

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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The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica November 9, 2014

## Pastor's Column

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

#### Gratitude: A Lifetime of Christian Stewardship— Fulfilling God's Purpose

This weekend we begin our special focus on and celebration of Christian Stewardship.

Throughout this month we are reminded that Christian Stewardship is Discipleship, it is the way in which we live out our lives because we are followers of Jesus.

In doing so, as we give praise to God in our words, and in our actions in this Faith Community of St. Thomas More, we demonstrate our gratitude.

Fr. Henri Nouwen, in *The Return of the Prodigal Son*, talks about gratitude in this way:

The discipline of gratitude is the explicit effort to acknowledge that all that I am and have is given to me as a gift of love, a gift to be celebrated with joy. There is always the choice between resentment and gratitude because God has appeared in my darkness, urged me to come home, and declared in a voice filled with affection: "You are with me always, and all I have is yours." Indeed, I can choose...to lament about the many misfortunes which have plagued me in the past, and thereby wrap myself up in my resentment. But I don't have to do this. There is the option to look into the eyes of the One who came out to search for me and see therein that all I am and all I have is pure gift calling for gratitude. The choice for gratitude rarely comes without some real effort. But each time I make it, the next choice is a little easier, a little freer, a little less self-conscious. Because every gift I acknowledge reveals another and another, until finally even the most normal, obvious, and seemingly mundane event or encounter proves to be filled with grace.

As Catholics, each week we come together to celebrate the Eucharist. The Eucharist is Jesus freely and totally giving himself to us. "Take and eat. This is My Body. Take and drink. This is My Blood."

The One who becomes Eucharist for us challenges us to become Eucharist for others: "Do this in memory of Me!" We are called to become what we eat and what we drink.

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#### Did You Know?

In addition to a salary, our Parish offers its staff members a variety of benefits. One is health insurance. We have budgeted \$89,279.40 for health insurance premiums for our lay staff members for this fiscal year.

Once we come to this moment of faith that Jesus is the Father's gift freely given to us, our only response can be one of gratitude in which we give ourselves as gift in joyous response. The gifts of time, talent, and treasure become the means in which we say "Thank You!"

Throughout this month of November, we reflect, in a special way, upon Christian Stewardship as a way of life, the way in which we give thanks to God for all that we are and all that we have.

Our very life is pure gift! Once we come to that realization, we are set free to live life joyously as the sons and daughters of God!

## Fr. Mike

#### **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

In today's second reading, St. Paul talks about Jesus Christ being the builder who lays the foundation for others to build upon. The Church is still in need of builders to continue the "building" begun by Jesus. Are you being called to be that "builder" as a priest, deacon, or vowed religious? If you are undecided, contact Deacon Tom at thomasgoeltz@aol.com or 760-727-8442 and pray for guidance. Explore the possibilities. These are rewarding vocations, and good people are much in need.

#### 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. Remember, Scrip is available for purchase FIVE ways:

- 1. Online—visit stmoside.org/scrip.html and look for the logo below for more info!
- 2. On the Plaza after weekend Masses
- Monday-Friday during business hours in the Parish Office 3.
- Email at *scrip@stmoside.org* 4
- 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 Parishioners

#### Aaron & Jennifer Pingel & Family

#### Congratulations to

**Paul & Kathy Santy** 

who celebrate their 22th wedding anniversary November 7

#### **Bill & Betsy Draper**

who celebrate their 57th wedding anniversary November 9. May God continue to bless your marriage, and may you be an inspiration to other married couples.

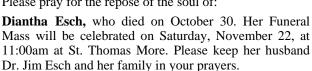
#### Flower Donations

The Altar Flowers for this weekend were given by Bill & Betsy Draper in honor of their wedding anniversary.

