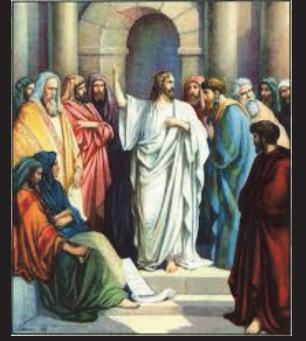


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*He taught them as one having authority
—Mark 1:22*



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Saturday at 5:00pm
Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am
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Eucharistic Adoration

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

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Saturday, 4:00-4:30pm

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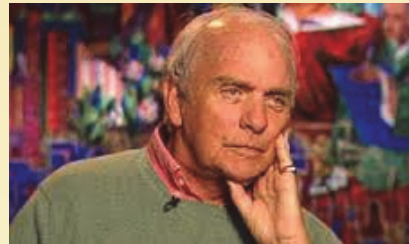
**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 1, 2015**

Pastor's Column

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

2015—The Gift of Another Year as We Journey Home to God

In these early days of 2015, I share some thoughts with you from Frederick Buechner, a Presbyterian minister and author. May his words help to set a context for us as we continue our Journey of Faith, as we make our way home to God:



Faith is homesickness. Faith is a lump in the throat. Faith is less a position on than a movement toward, less a sure thing than a hunch. Faith is waiting. Faith is journeying through space and time.

So if someone (and this frequently happens) were to come up and ask me to talk about my faith, it's exactly that journey through space and time I'd have to talk about. The ups and downs of the years, the dreams, the odd moment, the intuitions. I'd have to talk about the occasional sense I have that life isn't just a series of events causing other events as haphazardly as a break shot in pool causes billiard balls to go off in many directions, but that life has a plot the way a novel has a plot—that events are somehow leading somewhere.

—Going On Faith

If I were called upon to state in a few words the essence of everything I was trying to say both as a novelist and as a preacher, it would be something like this: Listen to your life. See it for the fathomless mystery it is. In the boredom and pain of it no less than in the excitement and gladness: touch, taste, smell your way to the holy and hidden heart of it, because in the last analysis all moments are key moments, and life itself is grace.

—Now And Then

As we continue to walk through the days of 2015, may we see our steps as a pilgrimage that has meaning and direction. May we view life as a Journey of Faith. May we "take in" each moment as the meeting place of God. May we prepare ourselves each day for our homecoming, our reunion with the God who loves us and calls us home.

F. Mike

Vocations

Fr. Mike, at his anniversary Mass, called upon all young people to consider the priesthood or religious life as a vocation and not to wait until they are 100% positive about the calling before they investigate. Over the next few weeks we will give you a local contact to be in touch with if you even think you might have a calling—Sr. Aurora Lopez-Ornelas, SJS, at the Diocese of San Diego, 858-490-8346. Investigate the possibilities; they are a challenging and rewarding way of life.

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.

Thank You from Catholic Charities

I just wanted to thank all the Parishioners at St. Thomas More for sponsoring a toy drive for our "Christmas Store" holiday program again this past year!

We are very grateful for your support and for making a difference in the lives of so many families who otherwise would have not been able to afford Christmas gifts for their children during that special time.

I have shared some pictures from the toy distribution.

I wish your Parish the very best for the New Year! Thank you again!

In appreciation,
Marco Lemus, Program Coordinator
Food Resource Center—Vista
Catholic Charities, Diocese of San Diego



Welcome New Parishioners

Robert & Elizabeth McCoy
Jimmy & Marcela Pardo-Velez & Family

Congratulations to

John & Lorrie Steen

who celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary January 22.

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

Flower Donations

The Altar Flowers for this weekend are given by **John & Lorrie Steen** in honor of their anniversary..



In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

David Leuê, who died on January 25. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday, February 2, in Clovis, California. Please keep his wife, Stella, and his family in your prayers.

Lois "Boo" Falconer, who died on January 26. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, February 28, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep her family in your prayers

Piet Boets, who died on January 25 and is the brother-in-law of staff member Henny Jocelyn. His funeral services will be held out of town. Please keep his family in your prayers.

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

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 January 14 we have netted \$52,902 from this program. Thank you donors!



**For more information, contact the Parish Office:
760-758-4100 x100 or parishoffice@stmoside.org**

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 slider with the ShopwithScrip logo 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.

