

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
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StThomasMoreRCC



Join Us for
Twelfth Night
Choral Celebration
Sunday, January 4
6:00pm

The Epiphany of the Lord January 4, 2015

Pastor's Column

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

Gifts of the Magi

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. This day celebrates the manifestation of the infant Jesus as the one given by God not just to and for the Jews but for the entire human race. The celebration of Epiphany actually predates the celebration of Christmas by several hundred years.

The astrologers who have traveled from the East are non-Jews and the “intelligentsia” of that day and time. Yet, they find their way to Bethlehem and to the “babe wrapped in swaddling clothes” and along with poor Jewish shepherds worship the One sent by God.

These “Wise Men” offer gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, gifts that already in this infancy narrative (Matthew 2) foretell who this Jesus is and what will happen to him.

GOLD is the gift given to royalty. He is King and God!

The Hebrew word for incense is derived from a verb meaning “to cause to smoke” and is used to denote the smoke from a sacrifice burnt on the altar (1 Samuel 2:15-16; Psalms 66:15). There were two types of incense; one consisted entirely of frankincense (Leviticus 2:1, 15) and was used in conjunction with certain meal offerings. The incense of **FRANKINCENSE** together with a handful of fine flour mixed with oil was offered on the outer altar of the sanctuary. Frankincense was also an ingredient of the offering of the showbread (Leviticus 24:7). This Jesus will be sacrificed and will be offered up on our behalf and is bread for us!

The use of scents and ointments was very necessary in the primitive hygienic conditions of the ancient world. In private life, perfumes and spices were used as ingredients in perfumed oils, ointments, and powders, for cosmetic purposes, to protect the skin from the heat of the sun and the dry air, and in medicine. No less important was the role they played in the religious rituals of the ancient Near East.

MYRRH was one of the most important perfumes in biblical times. It was used in the preparation of the oil with which kings were anointed (Exodus 30: 23-24). It was a precious gift and much used by women (Proverbs 7:17; Esther 2:12; Song of Songs 4:14). Together with aloe it was used in preparing Jesus’ body for burial (John 19:39).

Myrrh is extracted by means of incisions in the bark of a small tree that grows in tropical Africa and Arabia.

This Jesus who is King, God, and “Bread For Us” will be sacrificed and will die for us!

On this Feast of the Epiphany, we celebrate the manifestation of Jesus to the world as God’s gift of love to us. In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, God shows us **how**

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completely we are loved: "In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him. In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another." (1 John 4:9-11)

The gift given to us is meant to be shared with others! Happy Epiphany!

F. Mike

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 on selected Sundays. Hard hats will be provided and participants with reservations should meet behind the Information Table on the plaza by the fence at 9:50am. Tours will conclude in time for the 10:30am Mass. To reserve your spot, please contact Chris Smith at chriss@stmoside.org or 760-758-4100 x120.

Vocations

The waiting is over! The Christ Child has come!! Our savior is here...but there remains a lot of work to do and the workers are few. Have you been hearing a call to help as a priest, deacon, or vowed religious? If so, contact Deacon Tom at thomasgoeltz@aol.com or 760-727-8442 and explore the possibilities. Hope you had a wonderful Christmas and may God bless you this coming year.

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.

Looking for a Way to Be Involved?

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

**In Memoriam**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

William Hokama, who died last week. Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, January 8, at 11:00am, at St. Thomas More. Please keep his family in your prayers.

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

Rosary

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

**Want to Donate Online?**

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

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 \$crip News

Thanks to all who support the Scrip program! A percentage of every Scrip gift card purchased benefits our Parish Mortgage/ Building Completion Fund. **Remember, Scrip is available for purchase FIVE ways:**

1. Online—visit stmoside.org/scrip.html and look for the logo below for more info!
2. On the Plaza after weekend Masses
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

Sunday, January 4 (20)
The Epiphany of the Lord
 Isaiah 60:1-6
 Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,10-13
 Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6
 Matthew 2:1-12

Monday, January 5 (212)
John Neumann, bishop
 1 John 3:22-4:6
 Psalm 2:7bc-8,10-12a
 Matthew 4:12-17,23-25

