

**SAINT
THOMAS
MORE
CATHOLIC
CHURCH**

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

✝ Spirituality
✝ Tradition
✝ Community

Mass Schedule

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

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday, 4:00-4:30pm

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Vigil of Christmas
Masses at 4:00pm, 4:15pm,
6:00pm, and 10:00pm

Christmas Day
Mass at 9:30am

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 21, 2014

Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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The Holiday Season

Recently, a friend of mine went to the Post Office to buy stamps. He said, "I would like some religious Christmas stamps." The clerk queried, "Oh, do you want Hanukkah or Kwanzaa stamps?" A bit dumb-founded, my friend asked again, "I want religious Christmas stamps!" The clerk then responded, "Oh, so you want Christian Christmas stamps. You want the Madonna and child." Exasperated, my friend simply said, "Yes," bought his stamps and went home.

This conversation is humorous and it displays a delightful ignorance on the part of the clerk, but it also reflects a misunderstanding, that is, I believe, commonplace in our culture today.

Christmas has become "The Holiday Season," the time between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day. Now devoid of most of its religious roots and meaning, it has become a time for celebration, good will, and commitment to family and community.

Celebrating "The Holiday Season" is a good thing, not a bad thing! It strengthens us as a people and creates a desire to reach out to one another in care and concern. It also creates a neutral umbrella under which people of all faiths and people with no faith can come together and mutually celebrate the strengthening of our community and society.

But as we do so, we should not remain ignorant, or not share the proper meanings, for fear of offending others, of the various feasts that we celebrate.

We need to be aware that the roots of "The Holiday Season" are Christian. Christians are celebrating the Feast of the Incarnation, the birth of the Christ, the Messiah, who came in the person of Jesus of Nazareth some 2,000 years ago. Christians believe that God became flesh in the person of Jesus. That is the origin and reason for this time that so many Americans now simply call "The Holiday Season."

The Christmas Season, for Christians, begins on December 25 and continues through the Feast of Epiphany on January 6. It is from this celebration that comes the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas."

So in our "Holiday Season," one feast we celebrate is the Christian Feast of Christmas.

Also in this "Holiday Season," the Jewish Feast of Hanukkah takes place. Hanukkah is an eight-day celebration also called "The Festival of Lights." This feast celebrates the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem in 165B.C. This year Hanukkah began on December 16 and ends in the evening on December 24.

Hanukkah is not a Christmas Celebration. It is a Jewish Feast that falls within the cycle of what we Americans call "The Holiday Season."

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Kwanzaa is a Pan-African, non-religious celebration of family, community and culture. This celebration, that has its roots in the first harvest celebrations of Africa, begins on December 26 and continues through January 1.

Kwanzaa is not a Christmas Celebration. It is becoming an evermore-popular celebration that takes place in "The Holiday Season."

Celebration of faith, family, community, and culture is good! In "The Holiday Season," we Americans celebrate the Jewish Feast of Hanukkah, the Christian Feast of Christmas, and the Pan-African Feast of Kwanzaa.

May we enjoy this diversity and celebrate with each other, rather than claiming the Season for ourselves—for one specific faith or culture. But to honestly celebrate, let us know what we celebrate and why!

F.A. Mike

Retirement Fund for Religious

Help aging sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. "Each year the need to provide for our elderly (members) becomes more pressing, and we are ever more grateful for these providential funds," writes a religious sister about the financial assistance received from the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your donation helps provide necessities such as prescription medication and nursing care. Please give to those who have given a lifetime. You may return the envelopes any time during December. Thank you!

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.

Welcome New Parishioners

Thomas & Maria Gallup & Family
Dcn. James & Sherryl Gollhofer
Donald & Janice Le May

Congratulations to

Sonny & Marti Dawson

who celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary December 21.

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:

Gloria Jaime, who died on December 8. Her funeral services were held last week in Oceanside. 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.

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!

