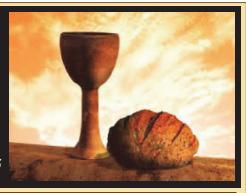


Whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.

—John 6:35



# A Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of San Diego

- ♣ Spirituality
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- **†** Community

### Mass Schedule

Saturday at 5:00pm Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am Monday-Friday at 8:15am

### **Eucharistic Adoration** Monday-Friday, 6:30am-7:30pm

**Reconciliation (Confession)** Saturday, 4:00-4:30pm

### Rev. Michael Ratajczak, Pastor Rev. Karl Bauer, Senior Priest Deacon John Fredette Deacon Thomas A. Goeltz

1450 South Melrose Drive Oceanside, CA 92056 760-758-4100 760-758-4165 fax **Office Hours:** Monday-Friday, 8:30am-12:00noon and 12:30-4:00pm parishoffice@stmoside.org www.stmoside.org







### **Construction Progress**

Travertine wall tiles and ceiling work.

Visit www.stmoside.org to see more photos!

### Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 2, 2015

### Pastor's Column

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

### Through What Lens Do We Look at the World?

Recently I posted on Facebook the statement by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) regarding the agreement between the United States and its P5+1 partners with Iran (http://tinyurl.com/ovac7b2, which is a shortcut to http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/global-issues/middle-east/iran/cantu-welcomes-iran-nuclear-agreement-2015-07-14.cfm).

The immediate responses I received were very interesting. One response, "I hope the Republicans take notice of the statement..."

Another response was, "The statement is so naïve. Iran is dangerous, but Democrats are so naïve and trusting. They are too trusting. You need to be firm and let the world know who is in charge..."

And there were other comments as well, but all seemed to be viewed through a Democrat or Republican lens

This reminded me of a quote from Bishop Oscar Cantú, the Bishop of Las Cruces, New Mexico, and the Chairman of the Committee on International Justice and Peace of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB): "Catholics in the United States seem to judge bishops and priests through a political lens rather than judging and measuring their politics through the eyes of faith."

I believe that Catholics in the United States not only judge bishops and priests in that fashion but also any of the formal statements made by the USCCB.

It was fascinating that immediately the statement on the agreement with Iran was perceived and judged through Democrat and Republican eyes.

The statement should be viewed through the eyes of faith, through the eyes of the Catholic Faith. First and foremost we are Catholic Christians; then all the other labels follow.

We need to remember that we are members of the Body of Christ. His Body and the Members of that Body are world-wide, universal, and know no boundaries, no borders, and no national, racial, ethnic, and political identities.

Depending on the lens with which we view the world, we will see things differently, many times, vastly differently!

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Do we look at immigration, for example, through a Republican or Democrat lens, or through the lens of faith? The lens will make all the difference. Looking through a political lens, we can see the Undocumented as the enemy, as unwanted, as people who need to take care of themselves, or looking through the lens of faith, we can see them as our Brothers and Sisters in Christ who are in need of help from other Members of the Body of Christ.

Looking through a political lens, we can see Iran as the enemy, yes, a dangerous government that is causing havoc in the world, and thus we should isolate them or destroy them as some people advocate; or, looking through the lens of faith, we can choose to create a possibility with other countries (China, France, Russia, the United Kingdom, and Germany), to engage the Iranian Government in dialogue, in the hopes of creating a more peaceful world. "Blessed are the Peacemakers. They shall be called children of God."

The lens makes all the difference! Through what lens do you view the world?

### **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

### **Missionary Cooperative Appeal**

Br. Steve Pardy shared with us about the work of the Society for the Propagation of the faith and asked for our prayers and financial support on this weekend.

Envelopes are attached to the bulletin and may be returned any time before the end of September. Thank you for your prayers and generosity!

### 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 \$crip News**

Thanks to all who support the Scrip program! A percentage of every Scrip gift card purchased benefits our Parish Mortgage/Building Completion Fund. 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.