Tuesday, January 6 (213)
André Bessette, religious
 1 John 42:7-10
 Psalm 72:1-4,7-8
 Matthew 6:34-44

Wednesday, January 7 (214)
Raymond of Penyafort, priest
 1 John 4:11-18
 Psalm 72:1-2,10,12-13
 Mark 6:45-52

Thursday, January 8 (215)
 1 John 4:19-5:4
 Psalm 72:1-2,14,15bc,17
 Luke 4:14-22a

Friday, January 9 (216)
 1 John 5:5-13
 Psalm 147:12-15,19-20
 Luke 5:12-16

Saturday, January 10 (217)
 1 John 5:14-21
 Psalm 149:1-6a,9b
 John 3:22-30

Sunday, January 11 (21)
The Baptism of the Lord
 Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7
 Psalm 29:1-2,3-4,9-10
 Acts 10:34-38
 Mark 1:7-11

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
 Tony Calderone
 Shelby Campbell
 Brienne Campos
 Aria Cappeluti
 The Vaughn Clevenger Family
 Dolly Cole
 Carl & Dorothy Coleman
 James Coleman
 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
 Tillie Gonzalez
 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
 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
 Virginia McConnell
 Bob McWilliams
 Joyce Meehan
 Kalei Mendiola
 Phyllis Minaya
 June Mitchell
 June Montgomery
 Nancy Moore
 Elizabeth Muehlbacher
 Conrad Murphy
 Margie Myers
 Nida Navarro
 Richard Obsitnik
 Kare O'Dell
 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
 Lily Robinson
 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 Vitiello
 Wilson Wanner
 Kevin Watson-Graff
 Jerry Wechsler
 Patricia Zavala
 Jeanne Zeltner

Calendar Highlights

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

Jan 4 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses

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

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

May 23 Confirmation at 5:00pm Mass

Jun 12-14 Parish Campout

Jun 22-26 Vacation Bible Camp

Questions? Contact Henny at 760-758-4100 x100

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.

January 5 Sr. M. Priscille Ronicam, MC
January 6 Sr. Ellen Marie Ryan, CSJ
January 7 Sr. Diana Sabia, SSS
January 8 Sr. Gabriel Marie (Evelin) Sales, UCSC
January 9 Sr. Delia Sarabia, CVI
January 10 Sr. Lourdes Saracho, RJM
January 11 Sr. Dolores Cecile Schembri, CSJ

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 3, 5:00pm
 Robert Jacobson Sr. ✚

Sunday, January 4, 8:30am
 Lillian Herkert ✚

Sunday, January 4, 10:30am
 Rita Shepard ✚

Monday, January 5, 8:15am
 Guadalupe Trejo Arroyo ✚

Tuesday, January 6, 8:15am
 Billie McGinty ✚

Wednesday, January 7, 5:00pm
 Amanda Wojtalewicz ✚

Thursday, January 8, 9:30am
 Joan Rosa ✚

Friday, January 9, 8:15am
 Bob Hinton ✚ & Connie Hinton

Saturday, January 10, 5:00pm
 Bernie Weiler ✚

Sunday, January 11, 8:30am
 Frank Hannon ✚

Sunday, January 11, 10:30am
 Joe Coccaro ✚

Social Ministries & Outreach

Human Trafficking News—January

“We pledge ourselves here today to do all in our power, within our faith communities and beyond, to work together for the freedom of all those who are enslaved and trafficked so that their future may be restored.” With these words Pope Francis and eleven religious leaders representing the Muslim, Jewish, Orthodox, Anglican, Buddhist, and Hindu faiths made a united commitment to help eradicate slavery worldwide. Each signed a Declaration on December 2, 2014, asking, “governments, businesses, and all people of good will to join forces against this ‘crime against humanity’.” There are international, national, and state laws defining human trafficking. But it essentially involves the use of force, fraud, or coercion against another person, making them work against their will for the financial benefit of others.

Here at St. Thomas More Catholic Community we want to learn more about human trafficking so that we can educate others and do our part to join Pope Francis in this pledge. Each month we will have a short insert in the Sunday bulletin to keep us all aware of how people are enslaved and what can be done to stop it.