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 21 (11)

Fourth Sunday of Advent
2 Samuel 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16
Psalm 89:2-5,27,29
Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38

Monday, December 22 (198)

1 Samuel 1:24-28
Samuel 2:1,4-8d (Psalm)
Luke 1:46-56

Tuesday, December 23 (199)

John of Kanty, priest
Malachi 3:1-4,23-24
Psalm 25:4-5b,8-10,14
Luke 1:57-66

Wednesday, December 24 (14)

Nativity of the Lord—Midnight
Isaiah 9:1-6
Psalm 96:1-3,11-13
Titus 2:11-14
Luke 2:1-14

Thursday, December 25 (16)

Nativity of the Lord—Day
Isaiah 52:7-10
Psalm 98:1-6
Hebrews 1:1-6
John 1:1-18

Friday, December 26 (696)

Stephen, first martyr
Acts 6:8-10;7:54-59
Psalm 31:3cd-4,6-8b,16bc
Matthew 10:17-22

Saturday, December 27 (697)

John, apostle, evangelist
1 John 1:1-4
Psalm 97:1-2,5-6,11-12
John 20:2-8

Sunday, December 28 (17)

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Sirach 3:2-6,12-14
Psalm 128:1-5
Colossians 3:12-21
Luke 2:22-40

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

Changa Aguilera
Ernie Aichele
Mary Alexander
Carrie Autrey
Joshua Avery
The Balquiedra/Jimenez Family
Jose Luis Barbosa
Patricia Barbour
Francie Barron
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
Brianna Campos
Aria Cappeluti
The Vaughn Clevenger Family
Dolly Cole
Carl & Dorothy Coleman
James Coleman
Megan Connolly
Steven Cresencia
Lené Crowe
Karen Flaharty Daley
Beverly de Gelder
Nick Del Sesto
Hugo Delgado, Jr.
Christine DeSantis
Cecilia DeSimone
Carole Dillon
Edward Dolnik
Art & Dave Dossman
John Drazkowski, Jr.
La Vonne Dumas
Jerome Elbacha
Carolyn Erickson Ey
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
Susan Hallahan
Pat & Tom Hannon
The Harker Family
Dorothy Harrison
Barbara Hatem
Heidi Heaton
Lilian Hills
William Hokama
Samara Hook
Susan Hori
Tina Hunter
Iolanda Iacobelli
Gloria Jaime
The Jaime/Rosas Family
Sue Johnston
Laura Kater
Dottie Kearney
Paul Kennedy
Connor Kerzie
Peggy Kiernan
Debbie Kinney
Mark Kneisel
Bob Koffroth
Dewey Kolbo
Tony Korwin
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
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
Kare O'Dell
Richard Obsitnik
Fred Oey
Tom Oshinski
Bernadette Padovan
Ethan Palm
Helen Pingtella
Perry Postulka
The Joe Prokop Family
Bettie Provinse
Barbara Ramm
Evelyn Richards
Jan Riley
Connie Ringel
Rita Ritchie
Ann Roberds
Lily Robinson
Terri Rocha
Maria Rogers
The Russo Family
Rachel Sainc
Cindy Sanelli
Linda Schmidt
Joan Shea
Elizabeth Shirzad
Nick Soltau
Darek, Vanessa, & Elba Spizewski
Patricia St. Pierre
Sybil Staples
Mike Sterling
Pete Sullivan
Julie Teare
Tommy & Ginger Thompson
Sarah Tillinghast
William Tompson
Stephen Toth, Jr.
Olivia Trejo
The Trejo/Beltran Family
The Trejo/Maldonado/Uribe Family
The Vasquez Family
Martin Vertson
Lucy Vienna
Vanessa Vitello
Wilson Wanner
Kevin Watson-Graff
Jerry Wechsler
Patricia Zavala

Calendar Highlights

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

- Dec 21 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
- Dec 24 Vigil of Christmas Masses at 4:00pm, 4:15pm, 6:00pm, and 10:00pm
- Dec 25 Christmas Day Mass at 9:30am
- Dec 28 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
- Dec 31 Vigil of Mary the Mother of God; Mass at 5:00pm
- 2015**
- Jan 1 Mary the Mother of God Mass at 9:30am
- Jan 4 Twelfth Night Choral Festival
- Jan 7-8 Restaurant Fundraiser at Chili's
- Jan 18 Celebration of Fr. Mike's 40th Anniversary of Ordination
- Jan 21-22 Restaurant Fundraiser at Nucci's
- Jan 24 Women's Prayer Breakfast

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 22 Sr. Damien Peters, FDC
December 23 Sr. M. Genevieve Pistacchio, CSN
December 24 Sr. Mary Potter, RSM
December 25 Sr. Mary Alice Prieto, DCJ
December 26 Sr. Barbara Quinn, RSCJ
December 27 Sr. M. Krista Ramirez, RSM
December 28 Sr. Norma Alicia Reyes, HCJS