#### In Memoriam

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:





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

#### Rosary

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



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, November 9 (671) The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12 Psalm 46:2-3,5-6,8-9 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11,16-17 John 2:13-22 Monday, November 10 (491) Leo the Great, pope, doctor Titus 1:1-9 Psalm 24:1b-4b,5-6, Luke 17:1-6 Tuesday, November 11 (492) Martin of Tours, bishop Titus2:1-8,11-14 Psalm 37:3-4,18,23,27,29 Luke 17:7-10 Wednesday, November 12 (493) Josaphat, bishop, martyr Titus3:1-7 Psalm 23:1b-6 Luke 17:11-19 Thursday, November 13 (494) Frances Xavier Cabrini, virgin Philemon 7-20 Psalm 146:7-10 Luke 17:20-25 Friday, November 14 (495) 2 John 4-9 Psalm 119:1-2,10-11,17-18 Luke 17:26-37 Saturday, November 15 (496) Albert the Great, bishop, doctor 3 John 5-8 Psalm 112:1-6 Luke 18:1-8 Sunday, November 16 (157) Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31 Psalm 128:1-5 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 Matthew 25:14-30

#### Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 8, 5:00pm Anthony Masseth Sunday, November 9, 8:30am Angelita Rasmon 🕈 Sunday, November 9, 10:30am Joseph & Nick Garrisi 🕆 Monday, November 10, 8:15am Nancy Wozniak Tuesday, November 11, 8:15am Gary La Berge 🕆 Wednesday, November 12, 8:15am Alfred Barmasse 🕆 Thursday, November 13, 8:15am Patricia Thompson P Friday, November 14, 8:15am Maurine Shaughnessy 7 Saturday, November 15, 5:00pm Bernie Weiler 🕆 Sunday, November 16, 8:30am Tom & Katie Padilla Sunday, November 16, 10:30am Robert Ratajczak 🕆

Prayer List (Call 760-758-4100 x102 to add a name for four weeks.) Changa Aguilera Mary Alexander Carrie Autrey Joshua Avery Brendan Bailey Jose Luis Barbosa Patricia Barbour Clarice Bednarz John Bennici Regina Bentz Lisa Berg Roseanne Berg Mary Betz Betty Jean Bielich Beth Brewer Janet Brown Todd Brown Katie Browne Jack & Mary Bruzas Anita Buerger The Burke & Trotta Families Tony Calderone Shelby Campbell Brianne Campos Aria Cappeluti The Vaughn Clevenger Family Dolly Cole Carl & Dorothy Coleman James Coleman Steven Cresencia Lené Crowe Luisa Curci Karen Flaharty Daley Anne Dalton Beverly de Gelder Hugo Delgado, Jr. Christine DeSantis Cecilia DeSimone Carole Dillon Edward Dolnik Art & Dave Dossman Bill Draper John Drazkowski, Jr. La Vonne Dumas Jerome Elbacha Carolyn Erickson Ev The Esch Family Angie Ewing Jason Fay Sally Fay Victoria Lopez Fenton The Fiore Family Mary Fleming Ryan Flum Ernie Follis Eugene Franciscus Kathryn Franklin Joe Freire The Greg French Family Brian Frink Jim Gallagher The Joe Garcia Family Kathy Gardner Lois & Len Garth Margy Gehlman Jack & Marge Gillen David Goger Wendy Gonzales' Dad Rick Gonzalez The Gray Family Ryan Green Dave Greig George Gritt Luke Guenst Susan Hallahan Pat & Tom Hannon The Harker Family Dorothy Harrison Barbara Hatem Heidi Heaton Lilian Hills William Hokama Carol Holbrook Samara Hook Susan Hori Mary Ann Houser Iolanda Iacobelli The Iacobelli Bennett Family The Iacobelli Ianni Family Sue Johnston Laura Kater Dottie Kearney

Paul Kennedy Connor Kerzie Peggy Kiernan Debbie Kinney Mark Kneisel Dewey Kolbo Tony Korwin Andy Kowallek Ashley Opie Kowallek Helen Kuhn Lillian Lachance The Lamelin Family The Lanzrath Family Mike Lavis Brandon LeBlanc Jeremiah Lemus David Leué The Paul Leué Family Ashley Load Shirley Loggins Cassandra & Lauren Loretto Jack Lucarelli Jeannie Wilson Lucarelli Joaquin Maldonado The Maldonado Family The Maldonado Trejo Family Paige Mansell Alexander Mathews Gloria Maupin Virginia McConnell Bob McWilliams Joyce Meehan 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 The Price-Williams Family The Joe Prokop Family Laura Pulliam Barbara Ramm Linda Reynaga Evelyn Richards Evelyn Richards Jan Riley Connie Ringel Rita Ritchie Lily Robinson Maria Rogers The Rouse Family Pachel Seino 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 John Swem Julie Teare Tommy & Ginger Thompson Sarah Tillinghast William Tompson Stephen Toth, Jr. Olivia Trejo Oniva Trejo/Beltran Family The Trejo/Beltran Family The Trejo/Maldonado/Uribe Family Barbara Upson Martin Vertson Lucy Vienna Vanessa Vitiello Wilson Wanner Kevin Watson-Graff Jerry Wechsler John Whitton The Williams & Meehan Families Patricia Zavala Jeanne Zeltner

