

**SAINT
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MORE
CATHOLIC
CHURCH**

*November is
Christian Stewardship
Awareness Month*



*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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Please Join Us!
Thanksgiving Day Mass
Thursday, November 27
9:00am

**Our Lord Jesus Christ King, of the Universe
November 23, 2014**

Pastor's Column

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

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

We continue our journey through the month of November as we reflect upon Christian Stewardship, and reflect upon the meaning of the words, "Thank You."

Christian Stewardship is a way of living, living as Disciples of the Lord Jesus. Thus Christian Stewardship is, simply put, Discipleship.

Last weekend, at all our Eucharistic Celebrations, Caleb and Sheila McKinley gave their "witness talk" about their journey with the Lord Jesus. They focused, especially, upon what attracted them our Faith Community, and what motivates them to actively participate in the Parish.

Our "Thank You," to God and to one to another, reminds us of our interconnectedness, the web of relationship and community that gives meaning to life.

Christian Stewardship is not just about giving of time, talent, and treasure. It is also about receiving the gifts of time, talent, and treasure when the need arises in our lives.

This weekend at all the Masses, Chris Smith, our Director of Stewardship and Development, will speak at Announcement time as she informs our Parishioners about the various ministries of our Parish, and the number of people needed to fulfill these ministries as we continue the mission and ministry of Jesus.

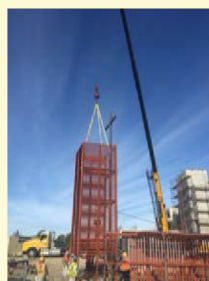
Chris will also share some other ways in which through Discipleship we can fulfill our responsibilities as Christian Stewards.

This information will, again, remind all of us of our dependence upon God and one another. We are a part of the web of relationships, of the interconnectedness that gives meaning to life and helps us to be at peace.

As we make our way through this month of Christian Stewardship, may all of us take more seriously, and say, more committedly, the words: "Thank You!"

F.R. Mike

**Placing
the cross
on the
tower
November 18**



Treasures Thank You

On behalf of the Parish and Finance Council, many thanks to the hard-working Treasures Rummage Sale team for netting \$10,223 in October. Special thanks to John Murphy, and all who donated, participated, and bought items to bring in this much money for the Parish! Your dedication to STM is very much appreciated!

—Fr. Mike

Facing a Hospital Stay?

If you or someone you know is planning a hospital stay or ends up in the hospital, marking the “Catholic” box on the registration form ensures that the Catholic Chaplain assigned to the hospital will know the patient is Catholic. You may also want to request a visit by the Catholic Chaplain. Most hospitals also have teams of ministers from local Parishes who bring Holy Communion to Catholic patients.

Facing Surgery or a Serious Illness?

If you, a family member or close friend is facing surgery or has been diagnosed with a serious illness, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick can be powerful and comforting.

For more information, call the Parish Office at 760-758-4100.

Want to Donate Online?

Our newly updated website has an online giving option! Go to www.stmoside.org and click on *Donations*, then *Sign Up for Electronic Offerings*.

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 first reading from Ezekiel, God says “I myself will look after and tend my sheep.” To do that, however, he utilizes priests, deacons, and vowed religious. Have you heard Him calling you to be His assistants? If you think so, explore the possibilities. Service to God’s people is not only a challenging vocation, it is also very rewarding. If you think you heard the call, contact Deacon Tom at thomasgoeltz@aol.com or 760-727-8442.

Welcome New Parishioners

Robert & Barbara Boucher
Herbert & Jacqueline Weston

Congratulations to

Bob & Glory Hartdegen

who celebrate their 36th wedding anniversary November 23.

Tom & Pat Hannon

who celebrate their 51st wedding anniversary November 27.

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 **Jane Grassilli** in memory of her husband, Leo Grassilli.



In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Josephine Nelson, who died on October 13. Her Funeral Mass was held in Illinois. Please keep her son Bob Nelson and her family in your prayers.

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

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 and look for the logo below 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.