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 20, 5:00pm Ted Stanislawski ☩
Sunday, December 21, 8:30am Mike & Henny Jocelyn
Sunday, December 21, 10:30am John Samhammer ☩
Monday, December 22, 8:15am Brendan McGinty ☩
Tuesday, December 23, 8:15am Eunice Masseth ☩
Wednesday, December 24, 4:00pm Richard Lundy ☩
Wednesday, December 24, 4:15pm Barbara Cuculic ☩
Wednesday, December 24, 6:00pm Martin Stephen Lilly Jr. ☩
Wednesday, December 24, 10:00pm Jim Tutino ☩
Thursday, December 25, 9:30am Anna & Luigi Luce ☩
Friday, December 26, 8:15am Harold David Barbini ☩
Saturday, December 27, 5:00pm Robert Jacobson Sr. ☩
Sunday, December 28, 8:30am Dick McGeary ☩
Sunday, December 28, 10:30am Walter Lantz ☩

Social Ministries & Outreach

Christmas Angel Ministry—Thank You Angels!

Thank you to all of the Angels who helped make Christmas more special for 51 Camp Pendleton families, approximately 300 parents and children from Solutions for Change, and 175 children from Catholic Charities. We certainly have earned our wings! All of your heartfelt donations have been delivered to those in need and we can't thank everyone enough for being so generous. Wishing all of the Angels of St. Thomas More a very Merry Christmas! Don't forget to bring your items for Birth Choice to Mass on the Feast of the Epiphany, January 3-4.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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

Just Faith Course on Faith and Ecology

Classes are now being formed for a journey of discovery, dialogue, and discernment as our faith encounters the ecological crisis. Using the JustFaith module designed as a community learning process built around the book, *Living Beyond the End of the World, A Spirituality of Hope*, by Margaret Swedish, we will meet for eight weeks, beginning the week of January 25. We will learn that our faith and Catholic social teaching support our struggle to protect and heal our earth. And we will learn how to answer the Gospel call to share our resources with an ever-increasing world population.

We will have one group meeting each Monday night, and there is room for more in that group. If there is enough interest for a day group, the time for that session will be decided at the informational meeting which will be held on January 20 at 7:00pm. If you are interested in attending the meeting, or signing up for the course, please contact Martha Cannon at martha@petecannon.com or 858-449-7614.

Spirited Seniors Avo Playhouse Outing

The Spirited Seniors invite members and their guests to join us on Sunday January 25, at 2:00pm at the Avo Playhouse in Vista to see *The Lion in Winter*. Tickets are \$30 each. We will depart from the STM parking lot promptly at 1:15pm. The Avo Playhouse is located at 303 Main St., Vista. After the play, have an early dinner on your own with friends. Make your check payable to "STM Spirited Seniors," place it in an envelope marked "Spirited Seniors Avo Playhouse" and return it to the offertory collection or the Parish Office, Box 12, by January 20. As we will be carpooling, also indicate if you can drive and how many passengers you can accommodate or if you need a ride. Be sure your phone number is on your check. For more information, contact Marilyn Day at 760-509-4545 or Judy Buoniconti at 760-758-5113.

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 at a local park on the first and third Mondays of each month. 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 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 go to www.worldmeeting2015.org

Bishop's Letter on Marriage—Marriage: Love and Life in the Divine Plan: Growing Together in Virtues— "There is another way to look at growth in marriage: namely, as growth in virtue. As a couple grows in virtue, they grow in holiness. In other words, the couple acquires, by prayer and discipline, those interior qualities that open them to God's love and allow them to share in his love more deeply. Couples instinctively understand this when they speak about their marriage being a means of leading each other to heaven." 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—It's almost here—Christmas of course. It's easy to feel pretty frantic and busy at this time of year. We want to get a nice gift for our spouse, the kids, whoever, decorate, etc. Take some time out today. It needn't be long; just a pause. Look at each other and be thankful.

Parenting Pointers—The Christmas Vigil uses the genealogy of Jesus as the Gospel (Matthew 1:1-25). Do your children know their heritage back several generations? Talk with them about their relatives dead and alive and their ethnic roots. Perhaps go to a map and help them visualize the way they came to the place you now call home.

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

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.

