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CATHOLIC
CHURCH**

*He changed his mind and went.
Matthew 21:29*



*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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Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 28, 2014

Pastor's Column

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Let Whoever Is Simple Turn in Here!

This is one of my favorite pieces of Scripture: "Let whoever is simple turn in here!" (Proverbs 9:4)

I think it would make a great message for a sign in front of our Church or any Church, for that matter!

But I wonder how many people would turn in because of it? Would more people "turn away" rather than "turn in" because they would not want to be considered "simple?"

"Simple" has a negative connotation in our world today. When we say that someone is "simple-minded," it describes a person who seems to be unable to fully cope with life; someone who has less than what is necessary to properly navigate through the waters of this life.

Yet, here is the dictionary definition of "simple": ...easy to understand, deal with, use; not elaborate or artificial; not ornate or luxurious; unaffected, unassuming, modest; not complicated.

Reflecting upon that definition, I would be happy to call myself "simple," and I would see "simplicity" as a goal worthy of achievement!

Wisdom calls: "Let whoever is simple turn in here." To the one who lacks understanding, she says, "Come, eat of my food, and drink of the wine I have mixed! Forsake foolishness that you may live; advance in the way of understanding."

This piece of Scripture tells us that if we are to enter into God's presence and to be fed and nourished by our God, we must let go of artificiality, ornateness, luxuriousness, and to experience God, we must be unaffected, unassuming, modest, and not complicated.

All of this so goes against the world in which we live! We create artificial shells in which we live, and we pride ourselves in trying to have more, be more, and do more than others. We live in an environment of competition rather than in a spirit of cooperation.

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A view from the altar
area of the church.

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invitation to
"A Closer Look!"



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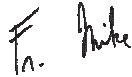
We are constantly comparing and judging others against ourselves. Material possessions, educational background, income status, titles and degrees, all seem to be the qualities by which we judge ourselves and others.

And yet, all of this is foolishness! None of it lasts. None of it is important in the eyes of our God.

All that matters is our "simplicity." Our willingness to accept life on its terms and not ours, to see ourselves as pilgrims on a journey of faith, to realize that we have come from God, and that we are making our way back to God.

"We are spiritual beings having a human experience, not human beings having a spiritual experience" (Rev. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin).

Along the way, we need to be fed and nourished, and this is what our God desires to do for us, and will do for us, if we heed the advice of Wisdom, as she speaks to us: "Let whoever is simple turn in here!"


Interment/Burial Spaces Available for Sale

Our Parish has been gifted with two burial spaces in a prime location at Eternal Hills Memorial Park, Mortuary & Crematory. These can accommodate a casket or cremains. The outer casing for each of these is also included. This is a perfect opportunity for anyone who is doing future planning and/or who currently has a need for the same. These can be purchased together or singly.

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

Blood Drive

Our Annual Blood Drive will be held on Sunday, October 12, 8:30am-2:30pm. This year we will be inside on the lower level to see if we can facilitate the process a little more easily. Sign ups will be on the plaza after Masses on the weekends of September 27-28 and October 4-5. We will be ready for donations. Thank you for your generosity! For more information, contact Linda Dicus at 760-726-5081 or linda-dicus@cox.net.

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.

Treasures 2014 Rummage Sale/Flea Market

Remember to bring your treasures to the Parish parking lot on Friday, October 3, 3:30-8:00pm.

Remember to return and "shop 'til you drop" on Saturday, October 4, 7:30am-12:30pm.

If you can help with this effort, please contact John Murphy at 760-497-6117 or john.murphy@djoglobal.com.

Welcome New Parishioners

Christopher & Natalie Fresca & Family
Jorge Osorio & Carmela Escobar & Family
Amparo & Rosalinda Gonzalez & Family
Mary Jo Sayer

Congratulations to

Rory & Stacey Griffin

who celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary September 30.
May God continue to bless your marriage, and may you be an inspiration to other married couples.

In Memoriam

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Paul West, who died on September 14. His funeral arrangements are pending. Please keep his wife, Diane Pal, and his family in our prayers.

Maxine West, who died last week. She is the mother of Paul West. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Judith Janousek, who died on September 20. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, October 9, at 4:00 pm at St. Thomas More. Please keep her family in your prayers.

