

**SAINT
THOMAS
MORE
CATHOLIC
CHURCH**

*Who is this whom even wind and sea obey?
—Mark 4:41*



*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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**Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 21, 2015**

Pastor's Column

*Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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God's Waiting Room and the Cosmic Christ



Several weeks ago, I went to Massachusetts to spend a few days with Fr. Rich Lewandowski, our beloved priest who helps to “cover” for me when I am on vacation or leading pilgrimages.

While there, we travelled to Monroe, Connecticut to visit his cousin, Sister Dulcissima, who is a member of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth.

Sister Dulcissima is living in their Marian Heights Retirement Home along with a handful of other sisters.

In June, Sister will be celebrating the 80th anniversary of her vows! In a few months, she will turn 100! Living in a room next door to her is another Sister who is 102!

The Sisters recently sold some acreage as well as the Home in which they are presently living. It is much too large now for their needs, and a smaller Facility is presently being built. The Home in which they are now living will be torn down.

When a Sister finds herself going to this Retirement Home, it is like an “elephant returning to the elephant burial grounds.” They know that it is the last step, the last place they will be before they die. In a very real sense, it is “God’s Waiting Room.”

One would expect that such a place would be sad, having an atmosphere, at best, of melancholia, and, at worst, an atmosphere exuding an air of gloom and doom.

But that is not the case at all. What I experienced was the power of our Christian Faith, our belief in Resurrection.

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Construction Progress
Stripping and layout of floor.

Visit www.stmoside.org
to see more photos!



Pastor's Column *(continued from page 1)*

These Sisters are creating a place of joy, peace, and solidarity. It was beautiful to see how they go through their daily routines, how they look after each other, and how they are joyfully waiting for the next step in their journey that will lead them home to our loving God.

My visit there left me inspired, and renewed in my belief in the Resurrection. The Sisters are such powerful witnesses! I pray that anyone who may be struggling with their faith, or "down" or depressed about what life may be handing them, would find a place like that to lift them up and help them to keep the proper focus on life's journey.

While there, I went to their Chapel and saw a magnificent mosaic, "The Cosmic Christ." It is large; the dimensions are 16' 7" in height and 28' in width. The artist is Clair Leighton.

Unfortunately, the Mosaic will be destroyed when the building is torn down. This will happen by the end of this year.

In talking with Sister Marita, the Director of the Retirement Home, she said that the Sisters would be very happy to gift our Parish with the Mosaic, at no cost. We would only be responsible for the cost of dismantling the Mosaic and having it shipped.

In talking with Brian Leahey, our Director of Construction, we concluded that there may be a few places in and around the Church where the Mosaic could be displayed.

With that in mind, Brian and I will be taking a closer look and will determine what the cost of dismantling and shipping would be. And how we may be able to fund this project.

So say a prayer! Maybe the Cosmic Christ will find a new home in our Parish!

I will keep the Parish informed about this possibility...

F. A. Duke

Congratulations to Fr. Peter McGuine!

Our Lady of Grace Church is holding a Luau in Moloney Center on June 27 to celebrate the 25th anniversary of priestly ordination of our former pastor, Fr. Peter McGuine. Tickets are \$15 per person; children 12 and under are \$7. Please contact Mary Cloward at mary.cloward@cox.net or 619-463-1129 for reservations. The event follows the Saturday 5:30pm Mass in the church. Doors to Moloney Center open at 6:30pm.

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 12 we have netted \$54,652
from this program. Thank you donors!**



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

Welcome New Parishioners

**Shirley Chaska Baird
Norma Chaska
Arnold & Rita Darin
Christopher & Charlene Johnson & Family
Mel & Barbara Motland
Joseph Naccarato**

Announcing the Baptism of

Evan Andrew Barron
on June 21

Our Christian community welcomes you with great joy!

Congratulations to

Herman & Bonnie Cornish

who celebrate their 54th wedding anniversary June 30.

Phil & Pat Goscienski

who celebrate their 57th wedding anniversary June 21.

Don & Maureen Tutino

who celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary June 25.

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 were given by **Herman & Bonnie Cornish** in honor of their wedding anniversary.

**In Memoriam**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Theresa Farrell, who died on June 11. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated in Seal Beach, with a graveside service on Tuesday, July 7 at 11:00am at Mission San Luis Rey Cemetery in Oceanside. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Dolly Cole, who died June 14. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on June 29 in Cleveland, Ohio. Please keep her daughter, Beverly Kowallek, and 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.*

Local Hospitals with Catholic Chaplains Available

If you or a loved one is in one of these hospitals and need the ministry of a Catholic priest, please contact the Chaplain's Office to make the arrangements.

Hospital	Chaplain's Office
Tri-City	760-940-7954
Palomar	442-281-1328
Scripps Encinitas	760-633-7784
Scripps Green	858-554-3698
Scripps Mercy	619-260-7020
UCSD Thornton	619-543-2103
Kaiser Zion	619-528-5188

Readings for the Week Ahead

Sunday Year B; Weekday Year I
Readings online at www.usccb.org.

