

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

Rev. Michael Ratajczak, Pastor  
Rev. Karl Bauer, Senior Priest  
Deacon John Fredette  
Deacon Thomas A. Goeltz

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**Office Hours:** Monday-Friday,  
8:30am-12:00noon  
and 12:30-4:00pm  
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www.stmoside.org



StThomasMoreRCC



**December 25, 2014 ✠ Christmas**

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



**Mary Mother of God  
Wednesday, December 31  
Mass at 5:00pm  
Thursday, January 1  
Mass at 9:30am**





## Ministry Contacts

760-758-4100 x100

### Faith Formation & Evangelization

#### Debbie Fredette

Religious Education (Children)  
Liturgy of the Word for Children  
Sacramental Preparation  
Middle School Youth Ministry  
High School Youth Ministry  
Moms and Kids  
Women's Ministry  
Men's Fellowship  
Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs  
Vocations  
Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

### Liturgy and Music

#### Douglas Lynn

Bereavement  
Liturgical Ministries  
Liturgical Music

### Marriage & Family Life

#### Jen Frost

Bringing the Celebration Home  
Marriage Preparation  
Widows and Widowers of North County

### Parish Organizations & Events

#### Lisa & Pat Attardo

Knights of Columbus  
Spirited Seniors  
Women's Guild

### Social Ministries

#### Cherie & Greg Abrahms

Blood Drive  
Brother Benno's Collections  
Christmas Angel Ministry  
Culture of Life  
Disability Facilitation  
Jail Ministry  
Project Linus Blanket Making  
Social Justice Committee  
Engaging Spirituality  
Just Faith  
Solutions for Change  
(Solving Family Homelessness)  
St. Bonaventure Mission Clothing Drive  
Youth Justice Foundation

## Parish Staff

760-758-4100 x100

Rev. Michael Ratajczak, Pastor  
Rev. Karl Bauer, Senior Priest  
Deacon John Fredette, Business Manager  
Deacon Tom Goeltz  
Sr. Maureen Brown, Pastoral Associate  
Debbie Fredette, Faith Formation  
Matt Franklin, Youth Advocate  
Douglas Lynn, Liturgy and Music  
Chris Smith, Stewardship and Development

## Pastor's Column:

### Come Home for Christmas!

We hear much about "coming home" for the holidays. My Christmas greetings and prayers for you and yours are contained in these words from Fr. Henri Nouwen:

#### *Coming Home*

*There are two realities to which you must cling. First, God has promised that you will receive the love you have been searching for. And second, God is faithful to that promise. So stop wandering around. Instead, come home and trust that God will bring you what you need. Your whole life you have been running about, seeking the love you desire. Now it is time to end that search. Trust that God will give you that all-fulfilling love and will give it in a human way.*

*Before you die, God will offer you the deepest satisfaction you can desire. Just stop running and start trusting and receiving. Home is where you are truly safe. It is where you can receive what you desire. You need human hands to hold you there so that you don't run away again. But when you come home and stay home, you will find the love that will bring rest to your heart.*

Many of us have found our way home. Many of us continue to search. The Faith Community of St. Thomas More is here for all of us.

As Pastor, I pledge that I will do all that I can to ensure that our Parish will be a place and a people where you are truly safe; where you can share your story in trust; where, with other seekers, you will find human hands to hold you so that you don't run away again.

For those of us who are here every week, we have found rest for our hearts. This Christmas, we give thanks to God!

For those of us who are guests this Christmas, who do not have a faith community, and who are looking for a home, please come back again and again!

If you feel the call to belong to a Faith Community, but are not sure how to go about it, feel free to give me a call or set up an appointment. I would welcome an opportunity to chat with you.

### Come home for Christmas!

Merry Christmas to you and yours!

Fr. Mike



## We Are Building Our Permanent Church!

...and you can watch the progress on our webcams. Go to the Parish website [stmoside.org](http://stmoside.org) and click on Welcome and then Construction Updates or click on the New Construction slider.





## We Worship!

It takes over 200 ministers to celebrate our weekend liturgies. New ministers are always welcome—training provided. Hospitality ministers, altar servers, readers, Eucharistic ministers, musicians...are you being called?

## We Pray!

**Prayer List**—To request prayers for a family member or friend who is ill or needs prayers for any reason, contact the Parish Office and we will publish the name for four weeks in our weekly bulletin. Our Parishioners pray for those on the list.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**—Eucharistic Adoration is available Monday-Friday, 6:30am-7:30pm, in our Blessed Sacrament Chapel. We are so blessed to be able to drop in at almost any time and have a little “one-on-one” with Jesus in the Eucharist.

**Rosary**—A communal Rosary is prayed after every weekday Mass (Monday-Friday) in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.



## Youth Groups

**IGNITE High School**—Meets every Monday from 7:00-8:30pm for fellowship, prayer, fun, and music! Bring friends!

**EDGE Middle School**—Meets two Sundays a month from 5:00-6:30pm for religious education, fellowship, prayer, fun, and music!

## Looking for More Information?

Are you interested in learning more about religious education for children and adults, Catholicism, becoming a Catholic, or returning to the Catholic Church? *Contact Debbie Fredette at 760-758-4100 x110.*

## We Serve!

Opportunities to help others by donating goods and/or services to local charities we support: Birth Choice Pregnancy Resource Center, Brother Benno’s Homeless Shelters, Solutions for Change (Solving Family Homelessness), and more!



## We Party! (Fellowship)

Meet new friends, enjoy good food and fellowship, and sometimes raise money! Knights of Columbus, Women’s Guild, Men’s Fellowship, Spirited Seniors, Widows and Widowers of North County, High School Youth Ministry—IGNITE!, Middle School Youth Ministry—EDGE!...