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

Rosary

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

**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 \$crip News

Thanks to all who support the Scrip program! A percentage of every Scrip gift card purchased benefits our Parish Mortgage/Building Completion Fund. Check the flyer in today's bulletin for our updated list and information about Shop with Scrip, our online Scrip program..

Remember, Scrip is available for purchase FIVE ways:

1. Online—visit stmoside.org/scrip.html for more info!
2. On the Plaza after weekend Masses
3. Monday-Friday during business hours in the Parish Office
4. Email at scrip@stmoside.org
5. 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 28 (136)

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 18:25-28

Psalms 125:4-9

Philippians 2:1-11

Matthew 21:28-32

Monday, September 29 (647)

Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, archangels

Daniel 7:9-10,13-14 or

Revelation 12:7-12ab

Psalms 138:1-5

John 1:47-51

Tuesday, September 30 (456)

Jerome, priest, doctor

Job 3:1-3,11-17,20-23

Psalms 88:2-8

Luke 9:51-56

Wednesday, October 1 (457)

Thérèse of the Child Jesus, virgin, doctor

Job 9:1-12,14-16

Psalms 88:10-15

Luke 9:57-62

Thursday, October 2 (458)

The Holy Guardian Angels

Job 19:21-27

Psalms 27:7-9c,13-14

Luke 10:1-12

Friday, October 3 (459)

Job 38:1,12-21;40:3-5

Psalms 139:1-3,7-10,13-14b

Luke 10:13-16

Saturday, October 4 (460)

Francis of Assisi, religious

Job 42:1-3,5-6,12-17

Psalms 119:66,71,75,91,125,130

Luke 10:17-24

Sunday, October 5 (139)

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalms 80:9,12-16,19-20

Philippians 4:6-9

Matthew 21:33-43

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
- Francie Barron
- 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
- Dolly Cole
- Carl & Dorothy Coleman
- James Coleman
- The Collins & Parks Families
- 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
- Jim Gallagher
- The Joe Garcia Family
- 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
- Dorothy Harrison
- Barbara Hatem
- Heidi Heaton
- Lilian Hills
- William Hokama
- Samara Hook
- Susan Hori
- Iolanda Iacobelli
- Linda Iacobelli Bennett
- 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
- Evadna & Richard Lynn
- Joquin Maldonado
- The Maldonado Family
- Paige Mansell
- Alexander Mathews
- Gloria Maupin
- Virginia McConnell
- 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
- Melanie & Christine Petitto
- Perry Postulka
- Douglas Price-Williams
- The Joe Prokop Family
- Barbara Ramm
- Evelyn Richards
- 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
- Elizabeth Shirzad
- Nick Soltau
- Darek, Vanessa, & Elba Spizewski
- Patricia St. Pierre
- Sybil Staples
- Mike Sterling
- Pete Sullivan
- Julie Teare
- Diana Thompson & Steven Le Clair
- Sarah Tillinghast
- William Tompson
- Stephen Toth, Jr.
- Olivia Trejo
- The Trejo/Beltran Family
- The Trejo/Maldonado/Uribe Family
- Rodrigo Uribe
- Martin Vertson
- Lucy Vienna
- Lucy Viramontes
- Vanessa Vitiello
- Wilson Wanner
- Kevin Watson-Graff
- The West & Pal Families
- John Whitton
- Patricia Zavala
- Jeanne Zeltner

Calendar Highlights

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

- Sep 28 Liturgy of the Word for Children not scheduled
- Sep 28 Knights of Columbus Breakfast
- Oct 4 Treasures Rummage Sale
- Oct 5 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
- Oct 5 Sneaker Sunday
- Oct 5 Blessing of Animals
- Oct 6 Momnipotent Women's Bible Study
- Oct 7-8 Restaurant Fundraiser at Famous Dave's BBQ
- Oct 11-12 Women's Guild Bake Sale
- Oct 10-12 Men's Retreat
- Oct 12 Blood Drive
- Oct 21-22 Restaurant Fundraiser at Nucci's
- Oct 25 LifeWalk 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.