#### **Welcome New Parishioners**

Liliana Avellan
Lek Chen & Cecilia Pudjiarti & Family
Mark & Linda Dowling
Joe & Maria Goncalves

### Congratulations to

#### Fred & Pat Gora

who celebrate their 34th wedding anniversary August 1.

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

#### In Memoriam



prayers.

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

**Edward S. Dolnick,** who died on July 23. His Funeral Mass was celebrated on July 30 at St. Thomas More. Please keep his wife, Mary, and his family in your prayers.

### 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

#### **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, the others on page 10). They are wonderful and fulfilling vocations.

### 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!







### Readings for the Week Ahead

Sunday Year B; Weekday Year I

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 **Monday, August 3** (407) Numbers 11:4b-15 Psalm 81:12-17 Matthew 14:13-21 Tuesday, August 4 (612) John Mary Vianney Ezekiel 3:17-21 Psalm 117:1bc, 2 Matthew 9:35–10:1

Wednesday, August 5 (613) Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome Revelation 21:1-5a Psalm Judith 13:18-20 Luke 11:27-28

Thursday, August 6 (614) The Transfiguration of the Lord Daniel 7:9-10,31-14

Psalm 97:1-2,5-6,9 Matthew 17:1-9 or Mark 9:2-10 or Luke 9:28b-36

Friday, August 7 (615) Sixtus II, pope and companians, martyrs; Cajetan, priest Sirach 2:7-11 Psalm 112:1-9 Luke 12:32-34

Saturday, August 8 (412) Dominic, priest

Douteronomy 6:4-13
Psalm 18:2-4,47,51
Matthew 17:14-20
Sunday, August 9 (116)
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 19:4-8 Psalm 34:2-9 Ephesians 4:30-5:2 John 6:41-51

### **Mass Intentions**

Saturday, August 1, 5:00pm Mark Richard Girard &

Sunday, August 2, 8:30am Sue Welch

Sunday, August 2, 10:30am Joe Coccaro 🕆

Monday, August 3, 8:15am Velia De Los Santos P

Tuesday, August 4, 8:15am Steven Joseph Wilmott 🕆

Wednesday, August 5, 8:15am Richard Messina &

Thursday, August 6, 8:15am Richard Lynn &

Friday, August 7, 8:15am Alexander Kemnitzer T

Saturday, August 8, 5:00pm De Wayne Postulka 🕆

Sunday, August 9, 8:30am Enos "Bill" Williams &

Sunday, August 9, 10:30am Mark Ianni

**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 Brianne Campos Aria Cappeluti Jorge Cartajena Donald Cashmore James Coleman

The Vaughn Clevenger Family
The Cole & Kowallek Families
Carl & Dorothy Coleman Judy Colson Leon Cook 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 The Dolnik Family Art & Dave Dossman La Vonne Dumas Marge Egan Jerome Elbacha Carolyn Erickson Ey Victoria Lopez Fenton The Fiore Family Fr. James Flanagan Mary Fleming Rvan 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 Iolanda Iacobelli Tom Jocelyn

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 Mendiola Rita Mikridge Tom Miller

Phyllis Minaya June Mitchell June Montgomery 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

The Joe Prokop Far 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

Martin Vertson
Lucy Vienna
Lucy Viramontes
Vanessa Vitiello
Wilson Wanner
Kevin Watson-Graff
Jerry Wechsler
Patricia Zavala Patricia Zavala Jeanne Zeltner

### Calendar Highlights

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

Liturgy of the Word for Aug 2 Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses Restaurant Fundraiser at Aug 4-5 El Torito

Liturgy of the Word for Aug 9 Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses

