

**SAINT  
THOMAS  
MORE  
CATHOLIC  
CHURCH**

*"Little girl, I say to you, arise."  
—Mark 5:41*



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**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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**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
June 28, 2015**

**Pastor's Column**

*Rev. Michael Ratajczak  
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**"More Guns" Is Not the Answer**

*After the murder of our nine brothers and sisters in Christ in their Church in Charleston, South Carolina, Charles L. Cotton a Board Member of the National Rifle Association (NRA) blamed the Pastor for the tragedy. The Pastor was one of the nine who were murdered. The Pastor is also a State Legislator in South Carolina. Recently he voted against a law that would allow guns to be brought into Churches. This NRA Board Member's position was that if the Pastor would have voted for guns in Churches, there would have been guns present that day, and the murders could have been avoided. To me this is a very untenable position, and one that lacked any human compassion in light of the situation.*

*I am sharing with you the column I wrote after the Sandy Hook tragedy several years ago. We need responsible gun control. We need responsible gun owners to come forward and support responsible gun control. More guns is not the answer!*

Recently a number of people have asked my thoughts about the Sandy Hook Elementary School tragedy in Newtown, Connecticut, and the debate regarding "gun control." I share with you my personal thoughts. I hope what I say can be of some assistance in your conversations with others about this issue.

The NRA's response to this tragedy makes absolutely no sense to me.

Its response says this to me: If there were a shooting within the Church of St. Thomas More and a number of people were killed during a Sunday Mass, then the NRA's response to us would be that we should make sure that there are armed security guards on the parking lot, that a number of our hospitality ministers would also need to be trained to carry and use guns, and finally, the priest celebrating Mass would need to be sure that he too is packing a gun under his vestments.

Is this what we would want to see? Obviously, this is not what I would want to see. "More guns" is not the answer.

From my perspective, there is good legislation that could go forth to address gun violence in our society: universal background checks, a ban on assault weapons with high-capacity clips, and a greater attention to mental health issues in our society.

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**Construction Progress**

**Altar stairs completed;  
ceiling millwork  
scaffolding started.**

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

Recently on Facebook, there were a number of people using this analogy, and we have heard it before: "Guns do not kill people. People with guns kill people." But to make their point, they push the analogy further: "Cars do not kill people. People driving cars kill people. So should we ban all cars?"

Obviously, all cars should not be banned. That is ridiculous! But this analogy limps badly.

First of all, no one is talking about banning all guns—just certain guns that kill like the gun responsible for the killings that took place in Newtown, Connecticut.

Why is it anti-American or anti-Second Amendment to ban assault-style weapons, weapons that are used in warfare as in Iraq or Afghanistan?

We have banned armored assault vehicles (tanks) like the ones used in Iraq or Afghanistan from the streets of our cities, states, and our country. Why? We do so because they are dangerous.

Is this anti-American? Are our rights being violated or taken away, because we cannot drive the kind of vehicle we would like? It would give better protection while driving, would it not?

Assault weapons as well as assault vehicles belong in warfare, not in our homes, schools, churches, temples, and mosques, and not on the streets of our country.

First-responders are only now beginning to publicly share what they saw in the classrooms of Sandy Hook Elementary. They were never prepared to see the carnage before their eyes, the ways in which those innocent children were so mutilated and torn apart.

Do we really need such weapons in order to feel secure in maintaining our Second Amendment Rights? I think not.

If you saw the movie, "Lincoln," there is a scene in which one man is trying to shoot and kill another man. The scene almost becomes hilarious, because he fires and misses, then he has to "clean the barrel of his shotgun, and then he has to reload with another bullet." In the meantime, his target has high-tailed it and is down the street. He had time to flee.

I tend to think that many people still think about these kinds of weapons when we are talking about gun control. We are not familiar with or aware of the killing machines now available to the average person and household.

I am not anti-Second Amendment. I grew up in a family of hunter—my father and my four brothers. I grew up in a house with rifles for deer hunting. They enjoyed the hunting.

"More guns" is not the answer!