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 29
Sr. Mary Magdalene Kalinda, CVI
September 30
Sr. Baouth Kassab, DMI
October 1
Sr. Maureen Keegan, SCMM
October 2
Sr. M. Jelena Kekic, MC
October 3
Sr. Myrtle Keller, MMS
October 4
Sr. Maureen Kelley, RSM
October 5
Sr. Margaret E. Kelly, OP

Mass Intentions
Saturday, September 27, 5:00pm Deceased members of Kluis Family ☩
Sunday, September 28, 8:30am J.C. Gonzalez ☩
Sunday, September 28, 10:30am Eziquiel Barbosa ☩
Monday, September 29, 8:15am Bartholomeo DeCoro ☩
Tuesday, September 30, 8:15am Colleen McClorey ☩
Wednesday, October 1, 8:15am Jack Williams ☩
Thursday, October 2, 8:15am Robert Morrill ☩
Friday, October 3, 8:15am Olivia Wood ☩
Saturday, October 4, 5:00pm Tom Clarke ☩
Sunday, October 5, 8:30am Claire De Ainza ☩
Sunday, October 5, 10:30am Maria Elena Gonzalez

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

Be an Informed Voter and Get Out the Vote!

Mark Your Calendar! Saturday Oct. 18 and Sunday, Oct. 26

We know, as good citizens, that it is our sacred duty and opportunity to shape our civic community according to our moral principles by electing good leaders and supporting propositions that support the common good and Catholic teaching.

Under San Diego Organizing Project (SDOP), throughout San Diego City and County, religious congregations are forming teams to go out to their surrounding neighborhoods to encourage folks to vote in the 2014 elections. We did this last year, and across the city and county we made a tremendous impact on the number of folks who turned out to vote in the areas we canvassed. Watch the upcoming bulletins for further information!

Baby Bottles for Birth Choice of San Marcos

You may still return baby bottles with your donation for Birth Choice this weekend and next weekend after Masses or to the Parish Office during the week. Thank you for your support of our local pregnancy resource center.

St. Bonaventure Clothing Drive (November 8-9)

November 8-9 we will again be hold 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 first and third Mondays 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 30, and the topic is *Personality Differences*.

Marriage Unique for a Reason—For a wealth of Church teaching on marriage, statements by United States Bishops on marriage and many other tools to equip ourselves in the efforts to defend marriage as a sacred union of one man and one woman, go to <http://www.marriageuniqueforareason.org/> on the internet.

Bishop's Letter on Marriage—Marriage: Love and Life In The Divine Plan: Relativism—“By attempting to redefine marriage to include or be made analogous with homosexual partnerships, society is stating that the permanent union of husband and wife, the unique pattern of spousal and familial love, and the generation of new life are now only of relative importance rather than being fundamental to the existence and well-being of society as a whole.” 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—Humbly regard others as more important than yourselves. (Philippians 2:3) Humility is a great asset in marriage provided it is not laziness disguised as humility. “I don't care. Whatever you want” can be gracious or it can mean you are overly passive. Check it out. By Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net.

Parenting Pointers—You say, “The Lord's way is not fair!” (Ezekiel 18:25) Kids often complain about things not being fair. Sometimes life isn't fair. Talk to your children about what they don't think is fair in their life or the world. Can they do anything about the unfairness? Sometimes Yes. Sometimes No. 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.

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www.stmoside.org/scrip.htm
scroll to the Amazon Smile logo

Parish Events

Attention Men!

That Man Is You continues on Saturday mornings from 6:45-8:30am. Please join us! The topic for October 4 is "Intellectual Formation."

Are you signed up for the Men's Retreat? October 10-12 at Green Oaks Ranch in Vista with speaker Cy Kellett. Check the Parish website for a registration form and more details.

For more information, contact Deacon John at 760-758-4100 x104 or johnf@stmoside.org.

Women's Guild News

For those who need extra time to shop for ingredients or mixes, this is a heads up to tell you about our Bake Sale the weekend of October 11-12. Within the next two weeks, members will be making phone calls to Parishioners whose last names begin with a letter between I and Z asking for their support. We do this only once a year, asking for homemade baked goods from these members of our community. Our Parish Treasures sale will be finished, so our request will not interfere with your house clearing of excess treasures. Donors are not limited to those letters of the alphabet, so if you like to bake cakes, pies, brownies, bars, cookies, breads, cupcakes, marshmallow squares, etc., we welcome your donations. It's a great opportunity to show the kids how to bake so they can make something to share with us. We will not need these until October 11-12.

