

**SAINT
THOMAS
MORE
CATHOLIC
CHURCH**

*He distributed as much as they wanted
to those who were reclining.
—John 6:11*



**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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Construction Progress

**Delivery and installation of
baptismal font and ambo.**

Visit www.stmoside.org
to see more photos!

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 26, 2015**

Pastor's Column

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

...But What Good Is That for So Many?

"...But what good is that for so many?" This phrase taken from today's Gospel represents sentiment that often causes paralysis in our lives and in our world. In turn it prevents us from doing the good that can make a difference.

We sell ourselves short. We feel that what we have to offer will not make a difference, so we think, "Why even try?"

The miracle that takes place in today's Gospel, "The Feeding of the Five Thousand," is not so much about what happens to the bread and fish, but rather, about what happens to the people.

The young boy has five barley loaves and a couple of dried fish that he is willing to share. The number of people who need to be feed does not daunt him. The Apostles, on the other hand, find the situation paralyzing: "Not even with two hundred days' wages could we buy loaves enough to give each of them a mouthful." It is the child-like Faith that wins the day.

The young boy is willing to simply and trustingly share what he has and let God take care of the rest. In this account, we experience the basis of miracles. It is not a matter of the quantity and quality of our time, talent, and treasure. The basis of miracles is the willingness of each individual person to share, in faith and trust, whatever they may have, at that moment, to give. One's responsibility is simply to give, not to anticipate how the gifts will be received and used as a determinant as to whether the gifts should be given in the first place.

In this kind of approach, one can easily find a reason every time not to give, and not to help out. This attitude causes paralysis that prevents us from doing good.

Often times in today's world, we hear people say, "Why doesn't God cause a miracle to feed the hungry of the world?" "Why are people starving to death, especially children?" "Why doesn't God intervene?" Indeed, God has intervened by showing us how to feed the hungry and take care of the hurting. In any given moment, we are called to share what we have and who we are. In that faithful and trusting response that we must initiate, God is then "freed" to make miracles happen! God needs our "yes" and our cooperation.

Today, give your "yes" to God. Be willing to share who you are and what you have. It will make a difference. You will have created a space in which God's miracles happen!



Happy to Announce!



Matt Franklin, our Parish Youth Advocate, is now with us on a full-time basis, beginning this week.

We look forward to an even greater Youth Program now that Matt is able to devote all of his time and energy with us.

Matt, so good to have you with us full-time!

—Fr. Mike Ratajczak

Facing Surgery or a Serious Illness?

If you, a family member or close friend is facing surgery or has been diagnosed with a serious illness, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick can be powerful and comforting.

For more information, call the Parish Office at 760-758-4100.

When a Loved One Dies

Call the Parish Office first, before you call the funeral home.

Call anytime, night or day! 760-758-4100 option 3

Our Parish has a wonderful Bereavement Team that is available when a loved one dies. They are available to assist the family with many arrangements related to the funeral, which might include meeting with the family to pray, helping to plan the funeral, and providing bereavement support afterwards.

In addition, those who like to plan ahead may meet with a Bereavement Team member to pre-plan preferences and place them on record, which can be a great help for children or other family members when the time comes.

If you have any questions, call Sr. Maureen at 760-758-4100 x131.

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.

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**

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

In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Connie Ringel, who died on July 19. Her funeral arrangements are pending. Please keep 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

Rosary

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



Vocations

Our Father calls men and women to serve him and his people as priests, deacons, and vowed religious. Some are young and some older when they get the call. Some are studious, some gregarious, some timid. They are of all different, yet all the same...they love God and want to do his will. If you think you hear his call, don't let your preconceived notions or your fears stand in the way of investigating such a vocation. Contact the Office for Vocations at the Diocese or Fr. Mike, Fr. Karl, Sr. Maureen, Deacon John, or Deacon Tom (the latter at thomasgoeltz@aol.com or 760-727-8442). They are wonderful and fulfilling vocations.

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.