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 23 (160)
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17
Psalm 23:1-3,5-6
1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28
Matthew 25:31-46

Monday, November 24 (503)
Andrew D ng-Lac, priest, martyr, and his companions, martyrs

Revelation 14:1-3,4b-5
Psalm 24:1b-4b,5-6,
Luke 21:1-4

Tuesday, November 25 (504)
Catherine of Alexandria, virgin, martyr

Revelation 14:14-19
Psalm 96:10-13
Luke 21:5-11

Wednesday, November 26 (505)

Revelation 15:1-4
Psalm 98:1-3b,7-9
Luke 21:12-19

Thursday, November 27 (506)

Thanksgiving
Zephaniah 3:14-15
Psalm 113:1-8
Colossians 3:12-17
Matthew 7:7-11

Friday, November 28 (507)

Revelation 20:1-4,11-21:2
Psalm 84:3-6a,8a
Luke 21:29-33

Saturday, November 29 (508)

Revelation 22:1-7
Psalm 95:1-7b
Luke 21:34-36

Sunday, November 30 (2)

First Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 63:16b-17,19b;64:2-7
Psalm 80:2-3,15-16,18-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Matthew 13:33-37

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
Tony Calderone
Shelby Campbell
Brienne Campos
Aria Cappeluti
The Vaughn Clevenger Family
Dolly Cole
Carl & Dorothy Coleman
James Coleman
Megan Connolly
Steven Cresencia
Len  Crowe
Luisa Curci
Karen Flaharty Daley
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 Ey
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
Wendy Gonzales' Dad
Rick Gonzalez
Dave Greig
George Gritt
Luke Guenst
The Hagen Family
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 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
Mike Lavis
Brandon LeBlanc
Jeremiah Lemus
David Leu 
The Paul Leu  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
The Nelson Family
Richard Obsitnik
Fred Oey
Bernadette Padovan
Ethan Palm
The Peveri Family
Helen Pingtella
Perry Postulka
The Joe Prokop Family
Bettie Provinse
Harvey Raiman
Barbara Ramm
Evelyn Richards
Jan Riley
Connie Ringel
Rita Ritchie
Ann Roberds
Lily Robinson
Maria Rogers
The Rouse Family
The Russo Family
Rachel Sainc
Cindy Sanelli
Linda Schmitt
Joan Shea
Elizabeth Shirzad
Nick Soltau
Darek, Vanessa, & Elba Spizewski
Patricia St. Pierre
Sybil Staples
Mike Sterling
Pete Sullivan
Julie Teare
Tommy & Ginger Thompson
Sarah Tillinghast
William Tompson
Stephen Toth, Jr.
Olivia Trejo
The Trejo/Beltran Family
The Trejo/Maldonado/Uribe Family
Barbara Upson
The Vasquez Family
Martin Vertson
Lucy Vienna
Vanessa Vitiello
Wilson Wanner
Kevin Watson-Graff
Jerry Wechsler
John Whitton
Patricia Zavala
Jeanne Zeltner

Calendar Highlights

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

- 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
- 2015**
- Jan 4 Twelfth Night Choral Festival
 - Jan 18 Celebration of Fr. Mike's 40th Anniversary of Ordination
 - Jan 24 Women's Prayer Breakfast
 - Jan 25 Spirited Seniors: *The Lion in Winter* at Avo Theatre
 - Mar 1 New Member Reception
 - May 1 STM Gala
 - May 17 Towers of Faith Reception
 - Jun 13-15 Parish Campout
 - Jun 22-26 Vacation Bible Camp

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 24
Sr. Mary Leonita Metoyer, RSM
November 25
Sr. Juanita Mary Meyer, CSJ
November 26
Sr. Bertha Meza, SJS
November 27
Sr. Marilupe Mier y Teran, HMSS
November 28
Sr. C. Rose Miles, SFCC
November 29
Sr. M. Imelda Mission, MC
November 30
Sr. Theresa Monroe, RSCJ

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 22, 5:00pm Deceased members of the Tutino & Lavelle Families �
Sunday, November 23, 8:30am Ethel Vanderhagen �
Sunday, November 23, 10:30am Mari-Jo Porter & Joseph Immerso �
Monday, November 24, 8:15am Johnny Mills
Tuesday, November 25, 8:15am Tony McCloskey �
Wednesday, November 26, 8:15am Elito De Guzman �
Thursday, November 27, 9:00am Tom & Pat Hannon
Friday, November 28, 8:15am J.C. Gonzalez �
Saturday, November 29, 5:00pm Lorraine Kauffman �
Sunday, November 30, 8:30am Kathy Salter �
Sunday, November 30, 10:30am Rosary Leone �

Social Ministries & Outreach

Pies. Pies. Pies.