*The San Diego Organizing Project, SDOP, of which St. Thomas More Parish is a member, is working to support gun control legislation. SDOP is an affiliate of the parent organization, the PICO National Network. The work of SDOP is supported by the Diocese of San Diego. Their websites are: [www.sdop.net](http://www.sdop.net); [www.piconetwork.org](http://www.piconetwork.org).*

*F. Mike*

**Welcome New Parishioners**

**Roberto & Roxana Saucedo**

**Announcing the Baptism of**

**Isabella Rose McCulloch**  
on June 28

*Our Christian community welcomes you with great joy!*

**Congratulations to**

**Martin & Diantha Zschoche**

who celebrated their 37th wedding anniversary June 24.

**Mike & Geri Sterling**

who celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary June 25.

**Edward & Mary Dolnik**

who celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary June 26.

**Fred & Linda Story**

who celebrate their 51st wedding anniversary June 27.

**Mark & Margaret Phelan**

who celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary June 29.

**Lance & Pina Shaw**

who celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary June 30.

*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 **Lance & Pina Shaw** in honor of their wedding anniversary.

**In Memoriam**

Please pray for the repose of the souls 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 their 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.

<b>Hospital</b>	<b>Chaplain's Office</b>
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

**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

**Monday, June 29 (591)**  
*Peter and Paul, apostles*  
Acts 12:1-11  
Psalm 34:2-9  
2 Timothy 4:6-8,17-18  
Matthew 16:13-19

**Tuesday, June 30 (592)**  
*The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church*  
Romans 8:31b-39  
Psalm 124:2-5,7b-8  
Matthew 24:4-13

**Wednesday, July 1 (379)**  
*Junipero Serra, priest*  
Genesis 21:5,8-20a  
Psalm 34:7-8,10-13  
Matthew 8:28-34

**Thursday, July 2 (380)**  
Genesis 22:1b-19  
Psalm 115:1-5,8-9  
Matthew 9:1-8

**Friday, July 3 (593)**  
*Thomas, apostle*  
Ephesians 2:19-22  
Psalm 117:1bc,2  
John 20:24-29

**Saturday, July 4 (382)**  
Genesis 27:1-5,15-29  
Psalm 135:1b-6  
Matthew 9:14-17

**Sunday, July 5 (101)**  
*Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Ezekiel 2:2-5  
Psalm 123:1-4  
2 Corinthians 12:7-10  
Mark 6:1-6a

**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 & Kowallek Families  
Carl & Dorothy Coleman  
James Coleman  
Judy Colson  
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  
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 Leué 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  
Sandy Palmisani  
Elisa Petrie  
Helen Pingtella  
Perry Postulka  
The Joe Prokop Family  
Barbara Ramm  
Evelyn Richards  
Jan Riley  
Connie Ringel  
Rita Ritchie  
Anna Robinson  
Lily Robinson  
Maria Rogers  
The Russo Family  
Rachel Sainc  
Cindy Sanelli  
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](http://www.stmoside.org),  
Schedule and Calendar

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 12-13 Brother Benno's Toiletries Drive  
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](mailto: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 29
Sr. Yesica Jimenez, HCJS
June 30
Sr. Katherine Jobson, MMS
July 1
Sr. Jane Joppa, OCD
July 2
Sr. Mary Magdalene Kalinda, CVI
July 3
Sr. Baouth Kassab, DMI
July 4
Sr. Maureen Keegan, SCMM
July 5
Sr. M. Jelena Kekic, MC

**Mass Intentions**

Saturday, June 27, 5:00pm Fr. Ken Kieffer ☩
Sunday, June 28, 8:30am Sue Welch ☩
Sunday, June 28, 10:30am Arlene Noles ☩
Monday, June 29, 8:15am Celine Summer ☩
Tuesday, June 30, 8:15am Alfred Barmasse ☩
Wednesday, July 1, 8:15am Russell & Yvonne Lannan ☩
Thursday, July 2, 8:15am Cesarina Morelli ☩
Friday, July 3, 8:15am David Leué ☩
Saturday, July 4, 5:00pm Jerry Ludke ☩
Sunday, July 5, 8:30am Daryl Resplandor
Sunday, July 5, 10:30am Ralph & Rafaella Vozza ☩