Readings for the Week Ahead

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

Sunday, July 26 (110)
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 2 Kings 4:42-44
 Psalm 145:10-11,15-18
 Ephesians 4:1-6
 John 6:1-15

Monday, July 27 (401)
 Exodus 32:15-24,30-34
 Psalm 106:19-23
 Matthew 13:31-35

Tuesday, July 28 (402)
 Exodus 33:7-11;34:5b-9,28
 Psalm 103:6-13
 Matthew 13:36-43

Wednesday, July 29 (607)
Martha
 1 John 4:7-16
 Psalm 34:2-11
 John 11:19-27 or Luke 10:38-42

Thursday, July 30 (608)
Peter Chrysologus, bishop, doctor
 Ephesians 3:8-12
 Psalm 119:9-14
 Luke 6:43-45

Friday, July 31 (609)
Ignatius of Loyola, priest
 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1
 Psalm 34:2-11
 Luke 14:25-33

Saturday, August 1 (406)
Alphonsus Liguori, bishop, doctor
 Leviticus 25:1,8-17
 Psalm 67:2-3,5,7-8
 Matthew 14:1-12

Sunday, August 2 (113)
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Exodus 16:2-4,12-15
 Psalm 78:3-4,23-25,54
 Ephesians 4:17,20-24
 John 6:24-35

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
 Todd Brown
 Katie Browne
 Jack & Mary Bruzas
 Anita Buerger
 Shelby Campbell
 Brienne Campos
 Aria Cappeluti
 Jorge Cartajena
 Donald Cashmore
 The Vaughn Clevenger Family
 The Cole & Kowallek Families
 Carl & Dorothy Coleman
 James Coleman
 Judy Colson
 Leon Cook
 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
 Marge Egan
 Jerome Elbacha
 Carolyn Erickson Ey
 The Farrell Family
 Victoria Lopez Fenton
 The Fiore Family
 Fr. James Flanagan
 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
 Julia Hill's Mom
 Mike Hofer
 Samara Hook
 Susan Hori
 Tina Hunter
 Iolanda Iacobelli
 Bradley Johnson
 Sue Johnston
 Joan Jones
 Laura Kater
 Dottie Kearney
 Paul Kennedy
 Connor Kerzie
 Peggy Kiernan
 Debbie Kinney
 Mark Kneisel
 Dewey Kolbo
 Tony Korwin
 Steven Kowallek
 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 Meendiola
 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
 The Ringel Family
 Rita Ritchie
 Lily Robinson
 Maria Rogers
 The Russo Family
 Jennine Rybarczyk
 Rachel Sainc
 Cindy Sanelli
 Lori Sanna
 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
 Patricia Zavala
 Jeanne Zeltner

Calendar Highlights

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

Jul 26 Liturgy of the Word for
 Children at 8:30am and
 10:30am Masses

Aug 2 Liturgy of the Word for
 Children at 8:30am and
 10:30am Masses

Aug 23 Towers of Faith Reception

Sep 1-3 Music Ministry Rehearsals
 Resume

Sep 9 Gospel of Matthew Bible
 Study Begins

Sep 12-13 Brother Benno's Toiletries
 Drive

Sep 16 Spirited Seniors Ice Cream
 Social

Sep 20 New Member Luncheon

Oct 3 Treasures Rummage Sale

Oct 4 Blessing of Animals

Oct 9-11 Men's Retreat

Nov 1 Pizza & Beer Party

Dec 19 Christmas Cookie Exchange

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Apr 29 STM Gala

Jun 20-24 Vacation Bible School

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.

July 27
Sr. Socorro Leyva-Pinal, MFP
July 28
Sr. M. Tarcisius Lim, MC
July 29
Sr. Theresa Lisak, MM
July 30
Sr. Carmel Lohan, RSM
July 31
Sr. Elizabeth (Mel) Loomis, SHCJ
August 1
Sr. Aurora Lopez Ornelas, SJS
August 2
Sr. Jeanette Lucinio, SP