Aug 18-19 Restaurant Fundraiser at Nucci's

Aug 23 Sep 1-3 Towers of Faith Reception Music Ministry Rehearsals Resume

Gospel of Matthew Bible Sep 9 Study Begins

Brother Benno's Toiletries Sep 12-13

Spirited Seniors Ice Cream Social Sep 16

Sep 20 Oct 3 New Member Luncheon Treasures Rummage Sale Oct 4

Blessing of Animals Men's Retreat Oct 9-11 Nov 1 Pizza & Beer Party

Dec 19 Christmas Cookie Exchange

### **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.

August 3
Sr. Linda Lutz, CHS
August 4
Sr. Ann Machtemes, OSB
August 5
Sr. Christina MacLean, SMSM
August 6
Sr. Elisa Maldonado, SJS
August 7
Sr. M. Clare Manhart, RSM
August 8
Sr. Mary Manthi, CVI
August 9
Sr. Janet Marich, FDC

### **Social Ministries & Outreach**

### Planning for the Pope's Visit to America

Would you like to be part of a group to plan some events that will help us prepare for the Pope's visit to America in September?



There is great excitement about his visit, but more importantly, we want

to plan opportunities for our Parishioners and ourselves to reflect on his message and implement it in our daily lives and our local communities.

Two planning meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, August 11, and Tuesday, August 18, 10:00am to 12:00noon. It would be helpful if you can attend both meetings as one will build on the other!

If you wish to participate, please contact Sr. Maureen at 760-758-4100 x131 or maureenb@stmoside.org!

### **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.

### **Jail/Detention Ministry**

Jesus said, "I was in prison and you visited me. What you did for the least of these you did for me." To volunteer and bring the gifts of presence, compassion, hope, and love to those in prison, call Rita at 760-758-4100 x100. For more information, visit www.diocese-sdiego.org/restore, where you will find information on not only visiting those in prison, but ways to provide support for victims or their families and ways to get involved with victim/ offender mediation and reconciliation.

### Marriage & Family Life

Moms & Kids—Are you a mom with infant through 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 energetic Moms and Kids ministry on Monday, August 3, at 10:00am at Buccaneer Beach Park in Oceanside.



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. 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 blog. On the internet, go to http://www.marriageuniqueforareason.org/ category/world-meeting-of-families/.

Separated or Divorced—The Separated/Divorce Ministry of St. James Parish invites those going through the pain of separation and divorce to find help and healing in a supportive small group setting. Meetings are held each Sunday at 10:15am at St. James Catholic Church at 625 South Nardo Ave., Solana Beach. Contact Frank Grant 760-533-1520 fwgrant@gmail.com for more information.

Bishops' Letter on Marriage—Faith, Hope and Love: "As the Church is a community of faith, hope, and love, so the Christian family, as the domestic church, is called to be a community of faith, hope, and love. Through this faith, hope, and love, Jesus, by the power of his Holy Spirit, abides within each Christian family, as he does within the whole Church, and pours out the love of his Father within it." http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/.

Marriage Moments— "The whole Israelite community grumbled..." (Ex16:2) "Put away the old self of your former way of life..." (Ephesians 4: 22) It's easy to slip into the habit of grumbling to your spouse. Although occasional venting can be cathartic, this week focus on putting away your grumbling self and balance it with renewed gratefulness. It'll make both of you happier. By Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net.

Parenting Pointers—For many people, summer is a good time to do recreational reading. What was your favorite book as a child? If your child is old enough you've probably already read it together. Talk about why it was your favorite. By Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net.

For more information, visit www.diocese-sdiego.org/Ministries/ Marriage and Family Life or call Jen Frost at 858-692-7438.

### Rosary

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



### "A Closer Look" Tours Continue

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



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### **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, take a day hike, throw a few horseshoes, 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 29 we have netted \$58,252 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		
Drinking Fountains (2) 1 available Audio Visual Systems	\$2,500/each		
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.

Director of Liturgy & Music

Douglas Lynn

# Liturgy & Music Worship God

### COME, EAT, LIVE

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

Come, eat, live! With these three verbs, the ancient sapiential author (Proverbs, Aug 16) has summed up the essence of the sacred texts for August. Wisdom has built her house and set her table. She has sent out the call: Come, eat, forsake foolishness that you may live and grow in understanding. This invitation can only be accepted by the simple, who know that all authentic wisdom resides in God.