Please bring your baked goods when you come to Mass and drop them off at the designated tables. Please mark items containing nuts. Please no items that need refrigeration. Your support is greatly appreciated. And don't forget, it's a good chance to buy something someone else made for a special treat for yourself or the family, or even a surprise gift for someone, like a friend or neighbor.

For further information, call Pat Wong at 760-806-1310 or Nancy Wozniak at 760-729-0782.

—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 spiritual, social and service events.

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. You may also visit the Publications/Bulletins page for an archive of recent Parish emails.

A Closer Look AKA Sneaker Sunday

On Sunday, October 5, after the 10:30am Mass we are offering Parishioners a closer look at the progress that has been made with our new church. If you plan to take advantage of this opportunity, please wear sturdy walking shoes or tennis shoes. We will meet on the upper level plaza at 12:15pm.



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) 832 available	\$300/person
Daily Mass Chapel and Choir Chairs (200) 128 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**

Liturgy & Music *Worship God*

Douglas Lynn
 Director of Liturgy & Music
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THE RADICAL CHALLENGE OF THE GOSPEL

by Patricia Datchuck
 Sánchez and Rafael
 Sánchez Alonso,
 from Celebration
 October 2014,
 with permission.

Week after week, we gather. By God's grace we come. We listen, we ponder, we respond, we sing, we pray. Hungry for God, we are fed with the bread of the word and the bread of Jesus' body. Sent forth in peace, we witness to the world what we have seen, heard, and experienced.

But do we truly recognize and accept the radical character of the word, its message, and its challenges? Are we willing to let the word dictate and inspire our thoughts, words, and actions—or is our weekly worship nothing more than a comfortable, familiar interlude that keeps the real world at bay, if only for a little while?

Ideally, our weekly gathering should put us in touch with the truth of the Gospel and grace us with the courage and conviction we need to live that truth in the world.

This month, the challenges put forth in the sacred texts can be encapsulated in Jesus' response when he is questioned about the greatest commandment (Oct. 26). Love God with all your heart, soul, and mind, and love your neighbor as yourself. These are words that demand to be heard and heeded; these are words that describe the manner in which we are to live and relate to one another. On that same Sunday, the 30th in Ordinary Time, the authors of Exodus challenge us to treat aliens, widows, orphans, and the poor with generous care. "If they cry to me, I will hear them, says God, for I am compassionate."

How can we who profess to listen to God's commands be any less compassionate? Being generous to those in need is what makes real Jesus' challenge to love.

At the moment, there are millions of aliens, or immigrants, throughout

scripture themes for October

our world, looking for compassion. They leave their countries in search of work to feed and clothe their families. Thousands have died crossing the sea in makeshift boats. Others arrive, cold and starving, on a foreign shore only to be turned away. In the United States, those without documents are incarcerated and then deported. As a result, families are separated. Children are left without parents. It devolves upon those who live according to the radical challenges of the Gospel to be compassionate, to work for justice, and not to rest until that justice is a reality for all.

As Pope Francis has said, "A change of attitude toward migrants is needed on the part of everyone, moving away from attitudes of defensiveness and fear, indifference and marginalization...towards attitudes based on a culture of encounter, the only culture of building a better, more just, and fraternal world" (Sept. 24, 2013, Message on the World Day of Migrants and Refugees).

In the second readings for this month, Paul assumes his role as pastor of us all and urges us to express our love for God and neighbor by cultivating truth, honor, justice, and purity and allowing these realities to shine through in us (Oct. 5). Offering himself as an example, Paul challenges each of us to make the best of our circumstances. At times, we may experience abundance. At other times, we may know need. But in all we are and all we do, Jesus is our strength and our courage (Oct. 12).

On Oct. 19, Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy assure us of their prayers for us; they encourage our faith and praise us for our service, which they describe as "a labor of love." Urging us to "endure in hope," these great



Matthew 21:30

disciples of Jesus also remind us that the Gospel did not come to us in word alone but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much conviction.