Thanksgiving Day is almost here. If you would like to spread the holiday cheer to the poor and homeless, please bring a fresh baked pumpkin or apple pie to the Parish Office on Wednesday, November 26, before 12:00noon, and we will deliver them to Brother Benno's for their Thanksgiving Day Feast for those in need.

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

"Do you hear bells ringing?"

ALL of our Camp Pendleton Families have been adopted!!!

Thank you to all who have been participating in the Christmas Angel Ministry. Just a reminder that gifts are due back by December 1 (Camp Pendleton Families by December 14) Gift cards are available through the Scrip Program—what could be easier? If you have any questions please contact Lisa Seufert 760-716-0977 or leprechaun81@sbcglobal.net.

St. Bonaventure Clothing Drive

Thanks to your very wonderful generosity, our annual clothing drive was extremely successful, necessitating the rental of a second truck. Unfortunately, this left us several hundred dollars short in funds. If you would like to help, please contact Deacon Tom at 760-727-8442 or contact the Parish Office. Thank you and God bless.

Tax Receipts—Some of the tax receipts given during the clothing drive may have had last year's date on them. Please check your receipt and if it is misdated, contact Deacon Tom at 760-727-8442 or the Parish Office, and we will replace the ones in error.

Christmas Cards on the Plaza

Visit the Knights of Columbus table after each of the Masses to purchase boxed Christmas Cards, "Keep Christ in Christmas" car magnets, and stickers. For more information please contact Hector Tusei at 760-630-4770.

A Closer Look Tour

You are invited to take *A Closer Look* tour of our church under construction with Brian Leahey, our Director of Construction, in between the morning Masses each Sunday. Hard hats will be provided and participants with reservations should meet behind the Information Table on the plaza by the fence at 9:50am. Tours will conclude in time for the 10:30am Mass. To reserve your spot, please contact Chris Smith at chriss@stmoside.org or 760-758-4100 x120.

Marriage & Family Life

Moms & Kids—Moms! The Moms and Kids ministry meets at local parks a couple of times per month. 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—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: Parents—First Evangelizers—“Not only do parents present their children for Baptism, but, having done so, they become the first evangelizers and teachers of the faith. They evangelize by teaching their children to pray and by praying with them. They bring their children to Mass and teach them biblical stories. They show them how to obey God's commandments and to live a Christian life of holiness.” 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—For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me (Mt 25:35-36). Which of these works of mercy do you already do? As a couple?

Parenting Pointers—(Thanksgiving is this week.) For most families Thanksgiving is a time to reconnect. It's also a time when in-laws often mix. Your children benefit from a healthy extended family. Seek to know at least one extended family member better next Thanksgiving weekend. Don't fight. Bite your tongue if you must. Can you find anything positive to say about a black sheep in your family? Do it for the sake of your child.

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

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

Parish Events

Attention Men!

Year three of “That Man is You!—The Revelation of the Father” continues on November 29 with the topic *Weeds in Pastoral 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

We very much enjoyed the beautiful dramatic reading of our dear Gloria Price-Williams at our last meeting. Thank you Gloria for sharing your talent with us.

Last weekend 113 of us spent four hours of just plain fun, playing games, meeting old friends, sharing lunch, winning the many door prizes and opportunity baskets, especially the grand prize drawing of \$100. If you didn’t make it this year you missed a great time, so plan on attending next year. We are happy to announce a profit of \$2270 which will go to the Church Mortgage/Building Completion Fund. Thank you Marcy Bernier and committee members for an awesome day.

This is the week all Parishioners should be getting a letter in the mail from us explaining how you can be included in the annual Christmas raffle. Because of the short turnaround time, please respond as soon as possible so you won’t miss out. The drawing will be on Sunday, December 14, after the 10:30am Mass on the plaza. If you want more tickets or didn’t get a mailing, they will be available in the Parish Office during the week or call Ann Buko at 760-726-8831. A donation of \$10 for 11 chances and \$20 for 22 chances is suggested but not required. The odds of your ticket being chosen are very good!