## 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](http://www.pregnantandscared.me)**  
**[www.COLFS.org](http://www.COLFS.org)**

Medical Offices open in San Diego and Escondido



COLFS is a 501(c)3 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

Every year on the second weekend in November, STM has a clothing drive to help the destitute served by St. Bonaventure Indian Mission. Why?...because they help serve the poor on the big reservation in New Mexico where poverty is a way of life with over 60% unemployment...where the temperatures range from over 100 degrees in the summer and below freezing in the winter. What is needed? Blankets (many hogans have no electricity or running water), serviceable shoes (no high heels please), clothing for men, women, children, and infants. How can you help?...begin collecting items now and place them in strong, black plastic bags, and store them until November, if you can, or contact Deacon Tom at [thomasgoeltz@aol.com](mailto:thomasgoeltz@aol.com) or 760-727-8442 for help or to answer questions. Helping our less fortunate brothers and sisters is the duty of all of us and will bring many blessings both now and in the future. Thank you and God Bless!

### STM Mental Health Ministry Network

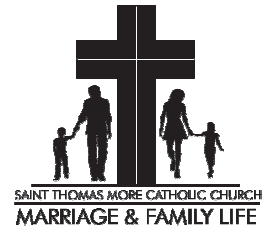
Are you interested in participating in the Ministry team of the STM Mental Health Ministry Network to help serve as "prayerful companions" for fellow Parishioners experiencing mental health issues, walking with them through the treatment process, and helping to provide Parish-wide education on the subject of mental illness? For more information., contact Deacon John at 760-758-4100 x132 or [johnf@stmoside.org](mailto: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](http://www.stmoside.org/scrip.htm) or contact the Scrip team at 760-758-4100 x150 or [scrip@stmoside.org](mailto: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](mailto: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.wmme.org](http://www.wmme.org) or contact Eddie and Sheila Murphy at 760-295-0008.

**Bishops' Letter on Marriage**—Domestic Violence: "In some cases, divorce may be the only solution to a morally unacceptable situation. A specific example is a home where the safety of a spouse and children is at risk. As the Catholic bishops of the United States, we reiterate what we said in our pastoral message on domestic violence, When I Call for Help, namely, that no one in a marriage is obliged to maintain common living with an abusing spouse. We want to assure people who are caught in the tragedy of an abusive marriage that the Church is committed to offering them support and assistance." To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

**Marriage Moments**—Is it any wonder that couples are finding it more difficult to make and keep marriage vows when promiscuity is portrayed as normative on TV, movies, websites, and annoying emails. This week, be mindful of what the media is feeding your psyche.

**Parenting Pointers**—Parents are rightly concerned about their children's health and safety but we cannot protect our children from all danger. What worries you about the future of your child? Take normal precautions of course, but sometimes a child has to fail, get hurt, or make a mistake to grow. Be available. Pray. See "7 Mistakes" next week.

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.

### 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!

### 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 3:00-4:45pm and **you** are most welcome! For more information, contact Kathleen Bell at 760-809-6526 or [80bell80@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:johnf@stmoside.org).

### 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 \$55,652 from this program. Thank you donors!**



For more information, contact the Parish Office:  
760-758-4100 x100 or [parishoffice@stmoside.org](mailto:parishoffice@stmoside.org)

## 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 [chris@stmoside.org](mailto:chris@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

## THEOPNEUSTOS, THE INSPIRED WORD

by Patricia Datchuck  
Sánchez and Rafael  
Sánchez Alonso,  
from Celebration  
July 2015,  
with permission.

Among his spiritual writings, Danish philosopher Søren Kierkegaard shared a reflection about birds (*Provocations*, Plough Pub. House, Farmington, Pa: 1999). There is a kind of understanding, he said, between tame geese and wild geese. When a flock of wild geese is heard overhead, tame geese are instantly aware of it; they beat their wings, cry out and fly awkwardly along the ground. Then it is over.