On the strength of that conviction, bolstered by the sure and powerful presence of the Spirit, we can continue to realize Paul's vision for the Thessalonians (Oct. 26) and for all believers. "From you," wrote Paul, "the word of the Lord has sounded forth, not only in Macedonia and Achaia," or in Missouri and Mississippi, or in New York and California, or in France and Spain, but also in Chad and China, in Nigeria and Ukraine, in Bolivia and Brazil. Paul understood that faith is God's gift; it is also a necessary "contagion" that can spread from believer to believer. In the process, a community grows and witnesses to the world that there is a God. This God has called every human into being and blessed each with unique gifts to be used and developed for the benefit of others.

Not only that, our God desires a loving involvement with humankind, such that we are united to God and to one another in a relationship of mutual love. This brings us full circle to the radical challenge issued by Jesus. Love God fully and freely, and love one another as your very self. Could there be any better witness to the good news in a world so much in need of good news?

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Family Faith Formation

Attention Parents of Children
Preparing for the Sacraments of

Reconciliation



First Communion

If you missed the first parent meeting, there will be a make-up session on Tuesday, October 7, at 7:00pm.

Please contact the Faith Formation office for further details. We ask that parents attend all six Parent Meetings in order for their child to receive these sacraments.

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For more information please contact:

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Children's envelopes		0.00
Total	\$	13,682.10

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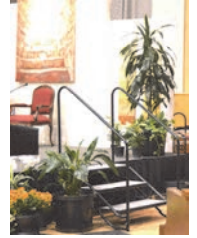
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Chair Ministry:

We need additional assistance with setting up chairs on the upper level one Saturday morning per month. For more information, contact Lorraine Doering at 760-758-4100 x102 or lorrained@stmoside.org.



Liturgy of the Word for Children:

We are in urgent need of catechists to lead the children through understanding the Liturgy during the 8:30am and 10:30am Masses. To help, please contact Heidi Madden at 760-529-2400 or heidim@stmoside.org.



Religious Education for Adolescents & Children ~ RE.A.CH:

We are looking for catechists for Faith Formation beginning in September for all levels:

- † Post-confirmed teens through adult catechists for RE.A.CH (grades 1-5), 12:30-2:00pm or 4:30-6:00pm on Sundays.
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- † Photographer for specific RE.A.CH events

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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.

“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.

An Evening with the Friars at Mission San Luis Rey—Saturday, October 4, 6:00pm, 4050 Mission Ave., Oceanside. Spend an evening with the friars and enjoy stories, laughter, faith, and good food. Raffle and auction opportunities, too! For more information, visit www.eveningwiththefriars.eventbrite.com or call 760-522-2738.

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.

Academy of Our Lady of Peace High School for Young Women Open House—Saturday, October 11, 9:00-11:30am, 4860 Oregon St., San Diego. Campus tours and formal presentations. For more information, visit www.aolp.org/openhouse.

Monthly Holy Hour for Priestly and Religious Vocations—Third Wednesday of each month (next is October 15), 7:30-

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Franciscan School of Theology Vision Series—Thursdays, 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.

LifeWalk 2014—October 25—mark your calendars now. Plan to invigorate life by walking, sponsoring, or sponsoring a walker. More information at www.lplifewalk.com.

Birth Choice Fall Banquet and Auction: “Speaking the Truth in Love”—Saturday, October 25, 5:00-9:00pm., at the Carlsbad Sheraton with keynote speaker Michael of Life Training Institute. For more information, visit www.birthchoicedonors.net.

14th Annual Dia de los Muertos at Mission San Luis Rey—Sunday, October 26, 10:00am-5:00pm, 4050 Mission Ave., Oceanside. A special event with diverse cultural traditions, remembering and honoring deceased loved ones.

Fall Discernment Weekend for Young Women—October 31-November 2 with the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana. The theme for the weekend is “Rooted in Providence, Rooted for Tomorrow.” For more information, contact Sr. Editha Ben at 800-860-1840 x2895 or eben@spsmw.org.

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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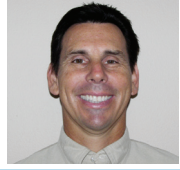
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go to www.stmoside.org and click on the Gala Survey link

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. The survey should take no more than a few minutes to complete, and the information gathered will help the planning committee to make the 2015 Gala the best ever. All responses are confidential. Please click the CONTINUE button as indicated until you have reached the end of the survey.

Have you attended the St. Thomas More Gala within the past five years?

- Yes
- No

Which of the following best describes the reason you have not attended the Gala in the past five years? You may select more than one answer.