Don’t forget, membership in the Women’s Guild is open all year long. If you spend time alone on the second Monday of the month or can join us on a Saturday once in a while to play games, attend our fashion show, dress up for our Crazy Hat Tea or enjoy our year-end luncheon at Shadowridge Country Club, join us. We offer a half day of prayer during Lent to enrich our spiritual life as well as pray for the health and needs of our members at each meeting. We are here for those who have spent years giving of themselves to the church and other life work. Let us minister to you for a change. —*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.

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

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.

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
Olive Trees in 7-foot boxes (10) 9 available	\$1,400/each
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 (1,000) 824 available	\$300/person
Daily Mass Chapel and Choir Chairs (200) 128 available	\$300/each

11/18/14

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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THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK

*by Charles A. Bobertz,
excerpted from the
2015 Sourcebook for
Sundays, Seasons, and
Weekdays,
with permission.*

The primary evangelist for Year B (which begins next week with the First Sunday of Advent) is Mark. As with our other Gospel accounts, the earliest extant manuscripts of the Gospel according to Mark are anonymous and date from the fourth century after Christ. The earliest Christian legend that a Christian named Mark (see Col 4:10; Acts 12:12) wrote Mark's Gospel account comes to us from a second century bishop of Hierapolis in Asia Minor, Papias, who tells us Mark was the interpreter of Peter. Scholars disagree on what Papias might have meant by "interpreter" and therefore disagree on how closely the Gospel stories in Mark are related to Peter's teaching. In addition, it is reasonable to conclude that Mark did have other written sources. He may well have

had a written account of the Passion as well as originally independent groups of stories, such as the five controversy stories that run from 2:1 to 3:6. Recent scholarship suggests it is not possible to determine how much Mark edited these earlier sources to fit his own purpose in writing his Gospel.

The original audience for Mark was probably living outside of the Holy Land in a place that was largely populated by non-Jews. We know this because Mark, in some places, appears to be confused about the geography of Palestine (see 5:1 and 7:31) and indicates that his audience would not be familiar with Jewish customs (7:4). He also at times translates Aramaic terms into Greek for his Greek speaking audience (5:41; 15:34).



Matthew 25:44

The date of the Gospel according to Mark depends largely on how one understands Jesus's prediction of the fall of the Jerusalem Temple to the Romans in 70 AD. Those who believe this prediction was created by Mark and not actually spoken by Jesus understand this verse to refer to the actual destruction of the Temple in 70 AD. Thus the Gospel must have been after that date yet early enough to have become a primary source for the other two synoptic Gospel accounts, Matthew and Luke, written some time in the two decades following Mark. Scholars who argue that it is not unlikely that Jesus himself would have made such a prediction about the fall of the Temple often date the Gospel according to Mark to around 60-70 AD and even more precisely to the probable time of Peter's death in Rome under the Emperor Nero (c. 64 AD).

It is best to understand Mark not as giving us information about the life of Jesus or as a source of Peter's teaching but rather as a Gospel created by an independent and fascinating theologian who crafted the story of Jesus to communicate deep theological insight about Christian life in Christ. How Mark does this is to take us deep into an understanding of the two primary sacraments of the earliest Christian Churches: the immersion in water known as Baptism and the sacred meal known as the Lord's Supper.

Upcoming Music



NOVEMBER 30
1st Sunday of Advent



5:00pm
Cantor & Congregation

8:30am
Praise Team

10:30am
Tower Bells

SING WITH PRAISE TEAM CHRISTMAS EVE 2014

All Students Grd. 6-12.
Three Rehearsals.
Wednesdays 7:15-8:15p
December 3, 10 & 17.

One Night.
Christmas Eve, 4:15 p. Mass

All will sing out
GLORY TO GOD



JOLEENS@STMOSIDE.ORG 4 more info

Contact

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

Check Your Calendar

REACH Meets

December 7 and 14

High School

Genesis

GRADES 1-5

YOUNG ADULT

EDGE

Expecting? Why not schedule your Baptismal appointment today before the arrival of your little one? Contact the Faith Formation Office or debbief@stmoside.org for more information.



