

**SAINT
THOMAS
MORE
CATHOLIC
CHURCH**

*You shall love the Lord your God...
and your neighbor as yourself!
Matthew 22:37-39*



*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
Deacon John Fredette
Deacon Thomas A. Goeltz

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**Enjoy Thanksgiving Dinner here
at St. Thomas More with fellow
Parishioners on Thursday,
November 27 at 12:00noon.
Contact the Parish Office to
make reservations.**

**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 26, 2014**

Pastor's Column

*Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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Faithful Citizens in St. Thomas More Catholic Church!

As we approach the Mid-term Elections on Tuesday, November 4, I have, in my Pastor's Columns the last few weeks, reminded everyone that we are called to be faithful citizens.

Because of our Baptism, we are called to participate in promoting the common good by taking an active role in public life. One of the main ways in which we can participate is by voting in the various elections that come before us.

As the Catholic Church, we do not endorse any specific candidates, but we do, at times, endorse and support various propositions that are presented to us.

This year, the California Catholic Bishops are endorsing Proposition 47, "The Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act."

As faithful citizens, we are called to take time to become familiar with the candidates and their various positions and we are called to become knowledgeable about the variety of propositions that are included in the ballots as well.

Then, as always, we are, after prayerful discernment, encouraged to vote our conscience which is the most sacred gift that our God has entrusted to us.

Our participation in voting is public record. In recent years, the "San Diego Organizing Project" (SDOP) in conjunction with its mother organization "People Improving Communities through Organizing" (PICO National Network) have developed software that can compare the public record of voting with the Parish Data System (PDS) of any given parish.

With a letter of mutual understanding between St. Thomas More Parish and PICO National Network that this process would be completely confidential and that the only information that would become public would be the percentage of people in our Parish who are registered and the number of people who have voted in the last five elections, we then entered into the process.

Amazingly, and our Parish should take pride in this fact, we have a phenomenally high voter registration rate. Of 2,215 members only 403 are unregistered. This is an 82% registration rate!

The San Diego County registration rate is around 60%. Oceanside's registration rate is 48.5% and Vista's registration rate is around 40%.

Here is the breakdown of voter frequency. The list shows how many people in our Parish voted and in how many elections they voted in the last five elections:

5 – 517 people of the list of 1,812 registered voters voted every time in the last five elections

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4 – 283 people...

3 – 228 people...

2 – 320 people...

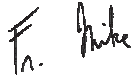
1 – 296 people...

0 – 168 people... (These are a mixture of newly registered young people, who will vote for the first time this year, and those who have moved into the area recently.)

Unregistered – 403 people

These results indicate that the People of St. Thomas More Parish are faithful citizens and we take our Baptismal Call to engage in public life for the common good seriously!

See you at the polls next week!


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.

Vocations

One of the hardest things to do in life is to listen to God talking to us with certainty. Is it really God...or are we imposing our will and desires in his place? A suggestion: If you are wondering what to do with your life, find a quiet place to pray for guidance; then, in that quietness, listen for an answer. If you are still unsure, repeat as often as necessary. God will guide you if you let him. Then, explore the possibilities your answer suggests. If you think the answer is to a calling to be a priest, deacon, or vowed religious and wish to begin exploring, contact Deacon Tom at thomasgoeltz@aol.com or 760-727-8442. They are wonderful and challenging vocations.

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. **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.

Welcome New Parishioner

**Rosemarie Fries
Matthew & Tatiana Monahan & Family**

Congratulations to**Henry & Katherine Ley**

who celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary October 18.

Gerald & Judth Buoniconti

who celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary October 25.

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 **Gerald & Judith Buoniconti** in honor of their anniversary

**In Memoriam**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:



Dorothy Rouse, who died on October 13. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, October 30, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep her husband Al and her family in your prayers.

Paul West, who died on September 14. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, November 7, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep his wife Diane Pal and his family in your prayers.

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

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.