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 25, 5:00pm Dick McGearly ☩
Sunday, July 26, 8:30am Douglass Price-Williams ☩
Sunday, July 26, 10:30am Angie Mazone ☩
Monday, July 27, 8:15am Lorraine Kauffman ☩
Tuesday, July 28, 8:15am J.C. Gonzalez ☩
Wednesday, July 29, 8:15am Brenda Cobian ☩
Thursday, July 30, 8:15am David Greig ☩
Friday, July 31, 8:15am Robert Gemperline ☩
Saturday, August 1, 5:00pm Mark Richard Girard ☩
Sunday, August 2, 8:30am Sue Welch ☩
Sunday, August 2, 10:30am Joe Coccaro ☩

Social Ministries & Outreach

Brother Benno's Toiletry Drive

Our annual toiletry and NEW underwear collection will be held the weekend of September 19-20. Please help us help the folks at Brother Benno's.

St. Bonaventure Clothing Drive

The second weekend in November is our annual clothing drive to help the very needy on the Big Rez in New Mexico that are served by St. Bonaventure Indian Mission. Clothing, footwear, and bedding for men, women, and children of all ages are needed. Please search your closets for those lightly worn items that you no longer want and set them aside for those that could use them. Perhaps you could also contact your neighbors who are holding garage sales to donate any left over clothing items...or organize a clothing drive at your place of employment. STM conducts the only dedicated drive to assist the Mission and their people who are in dire need. Unemployment on the Reservation runs at about 60%. Any questions or for help, contact Deacon Tom at thomasgoeltz@aol.com or 760-727-8442. Remember, your donations are tax deductible. We will gladly provide you with a receipt for your tax records.

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.

Social Justice Email "Hotline"

Do you ever wonder where you fit in the social justice picture? How do you respond as a Christian when a social justice issue arises?

Sign up to be on an email list to be informed about some of the issues the Parish Social Justice Committee is working on or be invited to participate in an event in North County.

Send your email address to: maureenb@stmoside.org

*You are not alone in your desire to follow
Jesus' call for justice for all God's children.*

STM Archives Wants Your Material

The STM Historian is looking for material from Parish events and activities since our church was established in 1985. The kinds of material that are needed include: photographs, newspaper clippings, brochures, fliers, reports, videos, drawings—anything that represents our congregational memory! Please check your drawers, file cabinets, and that creepy ol' box in the attic. You can drop off your donations at the Parish office. Thanks!

For more information and questions, please feel free to contact: Brandon at 760- 845-5450 or brandon.oswald@gmail.com.

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.



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—The Trinity and Marriage: "To be created in the image and likeness of God means, therefore, that human beings reflect not the life of a solitary deity, but the communal life of the Trinity. Human beings were created not to live solitary lives, but to live in communion with God and with one another, a communion that is both life-giving and loving." To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

Marriage Moments— "Live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love..." (Ephesians 4:1-2) Enough said. Make this true today. By Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net

Parenting Pointers— July 26 is Parent's Day. We don't need another card or gift giving holiday, but honoring the effort that parents make in raising children is important. Don't buy anything today, but ask your children what they think is the hardest part about being a parent? Listen. By Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net

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.

"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 chriiss@stmoside.org or 760-758-4100 x120.



Looking for a Way to Be Involved?

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



Parish Events

Women's Guild News

The Women's Guild of St. Thomas More is entering the final phase of their 2015-2016 Membership Drive. To be listed in the Membership Directory, please see the Guild representative on the Plaza after all Masses to renew your membership or join this group of awesome ladies that puts the word "fun" into fundraising, friendship, and fellowship. The annual dues are only \$10 a year, payable by check. A tidbit of info: the Women's Guild is one of the largest donors to our Parish's Building Fund, so please, consider joining them in having fun "D" raising money for our Church!

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.

Catholic Widows and Widowers of North County

On Sunday, August 9, CWWNC will be here at STM at 2:00pm for their General Meeting and Potluck. This would be a perfect time to get acquainted with our members from all of North County. For more information, call Gerri Wilmott at 760-758-9949. See the bulletin board on the lower level for our complete monthly calendar including communal Mass at Mission San Luis Rey on the July 26, dining out, free concert, dancing, bowling, hiking, miniature golf, and bocce ball. RSVPs are required.