Sunday, June 21 (95)
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Job 38:1,8-11
Psalm 107:23-26,28-31
2 Corinthians 5:14-17
Mark 4:35-41

Monday, June 22 (584)
*Paulinus of Nola, bishop,
John Fisher, bishop and
Thomas More, martyrs*

2 Corinthians 8:9-15
Psalm 40:2,4ab,7-10
Luke 12:32-34

Tuesday, June 23 (372)
Genesis 13:2,5-18
Psalm 15:2-5
Matthew 7:6,12-14

Wednesday, June 24 (586)
Nativity of Saint John the Baptist
Isaiah 49:1-6
Psalm 139:1b-3,13-15
Luke 1:57-66,80

Thursday, June 25 (374)
Genesis 16:1-12,15-16
Psalm 106:1b-5
Matthew 7:21-29

Friday, June 26 (375)
Genesis 17:1,9-10,15-22
Psalm 128:1-5
Matthew 8:1-4

Saturday, June 27 (376)
Cyril of Alexandria, bishop, doctor
Genesis 18:1-15
Luke 1:46-50,53-55 (Psalm)
Matthew 8:5-17

Sunday, June 28 (98)
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wisdom 1:13-15;2:23-24
Psalm 30:2,4-6,11-13
2 Corinthians 8:7,9,13-15
Mark 5:21-43

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

Changa Aguilera
Ernie Aichele
Mary Alexander
Carrie Autrey
Joshua Avery
Rosemary Ballard
Dee Barakman
Jose Luis Barbosa
Patricia Barbour
Francie Barron
Clarice Bednarz
John Bennici
Regina Bentz
Lisa Berg
Roseanne Berg
Mary Betz
Betty Jean Bielich
Pieter Boets & Family
Zane Breier
Beth Brewer
Hannah Bronson
Janet Brown
Sr. Maureen Brown
Todd Brown
Katie Browne
Jack & Mary Bruzas
Anita Buerger
Shelby Campbell
Brianna Campos
Aria Cappeluti
Jorge Cartajena
Donald Cashmore
The Vaughn Clevenger Family
The Cole and Kowallek Families
Carl & Dorothy Coleman
James Coleman
Steven Cresencia
Lené Crowe
Karen Flaharty Daley
Beverly de Gelder
Nick Del Sesto
Paul Del Vecchio
Hugo Delgado, Jr.
Cassandra D'Ercole
Christine DeSantis
Cecilia DeSimone
Carole Dillon
Edward Dolnik
Art & Dave Dossman
La Vonne Dumas
The Eighmey Family
Jerome Elbacha
Carolyn Erickson Ey
The Farrell Family
Victoria Lopez Fenton
The Fiore Family
Mary Fleming
Ryan Flum
Ernie Follis
Eugene Franciscus
Kathryn Franklin
The Greg French Family
Brian Frink
Jim Gallagher
The Joe Garcia Family
Kathy Gardner
Jack & Marge Gillen
Wendy Gonzales' Dad
Rick Gonzalez
Tillie Gonzalez
Lou Gordon
George Gritt
Fred Gritzen and Family
Luke Guenst
Susan Hallahan
Pat & Tom Hannon
The Harker Family
Dorothy Harrison
Barbara Hatem
Heidi Heaton
Lilian Hills
Mike Hofer
Samara Hook
Susan Hori
Tina Hunter
Iolanda Iacobelli
Bob Jacobson
The Johansing Family
Bradley Johnson
Sue Johnston
Laura Kater
Dottie Kearney
Paul Kennedy
Connor Kerzie
Peggy Kiernan
Debbie Kinney
Mark Kneisel
Fujiko Kodama
Dewey Kolbo
Tony Korwin
Helen Kuhn
Lillian Lachance
The Lamelin Family
Bart Landry
Brandon LeBlanc
Jeremiah Lemus
The Paul Leucé Family
The Lew Family
Ashley Load
Cassandra & Lauren Loretto
Jack Lucarelli
Lisa Lynn
Joaquin Maldonado
The Maldonado Family
The Maldonado Trejo Family
Paige Mansell
Alexander Mathews
Gloria Maupin
Colleen McCall
Virginia McConnell
Bob McWilliams
Joyce Meehan
Kalei Mendiola
Rita Mikridge
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
Ethan Palm
Helen Pingtella
Perry Postulka
The Joe Prokopp Family
Barbara Ramm
Evelyn Richards
Jan Riley
The Rinear Family
Connie Ringel
Rita Ritchie
Anna Robinson
Lily Robinson
Maria Rogers
The Russo Family
Rachel Sainc
Cindy Sanelli
Therese Schanzenbach
Linda Schmidt
Joan Shea
Elizabeth Shirzad
Tom Simonson
Nick Soltau
Drew Spangler
Darek, Vanessa, & Elba Spizewski
Don St. Pierre
Patricia St. Pierre
Sybil Staples
Mike Sterling
Laura Bernard Stover, MD
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
Lucy Viramontes
Vanessa Vitiello
Wilson Wanner
Kevin Watson-Graff
Jerry Wechsler
The Wilmott Family
Patricia Zavala
Jeanne Zeltner

Calendar Highlights

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

Jun 22-26 Vacation Bible School
Jun 25 Bible Timeline continues
Jun 28 Tequila Tasting Party
Jul 19 Pastor's Dinner
Jul 24-26 Steubenville San Diego
Aug 23 Towers of Faith Reception
Sep 9 Gospel of Matthew Bible Study Begins
Sep 20 New Member Luncheon
Oct 9-11 Men's Retreat
Nov 1 Pizza & Beer Party
Dec 19 Christmas Cookie Exchange
2016
Apr 29 STM Gala

Questions? Contact Henny at
760-758-4100 x100
hennyj@stmoside.org.