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

Readings for the Week Ahead
 Sunday Year A; Weekday Year II
 Readings online at www.usccb.org.
Sunday, October 26 (148)
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Exodus 22:20-26
 Psalm 18:2-4,47,51
 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10
 Matthew 22:34-40
Monday, October 27 (479)
 Ephesians 4:32-5:8
 Psalm 1:1-4,6
 Luke 13:10-17
Tuesday, October 28 (666)
Simon and Jude, apostles
 Ephesians 2:19-22
 Psalm 19:2-5
 Luke 6:12-16
Wednesday, October 29 (481)
 Ephesians 6:1-9
 Psalm 145:10-14
 Luke 13:22-30
Thursday, October 30 (482)
 Ephesians 6:10-20
 Psalm 144:1b,2,9-10
 Luke 13:31-35
Friday, October 31 (483)
 Philippians 1:1-11
 Psalm 111:1-6
 Luke 14:1-6
Saturday, November 1 (667)
All Saints
 Revelations 7:2-4,9-14
 Psalm 24:1b-4b,5-6
 1 John 3:1-3
 Matthew 5:1-12a
Sunday, November 2 (668)
The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)
 Isaiah 25:6-9
 Psalm 25:6-7,17-18,20-21
 2 Corinthians 4:14-5:1
 Luke 24:13-16,28-35

Mass Intentions
Saturday, October 25, 5:00pm Rose Keeffe ☩
Sunday, October 26, 8:30am Leo Grassilli ☩
Sunday, October 26, 10:30am Ted Stanislawski ☩
Monday, October 27, 8:15am Mary Lou Mulgrew ☩
Tuesday, October 28, 8:15am Rita Sereno ☩
Wednesday, October 29, 8:15am Luis Trejo Maldonado ☩
Thursday, October 30, 8:15am Bianca Aliotot ☩
Friday, October 31, 8:15am Rich Antle
Saturday, November 1, 9:00am I.N. Vallejo ☩
Saturday, November 1, 5:00pm For All the Deceased ☩
Sunday, November 2, 8:30am For All the Deceased ☩
Sunday, November 2, 10:30am For All the Deceased ☩

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

Changa Aguilera
 Mary Alexander
 Carrie Autrey
 Joshua Avery
 Jose Luis Barbosa
 Patricia Barbour
 Francie Barron
 Clarice Bednarz
 John Bennici
 Regina Bentz
 Lisa Berg
 Roseanne Berg
 Mary Betz
 Betty Jean Bielich
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Jeremiah Lemus
 David Leue
 The Paul Leue Family
 Ashley Load
 Shirley Loggins
 Cassandra & Lauren Loretto
 Jack Lucarelli
 Joaquin Maldonado
 The Maldonado Family
 The Maldonado Trejo Family
 Paige Mansell
 Alexander Mathews
 Virginia McConnell
 Bob McWilliams
 Kalei Mendiola
 Phyllis Minaya
 June Mitchell
 Nancy Moore
 Elizabeth Muehlbacher
 Conrad Murphy
 Margie Myers
 Nida Navarro
 Richard Obsitnik
 Bernadette Padovan
 Ethan Palm
 Helen Pingtella
 Perry Postulka
 Douglas Price-Williams
 The Price-Williams Family
 The Joe Prokop Family
 Laura Pulliam
 Barbara Ramm
 Linda Reynaga
 Evelyn Richards
 Jan Riley
 Connie Ringel
 Rita Ritchie
 Lily Robinson
 Maria Rogers
 The Rouse Family
 The Russo Family
 Rachel Sauc
 Cindy Sanelli
 Linda Schmidt
 Joan Shea
 Elizabeth Shirzad
 Nick Soltau
 Darek, Vanessa, & Elba Spizewski
 Patricia St. Pierre
 Sybil Staples
 Mike Sterling
 Pete Sullivan
 John Swem
 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
 Barbara Upson
 Rodrigo Uribe
 Martin Vertson
 Lucy Vienna
 Vanessa Vitiello
 Wilson Wanner
 Kevin Watson-Graff
 The West & Pal Families
 John Whitton
 The Williams & Meehan Families
 Patricia Zavala
 Jeanne Zeltner

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
 Adolfo Granados, MD, U.S. Navy
 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

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

Nov 1-30 Stewardship Awareness/
Renewal

Nov 3-6 Restaurant Fundraiser at
Felicia's

Nov 4 Election Day—Be a Voter!