Readings for the Week Ahead
 Sunday Year B; Weekday Year I
 Readings online at www.usccb.org.
Sunday, February 1 (71)
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Deuteronomy 18:15-20
 Psalm 95:1-2,6-9
 1 Corinthians 7:32-35
 Mark 1:21-28
Monday, February 2 (524)
The Presentation of the Lord
 Malachi 3:1-4
 Psalm 24:7-10
 Hebrews 2:14-18
 Luke 2:22-40
Tuesday, February 3 (324)
Blaise, bishop, martyr
Ansgar, bishop
 Hebrews 12:1-4
 Psalm 22:26b-28,30-32
 Mark 5:21-43
Wednesday, February 4 (325)
 Hebrews 12:4-7,11-15
 Psalm 103:1-2,13-14,17-18a
 Mark 6:1-6
Thursday, February 5 (326)
Agatha, virgin, martyr
 Hebrews 12:18-19,21-24
 Psalm 48:2-4,9-11
 Mark 6:7-13
Friday, February 6 (327)
Paul Miki, martyr, and companions, martyrs
 Hebrews 13:1-8
 Psalm 27:1,3,5,8b-9c
 Mark 6:14-29
Saturday, February 7 (328)
 Hebrews 13:15-17,20-21
 Mark 6:31-34
Sunday, February 8 (74)
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Job 7:1-4,6-7
 Psalm 147:1-6
 1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23
 Mark 1:29-39

Prayer List (Call 760-758-4100 x102 to add a name for four weeks.)
 Changa Aguilera
 Ernie Aichele
 Mary Alexander
 Carrie Autrey
 Joshua Avery
 Jose Luis Barbosa
 Patricia Barbour
 Francie Barron
 William Bartha
 Clarice Bednarz
 John Bennici
 Regina Bentz
 Lisa Berg
 Roseanne Berg
 Mary Betz
 Betty Jean Bielich
 The Boets Family
 Cindy Bradburn
 Beth Brewer
 Janet Brown
 Sr. Maureen Brown
 Todd Brown
 Katie Browne
 Jack & Mary Bruzas
 Anita Buerger
 The Cadieux Family
 Tony Calderone
 Shelby Campbell
 Brienne Campos
 Aria Cappeluti
 Donald Cashmore
 The Vaughn Clevenger Family
 Dolly Cole
 Carl & Dorothy Coleman
 James Coleman
 Steven Cresencia
 Lené Crowe
 Karen Flaharty Daley
 Jodi Daniels & Family
 Beverly de Gelder
 Nick Del Sesto
 Hugo Delgado, Jr.
 Cornelia Delong Brock
 Cassandra D'Ercole
 Christine DeSantis
 Cecilia DeSimone
 Carole Dillon
 Edward Dolnik
 Art & Dave Dossman
 The Draper Family
 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 Guent
 Susan Hallahan
 Susan Hannibal
 Pat & Tom Hannon
 The Harker Family
 Anthony Harris
 Dorothy Harrison
 Barbara Hatem
 Heidi Heaton
 Lilian Hills
 Mary Hodina
 Samara Hook
 Susan Hori
 Tina Hunter
 Iolanda Iacobelli
 The Johansen Family
 Sue Johnston
 Laura Kater
 Dottie Kearney
 Paul Kennedy
 Connor Kerzie
 Peggy Kiernan
 Debbie Kinney
 Mark Kneisel
 Dewey Kolbo
 Tony Korwin
 Helen Kuhn
 Lillian Lachance
 The Lamelin Family
 Bart Landry
 Mike Lavis
 Brandon LeBlanc
 Jeremiah Lemus
 The Leuê Family
 The Paul Leuê Family
 The Lew Family
 Ashley Load
 Cassandra & Lauren Loretto
 Jack Lucarelli
 The Lynn Family
 Joaquin Maldonado
 The Maldonado Family
 The Maldonado Trejo Family
 Paige Mansell
 Alexander Mathews
 Gloria Maupin
 Virginia McConnell
 Bob McWilliams
 Joyce Meehan
 Kalei Mendiola
 Tom Miller
 Phyllis Minaya
 June Mitchell
 June Montgomery
 Nancy Moore
 Elizabeth Muehlbacher
 Conrad Murphy
 Margie Myers
 Angela Nacional
 Melanie Nacional
 Nida Navarro
 Richard Obsitnik
 Kare O'Dell
 Laura Paciorek Gloor
 Bernadette Padovan
 Ethan Palm
 The Phelan Family
 Helen Pingtella
 Perry Postulka
 The Joe Prokop Family
 Bettie Provinse
 Barbara Ramm
 Evelyn Richards
 Jan Riley
 Connie Ringel
 Rita Ritchie
 George Rivera
 Lily Robinson
 Maria Rogers
 The Russo Family
 Rachel Sainc
 Cindy Sanelli
 Linda Schmidt
 Joan Shea
 Elizabeth Shirzad
 Tom Simonson
 Madeline Snyder
 Nick Soltau
 Darek, Vanessa, & Elba Spizewski
 Patricia St. Pierre
 Sybil Staples
 Mike Sterling
 Laura Bernard Stover, MD
 Pete Sullivan
 Julie Teare
 Alan Thompson
 Tommy & Ginger Thompson
 Sarah Tillinghast
 William Tompson
 Stephen Toth, Jr.
 Olivia Trejo
 The Trejo/Beltran Family
 The Trejo/Maldonado/Uribe Family
 Maureen Tutino
 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
 Feb 2 Women's Faith & Fellowship
 Feb 8 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
 Feb 9 Women's Faith & Fellowship
 Feb 10-11 Restaurant Fundraiser at Hunter's Steakhouse
 Feb 15 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
 Feb 21 Women's Prayer Breakfast (new date)
 Feb 24-25 Restaurant Fundraiser at Nucci's
 Mar 1 New Member Reception
 Mar 1-4 Parish Mission
 Mar 24 Women's Guild Day of Recollection
 Apr 19 Spring Sing Concert
 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