#### **Calendar Highlights**

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

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Nov 1-30	Stewardship Awareness/ Renewal		
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		
Nov 29	Make a Holy Family: Advent Workshop		
Dec 11	Spirited Seniors Winter Luncheon		
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Jan 4	Twelfth Night Choral Festival		
Jan 24	Women's Prayer Breakfast		
Jan 25	Spirited Seniors: <i>The Lion</i> <i>in Winter</i> at Avo Theatre		
Mar 1	New Member Reception		
May 1	STM Gala		
May 17	Towers of Faith Reception		

#### **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 Jeremiah Gabriel Nelson, USAF Thomas Kevin Nelson, US Navy Pvt. 2 Jess Phillips, US Army Nicole Rieger, US Navy Sr. Airman Robert Spear, USAF Sgt. Charles Watts, USMC

#### Pray for Women Religious

Please join us in praying for the women religious who serve in the Diocese of San Diego. They have been assigned to days of the year in alphabetical order.

November 10		
Sr. Alexandra Matti, DMI		
November 11		
Sr. E. Aileen McCombs, SFCC		
November 12		
Sr. Jeanette McDermott, MMS		
November 13		
Sr. Hilda McDonagh, RSM		
November 14		
Sr. Mary Daniel McGinn, OSB		
November 15		
Sr. Rosanne McGrath, RSM		
November 16		
Sr. Eleanor McNally, CPPS		

#### Social Ministries & Outreach

#### Pies. Pies. Pies.

Someone once asked me "How does one make a ministry out of pies?" Yet that is what you have been doing for over 15 years!

STM has been providing Brother Benno's with apple and pumpkin pies for dessert for their Thanksgiving Feast for the poor and needy. Please bring your apple and pumpkin pies to the Parish Office on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving (November 26) by 12:00noon and we will deliver them to Brother Benno's. As Christians, we are all called upon to feed the hungry. With your pies, you are also putting a smile on their faces and perhaps the warm memories of good Thanksgiving Days past. If you have any questions, contact Deacon Tom at thomasgoeltz@aol.com or 760-727-8442.

#### 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!

#### Christmas Angel Ministry

The Angel Tree has arrived! In order to make the holidays brighter for special members of our community, please stop by and select an ornament or two. We still have a great need for volunteers to be on the plaza after all Masses (especially the 10:30am Mass) between now and December 14. For more information, please contact Lisa or Kevin Seufert at 760-716-0977 or leprechaun81@sbcglobal.net.

#### **STM Archives Wants Your Material**

The STM Historian is looking for material from Parish events and activities since our church was established in 1985. The kinds of material that are needed include: photographs, newspaper clippings, brochures, fliers, reports, videos, drawings-anything that represents our congregational memory! Please check your drawers, file cabinets, and that creepy ol' box in the attic. You can drop off your donations at the Parish office. Thanks!

For more information and questions, please feel free to contact: Brandon at 760-845-5450 or brandon.oswald@gmail.com.

#### Looking for a Way to Be Involved?

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







#### Marriage & Family Life

Moms & Kids—Moms! The Moms and Kids ministry is meeting on the first and third Monday, November 17, 10:00am-12:00noon, Calavera at Community Park, 2997 Glasgow Dr., Carlsbad. 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.



Bringing the Celebration Home-We invite you to join us for our annual Parish Advent Workshop on November 29 at 4:00pm. Last year, you created an Advent Wreath for your table; this year, you will be creating a beautiful wooden Holy Family! The cost is \$10 per Holy Family kit, and you can preregister for as many kits as you would like-they make great Christmas gifts. Email Jen Frost at: jenf@stmoside.org or stop by the table after Mass on the weekend of 11/15-11/16 to register. Be sure to register for this event by November 23!