Deployed Military

Gunnery Sgt. Fernando Andrade, Jr.
1st Lt. Jeffrey Bauer, USMC
Lt. Devon Czarzasty
Chaplain Van Dinh
Lance Corp. Brandon Doyle, USMC
Capt. Branden M. Felker, USAF
Patrick G. Felker, USN
Grant Fischer
Gy Sgt Julian Fyffe, USMC
MSGT Steve Gallegos, USMC
Sgt. Alex Garcia
Adolfo Granados, MD, U.S. Navy
PFC Samuel Haro, US Army
Sr. Airman Stephan LaMothe, USAF
Cpl Caleb Lemons, USMC
PFC Cody Madere
Jordan Millikan
1st Lt. Jennifer Mozzetta
Jeremiah Gabriel Nelson, USAF
Thomas Kevin Nelson, US Navy
Fireman Griffin Joseph Ochoa, 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.

June 22	Sr. Electa Hevener, OCD
June 23	Sr. Mary Hotz, RSCJ
June 24	Sr. Bernard Ibrahim, DMI
June 25	Sr. Catherine Rose Iverson, SHF
June 26	Sr. Barbara Jackson, OSF
June 27	Sr. Francine Jackson, RSM
June 28	Sr. Teresa Jaramillo, MMS

Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 20, 5:00pm
Steven Koonce ☩

Sunday, June 21, 8:30am
Bartholomeo De Coro ☩

Sunday, June 21, 10:30am
Jerry Adams ☩

Monday, June 22, 8:15am
Father's Day Triduum

Tuesday, June 23, 8:15am
Father's Day Triduum

Wednesday, June 24, 8:15am
Father's Day Triduum

Thursday, June 25, 8:15am
Mike Ludke

Friday, June 26, 8:15am
Eunice Masseth ☩

Saturday, June 27, 5:00pm
Fr. Ken Kieffer ☩

Sunday, June 28, 8:30am
Sue Welch ☩

Sunday, June 28, 10:30am
Arlene Noles ☩

Social Ministries & Outreach



BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

Culture of Life
Family Services

Fill a Bottle-Save a Life!

Support women in crisis pregnancies

This weekend is the Baby Bottle Drive. We provide the baby bottles, you provide the cash, check, or change!

For more information or to volunteer contact our Coordinator at (619)886-7884.

www.pregnantandscared.me
www.COLFS.org

Medical Offices open in San Diego and Escondido

COLFS is a 501c3 tax exempt non-profit organization founded by faithful Catholics in San Diego dedicated to helping women in unplanned pregnancies discover life affirming choices.

St. Bonaventure Clothing Drive

In this land of plenty, there is still abject poverty for some and we are all called, as followers of Jesus, to aid those less fortunate. We at STM have been privileged for over 20 years to assist St. Bonaventure Indian Mission in New Mexico to help the Navajo on the big reservation where 60% are unemployed and most live well below the poverty line. We do this through our annual clothing drive held the second weekend in November. Serviceable shoes, boots, clothing, and blankets for infants through adults are needed. Please start collecting now! If you have questions or need assistance, contact Deacon Tom at thomasgoeltz@aol.com or 760-727-8442.

STM Mental Health Ministry Network

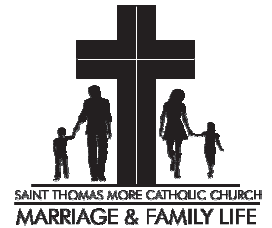
Are you interested in participating in the Ministry team of the STM Mental Health Ministry Network to help serve as “prayerful companions” for fellow Parishioners experiencing mental health issues, walking with them through the treatment process, and helping to provide Parish-wide education on the subject of mental illness? For more information., contact Deacon John at 760-758-4100 x132 or johnf@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. **For more information, visit www.stmoside.org/scrip.htm or contact the Scrip team at 760-758-4100 x150 or scrip@stmoside.org**

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. 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—The World Meeting of Families (WMOF) will take place in Philadelphia from September 22-27, 2015. The preparatory catechesis is available for purchase and is a great resource for reflecting on the theme: “Love Is Our Mission.” USCCB staff is offering reflections based on the catechesis for WMOF on the Marriage, Unique for a Reason (MUR) blog. On the internet, go to <http://www.marriageuniqueforareason.org/category/world-meeting-of-families/>.

Civil to Church Marriage—Are you civilly married, but haven’t yet been married in the church? Contact Fr. Mike at michaerl@stmoside.org to begin your preparation!

Bishops’ Letter on Marriage—Relativism: “By attempting to redefine marriage to include or be made analogous with homosexual partnerships, society is stating that the permanent union of husband and wife, the unique pattern of spousal and familial love, and the generation of new life are now only of relative importance rather than being fundamental to the existence and well-being of society as a whole.” To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

Marriage Moments—“Why are you terrified?” (Mk 4:40) What terrifies you about your marriage? Infidelity? Loss of income? Lack of intimacy? Harm coming to your beloved? Your beloved’s death?... Find a safe time and talk it over.