—STM Social Justice Committee

Just Faith Course on Faith and Ecology

Please join us at an informational meeting on Tuesday, January 20, at 7:00pm to learn about an eight week course dealing with the struggle to protect and heal our planet. 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. 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.

Mission of Social Ministries & Outreach

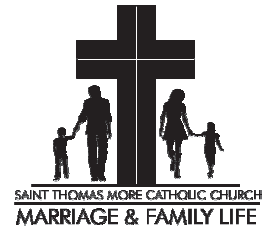
The Mission of the St. Thomas More Social Justice Committee is to:

- † provide awareness and education of Catholic social justice teaching;
- † participate in creating a society with more just laws and social structures;
- † work with other faith groups on justice issues within social, economic, and political structures.

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

Marriage & Family Life

Moms & Kids—Moms! Are you a mom with infant thru school age children wanting to meet other moms in our Parish? 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

Relationship Skills Workshop—Deacon Ralph and Peggy Skiano will be presenting Relationship Skills Workshops every Wednesday night at 7:00pm at San Rafael Parish Hall, 17252 Bernardo Center Drive, San Diego, beginning January 7 and ending April 29. Come and explore how to improve your relationships. You can attend one workshop, several, or all of them. The first workshop is January 7 and the topic is Building a Climate of Respect. For more information call Deacon Ralph at 858-490-8292.

Bishops’ Letter on Marriage—Marriage: Love and Life in the Divine Plan: God always present— “They [married couples] are to foster this gospel faith among themselves and within their children through their teaching and example. Likewise, they live in hope of God’s kindness, mercy, and generosity. In the midst of the inevitable trials and hardships, they trust that God is graciously watching over them and their family. They trust that the Father’s love will never abandon them, but that, in union with Jesus, they will always remain in his presence.” 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.wme.org or contact Eddie and Sheila Murphy at 760-295-0008.

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.

Be an STM Supporter!

- † Use your yellow Mortgage/Building Completion envelopes
- † Use online giving (stmoside.org) to make contributions using your credit card or bank account
- † Consider a memorial item donation (see page 5)

Parish Events

Women's Guild News

Happy Christmas season in the midst of the "Twelve days of Christmas."

It is that time again when we need to plan for our January meeting and you need to call in your reservation for lunch. Call Vera at 760-295-0059 or email her at vbayliss@cox.net. Our January meeting is when we have our Chinese auction of gently used or new objects (not well used or "get rid of" things) that you might need to make room for with your new Christmas presents. Maybe you received a gift that doesn't fit yourself or your liking that you could bring to help fill our auction table. Nancy Wozniak will be our auctioneer again so it will be lots of fun. Please drop them off at the assigned table. No peeking until things are all set up. You might want to come early so we can get started on time.

Our next big event is the Fashion Show, so watch for details!

Happy New Year 2015! —Ann Buko, *president*

Attention Men!

Year three of "That Man is You!—The Revelation of the Father" will resume mid-January.

Men's Fellowship meets the second Friday of each month. Join us on Friday, January 9, at 7:00pm.

For more information, contact Deacon John at 760-758-4100 x104 or johnf@stmoside.org.

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.

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.

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
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

12/29/14

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.

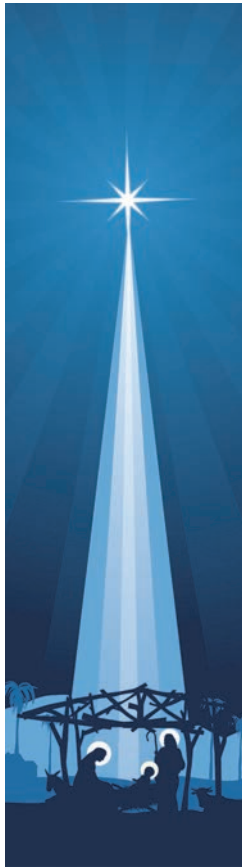
For more information or to adopt an item, contact Chris Smith 760-758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org



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



Twelfth Night Choral Festival

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

Sunday, January 4
6:00 p.m.