- Child care issues
- Work-related issues
- I have tried to go but it was sold out
- Other

Given the increase in operating costs and the role that the Gala plays in helping to cover those costs, the planning committee is looking at a variety of price points. In 2014, the price of the Gala was \$40 per person, which, effectively, is barely enough to cover the costs of the Gala. How much more would you be willing to pay to help support the Parish of St. Thomas More?

- \$10 per person more
- \$15 per person more
- \$20 per person more
- Other

In the past, the Gala has started at 4:30pm and has concluded at 9:30pm. Which of the following start and end times would you prefer?

- 4:30-9:30pm
- 5:00-10:00pm
- 5:00-9:30pm
- 5:30-10:00pm



What type of menu would you like to see at the 2015 Gala? Please rank these on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being your first choice and 5 being your last choice.

	1 (most desired)	2	3	4	5
Barbecue	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Upscale American	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Southwestern	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Asian	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Italian	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Every year at the Gala there are a variety of raffle and auction prizes. These prizes come from donations and a variety of other sources. What types of prizes and items do you like to see at the Gala? Please pick your top five, with number 1 being your strongest preference, or most desired, item.

	1 (most desired)	2	3	4	5
Restaurants and Food	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Electronics and Services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Social Events and Outings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Trips and Hotels	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Plants, Gardening, Household, and Decorative	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Alcohol	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sports	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

What is your favorite part of the Gala?

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Is there some activity you'd like to see included in the Gala?

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Thank you for taking the time to fill out this brief survey for the 2015 Gala. If you would like to make any additional comments regarding the Gala, please do so in the space provided.

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Optional information if you have further questions and would like someone to contact you.

First Name:

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Update on Child Refugees

from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
Office for Migration and Refugee Services (MRS)



The response to our request for assistance has been tremendous. It is truly a testament to the good will present in so many communities that so many people are ready and willing to open their homes and as Jesus taught us “welcome the stranger”.

When we were approached by DHS in June, they were concerned about the number of families that they were forced to detain because they did not have family ties in the U.S. They asked us to reach out to our networks for help and you all responded with overwhelming compassion.

Unfortunately, the Department of Homeland Security’s Immigration and Customs Enforcement unit (ICE) has recently notified us **that they do not intend to release the families arriving on the southern border currently held** in their facilities. In addition, **they will be increasing the capacity of their detention facilities and expediting the deportation of these families.** This is a new policy decision that comes directly from the Administration.

As you can imagine, we are not only disappointed by the decision, but very concerned about the fate of these hundreds of families and future arrivals, which include a significant number of women and children. Several years ago, ICE detained families and the psychological impact on the families, particularly children, was devastating. So much so that, following a 2007 lawsuit, families have not been detained- until now. ICE is currently holding over 600 people at a newly opened detention center in Artesia, New Mexico and plans to begin housing families in a 600-bed detention facility in Karnes City, Texas.

As Catholics, we are not only called to show compassion and welcome the stranger, but protect family values, irrespective of one’s nationality or immigration status. Detaining families is inhumane, undignified, and violates basic human rights. In addition to the moral and human rights concerns, immigrant detention has proven to be costly to taxpayers and an ineffective migration deterrent.

Here at USCCB, we will be working diligently to continue to assist detained migrants through our Alternatives to Detention Program, as well as our advocacy work. We ask that you stand in solidarity with us and also work to ensure that the most vulnerable are protected.

So, while there does not appear to be an immediate need for housing, there is a clear need for advocacy on behalf of the detained families and there are likely local opportunities to assist with the families that were initially released (ICE reported that about 30,000 individuals in family units were released in the early weeks of the influx), as well as those families who are now caring for their children, nieces and nephews, etc. who arrived unaccompanied.