Parenting Pointers—Father’s Day is coming up. What qualities do you think make an ideal father? Did you learn any of these from your own father? Tell him in person or prayer. Identify one quality that you especially want to pass on to your own child. Take a step to do it today.

For more information, visit [www.diocese-sdiego.org/Ministries/Marriage and Family Life](http://www.diocese-sdiego.org/Ministries/Marriage%20and%20Family%20Life) or call Jen Frost at 858-692-7438.

Congratulations Graduates!

Attention all students who have completed kindergarten, fifth grade, eighth grade, high school, college, and beyond. Contact the Parish Office with your name and school name. We will remember you in prayer the weekend of June 27-28.



Considering Becoming Catholic?

Are you beginning to search for a deeper meaning and purpose in your life? Would you like to explore a spiritual dimension inside yourself? Do you have a yearning to experience God in your life? You are invited to join our group of “seekers” who are just beginning to discover the joy of knowing God. We meet two Saturdays a month from 3:30-4:45pm and **you** are most welcome! For more information, contact Kathleen Bell at 760-809-6526 or 80bell80@gmail.com.

Parish Events

Women's Guild News

We have been informed that the burial of Theresa Farrell, President of the Women's Guild from 1999-2000, whose funeral will be celebrated in Seal Beach, will take place at Mission San Luis Rey on July 7 at 11:00am. Members of the Women's Guild and the Parish who knew Theresa are invited to join the family for the interment at Mission San Luis Rey Cemetery to commend her to our loving God. We hope our Parish will be represented by their presence.

As of July 1 the newly installed members of next year's Board of Directors of the Women's Guild will begin their appointed positions. It is with great pleasure that we welcome them, and thank them for accepting their new jobs, knowing they will fulfill their duties with great success. May God guide them, and may they be assured of the membership's support.

Guild activities will be suspended for the summer but membership opportunities will soon be announced.

Thank you for making the past two years a pleasure for me to minister to the ladies and gentlemen of our Parish.

—Ann Buko, outgoing president

Thank You Women's Guild!

Special thanks to our very dedicated and hardworking Women's Guild for gifting our Parish with \$21,000 this month!!! This is their highest total ever. The Memorial Selection of the Church Carillon System for our Tower of Light for \$11,000 is beautiful and will be in memory of all the women who have worked so hard over the years but have died and now watch the progress from heaven. The remaining \$10,000 is going to our Mortgage/Building Completion fund, where it is most helpful! On behalf of all of our Parishioners, **thank you ladies!!!** —Fr. Mike

Men's Fellowship Update

Many of the men in our Men's Fellowship group get together on occasion to fellowship over a few beers at a local micro-brewery, or take a day hike, or go to a ball game together. If you would like to know what's going on with the guys and perhaps join in on the fellowship, **text @ithirst to 23559** and receive SMS text messages of all the happenings...

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

Peter's Pence Collection

This annual collection provides the Holy Father with the funds he needs to carry out his most important charitable works. The proceeds benefit the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Your gift makes you a pilgrim of charity around the globe. Envelopes were attached to the bulletin recently and may be returned any time during the month of June. Please be generous. Thank you!

"A Closer Look" Tours Continue

We provide the hard hats, **you provide the closed-toe shoes!** Weekly tours are offered following the 8:30am Mass and before the 10:30am Mass. To make a reservation, please contact Chris Smith at chriss@stmoside.org or 760-758-4100 x120.



STM GALA 2015

There are still spaces available for the Pastor's Dinner

Pastor's Dinner

Sunday, July 19
3:00-6:00pm

Green Dragon Tavern
& Museum, Carlsbad



A replica of Boston's original Green Dragon Tavern frequented by Sam Adams, Paul Revere, and others

\$150 per person (\$75 tax deductible)

Reserve now ★ Payments due now!

**For information, please contact Chris Smith
760-758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org**

Vocations

What to do if you think you have a calling to be a priest, religious, or deacon:

1. Pray over it. Ask God for guidance.
2. Pray over it. Listen for God's response. (Prayer is always the best way to determine any vocation...not just those in the Church.)
3. Ask questions. Find out what you will be getting into if you answer such a calling. The priests, nuns, and deacons in the Parish will always be happy to discuss your calling with you...so will the Office of Vocations at the Diocese...so will members of various orders.
4. Discuss it with family members or close friends whose opinions you value. They may have insights or questions that you have not thought of.
5. Do not be afraid to investigate such a calling.

Learning about the Priesthood

On Saturday, July 18, the Diocese of San Diego is hosting an **Explorer Day** for those men who are interested in exploring a possible vocation to the priesthood. The day will be held at St. Francis Center on the campus of the University of San Diego, 8:30am-3:30pm. If living a life of service for Christ and the people of God is attractive to you, take advantage of the opportunity to attend. Pick up an application at the Parish Office or call Fr. Pedro Rivera at St. Francis Center, 619-291-7446.