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.

February 2	Sr. Fatima Viamontes, RJM
February 3	Sr. Eloisa Vilches, SJS
February 4	Sr. Joanne Wagenbrenner, CHS
February 5	Sr. Elizabeth Walsh, RSCJ
February 6	Sr. Kathleen Walsh, RSM
February 7	Sr. Alyce Waters, RSM
February 8	Sr. Cora Weismantel, SSND

Mass Intentions
Saturday, January 31, 5:00pm Marilyn Clarke ☩
Sunday, February 1, 8:30am Joe Coccaro ☩
Sunday, February 1, 10:30am Frank Saputo ☩
Monday, February 2, 8:15am Paul Cassidy ☩
Tuesday, February 3, 8:15am Jack & Mary Bruzas
Wednesday, February 4, 8:15am Maria Guadalupe Valdivia ☩
Thursday, February 5, 8:15am Scott Ashton ☩
Friday, February 6, 8:15am Janet Rose Dudeck ☩
Saturday, February 7, 5:00pm Angie Trejo Rasmon ☩ Raquel Sainz Maldonado ☩
Sunday, February 8, 8:30am Joe Cairo ☩
Sunday, February 8, 10:30am Robert Ratajczak ☩

Social Ministries & Outreach

Become a Friend of La Posada! Friendship Drive

The “Friends of La Posada” is the financial and social support group for the men’s shelter, La Posada de Guadalupe (the inn of our Lady of Guadalupe).

La Posada is special to St. Thomas More Parish because the shelter is within our parish geographic jurisdiction. The shelter we support has a diverse population: Caucasians, Hispanics, African-Americans. Last year, 24 were veterans. Besides room and board, these men receive a variety of case management services that help them to become independent, healthy, and contributing members of their communities. About 40 of the men are farm workers who formerly slept in make-shift shelters in the fields or in crowded apartments.

Last year, La Posada moved into a new mission-style building on the same site and doubled in size (going from 50 beds to 100, including 50 beds for farm workers. Naturally operating expenses have doubled as well.

We hope you will continue to show your commitment to La Posada and its programs for homeless men and farm workers by becoming an “official” friend.

Join us at an appropriate membership level for the year, \$35 for individuals, \$50 for families. There are other levels for businesses and organizations.

Forms are available in last week’s bulletin on the Parish website and at the Parish Office. Please become a Friend of La Posada!

Need Help with Transportation to Church!

Volunteer drivers are needed in our Parish. Some Parishioners would like to attend Mass and cannot drive themselves. Please prayerfully consider helping some of our fellow Parishioners. If you can help in any way with this service, please contact Ann Eriksson 760-599-7151 or eriksson1@mindspring.com.



Brother Benno’s Food Drive

In March, we will be holding our annual food drive to aid Brother Benno’s and the poor they serve. Start collecting and using your coupons.

St. Bonaventure Update

Thanks to your generosity, 798 people were helped with the results of our clothing drive. Our clothing drive is the only dedicated drive for the mission and the people they serve. Thank you again and God Bless!!!

