Relief Services and other Catholic agencies working in partnership with the local Church.

Collection funds will also support Church programs to aid persecuted Christians and for rebuilding needs of Catholic dioceses in the impacted areas.

In proposing this collection, Archbishop Kurtz, president of the USCCB, wrote, “Our Christian brothers and sisters and other innocent victims of the violence in the Middle East urgently need the assistance of the Catholic Community of the United States. Thank you for your support of this special collection and for your continued prayers for the victims of this crisis.”

If you would like to contribute to this fund, please place your donation in an envelope and label it “Middle East Collection.” You may do so any time until the end of October. We then will forward the money to Catholic Relief Services.

Missionary Cooperative Appeal

Fr. Antony Gaspar, a missionary from the Diocese of Dindigul in India, shared with us about their work and asked for our prayers and financial support on the weekend of August 16-17.

The envelopes attached to the bulletin recently may be returned any time before the end of September. Thank you for your prayers and generosity!



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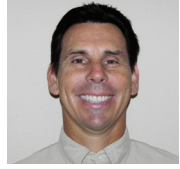
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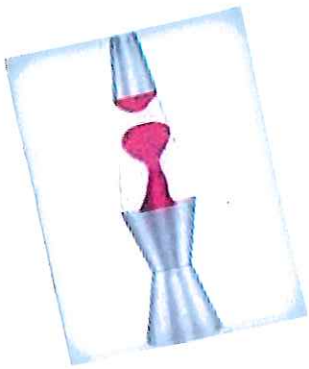
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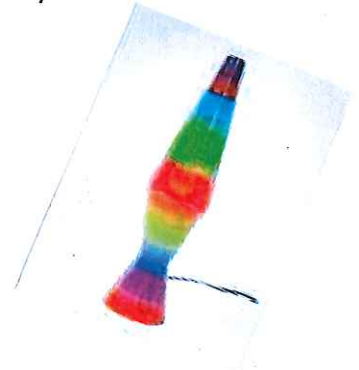


This "groovy" new musical review is set in New York in the 1960's
Featuring such great hits as "Love Potion #9", "Puppy Love",
"Shop Around", "Dream Lover" and many more.

So grab your lava lamp and tie dye shirt because
"Shaken not Stirred" will have you laughing and singing along!!!

Performance is Sunday, September 28, 2014, 3pm
Broadway Theatre
340 E. Broadway, Vista

Tickets are \$28 per person, includes appetizers, performance, coffee/cookies
during intermission. For tickets, please contact
Claire 760-295-6099 or Karen 760-434-1058





Drop off your donations Friday, Oct 3- 3:30-8:00 and get first pick of the many wonderful plants in this year's **Plant Pavilion!**

Do you have the time?

Join the Effort

We appreciate your help under this year's **Treasures** tents and **Plant Pavilion** in our own **St. Thomas More Catholic Church Parking Lot**



We wear many hats.

THUR & FRI - Drive your truck or van to collect donated plants from local nurseries.
 FRI, October 3rd, 3:30 - 8pm - Collect donations, fetch, haul, classify, estimate value and tag.
 SAT, October 4th - Organize, display, price, coordinate, negotiate, and associate!



TREASURES 2014

SATURDAY October 4th

7:30 am to 12:30 pm



We love your clutter.

If you haven't used it in a year, you likely won't use it again.

Contribute your new or gently used small household & kitchen appliances, dishes, cookware, tools, sports equipment, electronics, Halloween and Christmas decorations, small furniture, books and jewelry.



The annual Saint Thomas More Parking Lot Tag Sale has raised over \$30,000 since it began three years ago. *All monies raised contribute to the parish operational fund.* Our team will be on the plaza to sign you up and hand out donation packets.

These packets have stickers for pricing items, a tax document to fill out, and pricing guidelines.

Or contact **John Murphy**
 760-497-6117

john.murphy@djoglobal.com



Sign up today to contribute your

✓ **TIME** ✓ **TALENT** ✓ **TREASURES**

Donate
 Volunteer
 Shop **Join Us!!!**