Prayer for Vocations

O God, Father of all Mercies, Provider of a bountiful Harvest, send Your Graces upon those You have called to gather the fruits of Your labor; preserve and strengthen them in their lifelong service of you. Open the hearts of Your children that they may discern Your Holy Will; inspire in them a love and desire to surrender themselves to serving others in the name of Your son, Jesus Christ. Teach all Your faithful to follow their respective paths in life guided by Your Divine Word and Truth. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, all the Angels, and Saints, humbly hear our prayers and grant Your Church's needs, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Liturgy & Music *Worship God*

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

A GODLY MEDITATION

thoughts for the Feast of St. Thomas More (June 22)

Written in the Tower.

Give me Thy grace, good Lord, to set the world at naught; to set my mind fast upon Thee; and not to hang upon the blast of men's mouths.

To be content to be solitary; not to long for worldly company; little and little utterly to cast off the world, and rid my mind of all the business thereof; not to long to hear of any worldly things, but that the hearing of worldly phantasies may be to me displeasing.

Gladly to be thinking of God; piteously to call for His help; to lean unto the comfort of God; busily to labour to love Him.

To know mine own vility and wretchedness; to humble and meek myself under the mighty hand of God. To bewail my sins past; for the purging of them patiently to suffer adversity; gladly to bear my purgatory here; to be joyful of tribulations; to walk the narrow way that leadeth to life.

To bear the cross with Christ; to have the last things in remembrance; to have ever afore mine eye my death that is ever at hand; to make death no stranger to me; to foresee and consider the everlasting fire of hell; to pray for pardon before the Judge come.

To have continually in mind the passion that Christ suffered for me; for His benefits incessantly to give Him thanks.

To buy the time again, that I before have lost; to abstain from vain confabulations; to eschew light, foolish mirth; and gladness; recreations not necessary to cut off; of worldly substance, friends, liberty, life and all, to set the loss at right nought for the winning of Christ.

To think my most enemies my best friends; for the brethren of Joseph could never have done him so much good with their love and favour as they did him with their malice and hatred.

These minds are more to be desired of every man than all the treasure of all the princes and kings, Christian and heathen, were it gathered and laid together all upon one heap.



Mark 4:38

Upcoming

Music

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JUNE 28
13th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

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5:00pm

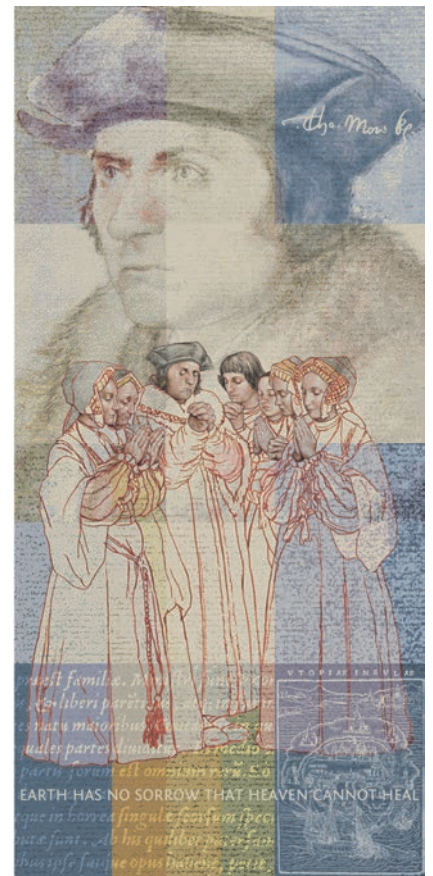
Tower Bells

8:30am

Cantor &
Congregation

10:30am

Praise Team



St. Thomas More Tapestry
by John Nava
Artist rendering

Faith Formation

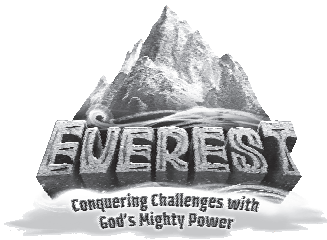
Teach and Live the Gospel

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

VBS June 22-26



Vacation Bible School Starts This Monday! Please Pray for All of Our Children and Volunteers Who Will Be Sharing God's Love This Week!

Adult Faith Formation

SIGN UP TODAY!!



Registration is Required to attend and the cost is \$25 for the workbook and sessions.

Join Us Thursday Evening, June 25 7:00-9:00pm

The previous week's video will be shown starting at 6:00pm sharp.

Contact the Faith Formation Office at debbief@stmoside.org to register today

REACH ENROLLMENT

Re-Enrollment for the 2015-2016 REACH Year Is Happening Now for All Kids Ages 3 Years-Young Adult Get Your Packet Today!

Do You Want to Know the Bible Better? The Great Adventure Bible Study Featuring Jeff Cavins

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

Family Movie Night



Join Us for an Evening of **FUN, FAMILY, & FELLOWSHIP**

Friday, July 17
Dinner 6:00pm

Movie Starts at 7:00pm sharp!

Pre-Purchase Dinner Packages Available

All Proceeds Go To Support Youth Ministry at STM

JOIN US FOR SYMBOLON

Wednesday Mornings 9:00-11:00am
Symbolon Resumes on July 1 for the Last 3 sessions
Contact Patt Goeltz pattg@stmoside.org



Expecting ??