Nov 6 Spirited Seniors Trip to
Little Italy in San Diego

Nov 8 Women's Retreat Day

Nov 8-9 St. Bonaventure Clothing
Drive

Nov 15 Women's Guild Game Day

Nov 18-19 Restaurant Fundraiser at
Nucci's

Nov 23 Stewards' Appreciation
Reception

Nov 23 Music Ministry Concert

Nov 27 Thanksgiving Dinner at
STM

2015

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.

*Thank you for your prayers for
 PFC Thomas Gillen, US Army
 who has returned home safely.
 Please continue your prayers
 for those still deployed.*

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.

October 27 Sr. Carmel Lohan, RSM
October 28 Sr. Elizabeth (Mel) Loomis, SHCJ
October 29 Sr. Aurora Lopez Ornelas, SJS
October 30 Sr. Jeanette Lucinio, SP
October 31 Sr. Linda Lutz, CHS
November 1 Sr. Ann Machtemes, OSB
November 2 Sr. Christina MacLean, SMSM

Social Ministries & Outreach

All Souls Day Celebrations

This year, the celebration of All Souls Day occurs on Saturday evening and Sunday. It supersedes the normal Sunday celebration for the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time.

This means that we will celebrate All Souls Day on Saturday evening, November 1, and at the two Masses on Sunday morning, November 2. The special elements celebrated at all of our All Souls Day Masses will be the same: the worship aid will have a list of the names of beloved who died in this past year if their Funeral Mass was here or by special request of our families; candles with their names on them will be lit during Mass and placed in front of the altar; the names of our recently deceased will be sung at the Prayers of Intercession.

During the month of November the church traditionally remembers those who have gone before us to new life. Once again this year, there will be a special book in the center aisle for you to write the names of your loved ones. Then the book will be moved to the alcove near the statue of Mary.

Join us in praying:

Holy Mary, Gentle Mother, cradle within your arms those who have died and intercede for those who mourn them. Amen.

Christmas Angel Ministry

Please join us for an organizational meeting on Thursday, October 30 at 7:00pm on the lower level. We will be working on getting ready for the holiday season and our annual drive to bring the joy of Christmas to children, military families, and seniors in need in our local community. Thank you to all who hear the call to this wonderful ministry. For more information, please contact Lisa and Kevin Seufert at 760-716-0977 or leprechaun81@sbcglobal.net.

St. Bonaventure Clothing Drive (November 8-9)

Still have those items of winter clothing from back east that haven't been worn in years...outfits the kids have grown out of...or items in the back of the closet that haven't been seen in years? Put them to good use. Donate them to our annual clothing drive to help the needy Navajo serviced by St. Bonaventure Indian Mission where poverty and unemployment abound. STM has the only dedicated clothing drive helping the Mission and we literally help clothe hundreds each year. The need is great for clothing of all sizes, men's, women's and children's, along with blankets and sturdy footwear. They have also recently asked for pot and pans and dishes. Please help!

Thanksgiving Dinner

Our Parish family will be hosting their 10th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 27, at 12:00noon. A traditional Thanksgiving Dinner will be provided. If you would like to bring an appetizer or a dessert, it will be welcomed. Please RSVP per the reservation form on the Information Table or call the Parish Office at 760-758-4100 x100. We look forward to celebrating the holiday with you!

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.



Parenting Workshop—Redirecting Children's Behavior—The Diocesan Office for Marriage & Family Life will host a 6-week parenting workshop facilitated by Certified Parenting Instructor Alan Olson on Thursdays, 6:30-8:30pm, October 16-November 20, at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 3888 Paducah Drive, San Diego 92117. This class teaches skills that produce immediate results enabling your family to experience more joy, peace, and love—as God intends for your family life. Space is limited; preregistration is required. Cost is \$25 for materials only. To register or for more information, contact Peggy Skiano at 858-490-8295 or pskiano@diocese-sdiego.org.