Promoting Life, Liberty, and Religious Freedom-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: Faith, Hope and Love— "As the Church is a community of faith, hope, and love, so the Christian family, as the domestic church, is called to be a community of faith, hope, and love. Through this faith, hope, and love, Jesus, by the power of his Holy Spirit, abides within each Christian family, as he does within the whole Church, and pours out the love of his Father within it." 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.wwme.org or contact Eddie and Sheila Murphy at 760-295-0008.

Marriage Moments-What does your spouse do that makes you laugh? Often it's the silly idiosyncrasies or foibles that can be special precious moments between you.

Parenting Pointers-As the season changes, so do people. Children grow. People die. We drop old habits and learn new ones. Discuss in your family one bad habit each of you would like to get rid of.

For more information, visit www.diocese-sdiego.org/Ministries/ Marriage and Family Life or call Jen Frost at 858-692-7438.

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

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#### **Parish Events**

#### **Attention Men!**

Year three of "That Man is You!—The Revelation of the Father" continues on November 15 with the topic *Weeds in Intellectual Formation*. 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

Tickets are now on sale for our exciting **Game Day** on November 15. If you have not yet picked up your ticket, besides this weekend, they will be available in the Parish Office during the week. Last minute tickets can be bought on Game Day, but we really need to know ahead to have enough tables set up and enough food for lunch. So please buy your tickets ahead. We look forward to having you join us for a fun time between 11:00am and 3:00pm with games, lunch, snacks, door prizes, and opportunity baskets, all for only \$10.

Our November meeting is on Monday, November 10, so please make your lunch reservation with Vera Bayliss at 760-295-0059 or *vbayliss@cox.net* if you have not yet done so. Our lunch will include a variety of soups with sides and dessert. We all loved it when we did this last year, and a repeat was requested it was so good. We will have a special guest performing a dramatic reading for our program. You all know her and appreciate her extraordinary talent. Come and listen.

This is the beginning of the busy holiday season, and we continue to pray for our dear departed this month. May God embrace them in his Love. —*Ann Buko, president* 

#### Young Adult Ministry Activities

Visit *www.yamsd.org* for complete information on events for young adults, including spiritual, social and service events.

**Christmas Gala**—Saturday, December 13, 6:30-11:00pm at All Hallows Parish Hall, 6602 La Jolla Scenic Dr, La Jolla.

**Food Sorting and Packing for Thanksgiving**—Saturday, November 22, 9:00am-12:00noon, Food Resource Center, 349 Cedar St., San Diego.

#### 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.

#### Shop at Amazon.com?

You can raise money for STM while you shop! www.stmoside.org/scrip.htm scroll to the Amazon Smile logo. Also remember to buy Amazon Scrip and raise even more money for STM!

#### **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
Bench Seating throughout gardens	\$3,500
Landscape Accent Lighting	\$3,500
Drinking Fountains	\$2,500
Oak Trees in 7-foot boxes (10) 10 available	\$2,400/each
Olive Trees in 7-foot boxes (10) 10 available	\$1,400/each
<b>Church Sound System Components</b>	
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 (1,000) 827 available	\$300/person
Daily Mass Chapel and Choir Chairs (200) 128 available	\$300/each
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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

#### THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

#### the feast day of the Pope's church

The calendar of the Roman Catholic Church is complicated, but as one might imagine, there are rules regulating ordering of the solemnities, feasts, and memorials. There is even a Table of Liturgical

> Days, which lists everything order of precedence, liturgists know celebration appointed each day.

celebration, one might expect. is the Paschal Triduum of the Passion and Resurrection of the Lord. The last ranked celebrations are

the weekdays of

Ordinary Time. In between, we have Solemnities of the Lord (e.g., Christ the King) and Mary (e.g., the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary), as well as the feasts of the principal patron of the region (e.g., the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary-patronal feast day of the United States of America). We celebrate newly raised saints such as Popes John XXIII, John Paul II, and Paul VI, as well as martyrs of long ago like St. Stephen.

J.K. Simons

Sang in Choir

Tower Bells 8:30am Sanctuary Choir 10:30am

Upcoming

Music

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**NOVEMBER 16** 

33rd Sunday in

**Ordinary Time** 

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5:00pm

Praise Team

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title of one's church (in our case. June 22 for St. Thomas More) is a solemnity, and we celebrate the feast day in place of the 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time most years. Next year, we will be adding another solemnity to the St. Thomas More calendar, that parish of the dedication of our permanent church.

Which brings us to today's solemnity, the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica.