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"... A Time To Build!" includes our faith journey as well as the build out of our Parish Campus.

Collection for Week of June 13/14, 2015

Number of Registered Households	1,145
Offertory	\$6,977.47
Offertory (Loose Collection)	\$859.00
Children's Envelopes	\$0.00
Total	\$7,836.47

Mortgage/Building Completion Fund Income

September 15, 2014 to May 31, 2015

Mortgage Offering Collected	\$383,323.35
Less Administrative Costs	\$18,747.00
Payment toward Parish Reserves (10%)	\$36,457.64
Payment toward Mortgage	\$328,118.72
Mortgage Payment Due	\$374,113.68
Mortgage Payment Overage/(Shortfall)	(\$45,994.97)
Memorial Items	\$124,771.00

Please continue to support the
Mortgage/Building Completion Fund!

Called to Be Merciful—Annual Catholic Appeal

Assessment:	\$48,000
Collected to Date:	\$46,208
Families Pledged:	292
Average Pledge:	\$158.25

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Christian Stewardship ~ Many Years Ago . . .

Many years ago, a boy of sixteen years left home to seek his fortune. All his worldly possessions were tied up in a bundle, which he carried in his hand. Along the way he met an old neighbor, the captain of a canal-boat. The following conversation took place, which changed the direction of the boy's life:

"Well, William, where are you going?"

"I don't know," he answered. "Father is too poor to keep me at home any longer and says I must now make a living for myself."

"There's no trouble about that," said the captain. "Be sure you start right, and you'll get along."

William told his friend that the only trade he knew something about was soap and candle-making, at which he had helped his father while at home."

"Well," said the old man, "let me pray with you and give you a little advice, and then I will let you go."

They both knelt down beside the canal. The dear old man prayed earnestly for William, and then gave this advice: "Someone soon will be the leading soapmaker in New York. It can be you as well as anyone. I hope it may. Be a good man; give your heart to Christ; pay the Lord all that belongs to him of every dollar you earn. Make an honest soap; give a full pound, and I am sure you will yet be a prosperous and rich man."

When the boy arrived in the city, he found it hard to get work. Lonesome and far from home, he remembered his mother's words and the last words of the canal-boat captain. He was then led to "seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness," and united with the church. He remembered his promise to the old captain, and the first dollar he earned brought up the question of the Lord's part. In the Bible, he found that the Jews were commanded to give one tenth. So he said, "If the Lord will take one tenth, I will give that," and he did. Having regular employment, he soon became a partner.

After a few years his partners died, and he became sole owner of the business. He now resolved to keep his promise to the old captain. He made an honest soap, gave a full pound, instructed his bookkeeper to open an account with the Lord and carry one-tenth of all his income to that account. He prospered; his business grew; his family was blessed; he soap sold; and he grew rich faster than he had ever hoped.

This is the story of Mr. William Colgate, who has given millions of dollars to the Lord's cause, and left a name that will never die.

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Father's Day blessings to all of our fathers, who lead by example and make the world a better place!

Thank you!



Memorial Item Donations Available

Pipe Organ	\$850,000
Memorial Garden & Reflection Garden	
Landscape Concrete Walkways	\$80,000
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Drinking Fountains (2) 1 available	\$2,500/each
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Video Screen (Motorized 21-foot)	\$9,000
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Sound System Cabling	\$5,000
Audio Rack	\$1,500
Overflow Parking Lot Mulch	\$3,500

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Daily Mass Chapel and Choir Chairs (200) 107 available	\$300/each

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

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

Listed above are items still available for adoption.

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

For more information or to adopt an item, contact Chris Smith
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For more information on our progress, visit our website, stmoside.org, and click on New Construction.

News & Information from the Larger Church

Miles Christi Silent Weekend Retreat—June 26-28 for men, at Prince of Peace Abbey in Oceanside. The retreat follows the *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignacius of Loyola. For more information, visit mileschristi.org or call 858-768-0872.

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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.