Promoting Life, Liberty, and Religious Freedom—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: Imitating Christ—“Christian spouses are called to this imitation of Christ, an imitation that is possible only because, in the Sacrament of Matrimony, the couple receives a participation in his love. As a sacrament, marriage signifies and makes present in the couple Christ's total self-gift of love. Their mutual gift of self, conferred in their promises of fidelity and love to the end, becomes a participation in the love to the end by which Christ gave himself to the Church as to a Spouse (see Jn 13:1).” 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—You shall love your neighbor as yourself (Mt 22:39). This oft quoted phrase can be deceiving. It depends on an honest love of self and then transferring that attitude to your neighbor—and of course your closest neighbor is your spouse. Don't put yourself down today.

Parenting Pointers—You shall not molest or oppress an alien, for you were once aliens yourselves in the land of Egypt (Ex 22:20). Your child may be too young to understand the politics of the current immigration issue, but you can talk about what it means to be an outsider and different, i.e., an alien. Tell them the story of the Exodus. Welcome a stranger into your home for dinner. Local resettlement services (like Catholic Charities <http://catholiccharitiesusa.org/find-help/>) can offer ideas on how to reach out and help.

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

Parish Events

Attention Men!

Year three of “That Man is You!—The Revelation of the Father” continues on November 1 with the topic *The Attack on the Heart of the Father*. This year’s theme, “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. For more information, contact Deacon John at 760-758-4100 x104 or johnf@stmoside.org.

Women’s Guild News

Our thanks to Nancy Wozniak and Pat Wong and their helpers for organizing and running our bake sale. We are happy to announce that as a result, we have begun our fund raising efforts having collected \$950. Special thanks go to all who made phone calls, baked, and contributed the wonderful goodies that filled the tables. And to those who could not bake but left a donation, thank you. We are always open to donations! We hope you enjoyed your goodies. We appreciate your support.

Our last meeting brought us a greater appreciation of the time and effort that our quilt group members put into making and donating the quilts that we raffle off at the end of the year. They created a Christmas wall hanging right before our eyes, and then raffled it off. Thank you Nancy Wozniak and Siggy Ogan for enhancing our meeting.

We are already busy planning our next activity for all our Parish members to enjoy—GAME DAY. Mark your calendar for Saturday November 15, 11:00am-3:00pm. We have begun collecting door prizes and creating opportunity baskets for the occasion to make it a fun day. We are selling tickets on the plaza this weekend and the next two weekends. Ticket price is only \$10 which includes delicious snacks and lunch. Bring your own board games, cards, dominos, etc., or choose from the ones available. Ask your friends and reserve a table, or just show up and join with other singles. But be sure to show up! If you are in an extra generous mood, buy a couple of extra tickets and give them to someone who would enjoy coming but can’t afford it.

In the meantime, enjoy the final arrival of autumn and a few colored leaves. God gives us such beautiful reflections of Himself, including YOU. We are blessed.

If you have not picked up your Women’s Guild Directory, it is waiting for you with your name on it at the front desk in the front office. —*Ann Buko, president*

Visit Little Italy in San Diego

The Spirited Seniors are going to historic Little Italy in San Diego on Thursday, November 6. Be at the Oceanside Coaster Station at 9:15am. On arriving at Santa Fe Station, we will walk for 15 minutes to Filippi’s, and enjoy a delicious lasagna lunch. Then, a 1-hour guided walking tour with individual earpieces! And yes, there will be gelato! At \$35/\$40 for members/non-members, this is an all-inclusive tour, but be aware that it involves a LOT of walking. Place your registration request and your check made to “St. Thomas More Spirited Seniors” in an envelope marked “Spirited Seniors Little Italy Trip” and return it in the offertory collection or to the Parish Office, Box 12. Space is limited, and the deadline for reservations is Monday, October 27. For information, contact Lee Cocco at 760-598-6248 or Marilyn Day at 760-509-4545.