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)

Marriage & Family Life

Moms & Kids—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 on February 2 and February `16 at Vista Sports Complex Park. There are many other events throughout the month posted on our private Facebook page. Join us! Contact Jen Abelson at jen.abelson@gmail.com.



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.

Bishops’ Letter on Marriage—Journey in Faith: “Getting married does not, therefore, magically confer perfection. Rather, the love to which the spouses have been configured is powerful enough to transform their whole life’s journey so that it becomes a journey toward perfection. In this journey, the spouses are ever more conformed into the likeness of Christ so that they can ever more perfectly love one another as Christ loves his Church.” To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

Marriage Moments—As the story goes, Jonah was trying to run away from God because he feared announcing a message of repentance. A whale changed his mind. (Jonah 1-4) Are there any disputes I’m running away from in our marriage? Identify one troublesome difference today and face it squarely. Repent if necessary. Honest communication can be an act of courage and salvation.

Parenting Pointers—If you are blessed to have children, no matter how aggravating they may be at times, remember those who have lost a child through miscarriage or abortion. Pray for couples trying to conceive. Fertility is a daunting responsibility. Do you know someone who has had an abortion? Do they know about Project Rachel? <http://hopeafterabortion.com/>

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.

Rosary

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



A Closer Look Tour

You are invited to take *A Closer Look* tour of our church under construction with Brian Leahy, our Director of Construction, in between the morning Masses on selected Sundays beginning again on February 15. Closed-toe shoes are required for safety. 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.



Parish Events

Women's Guild News

It is time to choose your dressy finest and get your luncheon ticket ready for our Valentine "Hearts and Flowers" Fashion Show next Saturday at Shadowridge Country Club at 11:00am. It is going to be a wonderful, fun day. If you don't have a ticket yet contact Valerie Thompson, chair, at 760-630-1703. Cost is \$45 and is a fundraiser for the mortgage/building completion fund for our new church and office buildings. Thank you Valerie and your busy committee for all your time put into preparing for this popular annual event. This fundraiser takes the place of our usual February monthly meeting; our next regular scheduled meeting will be on Monday, March 9. —*Ann Buko, president*

Hearts and Flowers Fashion Show—All ladies of the Parish and their friends are cordially invited to join us for our annual luncheon and fashion show. This is always a highlight of our year and will be held on Saturday, February 7, at Shadowridge Country Club at 11:00am. This is always a very exciting, fun-filled event that you won't want to miss! Tickets are \$45, and all proceeds go to the mortgage/building completion fund. Tickets will be sold after Masses on January 31-February 1. If you have door prizes to deliver, please bring them to Mary Coxon or to the church office. For opportunity baskets, take them to Maureen Tutino or the office. Thank you to all who have volunteered.—*Valerie Thompson, chair 760-630-1703 valgene2@cox.net; Siggie Ogan, co-chair 760-994-4727 siggie@yahoo.com*

Attention Men!

Year three of "That Man is You!—The Revelation of the Father" continues on Saturday, February 7, at 6:45am with the topic "A Home Filled with Joy."

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

Spirited Seniors St. Valentine's Day Luncheon

The Spirited Seniors are celebrating St. Valentine's Day with a buffet Luncheon and Piano Concert on Saturday, February 14, 11:15am-2:30pm. The cost is \$13 for members and \$16 for non-members. It will be catered by the Village Kitchen & Pie Shoppe of Carlsbad. Space is limited. The deadline for reservations is February 9. See the flyer in today's bulletin to sign up. Please remember to specify choice of entrée for EACH attendee with the letter A for Tuscan Chicken or the letter B for Vegetarian Lasagna. For more information, contact Judy Buoniconti at 760-758-5113.

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 Available

Pipe Organ	\$850,000
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
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

Memorial Item Donations Partial

Concelebrant Chairs (6) 1 available	\$3,000/each
Flower Pedestals (8) 3 available	\$1,000/each
Wedding Kneelers (5) 1 available	\$1,000/each
Pew Seating for the Church (1,000) 803 available	\$300/each
Daily Mass Chapel and Choir Chairs (200) 117 available	\$300/each
Memorial Garden & Reflection Garden	
Olive Trees in 7-foot boxes (10) 7 available	\$1,400/each

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Memorials are a way of honoring those whom we love, whether they are living or deceased. Often, memorials are made for a special intention or in thanksgiving for a variety of blessings received from God.

