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CHURCH

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

✝ Spirituality
✝ Tradition
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Mass Schedule

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

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday, 4:00-4:30pm

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**Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
Monday, December 8
Masses at 8:15am and 7:00pm

Join Us!

Second Sunday of Advent December 7, 2014

Pastor's Column

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Immigration and Undocumented Immigrants

We have a broken immigration policy in this country, and it has been broken for years. Unfortunately, both political parties have, as they do with so many issues, simply played political football with immigration.

Not concerned about finding compromise for the well-being of our country, they have responded to the issue only in ways that they hope will advance their own standing, not only in the present but in future elections.

Time passes and nothing is accomplished!

Recently President Obama issued a Presidential Order or Directive that will affect millions of undocumented immigrants in this country. Hopefully, this directive will “stir the pot,” that it will be an incentive for all the political parties to sit down together and pass compromise legislation that will begin to mend a broken system.

Enclosed in today’s Bulletin you will find the comments of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) regarding the actions taken by President Obama.

This recent focus on immigration has given me some pause for thought, and I wanted to share some of my personal views.

First of all, I want to say that I am in agreement with the recent comments of Jeb Bush, former Governor of Florida, as he addressed the issue: “There are means by which we can control our border better than we have. And there should be penalties for breaking the law...the way I look at this is someone who comes to our country because they couldn’t come legally, they come to our country because their families—the dad who loved their children—was worried that their children didn’t have food on the table. And they wanted to make sure their family was intact, and they crossed the border because they had no other means to work to be able to provide for their family. Yes, they broke the law, but it’s not a felony. It’s an act of love. It’s an act of commitment to your family. I honestly think that that is a different kind of crime. That there should be a price paid, but it shouldn’t rile people up that people are actually coming to this country to provide for their families.”

Oftentimes when talking to people about undocumented immigrants, people will say, “Well, the Polish, or the Irish, or the Italians, they followed the laws. They didn’t break the law.”

In those comments, there seems, to me, to be an inherent prejudice against Hispanic people, specifically Mexicans and Central Americans. As if there is something in their character or personality or in their “genes” that makes it easier for them to break the law than for other ethnic groups.

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Well, it is very difficult to come into this country illegally if you have to cross an ocean, and come through some very specific ports. It is much easier to cross a porous 2,000 mile border that is relatively close by.

If Mexico was instead called Poland, or Ireland, or Italy, we would not be dealing with the "Mexican Problem." We would be dealing with the "Polish Problem" or the "Irish Problem" or the "Italian Problem."

The inherent "problem" is human. No matter the race or ethnic group, if people are hungry and trying to make a better life, they will find ways to do so. Borders do not mean much to people who are suffering, hurting, and hungry.

Although not in the same numbers, there are many undocumented Polish, Irish, Italian, and Canadian people and others. They come into this country on visas, and then just stay after the visas have expired. We do not hear much about them...

Undocumented immigration is a very complex problem, but we do have the where-with-all as a nation to address this situation and find just solutions. We can if we choose to do so!

Fr. Mike

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

Vocations

This Advent Season is a wonderful time for prayer and awaiting the arrival of the Christ Child. While you are doing that, if you feel you might be being called to the priesthood, permanent diaconate, or life as a vowed religious, explore the possibilities. Contact Deacon Tom at thonasgoeltz@aol.com or 760-727-8442. Serving God and His people in one of these vocations may be one of God's greatest gifts to you.

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.

Announcing the Baptism of

Van Andrews Phinney
on November 29

Our Christian community welcomes you with great joy!



Congratulations to

Tony Korwin & Kathleen Aviña

who celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary November 23.

Richard & Siggie Ogan

who celebrated their 46th wedding anniversary December 6.

Daryl & Trish Resplendor

who celebrate their 2nd wedding anniversary December 12.

May God continue to bless your marriage, and may you be an inspiration to other married couples.

In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Mary Louise Kranz, who died on November 23. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, December 12, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep 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 B; Weekday Year I
 Readings online at www.usccb.org.