Memorial Item Donations

Pipe Organ	\$850,000
Church Doors (Bronze)	\$100,000
Crucifix	\$75,000
St. Thomas More Shrine (Tapestry)	\$75,000
Memorial Garden & Reflection Garden	
Landscape Concrete Walkways	\$80,000
Decomposed Granite Pathways with Header	\$24,000
Melrose Landscape Slope	\$15,000
Building Accent Lighting & Pole Fixtures	\$14,000
Oak Trees	\$8,000
Bench Seating throughout gardens	\$3,500
Landscape Accent Lighting	\$3,500
Drinking Fountains	\$2,500
Olive Trees	\$1,400
Church Sound System Components	
Sound and Video Mixing Board	\$12,000
Sound System Base Speaker	\$8,000
Sound System Cabling	\$5,000
Microphone System	\$4,000
Mulch for Overflow Parking Lot	\$3,500
Pew Seating for the Church	\$300/person
(1,000) 829 available	
Daily Mass Chapel and Choir Chairs	\$300/each
(200) 128 available	

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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 above 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



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

Liturgy & Music *Worship God*

Douglas Lynn
 Director of Liturgy & Music
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FROM ONE YEAR TO THE NEXT, GOD IS

scripture themes for November

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

When the late newscaster Walter Cronkite ended his nightly report, he'd say, "And that's the way it is." Those of us old enough to remember Jimmy Durante will recall that he ended every program with "Good night, Mrs. Calabash, wherever you are." Comedian Carol Burnett would say, "Goodnight" and tug her left ear as a message to her grandmother. "See you on the radio" was the classic signoff of journalist Charles Osgood.

Each year at this time, we experience a signoff of sorts, as one liturgical year comes to an end and another begins. But we do not offer a signature goodbye. We rejoice in the fact that the God who was with us last year will be with us in the next—and forever.

On the feast of All Souls (Nov. 2), the sacred texts are both sober and celebratory. We are reminded of our mortality and that one day we will be called to say goodbye to life as we know it in order to know the peace and joy of everlasting life with God (Wisdom, John). Paul (Romans) will assure us that these forever joys are possible because of the love of God poured out for us in Jesus, who died for us while we were still sinners.

On the feast of St. John Lateran on Nov. 9, we hear Ezekiel encouraging his exiled contemporaries with the news that even though their beloved Jerusalem temple has been destroyed, a heavenly temple awaits them. With abundant life-giving water flowing everywhere and fruit trees that can be harvested every month, God's people will be well provided for when they are called home to God.

John's Gospel will feature Jesus, consumed by zeal for God's holy place, turning away the sellers and moneychangers. The evangelist used that occasion to predict the death of Jesus and his resurrection: "Destroy

this temple and in three days I will raise it up." Paul (1 Cor) brings home the message of this feast with the question "Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit dwells in you"? How might the realization of this truth influence the way we treat ourselves and one another? We are holy people—holy places where others should be able to encounter God. By grace, God is building us upon the same foundation of Jesus Christ. All our words and works should reflect our belonging.

As we draw nearer to the end of this liturgical year, Paul will remind us on Nov. 16 that the end will come upon us like a thief in the night (1 Thess). At that time, there will be a reckoning: We will be called to account for the way we have used the gifts each of us has received from God. In the parable of the talents, Matthew will speak the words that we so long to hear: "Well done, my good and faithful servant....Come share your master's joy!" While we do not earn the gift of salvation, nor can we merit it, we are nevertheless responsible for being active participants in the process of being saved. This process does not require tremendous or dramatic feats. Rather, it is the simple and pure, quiet and often unwitnessed acts of love that best prepare us for God's gifts. In the figure of the worthy wife, the authors of Proverbs will point the way. With loving hands and heart, she cared for those entrusted to her by God. Yet she was also attentive to the poor and needy as she extended herself to help them. Simple acts, done worthily and well—these prepare believers for the reckoning that is to come.

Preparation for meeting the Lord in glory is also featured on Nov. 23, the feast of Christ the King. In the Gospel, unique to Matthew, the scene is one of judgment. The risen Jesus announces that those who would



Matthew 22:36

meet him and share eternity with him must first have met him in the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. Having recognized Jesus' face and presence in these poor ones, believers are also called upon to minister to their needs. To ignore and neglect those with whom Jesus chose to identify is tantamount to a forfeiture of eternity. While we still have time, let us seek his face and serve him in God's least ones.