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 July 1 we have netted \$57,952 from this program. Thank you donors!



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

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
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

Pew Seating for the Church (1,000) 780 available	\$300/each
Daily Mass Chapel and Choir Chairs (200) 106 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
760-758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org



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

Treasures 2015—Save the Date! Saturday, October 3

Please mark your calendars and check your schedules to see how you may be able to help with our Treasures rummage sale this year. If you are interested in joining the Treasures Committee, please contact John and Wendy Murphy at 760-497-6117. We will need approximately 70 volunteers to help that weekend. Look for us after future Masses to sign up and watch the bulletin for details.

Liturgy & Music Worship God

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

DARING TO DREAM

The following showed up in my inbox in early June, thoughts from one of my well-intentioned colleagues who works in the academic arena—you know, those who are off doing other musical (or non-musical) things away from their school campuses for many, many weeks of the summer.

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Except for a very few holdouts, the academic year is over. Time for a little rest and rejuvenation. A change of scenery is in order, as is some time for reflection. Here, then, is a little something to ponder from your hammock. The following is by Kevin Peter Hand, a planetary scientist/astrobiologist in Pasadena, California and a 2011 National Geographic Emerging Explorer:

The drumbeat of human civilization is the pursuit of new knowledge. We explore, we discover, and we advance. From fundamental research on cancer to revolutionizing our understanding of the universe, it is not an either/or: we must do it all. Anything less is a sign that our priorities as a race have been hijacked by agendas beneath our potential. As has become a refrain in my community, the drumbeat continues and we echo the wise words of Teddy Roosevelt: Dare mighty things.

What will YOU dare to advance the choral art next season?

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At the moment, I am planning for the coming year, choosing music for choirs and congregation, working on the liturgy (including music) for the Dedication Mass in the fall, reworking our liturgical minister guidelines and instruction sheets for the new church, continuing my score

study of the Fauré *Requiem* that the Sanctuary Choir will be singing next spring, and, in general, trying to clean off my desk.

My colleague's short note reminds me of the very important part of what I do that has nothing to do with planning and preparing the never-ending march of liturgies that is both blessing and bane for every director of liturgy and/or music, perhaps for every person who ministers in a faith community setting.

It reminds me to *dream*.

And with the many milestones and anniversaries in our recent past, dreaming is in order.

What shall I do—what might the music ministry accomplish—during my next ten years at St. Thomas More? What might the Tower Bells do once we have acquired all the bells in our fifth octave (just two more to go!)? What might the Sanctuary Choir do now that we are participating at weekend liturgies on a near-weekly basis? The Praise Team? What might we *all* do once the Parish finishes celebrating its first thirty years?

What might we do? What does the Holy Spirit have in store for us? How might we explore, discover, and advance?

For the music ministry, there is much on the horizon beyond our ongoing service to the people of St. Thomas More. The biggest "event" is, of course, the dedication of our permanent church. This "once-in-a-lifetime" celebration fulfills some of our grandest dreams, for ourselves as we minister to our community, and for generations to come. On a smaller level, our musicians will "go and announce the Gospel of the Lord" in a variety of ways in the coming year, traveling



John 6:9

to musical gatherings (as our youth are traveling to Steubenville this weekend!) to enjoy faith and fellowship. The Tower Bells will journey to Modesto next summer for a multi-state handbell conference presented by the Handbell Musicians of America, and in June the Sanctuary Choir will be in residence for three days at San Francisco's Grace Cathedral with 100 other singers to prepare and perform Gabriel Fauré's *Requiem*, which we also will sing here at a Memorial Day Weekend concert honoring those who have died in service to our country. All of these things stem from our desire to be better musicians, better servants of God in all that we do for this Parish.

These are some of the dreams I have been dreaming that will become realities in the coming year. And there are more that the Spirit will inspire in me, and in us, in the days and months and years to come.

Teddy Roosevelt had it right, and Jesus requires no less in this time and this place, challenging us to **dare mighty things**.