Sunday, December 7(5)
Second Sunday of Advent
 Isaiah 40:1-5,1-11
 Psalm 85:9-14
 2 Peter 3:8-14
 Mark 1:1-8

Monday, December 8 (689)
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Genesis 3:9-15,20
 Psalm 98:1-4
 Ephesians 1:3-6
 Luke 1:26-38

Tuesday, December 9 (182)
Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin
 Isaiah 40:1-11
 Psalm 96:1-3,10ac,11-13
 Matthew 18:12-14

Wednesday, December 10 (183)
 Isaiah 40:25-31
 Psalm 103:1-4,8,10
 Matthew 11:28-30

Thursday, December 11 (184)
Damasus I, pope
 Isaiah 41:13-20
 Psalm 145:1,9-13b
 Matthew 11:11-15

Friday, December 12 (690A)
Our Lady of Guadalupe
 Zechariah 2:14-17 or Revelation 11:19a;12:1-6a,10ab
 Judith 13:18bcde,19 (Psalm)
 Luke 1:26-38 or Luke 1:39-47

Saturday, December 13 (186)
Lucy, virgin, martyr
 Sirach 48:1-4,9-11
 Psalm 80:2-3,15-16,18-19
 Matthew 17:9a,10-13

Sunday, December 14(8)
Third Sunday of Advent
 Isaiah 61:1-2a,10-11
 Luke 1:46-50,53-54 (Psalm)
 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
 John 1:6-8,19-28

Mass Intentions
Saturday, December 6, 5:00pm Nick Angelucci Sr. ☩
Sunday, December 7, 8:30am Al Dragula ☩
Sunday, December 7, 10:30am Jacinto Mangahas ☩
Monday, December 8, 8:15am Mike Hoover ☩
Monday, December 8, 7:00pm Mike Ayub Sr. ☩
Tuesday, December 9, 8:15am David Parks
Wednesday, December 10, 8:15am Carmela Kane
Thursday, December 11, 8:15am Sen Lew
Friday, December 12, 8:15am Tim Riley ☩
Saturday, December 13, 5:00pm Gloria Bacca ☩
Sunday, December 14, 8:30am Elizabeth Asbra ☩
Sunday, December 14, 10:30am Mari-Jo Porter & Joseph Immerso ☩

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

Changa Aguilera
 Ernie Aichele
 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
 Benjamin Bull
 Tony Calderone
 Shelby Campbell
 Brianne Campos
 Aria Cappeluti
 The Vaughn Clevenger Family
 Dolly Cole
 Carl & Dorothy Coleman
 James Coleman
 Megan Connolly
 Steven Cresencia
 Lené Crowe
 Luisa Curci
 Karen Flaharty Daley
 Beverly de Gelder
 Nick Del Sesto
 Hugo Delgado, Jr.
 Christine DeSantis
 Cecilia DeSimone
 Carole Dillon
 Edward Dolnik
 Art & Dave Dossman
 Bill Draper
 John Draskowski, Jr.
 La Vonne Dumas
 Jerome Elbacha
 Carolyn Erickson Ey
 The Esch Family
 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
 Jack & Marge Gillen
 Wendy Gonzales' Dad
 Rick Gonzalez
 The Greig Family
 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
 Samara Hook
 Susan Hori
 Mary Ann Houser
 Tina Hunter
 Iolanda Iacobelli
 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
 The Kranz Family
 Helen Kuhn
 Lillian Lachance
 The Lamelin 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
 June Montgomery
 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
 Barbara Ramm
 Evelyn Richards
 Jan Riley
 Connie Ringel
 Rita Ritchie
 Ann Roberts
 Lily Robinson
 Terri Rocha
 Maria Rogers
 The Russo Family
 Rachel Sainc
 Cindy Sanelli
 Linda Schmidt
 Joan Shea
 Elizabeth Shirzad
 Nick SoItau
 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

Service at 4:00pm

Dec 7 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass

Dec 8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Masses at 8:15am and 7:00pm

Dec 8 Women's Guild Luncheon

Dec 11 Spirited Seniors Winter Luncheon

Dec 14 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass

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 12-14 Parish Campout

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.

December 8 Sr. Rosemary Nicholson, RJM
December 9 Sr. Ma. Esther Nunez, SJS
December 10 Sr. Frances Obrovac, FSP
December 11 Sr. Anne O'Connor, CSN
December 12 Sr. LaVern Olberding, OSF
December 13 Sr. Francisca Olvera, OLVM
December 14 Sr. Ramona Oppenheim, MM

Social Ministries & Outreach

Christmas Angel Ministry—Angels Are Singing!

The Christmas Angel Ministry filled gift “stockings” for 170 children from birth to teens for Catholic Charities this weekend with your help! Also, approximately 300 children and families from our local Solutions for Change will have a brighter Christmas thanks to the “Angels” of St. Thomas More! Your gifts are greatly appreciated. Additionally, 50 families total from Camp Pendleton have been touched by your kindness. Please be sure to drop your Camp Pendleton Family gifts off this week by Sunday, December 14.

