

**SAINT  
THOMAS  
MORE  
CATHOLIC  
CHURCH**

**Mass of Dedication and Blessing  
of Our Church Home, Our House of Worship  
by Bishop Robert W. McElroy, Bishop of San Diego  
Wednesday, December 16, 2015, at 2:00pm**

*Everyone is invited, but if you plan on attending, you must RSVP no later than November 30 so we can properly plan for the Mass and Reception.*

*You may RSVP online at [www.stmoside.org/dedication](http://www.stmoside.org/dedication)  
or call 760-758-4100 x158 or email [hennyj@stmoside.org](mailto:hennyj@stmoside.org).*

*Please let us know your name, phone number, and the number of people attending.*

**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

**Rev. Michael Ratajczak, Pastor**  
**Rev. Karl Bauer, Senior Priest**  
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**80  
DAYS  
UNTIL DEDICATION!**

**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 27, 2015**

*Whoever is not against us is for us.  
If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off.*

**—Mark 9:40,43**



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**Pastor's Column**

**Jesus, Divine Redeemer and Master of the Universe**



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**Construction  
Progress**

**View from the  
main doors  
September 23.**

[www.stmoside.org](http://www.stmoside.org)  
to see more photos!



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

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

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

While there, I went to their Chapel and saw a magnificent mosaic, "Jesus, Divine Redeemer and Master of the Universe." It is large: the dimensions are 16' 7" in height and 28' in width. The artist is Clair Leighton, a local artist in Monroe, Connecticut, and, unfortunately, she died recently.

The Mosaic is scheduled to be destroyed when the building is torn down. This will happen by the end of this year 2015.

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

In talking with Brian Leahey, our Director of Construction, we concluded that the mosaic could be the centerpiece of our Memorial Garden on the south side of the Church. The Memorial Garden is the place where everyone who has helped to make our new Church possible will be named and remembered.

With that in mind, in July, Brian and I flew to Monroe, Connecticut along with Gianfranco Tassara, a mosaic artist from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, who has experience in dismantling, refurbishing, and repurposing other mosaic pieces.

Together we assessed that the mosaic could be dismantled, refurbished, shipped, and reassembled here on our Parish grounds in our Memorial Garden. The estimated cost for the whole project would be about \$270,000.

The mosaic, "Jesus, Divine Redeemer and Master of the Universe," is now offered as a Memorial Item.

The mosaic will be disassembled into 3' by 3' squares, shipped to the artist's workshop in Milwaukee, where it will be refurbished, and then it will be shipped to our Parish and reassembled in our Memorial Garden, becoming the centerpiece of this area on the south side of the Church.

There will be 54 panels. So we are offering each panel as a Memorial Item. Each panel can be reserved for a donation of \$5,000. When all panels are reserved we will have enough financial resources to ensure the complete project. Presently, eight panels have already been reserved! Only 46 more to go...

Please consider helping to sponsor this project. Individuals or groups of people can come together to reserve a panel or panels. Please contact Chris Smith, our Director of Stewardship and

**Welcome New Parishioners**

**John & Mary Rudick & Family**  
**Greg Schuman**  
**Kimberly Whitney**  
**Michael & Yesenia Wittman**

**Congratulations to**

**Chuck & Wanda Nitsch**

who celebrate their 34th anniversary of marriage September 26.

*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 **Jo Lanzrath** in memory of her husband, Bernie Lanzrath.

**Vocations**

As we enter the fall season and settle down to the normal routines of life, I hope you will set aside time to consider whether you hear God calling you to a life as a priest, deacon, or vowed religious. They are wonderful vocations of service...and very fulfilling. God calls at all times and all seasons...Be there to answer. If you hear the call contact a priest, sister or Deacon or Deacon Tom at thomasgoeltz@aol.com or 760-727-8442. We will be happy to walk with you in discernment.

**STM Scrip News**

**Do you shop on Amazon.com? You can fundraise for STM while you shop using Amazon Smile and Amazon Scrip—check [www.stmoside.org/scrip.htm](http://www.stmoside.org/scrip.htm) for details!**

Scrip is now available after all three Masses. We appreciate your continued support for the Scrip program. Also, it's time to re-register your Ralphs/Food for Less Card for donation benefits to St. Thomas More Catholic Church. During the past year we have received over \$1,000 from Ralphs and Food for Less because you did your grocery shopping with them. This is another example of **fundraising while you shop!** Please stop by the Scrip table to pick up a new registration letter.