—Douglas

Upcoming Music

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AUGUST 2
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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5:00pm

Cantor & Congregation

8:30am

Cantor & Congregation

10:30am

Cantor & Congregation

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

REACH NEWS

**If You Loved Our Vacation Bible School,
You Will Love Our Faith Formation Program!**

Re-Enroll for the 2015-2016 REACH Year Today!
First Day of REACH is September 13!

Parents: We will be offering Adult Faith Formation once a month during our 12:30-2:00pm REACH sessions. Please attend this opportunity for faith and fellowship! Contact Debbie in the Faith Formation Office for more information.

**Join Us This Summer on
Wednesday Mornings for
WAKE UP**

WITH THE KING

Meet Us for 8:15am Mass
and

then stay and have breakfast with friends!
All ages welcome!

Sacrament Prep News

Does your child need to make his/her Sacraments?
Would you like to know more about the process?

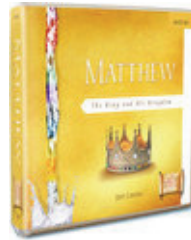
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**“... A Time To Build!” includes our faith journey
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**Collection for Week of July 18-19
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Assessment: \$48,000
Collected to Date: \$55,664
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Families Pledged: 362

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Christian Stewardship and the Joy of Giving

My twelve year-old daughter was asked to babysit the nursery at church for three dollars an hour. I thought it was a great way for her to be introduced to the world of work and earning money.

Three weeks after starting, no check had arrived. I figured it must have just been an oversight and said so at the dinner table.

“Dad, it doesn’t matter. That’s not why I did it,” Alexandra said. “You help out in Men’s Ministries because you enjoy it and that’s your way of helping the church out. Mine is keeping the toddlers entertained so their parents can focus on the worship and the sermon.”

I couldn’t believe the maturity and selflessness my little girl was displaying. Jesus said we must become like little children to enter his Kingdom. Often times as we get older, we tend to look at gifts like our time, money, or abilities as if they were our own, and sometimes we hang on a little too tight. Once again, I learned a valuable lesson from my children that when we give of our time or talents, there is far more joy if we don’t look for anything in return!



Everyone knows about “helping hands.” But have you ever really thought about all the different things hands can really do?

- ♥ Hands reach up to paint, clean, and tend to the church.
- ♥ They can do the same for the homes of those in need nearby.
- ♥ Hands can greet a visitor with a firm handshake.
- ♥ Hands can dip into pockets to make donations to the church.
- ♥ They can also dip into buckets with a sponge to swirl across many car windows to raise more funds.
- ♥ Hands can hold a piece of chalk in the classroom or a piece of music in the choir.
- ♥ Even those hands that are clenched are helping, because they are donating blood during an STM church-sponsored drive!

Surely two of those hands that help belong to someone you know. Maybe they belong to you.



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**No pessimist ever discovered the secrets of the stars,
or sailed to an uncharted land,
or opened a new heaven to the human spirit.**

—Helen Keller

News & Information from the Larger Church

Senior Summer Vacation Retreat—August 3-7, Mission San Luis Rey Retreat Center, 4050 Mission Ave., Oceanside. For more information or to register, visit <http://www.sanluisrey.org/event-registration/?ee=307> or contact 760-757-3659.

Sixth Annual “Pro-Life Is Good” Gala and Auction—October 10; keynote speaker is Lila Rose, director of Live Action; visit www.colfs.org for details. Sponsored by Culture of Life Family Services.

Life Perspectives’ Life Walk 2015—October 24; visit www.LPLifeWalk.com for details on walking and/or sponsoring.

Around the Diocese—Visit www.diocese-sdiego.org to learn more about activities available through the Diocese and other Parishes.

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 Marco Lemus at 760-631-4792.

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 davidandcherylross@gmail.com.

Diocese of San Diego Social Ministry Office 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.

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

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

Volunteer with Voices for Children—Voices for Children provides volunteer Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs) to abused and neglected children in San Diego County to ensure their needs are met. For more information, contact www.speakupnow.org or 858-598-2235.

Catholic Singles Organization—The Catholic Alumni Club International is expanding into the San Diego area. Visit www.caci.org for more information.