As we prepare for the coming of the infant Jesus, we will be hanging “crown” ornaments on the tree for baby gifts benefitting Birth Choice. These gifts will be brought to Mass the weekend of January 3-4 when we celebrate the Epiphany. Just as the three kings brought gifts to the infant in the manger, we too will be bearing gifts for infants in need. If you have any questions, please contact:

Lisa Seufert at leprechaun81@sbcglobal.net or 760-716-0977.

Brother Benno's

Your generosity in baking pies for the Thanksgiving Feast was appreciated. It topped off a wonderful meal for those in need. Our good neighbor Ralph's Grocery Store was also kind in providing trays to safely transport your wonderful pies.

Thank You!

For Voting— “Although the overall voter turnout for this midterm election was low, San Diego's turnout rate of 33% (that's over half-million) was above average for the state. SDOP (San Diego Organizing Project) is proud of our hardworking team of 400+ volunteers who worked for weeks to get out the vote!” — *Kevin Malone, Executive Director of SDOP*

For Supporting Prop 47: The Safe Neighborhoods Act— Thanks, too, to those of you who followed the recommendation of the California Catholic Conference of Catholic Bishops to vote in favor of Prop 47. “California is the first state in the nation to end felony sentencing for non-serious and nonviolent crimes such as drug possession. In doing so, we will permanently reduce incarceration, shift over \$100 million in the first year from state correction to K-12 school programs, victim services, as well as mental health support and drug treatment. This morning we woke up in a new California, in a land that believes in redemption and on a coast that shines a ray of hope to the country that mass incarceration can be reversed and replaced with restorative justice.” — *Corey Timpson, PICO California Director (People Improving Communities through Organizing)*

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 chris@stmoside.org or 760-758-4100 x120.

Marriage & Family Life

Moms & Kids—Moms! Are you a mom with infant thru school age children wanting to meet other moms in our Parish? Want to find a great way to meet friends for both you and your children? Join our dynamic and energetic Moms and Kids ministry December 15, at South Buena Vista Park (Shadowridge area). There are many other events throughout the month posted on our private Facebook page. Join us! Contact Jen Abelson at jen.abelson@gmail.com.



World Meeting of Families 2015—Saint John Paul II, hailed as the Pope of the Family, created the World Meeting of Families in 1994 in Rome 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. This event takes place every three years and is sponsored by the Holy See's Pontifical Council for the Family. This will be the first time that the World Meeting of Families (WMOF) will be held in the United States! The World Meeting 2015 is being held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, September 22 and conclude on the weekend of September 26-27 with the visit of Pope Francis.

For more information and to register, go to WWW.WORLDMEETING2015.ORG.

Promoting Life, Liberty, and Religious Freedom—Pray for Life, Marriage, and Religious Liberty—Join the Movement. Visit www.usccb.org/fast to sign the fasting pledge and to sign up for weekly e-mail reminders and intentions, or text “Fast” to 99000 to receive weekly text messages.

Bishop's Letter on Marriage—Marriage: Love and Life In The Divine Plan: Marriage in the Church— “As a vocation, or call from God, marriage has a public and ecclesial status within the Church. Catholic spouses ordinarily exchange marital consent within a church setting, before a priest or deacon. The living-out of marriage takes place within the whole Body of Christ, which it serves and in which it finds nourishment.” 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—December 8 is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception—an angel, Mary, a life changing message. It's almost too surreal to believe. What's our take away? Ponder the angel's greeting to Mary, “Do not be afraid.” What do my beloved and I worry about? Remember: “Nothing is impossible for God.”

Parenting Pointers—December 12 is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe—Patroness of the Americas. Tell your children the story of Juan Diego. One thing that is important about Mary's appearance is that she took on the look of this Mexican peasant. How do I think Mary would look if she appeared to me today?

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” will resume mid-January. For more information, contact Deacon John at 760-758-4100 x104 or johnf@stmoside.org.

Knightly News

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.

BBQ!

The Knights of Columbus is having a BBQ (Hot Dogs, Chips and Drink) on the Plaza after the 10:30am Mass on December 7 and December 14. Stop by and get your Chargers Tailgating treats and support your church and local charities.

Chargers Kick-off time on December 7 is 5:30pm PST against the Patriots. Chargers Kick-off Time on December 14 is 1:05pm PST against the Broncos.