Women's Guild News

We have three winners of the Christmas opportunity drawing last Sunday. The news of winning for three of our Parishioners was greeted by excitement, delight, disbelief, and joy! Just like the news of Christ's birth! Disbelief changes to awe like the gift of Jesus from God our Father. The winners of the drawing are: Natalie Provinse—\$500; Frances Kern—\$300, and Jasmine Vasquez—\$200. Congratulations and blessings. Thanks to all for your wonderful support.

We are still open to your help in creating opportunity baskets for our Fashion Show fundraiser in February. Call Maureen Tutino at 760-598-8211 for more information; and thank you for your generosity.

This is the last week of Advent, and Christmas is so very close. May these last days of preparation bring us closer to Mary and Joseph as we remember their travelling to Bethlehem and the anticipation of Jesus birth. —*Ann Buko, president*

Oplatki – Christmas Wafers

The word Bethlehem means "House of Bread." The breaking of bread is a sign of charity, unity, and friendship. Religious family traditions and customs bring the truths of Faith into the home.



One of these beautiful Christmas customs is the Christmas Wafer. A wafer bearing a simple design commemorative of Christ's birth is given to everyone present gathered together for the Christmas meal.

With a simple prayer for God's grace and the welfare of the present and absent members of the family, the designated family member then invites everyone to go to another person, and with a gesture of a hug, kiss, or handshake, ask forgiveness for anything they may have done to hurt that family member in the past year, and to seek God's blessings upon them in the coming year. Each person, as the words are said, then breaks a piece off of each other's wafer and consumes the piece that has been broken off.

The spiritual lesson in this age old custom is unity of the family—the main pillar of society. The bond of unity is the Christ-like charity that should exist among the members of the family.

The members of the family are the links in the unbroken chain of One Body, One Bread, One Christ, and the One Church. The family is part of the eternal procession no matter where they are. For there is a universal longing to be always with one another, with God.

All this brings to mind clearly our charity for one another, to seek salvation together. Family customs remind us that we seek and obtain salvation with the help of others at all times.

These Christmas Wafers, and the home ritual surrounding their use, originated in Poland. This custom and ritual is also popular in Slovakia, Lithuania, Ukraine, and other parts of Catholic Eastern Europe.

Memorial Item Donations

Pipe Organ	\$850,000
Church Doors (Bronze)	\$100,000
Crucifix	\$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
Landscape Accent Lighting	\$3,500
Drinking Fountains	\$2,500
Olive Trees in 7-foot boxes (10) 7 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
Overflow Parking Lot Mulch	\$3,500
Pew Seating for the Church	
(1,000) 816 available	\$300/person
Daily Mass Chapel and Choir Chairs	
(200) 128 available	\$300/each

12/15/14

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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CHRISTMAS IN A TIME OF TRANSITION

Upcoming Music

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DECEMBER 24 Christmas Eve

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4:00pm

Tower Bells

4:15pm

Praise Team
Youth Choir

6:00pm

Cantor and
Congregation

10:00pm

Sanctuary Choir
RBV Brass

✕

DECEMBER 25 Christmas Day

✕

9:30am

Sanctuary Choir
Tower Bells
RBV Brass

✕

DECEMBER 28 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

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5:00pm

Tower Bells

8:30am

Sanctuary Choir

10:30am

Praise Team

As we look out on the plaza and into the construction site, we see wonderful things happening!

Construction, as we all know, is a wonderful thing indeed, but it has had an impact on our campus.

Here are some things you need to know!

Christmas Eve Mass Added at 4:15pm

To accommodate everyone who wants to attend an early Christmas Eve Mass, we will be adding a second, more intimate Christmas Eve Mass at 4:15pm on the Lower Level in addition to our usual 4:00pm Christmas Eve Mass on the Upper Level. The Tower Bells will play at the 4:00pm Mass and the Praise Team and Christmas Youth Choir will be our musicians for the 4:15pm Mass.

Christmas Eve 6:00pm and 10:00pm Masses

The 6:00pm Mass is our most lightly attended liturgy of Christmas Eve,

and it is a great choice if you want the liturgy—and all the carols—without all the crowds.

The 10:00pm Mass is our “Midnight” Mass, just like at the Vatican. Join us at 9:30pm for extended caroling before the Mass. The Sanctuary Choir will sing at this liturgy.

Christmas Day 9:30am Mass

For those who like to celebrate on Christmas Day, join us for our 9:30am Mass. The Sanctuary Choir and Tower Bells will be our musicians on Christmas morning.