St. Thomas More Catholic Church
Upper Level



Matthew 2:2

Fresh Flowers for Our Weekend Mass Celebrations

If you would like to remember, honor, or celebrate someone special or a special occasion with the addition of an arrangement of flowers at our weekend Masses during Ordinary Time (beginning Jan 17/18), please see our Parish Receptionist during the week.

Your donation of \$75 will provide a lovely arrangement on the altar platform, including all taxes and delivery.

A note in the weekend's bulletin will announce your special person or event.

Only one flower arrangement may be offered each weekend and payment must be made at the time you reserve your weekend. Two week's notice is required. We are sorry that we are not able to take your reservation over the phone at this time. Thank you!



Where is the newborn king of the Jews?

We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage. —Mt 2:2



Inspiration for Liturgical art comes from many places; nature, music, personal experience, and the stories we read in Holy Scripture. Parishioner Cherie Abrahms reflected upon Holy Scripture to inform her art to create our Christmas banner, "Star of Bethlehem," which graces our sanctuary space. As a trained graphic artist, this is the first large piece Cherie has created, and we are blessed! Liturgical Art brings us all closer to Christ and helps us to share in the wonder of this Holy Season! Thank you, Cherie, for sharing your gifts of time, talent, and treasure with our faith community. And thank you to all the many hands that volunteered to Deck the Halls for this last Christmas in the Gym! Praise God!

—Kathy Arciero, Art & Environment

Upcoming Music



JANUARY 11
**Baptism of
the Lord**



5:00pm

Cantor &
Congregation

8:30am

Cantor &
Congregation

10:30am

Praise Team

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

2015 Reminders

**RE.A.CH Classes Resume on
Sunday, January 11**



Plan to Attend
M³
Confirmation Class 2015
5:00 Mass, Family Potluck-
Meal & Message
Saturday, February 7



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

**Join Us For Session 3 on
SUNDAY, January 25
12:30pm**

Adult Faith Formation

Do You Want to Know the Bible Better?

Join Us for

The Great Adventure Bible Study

Wednesday mornings beginning
January 7, 9:00-11:00am

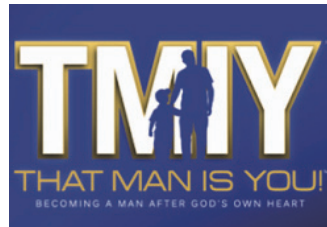
This is the foundational study in the Bible Study Series that has helped hundreds of thousands of Catholics learn to read the Bible.

For more information, contact
Patt Goeltz at pattg@stmoside.org
or Debbie in the Faith Formation Office.

We Need You!
**Answer the call from Jesus
and help in
Faith Formation.**



Men of the Parish:
That Man is You
resumes mid-January.
**Join us on Saturday mornings
for Faith Sharing and
Fellowship.**
**Contact Dcn. John Fredette
at johnf@stmoside.org
for more info.**



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.

**Join
Us
for**



**Youth Group
"LIFE NIGHT"
Monday, Jan 5
7:00-8:30pm**
Pizza, Music, Message,
and Fellowship
Bring a Friend!

**Wednesday Night
Guys and Girls
Groups
Will Resume on
Wednesday, Jan 7
6:30-8:00pm**



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Future Support & Estate Planning Options

Towers of Faith is a movement that has arisen due to the visionary leadership and generosity of several of our Parishioners. We stress that this is not about the gift amount, but rather the love and thought behind the gift.

These individuals (*several anonymous*) have included STM in their estate planning. This helps to ensure their ongoing support and a legacy for our Parish. *Towers of Faith* is a valuable portion of our future support.



Examples of the various future planning vehicles are:

**Designated Beneficiary Accounts,
 Last Will and Testament, Living Trust, Life Insurance,
 Stocks and Bonds, Real Estate, and Endowments.**

Parishioners who have already included STM in their estate plans are *Towers of Faith* participants. If you are interested, please contact us. Your participation is most welcome and appreciated!

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

Collection for the Week of December 27-28

These figures will be reported next week.

Happy New Year!

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 in 2015 A Stewardship Prayer for the New Year

Loving Father,

You are the Lord of our history;
 our yesterdays, today's, and tomorrow's.