Women’s Guild News

Last chance for two important deadlines! If you haven’t made your reservations for the Women’s Guild Luncheon meeting this Monday December 8, where we have planned a beautiful presentation of Advent in Sweden with its lore, its decorations, and best of all, authentic Swedish food of many varieties, do it NOW! There will be individual decorating of Swedish cookies, while talking about St. Bridget of Sweden, their patron saint; and Santa Lucia who is celebrated during Advent, wearing her crown of four candles. You won’t want to miss it. Contact Vera Bayliss if you haven’t already done so. Today is your very last chance to call or e-mail her at 760-295-4100, or vbayliss@cox.net. Lunch is still only \$10...and we’ll still have our door prizes and raffle—**Come!**

The other deadline is for the Christmas drawing of \$500, \$300, and \$200 next Sunday, December 14, after 10:30am Mass on the plaza. One of those chosen stubs could be yours if you send them in (perforated from the ticket) in the envelope addressed to us, with a donation if you are able, before December. 12. The suggested donation of \$10 per sheet goes to the Church in our annual donation. Come, be part of our Advent support for our church. Send in those stubs! Winners will be notified immediately and announced in the bulletin the following week. Thank you for your generosity.

Peace be with you and our world. May your Advent be a joy-filled experience. —*Ann Buko, president*

Thank You!

Dear Friends,

The family of Bill Draper thanks you for all your prayers and well-wishes on our behalf. —*Love, Betsy*

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) 8 available	\$1,400/each
Audio Visual Systems	
Sound and Video Mixing Board	\$12,000
Video Screen (Motorized 21-foot)	\$9,000
Sound System Base Speaker	\$8,000
Sound System Cabling	\$5,000
Microphone System	\$4,000
Overflow Parking Lot Mulch	\$3,500
Pew Seating for the Church (1,000) 821 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*

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GRATIA PLENA, AND GRATITUDE

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What is gratitude? It's been on my mind a lot recently. It's on my mind everyday, actually, because in addition to teaching, a big part of my job is showing gratitude. In my role as director of advancement, I have the privilege of thanking benefactors.

For most moderns, gratitude involves an expression of thanks – heartfelt thanks, to be sure, but basically thanks. But of late I realized that mere “thanks” wasn't sufficient for what I wanted to communicate to some people who had been of extraordinary service to me and the school. I thought I'd do a little digging into the word “gratitude” to see what I could find, thinking the concept might have more meaning than our watery contemporary usage.

The word can be traced to the Latin gratia. And gratia, of course, carries a rich meaning. Gratia is what we translate as “grace,” and grace is the outpouring of God's life into our life. In the words of Boston College professor Fr. Michael Himes: Grace is the “name for the self-gift of God outside the Trinity....” Grace is the love of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit spilling out into the world.

Hearing gratia, you might recall the opening words of the Ave Maria: “Ave Maria, gratia plena....” Gratia: Mary is filled with grace. Traditional interpretations of Mary's gratia hold that Mary is filled with God's favor, but might we also introduce the notion of gratitude? Perhaps that's one way to understand why Mary was chosen: not primarily because she was holy, but because she was thankful; or perhaps she was holy because she was thankful. In her thankfulness, she reflected the Trinitarian love.

It makes me wonder whether this is the message for us: that thankfulness leads to holiness. Gratitude nourishes faith. If I am thankful, not here and there, not on occasion, but rather at the core of my being; if my stance toward the world is fundamentally characterized by the recognition that the totality of my life and experience is entirely a gift, how could I avoid being joyful? If we all did this, how could we remain trapped in patterns of covetousness?

I don't know the mathematics of grace and holiness. I do know, however, that gratitude is inseparable from God, from faith, from discipleship. It becomes even



Mark 1:8

more evident when we consider the heart of the whole Christian project: “Eucharist” means thanksgiving. The Eucharist is fundamentally a meal of gratitude. The night before he's crucified, Christ gives thanks. In the worst of circumstances, Christ carries an attitude of appreciation.

On one level this might strike us as impossible, maybe even absurd. But this may very well be one of those moments where what appears to us as foolish might be most wise. It might be the case that Christ is showing us the way out, or the way through, darkness. Paradoxically, in the hour when we seemingly have nothing to be thankful for, that's when thankfulness is most needed. Thankfulness, gratitude, gratia, grace: now and at the hour of our death, Amen.