**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)**

Development, or me. We will be very glad to answer any questions that you may have. Your support will be greatly appreciated!

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth will be overjoyed to know that their mosaic will not be destroyed but will continue to inspire others for generations to come.

One of the Sisters said to me, "Father, please make this happen. You have no idea what that mosaic means to us! We have been praying in its presence for almost 50 years..."

Thank You!

*F. Mike*

**Readings for the Week Ahead**

Sunday Year B; Weekday Year I  
 Readings online at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org).  
**Sunday, September 27** (137)  
*Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 Numbers 11:25-29  
 Psalm 19:8,10,12-14  
 James 5:1-6  
 Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48  
**Monday, September 28** (646)  
*Wenceslaus, martyr, Lawrence Ruiz and companions, martyrs*  
 1 Peter 3:14-17  
 Psalm 126:1-6  
 Matthew 10:34-39  
**Tuesday, September 29** (647)  
*Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, archangels*  
 Daniel 7:9-10,13-14 or  
 Revelation 12:7-12ab  
 Psalm 138:1-5  
 John 1:47-51  
**Wednesday, September 30** (648)  
*Jerome, priest, doctor*  
 2 Timothy 3:14-17  
 Psalm 119:9-14  
 Matthew 13:47-52  
**Thursday, October 1** (649)  
*Thérèse of the Child Jesus, virgin, doctor*  
 Isaiah 66:10-14c  
 Psalm 131:1bcde,2-3  
 Matthew 18:1-4  
**Friday, October 2** (650)  
*Holy Guardian Angels*  
 Exodus 23:20-23  
 Psalm 91:1-6,10-11  
 Matthew 18:1-5,10  
**Saturday, October 3** (460)  
 Baruch 4:5-12,27-29  
 Psalm 69:33-37  
 Luke 10:17-24  
**Sunday, October 4** (140)  
*Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 Genesis 2:18-24  
 Psalm 128:1-6  
 Hebrews 2:9-11  
 Mark 10:2-16