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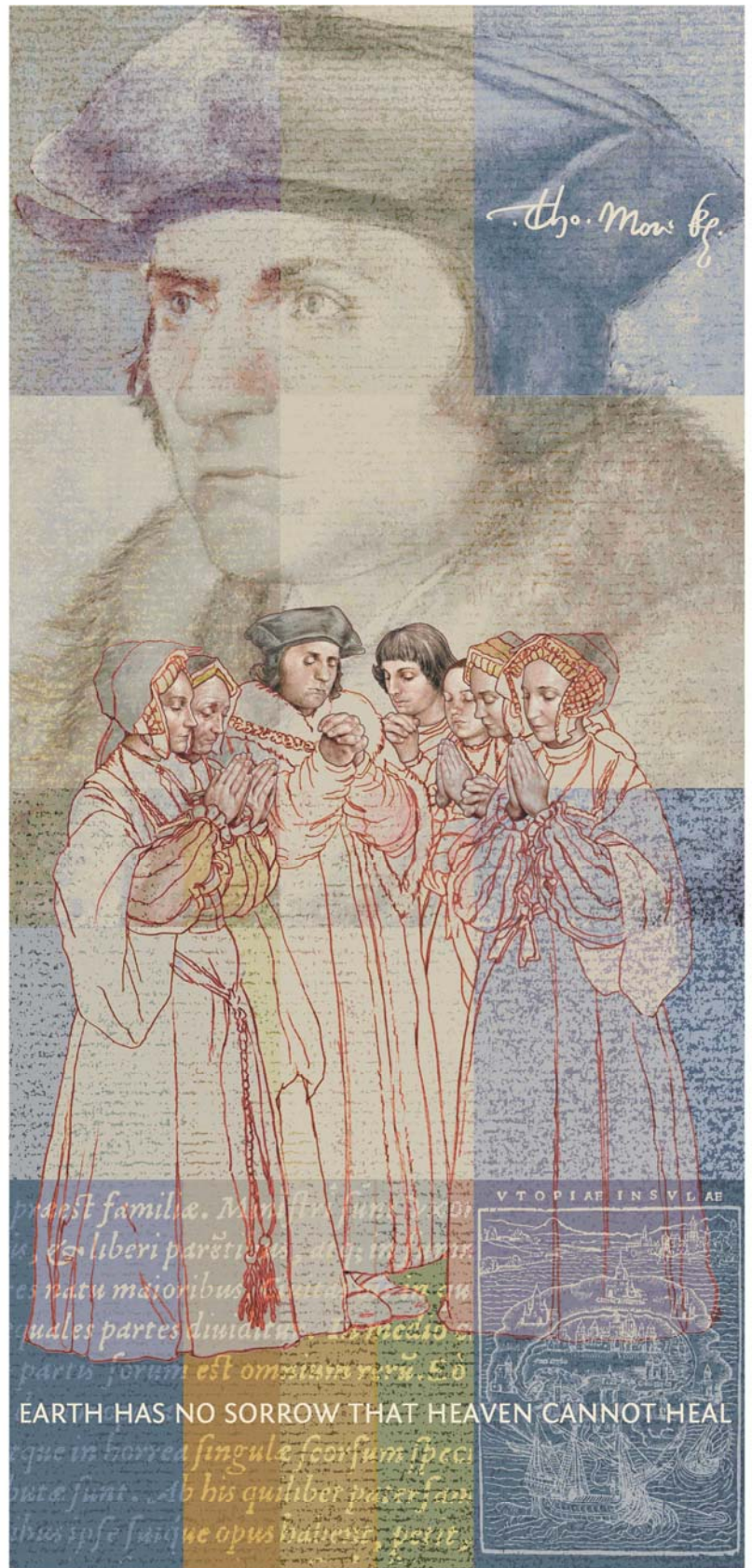
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Our Parish's Patron Saint

Chronology

- 1478 February 7, born in Milk Street, London, to John More who was a lawyer and would become a judge on the king's bench.
- 1491 Placed as a page in the household of John Morton, Lord Chancellor to King Henry VIII and the Archbishop of Canterbury.
- 1492 Enters Oxford for two years of study.
- 1494 Went to Inns of Court to study law at his father's insistence.
- 1496 February, admitted to Lincoln's Inn, Oxford.
- 1497 Meets Erasmus.
- 1499 Becomes a barrister after completion of his law studies.
- 1504 Becomes a Member of Parliament.
- 1505 Decides against priesthood and marries Jane Colt, saying he would rather be a good husband than a bad priest.
- 1509 Elected bencher at Lincoln's Inn.
- 1510 Appointed Under-Sheriff of London.
- 1511 Jane dies leaving him with four children.
Marries Alice Middleton, a widow, one month later.
- 1515 Sent on diplomatic mission to Antwerp where he begins writing *Utopia*.

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A Brief Biography of Thomas More (1478-1535)

Thomas More was one of the most highly respected men of his time. A successful barrister, a judge known for his scrupulous integrity, a scholar, famous for his wit and learning, he rose by sheer merit to the highest status of any commoner in England. After a series of important public offices, he was in 1529 appointed by King Henry VIII to the post of Lord Chancellor of England. To this his friend Erasmus, the Continental humanist, remarked, "Happy the commonwealth where kings appoint such officials."

Despite his achievements, More had little ambition for worldly success. More was a man of deep and demanding faith. In his youth he had considered a monastic vocation before deciding instead that he was called to serve God in the world. While outwardly he enjoyed a life of comfort, in the privacy of his spiritual life he wore a hair shirt, attended daily Mass, and practiced a strict discipline of prayer.

More maintained a large household and took special delight in his children. His role in overseeing the education of his daughters, especially Margaret, his eldest and favorite, was considered remarkable for the time. After the death of his beloved first wife, he quickly married an older widow, Alice. She proved a loyal wife and a good stepmother, though she was prone to exasperation with her



Sir Thomas More
by Hans Holbein, 1527

husband's scholarly friends, his sense of humor, and his costly scruples.

King Henry had reckoned wisely on his chancellor's brilliance and honesty. In all matters of his office More served with loyalty and distinction. But circumstances were to evolve to the point that Henry required a more absolute loyalty than More could offer. For some years the court of Henry had been moving toward a fateful collision with the authority of the Catholic Church. The issue was the king's desire to annul his marriage to Catherine of Aragon so that he might marry Anne Boleyn. Catherine refused to acquiesce in this scheme, and the pope upheld the inviolability of their marriage. When Henry made clear his intention to have his way, regardless of the church's ruling, More resigned his office rather than publicly oppose the position of the king. He retired to his

country home and endeavored to ignore the raging controversy. Nevertheless, it was widely remarked that he declined to attend the coronation of Queen Anne.