Carpooling

Because we do not have any extra parking in the dirt lot, we are encouraging everyone to carpool. If you and your neighbor are going to the same Mass, please share a vehicle. If your family usually comes to church in two or three cars, please use a single car this year.

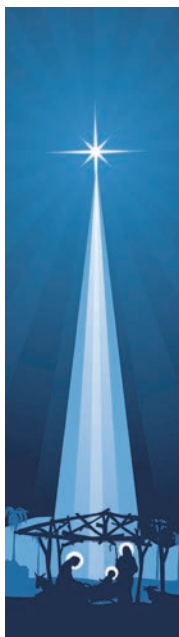


Luke 1:30

We Aren't Able to Save Seats

Our Hospitality Ministers love you, and they love your friends and family members too, but this year they will not be able to let you save seats for those who are arriving separately. If you have a large number of people in your family or group who want to sit together for the 4:00pm or 4:15pm Christmas Eve Masses this year, come early, come together, and sit together.

We appreciate your help in making our Christmas in a Time of Transition a peaceful one. Thank you.



Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!

Twelfth Night Choral Festival

Celebrate the Season with Christmas Carols and Choir Offerings

King of Kings Lutheran, Mission San Luis Rey Catholic,
St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic, and St. Thomas More Catholic

Sunday, January 4 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Happy Advent

Faith Formation Kids and Teens
Prepare for the
Birth of Jesus!



RE.A.CH.
Classes
Resume on
January 11



Adult Faith Formation

Sign Up Today! for Part 2



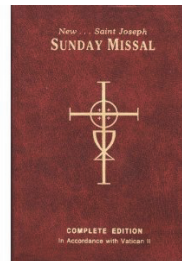
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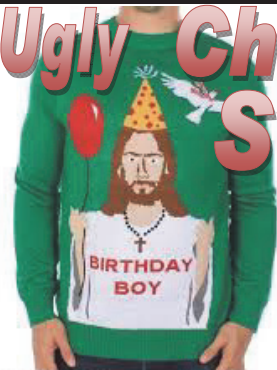
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2014 YEAR-END CHECKLIST

- ◆ **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 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 Week of December 13/14, 2014

Number of Registered Households		1,137
Offertory*	\$	8,383.02
Offertory (Loose Collection)		859.50
Children's envelopes		0.00
Total	\$	9,242.52

Mortgage/Building Completion Fund Income

Monthly Mortgage Payment: \$44,806

	Income	Payment	Shortfall
September 2014	\$40,777	\$15,664*	
October 2014	\$38,989	\$44,806	\$5,817
November 2014	\$43,226	\$44,806	\$1,580

Building Completion Fund

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

**Our first mortgage payment was interest only.*

The mortgage took effect on September 15, 2014.

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.

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!

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Fulfilling God's Purpose ~ Will You Help?

Christmas is a season when we gladly step up to help various causes and ministries. Beyond Christmas, however, there are a number of needs that still need to be met throughout the year.

Please check out the opportunities listed below and pray about helping in whatever way you can. There are so many ministries that could use more help. We highlight various ones each month for your consideration. If you cannot help with any of these, your ongoing prayers are much appreciated! —Chris



Eucharistic Ministers for Our Four Local Retirement Communities

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.

Contact: Douglas Lynn at 760-758-100 x140 or douglasl@stmoside.org.

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Love the Mass? Join the Altar Guild Sacristans to help prepare for daily, weekend, and Holy Day Masses with the care of the candles, albs, furnishings, clothes, and Baptismal font. Training is provided.

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



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Do you recognize these smiling faces? This program is alive and growing, with the proceeds going to our church buildout! Help is needed to sell Scrip after all Masses, especially the 10:30am Mass on Sundays. This only takes 15-20 minutes per shift. Will you help grow

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Contact: Andrea Sweeney at 760-216-6389 or scrip@stmoside.org or Mike Nichols at 760-727-7522.

Once a year I share the piece below.

As we enter our new liturgical church year it is appropriate ~

Another Beginning

I will not wish thee riches nor the glow of greatness,
 but that wherever thou go

some weary heart shall gladden at thy smile,
 or shadowed life know sunshine for awhile.

And so thy path shall be a track of light,
 like angels' footsteps passing through the night.

—Words on a Church wall in Upwaltham, England

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.socialministriesandiego.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.

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.