We join all of creation in giving you
 praise and thanks for the year behind us
 and for the days you give us
 in the year ahead.

We ask you to bless the gift of this new year,
 and through your grace, help us be
 good stewards of the time
 You have so graciously
 entrusted to us.

Forgive us for any misuse of days past,
 and show us how to use
 Your gift of days
 in a more loving and generous way.

Fill us with Your compassion,
 that we may do our part to bring about
 a more just and non-violent
 world, and to care
 for the most vulnerable among us.

And open our hearts to the Good News,
 so that we too may share it
 with more passion, inspiration and joy.

We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 One God forever and ever.
 Amen.

—ICSC Catholic Stewardship Council, January 2015 e-Bulletin (with permission)



Something to consider in 2015 ~
 "Prayer is the breath of the soul"
 —Pope Francis

News & Information from the Larger Church

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

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

MISSIO App for Smart Phones—Connects you to the Pope and his daily messages. Learn more at www.MissioApp.org/bulletin.

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

JSerra Catholic High School Open House—Thursday, January 15, 6:30pm, JSerra Pavilion, 26351 Junipero Serra Rd., San Juan Capistrano. For more information, visit www.jserra.org.

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.

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

Retrouvaille for Troubled Marriages—A program designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust, and commitment that originally brought them together. For confidential information or to register for the January 9 weekend, call 951-259-9474 or visit www.retrosandiego.org.

Natural Family Planning Course in San Diego—For more information and/or to register for the series, contact 619-303-5053 or davidandcherylross@gmail.com.

Volunteers Needed—Scripps Coastal Medical Center, 4138 Mission Ave., Oceanside. Patient escorting, reception, and clinical and clerical help in clinic setting. For more information, contact Maria Flores at 760-901-5057.

The Center for Christian Spirituality at the University of San Diego has a great lineup of events. Visit www.sandiego.edu/ccs.

Catholic Radio—AM 1000/Sirius 130—San Diego

Visit ihradio.com/sandiego

Online Rosary

Pray the rosary online—visit www.therosary3.com

Catholics Come Home

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.

News from St. Francis Church

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

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

Epiphany Celebration—Join the Young Adults for an Epiphany Celebration on Sunday, January 4, 9:00am-9:00pm. There will be music, entertainment, and delicious food including street tacos, sopas, pozole, tamales, and more.

Fr. Don Calloway Coming to Speak—Tuesday, January 13, 7:00-9:00pm; topic is “No Turning Back: A Witness to Mercy.” Bring a friend and a snack to share.



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Three St. Thomas More parishioners who took our CPR class provide reasons for making learning this lifesaving skill one of your resolutions for 2015.

- An employer saved the life of one of his employees when the latter collapsed in their office building. The victim had a sudden cardiac arrest but survived because his boss provided immediate CPR after calling 911.
- One neighbor saved the life of another who was choking on a grape.
- While at a fitness center a parishioner came to the aid of a member who passed out briefly. Although the member awoke, the transient loss of consciousness was recognized as a reason to call 911. The paramedics who arrived on the scene agreed and transported the victim to the Emergency Room.

How would you have responded to these emergencies?

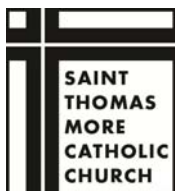
If you're not quite sure, take advantage of the several CPR classes listed below that are being offered by the St. Thomas More CPR Team.

Note that there are two evening and three afternoon classes as well as two Saturday morning classes.

January 13 Tuesday	1:00 p.m.	Adult CPR/AED
January 15 Thursday	6:00 p.m.	Adult CPR/AED
January 17 Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Adult CPR/AED
January 21 Wednesday	1:00 p.m.	Infant/Child CPR/AED
February 26 Thursday	6:00 p.m.	Adult CPR/AED
March 14 Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Infant/Child CPR/AED
March 18 Wednesday	1:00 p.m.	Adult CPR/AED

All classes are held on the lower level of the Parish Center.

The cost is \$37 per person. If there is more than one person in the household the cost for the additional members is \$27. Checks are due at the beginning of class and are payable to St. Thomas More Catholic Church.



Contact Dr. Phil Goscienski at drphilg@cox.net
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