Upcoming Music



DECEMBER 8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary



8:15am

Cantor and
 Congregation

7:00pm

Praise Team



DECEMBER 14 3rd Sunday of Advent



5:00pm


Tower Bells

8:30am

Sanctuary Choir

10:30am

Praise Team



The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday, December 8

Masses at
 8:15am and 7:00pm

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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Youth Advocate
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Debbie Fredette
Director of Faith Formation
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Family Faith Formation

Today is a REACH Sunday!
High School EDGEM
YOUNG ADULT
Genesis GRADES 1-5
Next Week Too!

Expecting ??



Why not schedule your Baptismal appointment today before the arrival of your little one? Please contact the Faith Formation Office at 760-758-4100 x110 or debbief@stmoside.org for more information.

PBJ Update

Food for Children at the Emergency Crisis Center

2014 GOAL: 365 pounds
Collected to date: 552 pounds
WE HAD A RECORD MONTH!!

Thanks to all who donated!



Adult Faith Formation

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Part 2



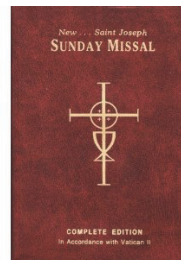
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- ◆ BE SURE TO COMPLETE all gifts by December 31 to qualify for tax savings on this year's tax return. **Advance planning with the Parish Office is essential, since the office will be closed from Monday, December 22 and will reopen on Monday, January 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 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:

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Collection for Thanksgiving Day

Number of Registered Households		1,135
Offertory*	\$	886.00
Offertory (Loose Collection)		278.00
Children's envelopes		0.00
Total	\$	1,164.00

Collection for Week of November 29/30, 2014

Number of Registered Households		1,135
Offertory*	\$	5,039.92
Offertory (Loose Collection)		757.00
Children's envelopes		0.00
Total	\$	5,796.92

"Did You Know " Collection November 2014
\$27,146.00

Monthly Mortgage Payment: \$44,806

Mortgage/Building Completion Fund

	Income	Payment
September 2014	\$40,777	\$15,664*
October 2014	\$38,989	\$44,806
November 2014	\$43,226	\$44,806

November "Memorial Items Donations": \$36,165

**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, October, nor November 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.

Please support the Mortgage/Building Completion Fund!

A CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP PRAYER for December

Lord,

As we journey through this Advent season, give us the wisdom to be good stewards of this time of grace, a time to be more prayerful, to listen more intently to Your Word; a time to allow our faith to grow and mature.

Show us how to give witness to your Good News more fervently among our families, friends, and those with whom we worship.

Help us be more aware of those who are poor, lonely or suffering; and to serve them as if we were serving You.

And fill our hearts with hope, so that we may make straight Your path with confidence and zeal, and prepare for the joy of Your coming!

We pray this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

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*Assuredly,
 during Advent we anticipate
 the Lord's coming with hope.*

News & Information from the Larger Church

Advent Reconciliation Services at Local Parishes

Date	Time	Parish
Tue, Dec. 9	7:00pm	St. James/St. Leo, Solana Beach
Wed, Dec. 10	7:00pm	St. Patrick, Carlsbad
Thu, Dec. 11	6:30pm	St. James/St. Leo, Solana Beach
Mon, Dec. 15	6:30pm	St. Mark, San Marcos
Tue, Dec. 16	7:00pm	Nativity, Fairbanks Ranch
Wed, Dec. 17	7:00pm	St. John the Evangelist, Encinitas
Thu, Dec. 18	6:00pm	St. Peter the Apostle, Fallbrook

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.

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

Annual Casa de Molina Party for Children—Saturday, December 13. Parishioner Vicky Molina and her family host this annual party to benefit underprivileged children, providing gifts. If you would like to help by providing gifts or funds, please contact Vicky at mother5@cox.net.

Annual Christmas Concert in Rancho Bernardo—Sunday, December 14, 4:00pm, San Rafael Parish, 17252 Bernardo Center Dr., San Diego. For more information, contact Therese Bulat at 858-487-4314 x1225.

Lessons and Carols Concert at Mission San Luis Rey—Sunday, December 21, 2:30pm, Mission San Luis Rey, 4050 Mission Ave., Oceanside. Presented by the choirs of Mission San Luis Rey and St. Mary Star of the Sea.

Pax Christi San Diego Chapter—Pax Christi USA (Peace in Christ) is a national Catholic peace and justice movement. You are invited to an information meeting on Monday, January 12, 6:30-7:30pm, St. James Church, 625 S. Nardo, Ave., Solana Beach, to learn more. For more details, contact Christy at christybohan@cox.net.