The Papal Archbasilica of St. John Lateran, commonly known as St. John Lateran's Basilica or just the Lateran Basilica, is the cathedral church of the Diocese of Rome and the official ecclesiastical seat of the Bishop of Rome, who is the Pope. It is the oldest and ranks first among the four Papal Basilicas or major basilicas of Rome (having the cathedra, of chair, of the Bishop of Rome), and the oldest church in the West. It claims the title of ecumenical mother church among

Roman Catholics. As the cathedral of the Bishop of Rome, it ranks above all other churches in the Catholic Church, including St. Peter's Basilica, hence the title archbasilica.

As we will celebrate the dedication of our parish church as a solemnity on our parish calendar, the entire Roman Catholic Church celebrates the dedication of the church of the Bishop of Rome, the Pope's church, on the universal calendar. It is this day that we celebrate this weekend.

# O Ye Works, Praise the Lord

a musical benefit

in support of North County Community Services Food Bank

IN CONCERT

## Sunday, November 23 🔶 7:00pm

Bring a friend and a can of food! Or two of each!







douglasl@stmoside.org; 760-758-4100 x140



Director of Liturgy & Music

Douglas Lynn

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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**

# Today is a REACH Sunday! High School C<sup>enes</sup>is GRADES 1-5

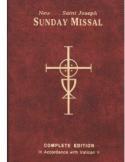
# YOUNG ADULT





Attention Parents of children preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion in 2014-2015: There will be a Parent Meeting on Sunday, November 16, at 12:30pm. We ask that parents attend all six Parent Meetings in order for their child to receive their sacraments.

# SUNDAY MISSALS & LITTLE BOOKS FOR ADVENT Are available

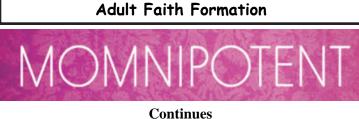


PICK YOURS UP TODAY!!



#### Try Out Our Guys & Girls Group

Join us every Wednesday night from 6:30-8:00pm for our "Guys & Girls" group. This is a great opportunity to build accountability, friendships, and find out our role as young men and women in the church and community. Bring a FRIEND and a snack to share.



Continues Monday, November 10 7:30-9:00pm

Eight Feminine Strengths to Help You Find Peace, Balance, and Joy in Motherhood. Join us for the 3rd session of Momnipotent. ALL Women are welcome!!

Join Us for Session 3 of SYMBOLON Sunday, November 16 12:30pm on the upper level of the Parish Center ALL ARE WELCOME!!



THE SYMBOLON SERIES is a compelling presentation of the Catholic faith. Through beautifully crafted teaching and state-of-the-art video, author and speaker Dr. Edward Sri leads a team of dynamic teachers who provide a clear and comprehensive understanding of what the Catholic Church teaches and how to live it.





Check the flyer "magazine" for the details and mark your calendars!

#### November 9, 2014

Director of Stewardship & Development chriss@stmoside.org; 758-4100 x120

Chris Smith

# Stewardship & Development Serve God's People



#### 2014 YEAR-END CHECKLIST

- ♦ 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 December 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.

#### For more information, please contact:

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

#### Collection for Week of November 01/02, 2014

Number of Registered Households	1,127
Offertory* Offertory (Loose Collection)	\$ 11,256.67 1,107.00
Children's envelopes	0.00
Total	\$ 12,363.67

\* 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).

#### "Did You Know " Collection October 2014 \$7,532.00

Restaurant Fundraisers April 2014 Nucci's \$243.27

#### St. Francis and St. Thomas More Offertory Envelopes

Any St. Francis Offertory Envelopes given to the offertory collection at St. Thomas More will be returned to St. Francis.

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#### Stewardship Awareness/Renewal Month Fulfilling God's Purpose

As we journey through November, we cannot help but reflect on being grateful for God's many gifts to us. Even during times of trial, God is there for us. We need simply call out to our Lord and Savior to guide us in the right path. Fr. Mike and Fr. Karl lead the way during our month of Stewardship Awareness/Renewal with their homilies this weekend.