With November's last Sunday, Advent begins. I am reminded of something Henri Nouwen shared in his book *Gracias: A Latin American Journal* (Orbis Books, Maryknoll, N.Y.: 2009). Nouwen said he kept and shared this journal of his six-month sojourn in Peru and Bolivia in an effort to discern God's voice and find the way to be obedient to that voice. When he was in Bolivia, he was touched by a sermon of Oscar Uzin, who said of the Advent season, "Be alert, be alert so that you will recognize your Lord in your husband, your wife, your parents, your children, your friends, your teachers, but also in all that you read in the daily papers. The Lord is coming, always coming. Be alert to his coming. When you have ears to hear and eyes to see, you will recognize him at any moment of your life.

Life is Advent, life is recognizing the coming of the Lord." As we move from one liturgical year into the next, let us, like our brother Henri, listen carefully and obey the voice of God.

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All Saints



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Saturday, November 1

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- ◆ **BE SURE TO COMPLETE** all gifts by December 31 to qualify for tax savings on this year's tax return. **Advance planning with the Parish Office is essential, since the office will be closed from Monday, December 22 and will reopen on Monday, January 5.**
- ◆ Donations received the weekend of December 27/28, 2014, and the Wednesday, December 31, 2014, Vigil Mass will be credited in the 2014 tax year.
- ◆ **Envelopes POSTMARKED by Wednesday, December 31, 2014, will be counted toward the 2014 tax year.**
- ◆ **Annual Catholic Appeal**—Parishioners with a balance due on their pledges made to this year's ACA are requested to conclude payments by Dec. 31, 2014. (*Tithing families, know that your tithe covers your ACA contribution.*)
- ◆ Keep all gift receipts and acknowledgment letters, especially for gifts of \$250 or more.
- ◆ If you sold securities this year and will owe capital gains tax, remember that gifts of cash or other securities may partially or fully offset any tax on your gains.

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Collection for Week of October 18/19, 2014

Number of Registered Households		1,123
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Offertory (Loose Collection)		826.50
Children's envelopes		0.00
Total	\$	14,162.77

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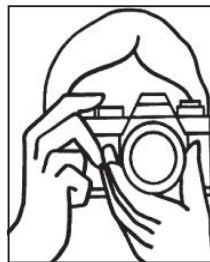
Christmas Angels: Next organizational meeting is Thursday, October 30 at 7:00pm in the lower level. All are welcome to join this fun ministry! Help is needed before and after all the Masses beginning November 8. Contact Lisa Seufert: 760-716-0977 or

leprechaun81@sbcglobal.net.

St. Bonaventure:

Have extra blankets or warm clothing items? Want to help collect items in need once a year? Join us for the annual drive benefiting the Navajo Indians at the St. Bonaventure Mission, on the weekend of November 8-9.

Contact Deacon Tom Goeltz: thomasgoeltz@aol.com or 760-727-8442.



Photographer:

Someone who is willing to take pictures for various RE.A.CH and Liturgical events, in addition to a number of ministerial activities that take place at STM throughout the year. We are looking for a couple of people so that no one person feels compelled to photograph all of the events this ministry entails. Contact Chris Smith: chriiss@stmoside.org or 760-758-4100 x120.

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—Lou Holtz

News & Information from the Larger Church

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MISSIO App for Smart Phones—Connects you to the Pope and his daily messages. Learn more at www.MissioApp.org/bulletin.

Tutors Needed—Cathedral Catholic High School is searching for college students who would be interested in a tutoring position at CCHS. The tutors are needed from 1:15-3:15pm Tuesday-Friday to begin now and continue through the end of May 2015. This is a paid position. If interested, please contact Mrs. Gina Armstrong at garmstrong@cathedralcatholic.org.

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.

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.

Brother Benno’s Auxiliary Annual Luncheon—Saturday, November 1, 10:00am, Sheraton Carlsbad Resort & Spa, 5480 Grand Pacific Dr., Carlsbad. The theme is “Bountiful Blessings.” Proceeds will benefit Brother Benno’s Women’s Homes for women in recovery. For more information, contact Penny Sallee at 760-912-8566 or pensal49@hotmail.com

St. Augustine High School Open House—Sunday, November 2, 1:00-4:00pm. For more information, contact Mike Haupt at 619-282-2184 x5521 or mhaupt@sahs.org.