In 1534 an Act of Succession was proclaimed. All the king's subjects were required to take an oath recognizing the offspring of Henry and Anne as true successors to the throne. More had no problem with this. As far as he was concerned the king was free to declare any successor he liked. However, the oath also required an avowal that the king's marriage with Catherine had been no true marriage and a repudiation of "any foreign authority, prince or potentate." Such an oath represented a decisive break with the authority of the pope. This oath More refused to take. Consequently, on April 17 he was

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Henry VIII
by Hans Holbein, 1540

Chronology (continued)

- 1518 Made Master of Requests and a member of the Privy Council of Henry VIII.
- 1523 Elected Speaker of the House of Commons.
- 1529 October, made Lord Chancellor of England.
- 1532 May 16, resigns chancellorship finding he cannot support Henry's attempts to divorce Catherine of Aragon and marry Anne Boleyn.
- 1533 July, Pope Clement VII condemns Henry's divorce.
December, forbidden to publish.
- 1534 March, Parliament passes Act of Succession.
April 17, sent to the Tower of London for refusing to take the oath of the Act of Succession.
While in the Tower writes *Dialogue of Comfort Against Tribulation and De Tristitia Christi*.
- 1535 July 1, tried and convicted of treason.
July 6, beheaded on Tower Hill.
- 1886 December 29, beatified by Pope Leo XIII.
- 1935 May 19, canonized by Pope Pius XI.

A Brief Biography of St. Thomas More (1478-1535)

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arrested and imprisoned in the Tower of London.

He remained there for fifteen months. All the while the court pressured him either to take the oath or to state his reasons for withholding his assent. More would do neither, believing that as long as he kept his opinions to himself he could not be convicted of treason. He was presented with a parade of clergy and bishops who all (save Bishop John Fisher) had signed the oath. More maintained that others must abide by their own conscience, as he must be true to his own.

Meanwhile, the miseries of prison life, including cold, hunger, and vermin, were compounded by pressure from his family. When his wife tried to coax him to alter his course, he responded, "My good woman, you are no good at doing business. Do you really want me to exchange eternity for twenty years?"

On February 1, 1535, Parliament passed the Acts of Supremacy,

which proclaimed the king "only supreme head of the Church of England." Thomas continued to maintain his silence. Finally in June he was brought to trial. On the basis of perjured evidence, he was convicted of having spoken against the Acts and sentenced to death. Now, with his fate settled, Thomas at last broke his silence. He denied that Parliament had the authority to set up a temporal lord as head of the church. No more could the English Parliament overrule the law of the universal church, he declared, than the City of London could make a law against an act of Parliament. Finally, he addressed the lords who condemned him, noting that while St. Paul had persecuted St. Stephen, "and yet be they now both twin holy saints in Heaven...so I verily trust, and shall therefore right heartily pray, that though your lordships have now here on earth been

judges of my condemnation, we may yet hereafter in Heaven merrily all meet together to everlasting salvation."

He spoke in similar terms as he bade farewell to his loyal daughter Margaret: "I will pray for us all with my whole heart, that we may meet one day in heaven, where we shall forever be gay and have no more pains."

On July 6 he was taken to the site of execution. Addressing those gathered about he made brief remarks before laying his head on the executioner's block: "I die in and for the faith of the holy Catholic Church. Pray for me in this world, and I shall pray for you in that world. Pray for the king that it please God to send him good counselors. I die as the king's true servant, but God's first."

Thomas More was canonized by Pope Pius XI in 1935. His feast and that of his fellow martyr John Fisher are celebrated on June 22.

— Robert Ellsberg, *All Saints*



Pope Pius XI

Prayer for Fervor in Thinking of God

O Lord, give us a mind that is humble, quiet, peaceable, patient and charitable, and a taste of your Holy Spirit in all our thoughts, words, and deeds. O Lord, give us a lively faith, a firm hope, a fervent charity, a love of you. Take from us all lukewarmness in meditation and all dullness in prayer. Give us fervor and delight in thinking of you, your grace, and your tender compassion toward us. Give us, good Lord, the grace to work for the things we pray for. — Thomas More

Words of St. Thomas More

"Little as I meddle in the conscience of others, I am certain that my conscience belongs to me alone. It is the last thing that a man can do for his salvation: to be at one with himself."

"Reputation, honor, fame, what is all that but a breath of air from another person's mouth, no sooner spoken but gone? Thus whoever finds his delight in them is feeding on wind."

Utopia

In his book *Utopia*, Thomas More coined the term "utopia" which is a pun meaning both "good place" and "no place." More's *Utopia* is discovered on a voyage to the newly discovered Americas. It is one of the first books to invoke the analogy between the great voyages of discovery and the discoveries of the mind. He is also thought to have introduced "fact," "taunt," "shuffle," "paradox," "pretext," "meeting," "monosyllable," and "anticipate" into the written English language.