Marriage Encounter Program in San Diego—Resolving to have a better relationship? Choose a Marriage Encounter weekend to start that process! For more information, contact www.wmme-sandiego.org or 619-445-0564.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
St. Thomas More Catholic Church 1450 South Melrose Drive Oceanside, CA 92056 (760) 758-4100 www.stmoside.org						1 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time 4:00 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM Mass
2 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30 AM Mass/LOWC 10:30 AM Mass/LOWC	3 8:15 AM Mass 7:00 PM High School Youth Group	4 Restaurant Fundraiser at El Torito 8:00 AM Walking Ministry 8:15 AM Mass 9:00 AM Donuts and Coffee 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus	5 Restaurant Fundraiser at El Torito 8:15 AM Wake up with the King 8:15 AM Mass 5:30 PM Youth in the Chapel	6 8:15 AM Mass 9:00 AM Donuts and Coffee 10:00 AM Women's Guild Quilters 1:00 PM Centering Prayer 7:00 PM Bible Timeline	7 8:15 AM Mass	8 3:00 PM RCIA 4:00 PM Reconciliation 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00 PM Mass
9 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30 AM Mass/LOWC 10:30 AM Mass/LOWC 12:00 PM Catholic Widows and Widowers 12:00 PM Baptisms	10 8:15 AM Mass 7:00 PM High School Youth Group Minion Movie	11 8:00 AM Walking Ministry 8:15 AM Mass 9:00 AM Donuts and Coffee 10:00 AM Year of Mercy Planning 7:00 PM Baptism Prep	12 8:15 AM Mass 8:15 AM Wake up with the King 4:00 PM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Youth in the Chapel 7:00 PM Finance Council	13 8:15 AM Mass 9:00 AM Donuts and Coffee 1:00 PM Centering Prayer 7:00 PM Bible Timeline	14 8:15 AM Mass 9:00 AM Moms and Kids	15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 9:00 AM Mass 4:00 PM Reconciliation 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00 PM Mass
16 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30 AM Mass/LOWC 10:30 AM Mass/LOWC	17 8:15 AM Mass 7:00 PM XLT High School Youth Group	18 Restaurant Fundraiser at Nucci's in Vista 8:00 AM Walking Ministry 8:15 AM Mass 9:00 AM Donuts and Coffee 10:00 AM Year of Mercy Planning	19 Restaurant Fundraiser at Nucci's in Vista 8:15 AM Mass 5:30 PM Youth in the Chapel	20 8:15 AM Mass 9:00 AM Donuts and Coffee 10:00 AM Women's Guild Quilters 1:00 PM Centering Prayer 7:00 PM Bible Timeline	21 8:15 AM Mass 9:00 AM Moms and Kids	22 1:00 PM Server Training 3:00 PM RCIA 4:00 PM Reconciliation 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00 PM Mass
23 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30 AM Mass 8:30 AM K. of C. Breakfast 10:30 AM Mass 3:00 PM Towers of Faith (Shadowridge Country Club)	24 8:15 AM Mass 7:00 PM High School Youth Group	25 8:00 AM Walking Ministry 8:15 AM Mass 9:00 AM Donuts and Coffee	26 8:15 AM Mass 5:30 PM Youth in the Chapel 7:00 PM Development Council	27 8:15 AM Mass 9:00 AM Donuts and Coffee 1:00 PM Centering Prayer 7:00 PM Bible Timeline	28 8:15 AM Mass 9:00 AM Moms and Kids	29 3:00 PM RCIA 4:00 PM Reconciliation 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00 PM Mass/RCIA Rite of Welcome
30 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30 AM Mass/LOWC 9:45 AM New Family with Children Grades 1-5 Orientation 10:30 AM Mass/LOWC 5:00 PM Parent Meeting- Year 1 Confirmation 6:00 PM Parent Meeting- Year 2 Confirmation 7:00 PM Parent Meeting- Year 3 & 4 Post Confirmed	31 8:15 AM Mass 7:00 PM High School Youth Group	