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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November 20, 2014

**Action keeps families together and protects children
Migrants are brothers and sisters to be welcomed, respected and loved
Congress and President must work together for permanent reforms**

WASHINGTON—Bishop Eusebio Elizondo, M.Sp.S., auxiliary bishop of Seattle and chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Committee on Migration, welcomed the news today that the Obama administration will defer deportations for many undocumented immigrants and their families.

“We have a long history of welcoming and aiding the poor, the outcast, the immigrant, and the disadvantaged. Each day, the Catholic Church in the United States, in her social service agencies, hospitals, schools, and parishes, witnesses the human consequences of the separation of families, when parents are deported from their children or spouses from each other. We’ve been on record asking the Administration to do everything within its legitimate authority to bring relief and justice to our immigrant brothers and sisters. As pastors, we welcome any efforts within these limits that protect individuals and protect and reunite families and vulnerable children,” said Bishop Elizondo.

Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, archbishop of Louisville, Kentucky, and president of the USCCB said, “There is an urgent pastoral need for a more humane view of immigrants and a legal process that respects each person’s dignity, protects human rights, and upholds the rule of law. As our Holy Father, Pope Francis, said so eloquently: ‘Every human being is a child of God! He or she bears the image of Christ! We ourselves need to see, and then to enable others to see, that migrants and refugees do not only represent a problem to be solved, but are brothers and sisters to be welcomed, respected, and loved.’”

Bishop Elizondo added, “I strongly urge Congress and the President to work together to enact permanent reforms to the nation’s immigration system for the best interests of the nation and the migrants who seek refuge here. We will continue to work with both parties to enact legislation that welcomes and protects immigrants and promotes a just and fair immigration policy.”

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IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM THE DIOCESE OF SAN DIEGO AND SDOP (SAN DIEGO ORGANIZING PROJECT)



On November 20, the President announced a new program that will benefit over 4 million undocumented people nationwide and approximately 150,000 in San Diego and Imperial Counties. Catholic Charities, in partnership with the San Diego Organizing Project (SDOP), has worked for many years to enhance the life of immigrant families in our communities. On that day, we won a big victory!

The two biggest changes are providing protection from deportation and a work permit for undocumented parents with a son or daughter who is a US Citizen or Legal Permanent Resident and the expansion of who is eligible for the same benefits under 'the program known as "Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals" (DACA).

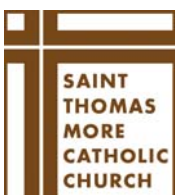
People will not be able to apply for several months., so it is very important that you do NOT give money to anyone who says he or she can help you now. In the coming weeks, Catholic Charities and SOOP will be holding free information sessions to help you understand this new opportunity, and next year when the government is prepared to accept applications, we will be available to help those eligible to apply for this program with competent, low-cost services.



El 20 de noviembre, el Presidente anunció un nuevo programa que beneficiara a mas de 4 millones de personas indocumentadas en todo el pais y aproximadamente 150.000 en los contados de San Diego e Irnpieral. Caridades Católicas, en colaboración con el Proyecto Organizando de San Diego (SDOP), han trabajado durante muchos años para rnejorar la vida de las familias inmigrantes en nuestras comunidades. En este dia, hemos ganado una gran victoria!

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La gente no podrá aplicar durante varios meses, por lo que es muy importante que usted no dé dinero a ninguna persona que dice que él o ella puede ayudarle ahora. En las próximas semanas, Caridades Católicas y SDOP proveerán sesiones de información gratuitas para ayudarle a entender esta nueva oportunidad, y el próximo año cuando el gobierno inicie aceptar solicitudes, estaremos a su disposición para ayudar a las personas con derecho a solicitar este programa con servicios competentes y de bajo costo.



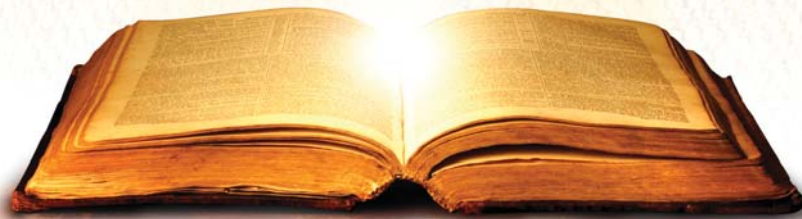
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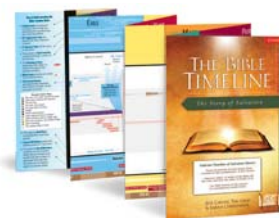
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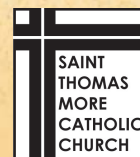
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