Come, eat, live, said the Lord of Israel to those enslaved in Egypt (Aug 2). Come at my invitation and follow Moses to the desert, where I will be with you always. I will enter into a covenant with you and lead you to the land promised long ago. All along the way, I shall provide food for you to eat so that you may live.

On the last Sunday of July, when Jesus fed a multitude with bread and fish, he also, as God's Word and Wisdom incarnate, invited those present to come, eat, and live. Thus began the uniquely Johannine Bread of Life narrative and discourse that continues through the Gospels of August 2, 9, 16 and 23. Two themes —one sacramental or eucharistic, and the other sapiential—have been ingeniously woven together by John in order to create a magnificent Christological tapestry that depicts Jesus as the bread from heaven, the bread of life. In a sapiential sense, Jesus was the divine revelation of God: he nourished and instructed those who would listen. Like Wisdom, his words, his bread, offered the life of light and truth. To eat this bread, to hear and heed his words, was to know how to live in right relationship with God and all others.

No doubt the Jews in the crowd that day were reminded of the sapiential references to Wisdom feeding the simple and the seekers of truth in their own tradition (Sir 15:3; 24:21;

### scripture themes of August

Prv 9:5). They were surely also reminded of the prophetic promise that the messianic era would be celebrated with a great banquet (Is 25:6-8; 55:1-5) at which all would be fed abundantly. As Raymond E. Brown has pointed out, the Synoptics pictured this banquet as taking place in the afterlife or at the second coming (Mt 8:11, 26-29), but in John. Jesus announces that the banquet is at hand because Jesus, the Bread of Life, is hosting it and offering his word and his very self as food (The Gospel According to John, Doubleday, New York: 1966).

In John 6:51-58 (Aug 16), the sacramental theme, which has been secondary to the sapiential theme up to now, comes to the forefront, and Jesus himself is the agent and the source of salvation. Those who would know eternal life are told to "feed on his flesh and drink his blood" (v. 54). Since both of these actions are abhorrent in any other context (Ps 28:2; Zec 11:9; Gn 9:4; Lv 3:17; Dt 12:23; Jer 46:10; Ez 39:17), if they "are to have a favorable meaning, they must refer to the Eucharist. They simply reproduce the words we hear in the Synoptic account of the institution of the Eucharist (Mt 26:26-28): 'Take, eat; this is my body...drink... this is my blood" (Brown, op. cit.).

The Gospel for Aug 23 affirms that these words and the truth they imparted were challenging to Jesus' listeners. Their faith shaken, "many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him" (Jn 6:66). For some, what was meant to be their source of life and unity required too big a leap of faith. But Peter, speaking for all who struggle toward authentic faith, declared, "You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe...you are the Holy One of God" (6:68-69).

Only in retrospect and with God's



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John 6:28

generous grace did the disciples truly begin to grasp what Jesus' words meant. Only after his death on the cross and his resurrection did they understand that he was the Passover lamb of the new covenant with God, whose flesh was bloodied and broken so that sinners might know God's forgiveness. Moreover, he had given them a means of remembering him and experiencing his true presence among them until he returned to take them home.

August will conclude with a reality check of sorts, first from James, and then from the Marcan Jesus. For his part, James reminds us that every gift, including the word, comes from God. So profound is that word that when it is spoken, a response is demanded. Be doers of the word, says James, and not hearers only. Those who are fed and nourished by Jesus are to pay it forward, caring for others as God has cared for them.

In the Gospel, Jesus addresses the hypocrisy of lip-service and the preoccupation with ritual purity. Purity, like evil, comes from within; therefore, conversion begins in the heart and spirit and will of a person. Once a person has opened his or her inmost self to God and to grace, then he or she is able, in prayer, to integrate faith and life. This is not a once-in-a-lifetime decision but a daily process of continuing conversion that requires nourishment. To that end, let us listen and heed Jesus' words: Come, eat, live!