JSerra Catholic High School Open House and Campus Tour—Thursday, November 6, 6:30pm, 26351 Junipero Serra Rd., San Juan Capistrano. For more information, visit www.jserra.org.

Franciscan School of Theology Vision Series—Thursday, 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.

News from St. Francis Church

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Get into the Christmas spirit at the **4th Annual Christmas Bazaar** at St. Francis Parish, 525 West Vista Way. Shop for unique items from 28 vendors and join us for a hearty meal after Mass.

The Bazaar is hosted by the St. Francis Women’s Ministry Guild and will be held Saturday, November 1, 4:00-9:00pm and Sunday, November 2, 8:30am-9:00pm in both halls.

Proceeds benefit the needs of the Parish.

St. Francis School is our Parish School! For more information, call 760-630-7960.

Beginning Experience Weekend for Widowed, Divorced, and Separate—December 5-7, Vina de Lestonnac, Temecula. A trained team of peers leads participants through a healing and growth experience. If you are willing to put your feelings of anger and despair behind you and desire a new beginning, this weekend may be for you. For more information, contact Linda at 858-335-0915 or Cathy at 619-222-9093.

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.

World Mission Sunday

This month our Parish, along with the universal Catholic church, celebrates World Mission Sunday. This year we are invited to reach out and help build the Church in Mongolia, the world’s youngest Catholic Church, as well as local churches throughout the Missions, in the most remote areas across our world. Through the work of these churches, and their witness to Christ, the poor receive practical help and experience God’s love and mercy, his hope and peace. Please keep the Missions in your daily prayers. The envelope attached to the bulletin recently may be returned any time during October. For more information, please visit www.IAmAMissionary.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.



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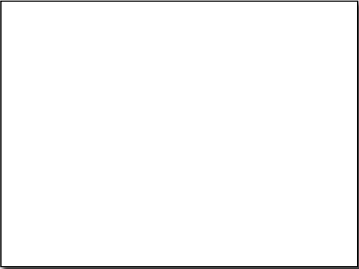
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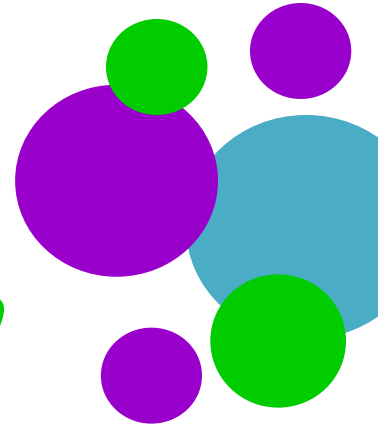
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Stay for 5pm Mass**

Kimberly Barber is a wife, mother, and teacher holding a Master's Degree in Theology and Biblical Studies. Prior to having children, Kim was a Director of Catechetical Ministry for a parish in San Diego, and now focuses primarily on raising her family while continuing to serve the Diocese as a Master Catechist.

**Pre-registration required, either by signing up
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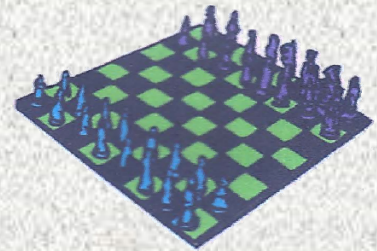
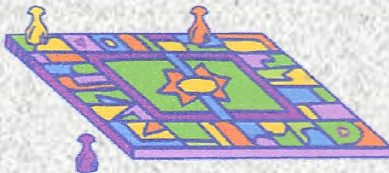
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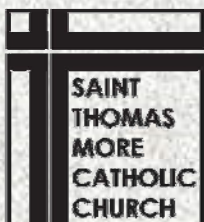
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Tower (will be 35 feet taller, topped with a cross)

Crucifix

Altar

Restrooms

Main entry doors

Baptismal Font