One Life LA Event—Saturday, January 17—the first-ever large-scale event in downtown LA promoting the beauty and dignity of every human life from conception to natural death. Beginning at 10:00am at La Placita Olivera, we will walk through LA ending in Grand Park with a family-friendly picnic and festival. Round-trip bus transportation from San Diego county locations for \$25. For more information, visit www.OnceLifeLA.org or call the San Diego Diocesan Office for Social Ministry at 858-490-8323.

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.

Young Adult Ministry Activities

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

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

Catholic Widows and Widowers of North County

CWWNC meets the second Sunday of each month for a general meeting and potluck at 2:00pm. On the fourth Sunday of each month, we gather for Mass at various Parishes in North County followed by lunch. Check the bulletin board on the lower level of the Parish Center for our calendar of events, including potlucks, dining out, hiking, and more! RSVPs are required. For more info. call Carol Kope at 760-726-0533 or Gerri Wilmott at 760-758-9949.

Catholic Radio—AM 1000/Sirius 130—San Diego

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Do you have a family member, friend, or co-worker who has left the Catholic Church? If so, encourage them to visit www.CatholicsComeHome.org.

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Mass Schedule for Christmas

- **Vigil of Christmas, December 24**—4:00pm (English), 6:00pm (Vietnamese), 8:00pm (English), 10:00pm (Spanish), 12:00midnight (English)
- **Christmas Day, December 25**—9:30am (English), 11:30am (Spanish)