Our Parish Campus will be a living memorial. All who help in building it will leave something to the community itself that will be used by generations to come. The good they do is not interred with them, but will remain to share in the divine activity of God here on earth.

Listed above are items still available for adoption.

All contributions will be recognized in a special memorial to be displayed in our Parish Memorial Garden.

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



For more information on our progress, visit our website, stmoside.org, and click on New Construction.

Liturgy & Music Worship God

Douglas Lynn
 Director of Liturgy & Music
 douglasl@stmoside.org; 760-758-4100 x140

EXPLORING THE MASS



For some, it has been a while since they last thought about why we do what we do at Mass. For me, it is an almost weekly occurrence—part of my professional (and vocational) reality. The last time I talked about the structure of the Mass on these pages, we were just about to embark on a journey, discovering the new edition of the *Roman Missal* (the big red book the priest reads from during the Mass) in 2011. It is time to take another look.

In his introduction to *At the Supper of the Lamb*, Rev. Paul Turner writes:

On that day when those invited come to feast at the supper of the Lamb,...there will be joy, celebration, music, silence, dialogue, acclamation, and prayer. All will be swept up in the glory of God. No one will have to learn what to do.

But until that day, we mortals gather at the supper of the Lamb on earth...to worship God as best we can. For now, we all have to learn what to do.

Over the next few weeks, we will explore the Mass, reminding ourselves of some things we may have forgotten and, perhaps, relearning what to do.

Looking at the overall structure, we see that the Mass is divided into four parts—Introductory Rites, Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of the Eucharist, and Concluding Rites—woven together to form a single unified liturgical action.

The Introductory Rites

“When the people are gathered.”

First rubric. First sentence. First words in the Order of Mass. “When the people have gathered.” This was my favorite “Aha!” moment when I first reviewed the *Missal* texts. It

tells us that our communal worship begins *before* the first note of music, before the priest, deacon, and altar servers walk down the aisle. Mass begins not at the Sign of the Cross, but as the people have gathered.

The **Entrance Song**—no longer the gathering song—is meant to open the celebration, foster the unity of those who have gathered, introduce our thoughts to the mystery of the liturgical time or festivity, and accompany the procession of the priest and ministers.

The words that accompany the **Sign of the Cross** are inspired by Jesus’ farewell and command to the disciples on the occasion of his Ascension (Mt 28:19), and the **Greeting** signifies to the assembled community the presence of the Lord.

The **Penitential Act** has three forms which it may take (note the “OR” in the worship aid), all beginning with a call to the whole community to take part, continuing with silence and a general confession, and concluding with the priest’s absolution. Originally the word “Kyrie” was probably addressed to God, not necessarily to Christ, and “eleison” was a general cry for mercy, not a specific appeal for forgiveness.

The Introductory Rites take on a celebratory character when the **Gloria** is sung—Sundays outside of Advent and Lent, except when All Souls falls on a Sunday (which we experienced last year), and for solemnities and feasts on the calendar. It is a most ancient hymn by which the Church, gathered in the Holy Spirit, glorifies and entreats God the Father and the Lamb.

In the **Collect**, the priest invites the assembly to pray. After a brief silence during which the people become aware of God’s presence

part 1



Mark 1:22

and call to mind their intentions, he then “collects” the spoken and unspoken prayers felt in our hearts and offers them to our loving God.

Liturgy of the Word

The Bible was written for public proclamation, not just for private devotion. God speaks to the people in the proclamation of the Word, and Christ speaks to the people—in the present tense—whenever the Gospel is proclaimed. After the Second Vatican Council (1962-65), people started hearing more scripture than ever before, 14% of the Old Testament and 71% of the New Testament, up from 1% and 17%, respectively.

The **First Reading**, usually from the Old Testament, is the history of our family, filled with stories of the heroes of our faith, lessons about how God has dealt with human beings in the past, discoveries about how Jesus fulfilled the predictions of a Messiah, and is a reminder of God’s compassion and steadfast love. This reading always has a connection to the theme of the Gospel.