### Upcoming Music

X

AUGUST 9 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

X

### 5:00pm

Cantor & Congregation

### 8:30am

Cantor & Congregation

### 10:30am

Cantor & Congregation

### Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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Youth Advocate
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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 Sunday, September 13!
Parents: We will be offering Adult Faith Formation once a month during our 12:30-2:00 REACH sessions.
Please attend this opportunity for faith and fellowship!
Contact Debbie in the Faith Formation Office for more information.

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### For more information please contact:

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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 July 18/19, 2015		
Number of Registered Households	1,145	
Offertory	\$13,684.77	
Offertory (Loose Collection)	\$900.00	
Total	\$14,584.77	

Collection for Week of July 25/26, 2015		
Number of Registered Households	1,148	
Offertory	\$7,489.83	
Offertory (Loose Collection)	\$872.00	
Total	\$8,361.83	

### Mortgage/Building Completion Fund Income September 15, 2014 to June 30, 2015

Mortgage Offering Collected	\$434,899.07
Less Administrative Costs	\$20,830.00
Payment toward Parish Reserves (10%)	\$41,406.91
Payment toward Mortgage	\$372,622.16
Mortgage Payment Due	\$418,919.89
Mortgage Payment Overage/(Shortfall)	(\$46,257.73)
Memorial Items	\$195 934 00

Please continue to support the Mortgage/Building Completion Fund!

### A Christian Stewardship Prayer for August **For Our Families**



Heavenly Father, you have given us the model of life in the Holy Family of Nazareth. Help us, O Loving Father, to make our family another Nazareth where love, peace, and joy reign. May it be deeply contemplative, intensely Eucharistic, revived with joy.

Help us to stay together in joy and sorrow in family prayer. Teach us to see Jesus in the members of our families, especially in their distressing disguise.

> May the Eucharistic heart of Jesus make our hearts humble like his and help us to carry out our family duties in a holy way.

May we love one another as God loves each one of us, more and more each day, and forgive each other's faults as you forgive our sins.

Help us, O Loving Father, to take whatever you give and give whatever you take with a big smile.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

~Blessed Teresa of Calcutta



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### **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 <a href="http://www.sanluisrey.org/event-registration/?ee=307">http://www.sanluisrey.org/event-registration/?ee=307</a> or contact 760-757-3659.

Grand Finale of the Heritage Ball at Mission San Luis Rey—Saturday, August 15, 6:00pm. An elegant evening of cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, followed by a sit down dinner. For information and reservations, contact Linda Causee at 760-757-3651 x161.

**Diocese of San Diego Ministers Conference**—Saturday, September 19, 9:00am-4:30pm, Mater Dei Catholic High School, 1615 Mater Dei Dr., Chula Vista. Bishop McElroy will be the keynote speaker. Visit *www.diocese-sdiego.org/cmc* for more information and to sign up.

**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.

**Shopportunity—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 prolife, 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.wwme-sandiego.org* or 619-445-0564.

### Catholic Radio—AM 1000/Sirius 130—San Diego

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### **Catholics Come Home**

Do you have a family member, friend, or co-worker who has left the Catholic Church? If so, encourage them to visit www.CatholicsComeHome.org.

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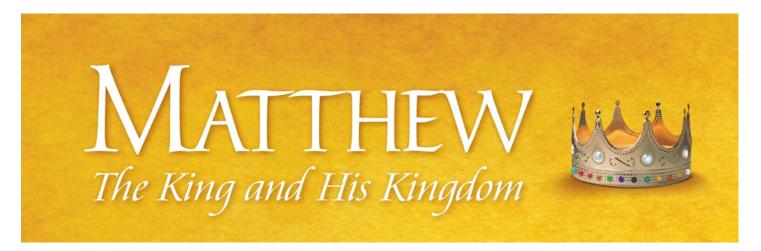
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