## We Give!

...money, to support our community, our ministries, and our outreach.

**Sacrificial Giving Option**—Ongoing commitment that helps to support our operating expenses and our mortgage/building completion obligations, as well as other special items.

**Tithing Option**—Ongoing commitment of 10% of income, 8% to St. Thomas More (distributed to our basic needs) and 2% to charities of choice. The one-check option!

**Special Collections Options**—As the need arises, we donate to disaster relief, local charities, and universal church activities.

**Memorial Items**—Memorials are a way of honoring those we love. Our Parish Campus is a living memorial to our community for generations to come. Various items and opportunities are available.

**Vehicle Donation Program**—Do you have a vehicle you want to donate? Just call us, and we’ll have it picked up. You get the tax deduction! **Non-operational is OK!**

*Contact Chris Smith at 760-758-4100 x120.*

## Calendar Highlights

More details at [www.stmoside.org](http://www.stmoside.org), Schedule and Calendar

Dec 31	Mary Mother of God Mass at 5:00pm
Jan 1	Mary Mother of God Mass at 9:30am
Jan 4	Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
Jan 4	Twelfth Night Choral Festival at STM
Jan 5	High School Youth Group
Jan 7	Bible Study Resumes
Jan 11	Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
Jan 11	Religious Education Classes at Church, including High School
Jan 12	Women’s Guild Luncheon
Jan 18	Fr. Mike’s 40th Anniversary of Ordination Celebration
Jan 24	Women’s Prayer Breakfast
Jan 25	Spirited Seniors at the Avo Playhouse
Jan 26	Religious Education Classes at Church, including High School
Feb 18	Ash Wednesday Masses at 8:15am, 12:00noon, 5:30pm, and 7:30pm
Apr 2	Holy Thursday Mass at 6:00pm
Apr 3	Good Friday Morning Prayer at 8:15am Celebration of Our Lord’s Passion at 12:00noon and 7:00pm
Apr 4	Holy Saturday Morning Prayer at 8:15am Blessing of Easter Food at 11:00am Easter Vigil at 8:00pm
Apr 5	Easter Sunday Masses at 6:30am, 8:30am, and 10:30am
May 1	STM Annual Gala
Jun 26-30	Vacation Bible School

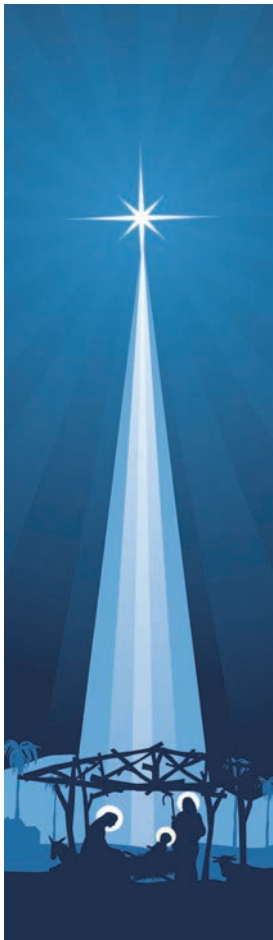
Questions? Contact Henny at 760-758-4100 x100  
[hennyj@stmoside.org](mailto:hennyj@stmoside.org).

## Would You Like to Join Our Faith Community?

Please complete this form or leave a message at 760-758-4100 x100 with your name and phone number, and we’ll contact you to begin the registration process. Welcome!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/email: \_\_\_\_\_



# Twelfth Night Choral Festival

Our 14th Annual  
Ecumenical Gathering  
featuring  
Congregational Carols and  
North County Choirs

Sunday January 4  
6:00 p.m.

## Understand the ENTIRE BIBLE!



A 24-Part Study Featuring Jeff Cavins



### Dates, Times, Location

Wednesday Mornings 9:00 - 11:00 am  
Lower Level of St. Thomas More Parish  
1450 S. Melrose Drive  
Oceanside, CA 92056  
Part 2 of the Series Begins  
January 7, 14, 21, 28, February 4, 11, & 25

### Cost/Registration

\$25.00  
Includes 7 sessions and Participant Workbook  
\$15.00  
If you are currently enrolled in Part 1  
and have purchased the workbook

### For More Information

Contact: Patt Goeltz at  
pattgoeltz@sbcglobal.net OR  
St. Thomas More Faith Formation Office  
760.758.4100 ext. 110



Visit [BibleStudyForCatholics.com](http://BibleStudyForCatholics.com) to learn more!



We invite you to the celebration of the  
40th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination  
of our Pastor,  
Fr. Michael Ratajczak

on Sunday, January 18, 2015  
at the 10:30am Mass

at St. Thomas More Catholic Church

Reception to follow immediately after Mass

If you wish to attend you must RSVP!  
Please do so by calling our RSVP hotline at  
(760) 758-4100 x154 before December 29.



For questions please call Henny  
at (760) 758-4100 x100

## SPIRITUALITY & ECOLOGICAL HOPE



You are invited  
to join us on a journey of

Discovery  
Dialogue  
and Discernment

as our  
Faith Encounters the Ecological Crisis

We recognize that our planet is in great distress from a combination of industrialization and a culture of consumerism, causing the depletion of natural resources and natural environments. 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.

Beginning the week of January 25, groups will meet once a week for 8 weeks. We will use the JustFaith module designed as a community learning process.

Please join us at an informational meeting on January 20 at 7:00 pm.

If you are interested in attending the meeting, or signing up for the course, please contact Martha Cannon at [Martha@petecannon.com](mailto:Martha@petecannon.com) or (858) 449-7614