Nest week, we conclude the Liturgy of the Word, and begin the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Upcoming Music



FEBRUARY 8
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time



5:00pm

Sanctuary Choir

8:30am

Praise Team

10:30am

Cappella Choir

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

Our Next REACH Day is Feb 8th

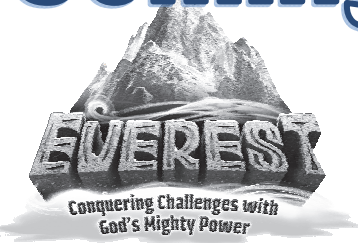
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TOWERS OF FAITH

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 Week of January 17/18, 2015

Number of Registered Households		1,138
Offertory*	\$	6,889.30
Offertory (Loose Collection)		1,488.00
Children's envelopes		0.00
Total	\$	8,377.30

Collection for Week of January 24/25, 2015

Number of Registered Households		1,138
Offertory*	\$	13,140.24
Offertory (Loose Collection)		900.00
Children's envelopes		0.00
Total	\$	14,040.24

Mortgage/Building Completion Fund Income

Monthly Mortgage Payment: \$44,806

	Income	Payment	Under/Over
Sep-Dec 2014*	\$183,087	\$150,082	\$33,005

Building Completion Fund

Fourth Quarter 2014 "Memorial Items Donations": \$50,211

**Our first mortgage payment was interest only.
 The mortgage took effect on September 15, 2014.*

Thank you for helping us "catch up." Keep up the great work!
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As we live from day to day, we are investing our time and talents in various things. Whatever we are doing had better be important. It costs us a day of our lives.

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 We are accountable to God for how
 we use the gifts we've received.**

News & Information from the Larger Church

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.

2015 Diocesan Revival—February 2-4 at St. Rita's Catholic Church at 7:00pm each evening. Rev. Anthony Bozeman will be the preacher. The Revival is sponsored by the Diocesan Commission for African American Catholics. There is no charge and all are welcome to attend.

Mainly Mozart Concerts—February 8, March 8, and May 17 at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, Carlsbad. For more information, visit www.mainlymozart.org.

San Diego Marriage Encounter Sweetheart Dinner and Dance—Saturday, February 14, 6:00-10:00pm, St. Michael's Church Holy Family Center, 15546 Pomerado Rd., Poway. \$50 per couple. For more information, visit www.wmme-sandiego.org.

St. Vincent de Paul Ladies Guild—Lights, Camera, Action! A Tribute to the Oscars Luncheon—Tuesday, February 17, 11:00am, Sheraton Mission Valley, 1433 Camino del Rio South, San Diego. Proceeds benefit Fr. Joe's Villages. For more information, contact Kathy at 619-423-3227 or kathymcknly@yahoo.com.

Rachel's Vineyard Post Abortion Healing Retreat in Temecula—March 20-22, for any woman or man who has struggled with the emotional and spiritual pain of abortion. Private and confidential. For more information, contact Dolores at 951-325-7702 or rvtemecula@verizon.net.

Support Shoppportunity—Catholic Charities Thrift Store—Item donations appreciated. For more information, contact Yolanda Ungo, Program Manager, 760-631-2819.

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 a weekend workshop, 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 davidandcherylcross@gmail.com.

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. 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.

Catholic Radio—AM 1000/Sirius 130—San Diego

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Contact Ann Eriksson:

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Valentine's Day

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Saturday, February 14 • 11:15am-2:30pm

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Parish Center Lower Level

Lunch will be catered by Village Kitchen & Pie Shoppe of Carlsbad

Menu:

Entrée Option **A**: Tuscan Chicken

Entrée Option **B**: Vegetable Lasagna

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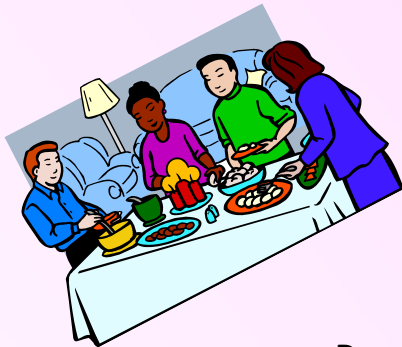
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Cost for Members: \$13

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Deadline for Reservations: Monday, February 9



Please complete the registration form with your check made to "St. Thomas More Spirited Seniors." Place it in an envelope marked "Spirited Seniors Valentine's Day Luncheon" and return it to the offertory collection or the Parish Office, Box 12, by February 9. Space is limited. Specify choice of entrée for EACH attendee with the letter "A" or "B." For more information, contact Judy Buoniconti at 760-758-5113.



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The Spirited Seniors Valentine's Lunch • February 14 • Registration forms due by February 9

Name 1:	Circle Entrée Option A B	Telephone:	Today's Date:
Name 2:	Circle Entrée Option A B	Number of Tickets: _____ Member @ \$13 each = \$ _____	
Email:		_____ Non-Member @t \$16 each = \$ _____	
		Total enclosed: _____	= \$ _____