I encourage each of you begin each day offering thanks to God for all that we are, and for all that we have. The prayer below is specifically for November, but can easily be prayed all year. Prayer is key to our lives being meaningful and productive. We are God's faithful servants. Prayer reminds us of that and keeps us centered in our faith. —*Chris* 

#### Gracious and Loving God,

as the autumn season continues its transformation; and the days become shorter, the earth cooler; as we anticipate joining family and friends in joyful celebration on Thanksgiving Day, we pause to give you thanks and praise for the abundant blessings you have bestowed upon us:

For life and health, safety and comfort, food and nourishment, we are sincerely grateful.

Through your Spirit, open our hearts so that we may be even better stewards of these rich and unmerited gifts.

Show us how to be a blessing for the poor, sick, lonely, and all who suffer.

And help us nurture the gift of faith, revealed to us by your Son, Jesus Christ, our greatest gift, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever, Amen.

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Perhaps this November we might allow Thanksgiving to permeate our lives for more than just a day. How about the entire month?

## News & Information from the Larger Church

**Diocese of San Diego Social Ministry Office New Website:** *www.socialministrysandiego.com.* Check it out and sign up for email notification of issues and events.

**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.

**Mental Health Conference**—Saturday, November 15, 8:30am-12:00noon, St. Michael Catholic Church, 15546 Pomerado Rd., Poway. The keynote speaker is Fr. Charles Sikorsky, president of the Institute for the Psychological Sciences. Free but registration is required. At *www.socialministrysandiego.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*.

**14th Annual Madre's Fiesta & Silent Auction**—Friday, November 21, 6:30pm, Sheraton Carlsbad Resort & Spa. Please join us to celebrate the life of Madre Antonia and to continue our support of her Works of Mercy. For more information, contact 619-292-8220 or *madresfiesta.org*.

**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*.

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

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

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#### 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.

## News from St. Francis Church

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**St. Francis School is our Parish School!**—Families from St. Thomas More are extended the same benefits and rewards as St. Francis Parishioners, including:

- Parishioner priority for enrollment at St. Francis School,
- Equal tuition rates,
- Financial aid opportunities, and
- Fundraising support.

**Thanksgiving Day Dinner for the Needy**—On Thursday, November 27, St. Francis will be holding Thanksgiving Day dinner for the poor and needy of Vista. Donations to this effort will be accepted after all English Masses at St. Francis during the weekends of November 15-16 and November 22-23. Please help! For more information, contact Mike Pritchard, Soup Kitchen Ministry, at 760-630-9575.

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- + 120+ People to coordinate all the details of our annual STM Gala including Happy Hour, Dinner, Raffles/Live/Silent Auctions, Wheel of Fortune, and Childcare.
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- + 20 "People-Persons" to facilitate our "Welcome Ministry" which introduces prospective members to the life and activities of our faith community.

- + 50+ People to make our Christmas Angel Program a success with collections for Solutions for Change homeless shelters in Vista, stockings for local families in need, children of Camp Pendleton families, infant items for Birth Choice, and more.
- Numerous Knights of Columbus to help cook, serve, and clean up Sunday Breakfasts and Friday Lenten Fish Dinners.
- Multiple Women's Guild Members:
  56 to facilitate Bake Sales,
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  40 to coordinate the annual Fashion Show,
  20 to coordinate Game Days.
- + **8** Women (or Men) to promote the work of Project Linus by making blankets for children who are undergoing physical or emotional difficulties.
- + Numerous Parishioners to help with the multiple tasks required to keep our very successful Treasures Rummage Sale an ongoing success!
- † Our Mortgage/Building Completion Fund is ongoing to pay for the \$6.6 million loan from the Knights of Columbus to build our permanent Church and Parish Offices.
- + We are encouraged to continue our giving patterns of support as the Church is built and beyond to make our \$45,000 monthly payments on our loan. With everyone's help, we can make this happen!
- + Know that 10% of your Mortgage/Building Completion Offering goes into a Parish Reserve Fund so that money will be available when major repairs are needed on all three buildings
- Your gifts to our operating budget are necessary to continue our current mission, as well as being able to move forward as we build out our campus

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It takes nearly 1,500 stewards to continue the mission and ministry of Jesus at STM!

### St. Thomas More Catholic Church Christian Stewardship Opportunities Response Form

The Mission of St. Thomas More Catholic Church is to: worship God, teach and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and serve God's people in word and deed.

Please take time to prayerfully review this form and select the area(s) that best fit your desire to serve.

#### If you are already serving, please mark your areas of ministry so we can make sure our records are correct.



- Make a heartfelt selection! Return this form:
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