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January 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
St. Thomas More Catholic Church 1450 South Melrose Drive Oceanside, CA 92056 (760) 758-4100 www.stmoside.org				1 Mary Mother of God, Octave of Christmas Parish Office and Chapel Closed 9:30 AM-Mass	2 Parish Office and Chapel Closed 8:15 AM-Mass 8:15 AM-Mass 9:15 AM-Communion Service (Emeritus at Oceanside)	3 6:45 AM-That Man is You 4:00 PM-Reconciliation The Epiphany of the Lord 5:00 PM-Mass 6:00 PM-Confirmation Family Potluck
4 The Epiphany of the Lord 8:30 AM-Mass/RCIA/LOWC 10:30 AM-Mass/LOWC 12:00 PM-Baptisms 6:00 PM-Twelfth Night Concert	5 8:15 AM-Mass 9:00 AM-Art and Environment 7:00 PM-High School Youth Group	6 8:00 AM-Walking Ministry 8:15 AM-Mass 9:00 AM-Art and Environment 9:00 AM-Donuts and Coffee 4:00 PM-Handbell Quartet 5:45 PM-Handbell Quartet 7:00 PM-Tower Bells 7:00 PM-Knights of Columbus	7 Restaurant Fundraiser at Chili's in Vista 8:15 AM-Mass 9:00 AM-Adult Bible Timeline 7:00 PM-Praise Team	8 Restaurant Fundraiser at Chili's in Vista 8:15 AM-Mass 9:00 AM-Donuts and Coffee 1:00 PM-Centering Prayer 7:00 PM-Sanctuary Choir 9:00 PM-Cappella Choir	9 8:15 AM-Mass 9:00 AM-Art and Environment 9:00 AM-Moms and Kids 10:15 AM-Communion Service (Aegis) 7:00 PM-Men's Fellowship	10 6:45 AM-That Man is You 9:00 AM-St. Francis First Reconciliation Retreat for Parents and Children 4:00 PM-Reconciliation The Baptism of the Lord 5:00 PM-Mass
11 The Baptism of the Lord 8:30 AM-Mass/RCIA/LOWC 10:20 AM-RE.A.CH 10:30 AM-Mass 12:30 PM-RE.A.CH 4:30 PM-RE.A.CH 6:30 PM-RE.A.CH High School/Post-Confirmed	12 8:15 AM-Mass 11:00 AM-Women's Guild Luncheon 7:00 PM-High School Youth Group	13 8:00 AM-Walking Ministry 8:15 AM-Mass 9:00 AM-Donuts and Coffee 1:00 PM-Adult CPR 4:00 PM-Handbell Quartet 5:45 PM-Handbell Quartet 7:00 PM-Baptism Prep 7:00 PM-Tower Bells	14 8:15 AM-Mass 9:00 AM-Adult Bible Timeline 4:00 AM-Staff Meeting 7:00 PM-Praise Team	15 8:15 AM-Mass 9:00 AM-Donuts and Coffee 10:00 AM-Women's Guild Quilters 1:00 PM-Centering Prayer 7:00 PM-Adult CPR and AED Class 7:00 PM-Sanctuary Choir 9:00 PM-Cappella Choir	16 8:15 AM-Mass 9:00 AM-Moms and Kids	17 6:45 AM-That Man is You 8:15 AM-Chair Set Up 9:00 AM-Adult CPR 4:00 PM-Reconciliation 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00 PM-Mass
18 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30 AM-Mass 10:30 AM-Mass/Fr. Mike's 40th Anniversary 12:00 PM-Fr. Mike's 40th Anniversary Reception	19 Parish Office and Chapel Closed Martin Luther King, Jr. 8:15 AM-Mass 7:00 PM-High School Youth Group	20 Restaurant Fundraiser at Nucci's in Vista 8:00 AM-Walking Ministry 8:15 AM-Mass 9:00 AM-Donuts and Coffee 4:00 PM-Handbell Quartet 5:45 PM-Handbell Quartet 7:00 PM-Ecology Meeting 7:00 PM-Tower Bells	21 Restaurant Fundraiser at Nucci's in Vista 8:15 AM-Mass 9:00 AM-Adult Bible Timeline 1:00 PM-Infant/Child CPR 7:00 PM-Praise Team	22 8:15 AM-Mass 9:00 AM-Donuts and Coffee 1:00 PM-Centering Prayer 7:00 PM-Sanctuary Choir 9:00 PM-Cappella Choir	23 8:15 AM-Mass 9:00 AM-Moms and Kids	24 La Posada Membership Drive 6:45 AM-That Man is You 9:30 AM-Women's Prayer Breakfast 4:00 PM-Reconciliation 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00 PM-Mass/RCIA
25 La Posada Membership Drive 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30 AM-Mass/RCIA/LOWC 10:20 AM-RE.A.CH 10:30 AM-Mass 12:30 PM-Parent Sacrament Prep-Eucharist 12:30 PM-RE.A.CH 2:00 PM-Spirited Senior Avo Event "The Lion in Winter" 4:30 PM-RE.A.CH 6:30 PM-RE.A.CH High School/Post-Confirmed	26 8:15 AM-Mass 7:00 PM-High School Youth Group	27 8:00 AM-Walking Ministry 8:15 AM-Mass 9:00 AM-Donuts and Coffee 4:00 PM-Handbell Quartet 5:45 PM-Handbell Quartet 6:30 PM-Gala Meeting 7:00 PM-Tower Bells	28 8:15 AM-Mass 9:00 AM-Adult Bible Timeline 12:30 PM-Parish Social Justice 7:00 PM-Praise Team	29 8:15 AM-Mass 9:00 AM-Donuts and Coffee 1:00 PM-Centering Prayer 7:00 PM-Sanctuary Choir 9:00 PM-Cappella Choir	30 8:15 AM-Mass 9:00 AM-Moms and Kids	31 6:45 AM-That Man is You 8:30 AM-Liturgy Committee 4:00 PM-Reconciliation 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00 PM-Mass/RCIA

December 17, 2014

St. Thomas More Catholic Church
1450 S Melrose Drive
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Dear St. Thomas More staff and parishioners,

In just over 2 weeks, over 300 children will be spending their Christmas here at Solutions for Change. They will have a holiday meal, a festive atmosphere and a warm place to call home – something few have ever had in Christmases past.

And, now, thanks to the kindness and generosity of St. Thomas More Church, they will also have a special holiday surprise under their tree, with gift cards totaling \$1,710 from your Angel Tree. We also want to thank you for the wonderful clothes and toy donations your parishioners provided for our children.

I can't tell you how much your generous donation of gift cards will warm their heart this holiday season. Far from just the gift itself, this token is a sign to them that their community is rooting for them during the course of their very difficult journey out of homelessness. It tells them that they are not alone in their quest to break the generational cycle of their parent's poverty.

For many of them, who have often felt forgotten, this will be a deeply emotional realization. What better way to spread joy this holiday season than the gift of this heartfelt support?

We thank you for warming our children's hearts with Christmas joy, and for being an advocate for our region's homeless families through your continuing support of Solutions for Change. Our families and our children could not make the strides they are making, each and every day, without the support of congregations like yours who believe they can succeed.

With the utmost gratitude,

Chris & Tammy Megison
Founders
Solutions for Change

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