But once, Kierkegaard wrote, a wild goose migrating southward decided that it would try to win over the tame geese so they would join the flight and be saved from the wretched mediocrity of a life waddling around on earth.

In a sense, Christianity employs a process similar to what that wild goose did. Christianity teaches conversion, teaches us what we can become in life if we only give ourselves over to God, embrace grace, and remain open to the Spirit, who is ever calling us upward and outward. Christianity abhors mediocrity. It urges courage upon those who witness to God in a world so much in need of God's presence and care.

And who are the "wild geese" among us, calling us to transformation? Aren't they the prophets? Aren't they women and men called by God and graced by the Spirit to speak God's word to their contemporaries during the historical circumstances in which they find themselves? In so doing, the prophets among us affirm that the Word of God is relevant to every human situation.

Prophets from both Testaments garner our attention this month in order to keep us mindful of God's truth and urge us to be transformed daily by that truth. Ezekiel (July 5), Amos (July 12), Jeremiah (July 19),

and Elisha (July 26), along with Paul and, of course, Jesus, were all speaking to their respective contemporaries, yet their works have the capacity to continue to speak to us because they are *theopneustos*, "God-breathed" or "inspired." This term, *theopneustos*, was first mentioned in scripture in the second letter to Timothy (3:16-17): "All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for training in righteousness that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work." The prophets' inspired words became the catalyst for the transformation of those who heard and heeded them, as well as the norm by which they were challenged to further growth.

The word of God, as spoken by the prophets, was continuously evolving and adjusting to ever-changing circumstances. For example, initially Ezekiel's (July 5) prophetic message was a harsh one, warning the people that severe consequences would befall them if they did not repent and reform their lives. Then, when those consequences were realized in the form of the exile in Babylon, Ezekiel's message shifted to one of hope in God, who could effect a new beginning for the exiles.

A prophet's life was not always an easy one, and his or her message was not always welcome. This is affirmed in the experiences of Amos (July 12) and Paul (July 5) and in Jesus himself (July 5 and 12). Amos was a shepherd and a dresser of sycamores. A man from the rural south, he was called by God to speak truth to the religious authorities of the urban north. He was rebuffed; and yet, because the word of God had to be spoken, he persevered in preaching justice where there was none. His words about the sinful gap between rich and poor and about



Mark 5:39

social reform continue to challenge the authenticity of the church's preferential option for the poor.

Paul (July 5) begged God to relieve him of something he called a "thorn in the flesh." We cannot know what that was, however much we speculate, but God's response to Paul is appropriate to all who suffer the burdens of the prophetic and preaching ministries: "My grace is sufficient for you!" Even Jesus (July 5) knew those burdens and admitted as much: "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place, among his own kin, in his own house." Prophesying will hardly ever result in popularity. May we be careful not to ignore the prophets who speak among us, regardless of how familiar or unlikely they may seem in our eyes. No doubt encountering such attitudes of rejection caused Jesus to go off frequently to a quiet place and rest awhile with God (July 19).

July will come to an end with the complementary narratives about Elisha feeding a hundred people with 20 barley loaves and Jesus feeding the hungry multitudes with five barley loaves and two fish. They nurtured bodies as well as spirits. The bread of the prophet's word is food indeed. Let us not turn a deaf ear to the authentic prophets among us. Instead, let us hungrily hear their message, accept its truth and challenges, and be transformed.

### Upcoming Music

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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 20/21, 2015

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Children's Envelopes	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,924.46</b>

#### 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
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Memorial Items \$124,771.00

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## Christian Stewardship and an Attitude of Gratitude

Many of you know Sally Fay, our organist, member of our Sanctuary Choir, Cappella Choir, and Tower Bells. Sally and her husband, Chuck, have two grown children, Robert and Sarah. In addition, Sally is a certified American Red Cross CPR instructor and, more recently, a Jazzercise instructor.