Adult Faith Formation

COMING SOON!

HOLY FAMILY ADVENT WORKSHOP

Saturday, November 29

For more information or to register, please contact Jen Frost at jenf@stmoside.org.

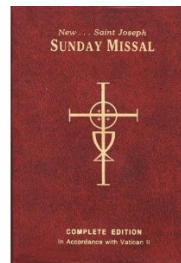


Little Books for Advent

and Sunday Missals

ARE AVAILABLE

PICK YOURS UP TODAY!!



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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 tithes 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 15/16, 2014

Number of Registered Households		1,137
Offertory*	\$	8,795.50
Offertory (Loose Collection)		881.00
Children's envelopes		0.00
Total	\$	9,676.50

Monthly Mortgage Payment: \$44,806

Mortgage/Building Completion Fund

	Income	Payment
September 2014	\$40,777	\$15,664
October 2014	\$38,989	\$44,806

Our first mortgage payment was interest only.

The mortgage took effect on September 15.

It is important to note that neither our income in September or October was enough to cover our usual monthly payment of \$44,806.21.

It is critically important that there is an increase in Parishioner participation in the Mortgage/Building Completion Fund.

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We are Called to Serve ~ Fulfilling God's Purpose Stewardship Awareness/Renewal Month

Christmas Angels

All are welcome to join this fun ministry! Help is needed before and after all the Masses, and especially the 10:30am Mass on Sundays. Help is also needed for gift sorting and deliveries. Contact Lisa Seufert:

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We are looking for Eucharistic Ministers to provide communion to residents at four of our local retirement communities. This is a most rewarding ministry, treasured by the residents and Eucharistic Ministers as well. Training is provided.

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Contact Mina Bell: minabell1@hotmail.com or 760-295-7840.

As we journey through life, we are reminded that we are stewards of God's many and diverse gifts to us.

Food for the journey ~

"We are not Human Beings having a Spiritual Experience.
We are Spiritual Beings having a Human Experience."

—Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

News & Information from the Larger Church

World Meeting of Families 2015—September 22-25, 2015 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This event, which seeks to explore the critical role the family plays in society and to give families opportunities to talk about the challenges and blessings that all families have, was started by St. John Paul II, hailed as the Pope of the Family, is sponsored by the Holy See's Pontifical Council for the Family and is held every third year somewhere in the world. This will be the first time that the World Meeting of Families will be held in the United States! There is much excitement about the recent confirmation that Pope Francis will be joining us in Philadelphia. For more information and to register, visit www.worldmeeting2015.org.

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.

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

Dear Fr. Anthony,

Please find enclosed our check from the Diocese of San Diego in the amount of \$4,834.41 from donations given as a result of the Diocese of Dindigul participating in the 2014 Missionary Cooperation Plan. Praise God!

We are grateful for the generous support and hospitality of our people in the Parish of St. Thomas More in Oceanside. We are appreciative to Fr. Michael Ratajczak for the hospitality extended. I do ask that he convey our appreciation to the Parishioners for their generosity.

Please, on behalf of our Missions Office, we are grateful to you for sharing the story of your missionary diocese. Your message evidently touched the hearts of the Parishioners. It is our privilege to mutually cooperate with your local church to enhance the growth and stability of our mission dioceses. We work together for the good of each other.

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Joseph A. Miller, SVD, Director
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Collection for National Needs

The month of November has been designated for the Collection for National Needs, which supports the Black and Indian Missions, the Catholic Home Missions, the Catholic Communications Campaign, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, and the Catholic University of America. The envelopes attached to the bulletin may be returned any time during November. Thank you for your generosity!

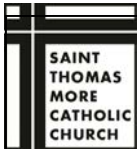
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*Andrea Sweeney
Script*



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*Craig Castle
Tower Bells*



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*Andy Frost,
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Being involved has given me a place where I can be with amazing moms all doing their best to raise their kids in the Catholic faith!

*Stacey Espe
Moms & Kids*

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace. 1 Peter 4:10

**We invite you to the celebration of the
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