Here are a few things that you can do:

- **Reflect** on [Catholic Social Teaching on Migration](http://www.justiceforimmigrants.org/documents/immigration-and-catholic-social-teaching.pdf). (<http://www.justiceforimmigrants.org/documents/immigration-and-catholic-social-teaching.pdf>) **Pray** that migrants all over the world are protect, provided with safe passages, and treated with dignity and respect.
- **Learn** more about the issue of family detention by reading [our backgrounder](http://www.usccb.org/about/migration-policy/position-papers/upload/Family-Detention-in-the-United-States-aug-1-2014with-HL.pdf). (<http://www.usccb.org/about/migration-policy/position-papers/upload/Family-Detention-in-the-United-States-aug-1-2014with-HL.pdf>)
- **Advocate** against family detention by contacting your congressional representative.
- Contact your local Catholic Charities or other ministries that support immigrants and find out what **support** they may need.
- For those located near the current family detention centers, consider **providing pastoral or other services** to the detained families (let us know at MRSHospitality@usccb.org if you are interested specifically in “visitation”)
- Support the Alternative to Detentions program by [donating](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/opportunities-for-giving/migration-and-refugee-services/national-catholic-campaign-for-migration-and-refugee-services.cfm) (<http://www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/opportunities-for-giving/migration-and-refugee-services/national-catholic-campaign-for-migration-and-refugee-services.cfm>) to the National Catholic Fund for Migration and Refugee Services.

MRS Vision Statement: Creating a world where immigrants, refugees, migrants, and people on the move are treated with dignity, respect, welcome, and belonging."

For more information about STM's efforts, contact Sr. Maureen Brown at 760-758-4100 x131 or maureenb@stmoside.org.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30 AM-Mass/RCIA/LOWC 10:20 AM-RE.A.CH 10:30 AM-Mass 12:30 PM-RE.A.CH 4:00 PM-Blessing of Animals 4:30 PM-RE.A.CH 6:30 PM-RE.A.CH High School /Post-Confirmed	6 8:15 AM-Mass 10:00 AM-Moms and Kids (Oak Riparian Park) 7:00 PM-High School Youth Group 7:30 PM-Momnipotent	7 Restaurant Fundraiser at Famous Dave's in Vista 8:00 AM-Walking Ministry 8:15 AM-Mass 9:00 AM-Donuts and Coffee 1:00 PM-Adult CPR/AED 4:00 PM-Handbell Quartet 5:45 PM-Handbell Quartet 7:00 PM-Tower Bells 7:00 PM-Knights of Columbus	8 Restaurant Fundraiser at Famous Dave's in Vista 8:15 AM-Mass 9:00 AM-Adult Bible Timeline 6:30 PM-Guys and Girls Group 7:00 PM-Praise Team	9 8:15 AM-Mass 9:00 AM-Communion Service (Pacific Place) 9:00 AM-Donuts and Coffee 1:00 PM-Centering Prayer 7:00 PM-Sanctuary Choir 9:00 PM-Cappella Choir	10 Men's Retreat (Green Oak Ranch) 8:15 AM-Mass 9:00 AM-Moms and Kids Preschool 7:00 PM-Men's Fellowship	11 Women's Guild Bake Sale Men's Retreat (Green Oak Ranch) 9:00 AM-Adult CPR/AED 4:00 PM-Reconciliation 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00 PM-Mass
12 Women's Guild Bake Sale Blood Drive Men's Retreat (Green Oak Ranch) 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30 AM-Mass/RCIA 10:30 AM-Mass 12:00 PM-Baptisms	13 8:15 AM-Mass 11:00 AM-Women's Guild Luncheon 5:00 PM-Lead Core Team 7:00 PM-Rosary for Peace 7:00 PM-High School Youth Group 7:30 PM-Momnipotent	14 8:00 AM-Walking Ministry 8:15 AM-Mass 9:00 AM-Donuts and Coffee 4:00 PM-Handbell Quartet 5:45 PM-Handbell Quartet 7:00 PM-Baptism Preparation Part I 7:00 PM-Tower Bells 7:00 PM-Interior Design	15 8:15 AM-Mass 9:00 AM-Adult Bible Timeline 6:30 PM-Guys and Girls Group 7:00 PM-Praise Team	16 8:15 AM-Mass 9:00 AM-Donuts and Coffee 10:00 AM-Women's Guild Quilters 1:00 PM-Centering Prayer 7:00 PM-Sanctuary Choir 9:00 PM-Cappella Choir	17 8:15 AM-Mass 9:00 AM-Moms and Kids Preschool	18 K. of C. Tootsie Roll Drive 6:45 AM-That Man is You 10:00 AM-Funeral Reception Thank You Brunch 4:00 PM-Reconciliation 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00 PM-Mass
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