Early in 2014, Sally was diagnosed with breast cancer. This news came, as you can imagine, with shock and very mixed emotions. True to form, Sally trusted in her deep faith and moved forward on this new journey with strength and as much humor as she could muster. She opted for safety in the future, which meant major surgery and follow-up chemo and radiation. Sally is now safely past all the medical milestones and her own hair is growing back, albeit "curly" which she didn't expect.

I share with you some of the inspirational pieces that Sally shared with our Jazzercise class:

- † We don't know how strong we are until being strong is the only choice we have.
- † Enjoy the little things in life, because one day you will look back, and realize they were the big things.
- † Each day is a new day to change your life.
- † I am learning to trust the journey, even at times when I do not understand it.
- † How to be happy ~ Give back
- † Hope is the only thing stronger than fear.
- † Once the storm is over, you won't remember how you made it through. You won't be the same person who walked in. That's what this storm's all about.—*Haruki Murakami*
- † Wake up thankful.
- † Just breathe.
- † Repeat after me: I Can Do This
- † You gain strength, courage and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. With the new day comes new strengths and new thoughts.—*Eleanor Roosevelt*
- † On very tough days when I felt that I couldn't possibly endure, I reminded myself that my track record for getting through bad days was 100% so far.
- † There is little difference in people, but that little difference makes a big difference. The little difference is attitude. The big difference is whether it is positive or negative.—*W. Clement Stone*
- † It is not the body's posture, but the heart's attitude that counts when we pray.—*Billy Graham*

**Thanks to Sally for letting me share . . . to be continued next week along with some biblical references. —Chris**

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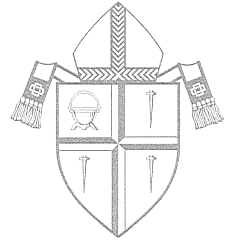
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## **Bishop Robert W. McElroy's Statement on the Supreme Court of the United States Ruling on Same Sex Marriage**

Today the United States Supreme Court ruled that the historic definition of marriage as a relationship between one man and one woman is unconstitutional.

The Catholic Church, along with other faith traditions, teaches that the nature of marriage and the family cannot be redefined by society, as God is the author of marriage and its corresponding gift of co-creating human life. The legal recognition of marriage is not only about personal commitment but also about the social commitment that husband and wife make to the well-being of their children. It is for this reason that it is important for government to give a unique status to marriage between one man and one woman both in law and in public policy.

The Catholic community of San Diego and Imperial counties will continue to honor and embody the uniqueness of marriage between one man and one woman as a gift from God--in our teaching, our sacramental life and our witness to the world. We will do so in a manner which profoundly respects at every moment the loving and familial relationships which enrich the lives of so many gay men and women who are our sons and daughters, our sisters and brothers, and ultimately our fellow pilgrims on this earthly journey of life. And commanded by the Gospel of Jesus Christ we will continue to reach out to families of every kind who are encountering poverty, addictions, violence, emotional stress or the threat of deportation, and to attempt to bring them faith and care, service and solidarity.



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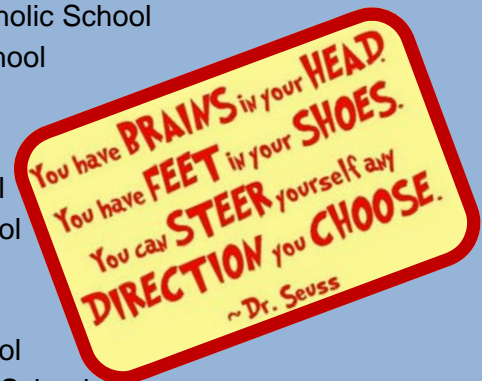
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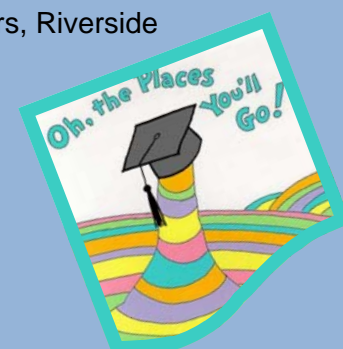
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