**Mass Intentions**

Saturday, September 26, 5:00pm Milton Gray ☩
Sunday, September 27, 8:30am Bernie Lanzrath ☩
Sunday, September 27, 10:30am Deceased members of the Ellis Family & Relatives ☩
Monday, September 28, 8:15am J.C. Gonzalez ☩
Tuesday, September 29, 8:15am Gaylor Wilson Singletary ☩
Wednesday, September 30, 8:15am Daniel Cobian
Thursday, October 1, 8:15am Vincent Palumbo Jr. ☩
Friday, October 2, 8:15am Robert Morrill ☩
Saturday, October 3, 5:00pm Dave Sweet ☩
Sunday, October 4, 8:30am Sue Welch ☩
Sunday, October 4, 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  
 Millie Backés  
 Rosemary Ballard  
 Dee Barakman  
 Jose Luis Barbosa  
 Patricia Barbour  
 Francie Barron  
 The Batchelor Family  
 Clarice Bednarz  
 John Bennici  
 Regina Bentz  
 Lisa Berg  
 Roseanne Berg  
 Mary Betz  
 Betty Jean Bielich  
 Pieter Boets & Family  
 Zane Breier  
 David Bremer  
 Beth Brewer  
 William J. Brogan  
 Hannah Bronson  
 Janet Brown  
 Todd Brown  
 Katie Browne  
 Jack & Mary Bruzas  
 Anita Buerger  
 Kim Lien Bui  
 Ann & Joe Buko  
 Shelby Campbell  
 Brienne Campos  
 Aria Cappeluti  
 Jorge Cartajena  
 Donald Cashmore  
 Anne Caywood  
 The Vaughn Clevenger Family  
 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  
 David deVilleneuve  
 Carole Dillon  
 Art & Dave Dossman  
 La Vonne Dumas  
 Marge Egan  
 Jerome Elbacha  
 Carolyn Erickson Ey  
 Kathy Escandon  
 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  
 The Fuentes Family  
 Jim Gallagher  
 The Joe Garcia Family  
 Kathy Gardner  
 Joan Gay  
 Jack & Marge Gillen  
 The Gilley Family  
 Wendy Gonzales' Dad  
 Rick Gonzalez  
 Tillie Gonzalez  
 Lou Gordon  
 George Gritt  
 Fred Gritzen and Family  
 Luke Guent  
 Susan Hallahan  
 Pat & Tom Hannon  
 The Harker Family  
 Dorothy Harrison  
 Barbara Hatem  
 Bill & Mary Haynes  
 Lilian Hills  
 Lisa (Lynn) Hodges  
 Mike Hofer  
 Samara Hook  
 Susan Hori  
 Iolanda Iacobelli  
 Sue Johnston  
 Laura Kater  
 Dottie Kearney  
 Paul Kennedy  
 Connor Kerzie  
 Peggy Kiernan  
 Debbie Kinney  
 Mark Kneisel  
 Dewey Kolbo  
 Tony Korwin  
 Helen Kuhn  
 Lillian Lachance  
 The Lamelin Family  
 Bart Landry  
 Brandon LeBlanc  
 Jeremiah Lemus  
 Stella Leué  
 The Lew Family  
 Ashley Load  
 Cassandra & Lauren Loretto  
 Jack Lucarelli  
 Joaquin Maldonado  
 The Maldonado Family  
 The Maldonado Trejo Family  
 Paige Mansell  
 Alexander Mathews  
 Gloria Maupin  
 Colleen McCall  
 Virginia McConnell  
 Ann McMahan  
 Bob McWilliams  
 Joyce Meehan  
 Kalei Mendiola  
 Rita Mikrudge  
 Tom Miller  
 Phyllis Minaya  
 June Mitchell  
 June Montgomery  
 Nancy Moore  
 Elizabeth Muehbachner  
 Conrad Murphy  
 Margie Myers  
 Angela Nacional  
 Melanie Nacional  
 Dina Nani  
 Nida Navarro  
 Curt Novy  
 Richard Obsitnik  
 Kare O'Dell  
 Laura Paciorek Gloor  
 Ethan Palm  
 Salina Pearson  
 Elisa Petrie  
 Helen Pingtella  
 Perry Postulka  
 The Joe Prokop Family  
 Barbara Ramm  
 Daryl Resplandor  
 Evelyn Richards  
 Jan Riley  
 Rita Ritchie  
 Lily Robinson  
 Luca Rogers  
 Maria Rogers  
 The Russo Family  
 Jennine Rybarczyk  
 Rachel Sainc  
 The Salter Family  
 Cindy Sanelli  
 Lori Sanna  
 Linda Schmidt  
 Joan Shea  
 Elizabeth Shirzad  
 Nick Soltau  
 Bob Sorenson  
 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 VanSoooy Family  
 Martin Vertson  
 Lucy Vienna  
 Lucy Viramontes  
 Vanessa Vitiello  
 Wilson Wanner  
 Kevin Watson-Graff  
 Jerry Wechsler  
 The Lelan Wong Family  
 Patricia Zavala  
 Jeanne Zeltner

**Calendar Highlights**

More details at [www.stmoside.org](http://www.stmoside.org),  
 Schedule and Calendar

Sep 27 Liturgy of the Word for  
Children at 8:30am Mass

Sep 27 REACH Classes

Oct 2 Pope Francis Presentation &  
Discussion, with Dessert

Oct 3 Treasures Rummage Sale

Oct 4 Knights of Columbus  
Breakfast

Oct 4 Blessing of Animals

Oct 6-7 Restaurant Fundraiser at  
Elephant Bar

Oct 9-11 Men's Retreat

Oct 10 Adult CPR/AED Class

Oct 11 Liturgy of the Word for  
Children at 8:30am Mass

Oct 11 REACH Classes

Oct 17 Bowling Fundraiser

Oct 20-21 Restaurant Fundraiser at  
Nucci's

Nov 1 Pizza & Beer Party

Nov 15 Advent Workshop

Nov 17 Spirited Seniors Trip to  
Viejas Casino

**Dec 16 Dedication of Our Church**

Dec 19 Christmas Cookie Exchange

**Deployed Military**

Gunnery Sgt. Fernando Andrade, Jr.  
 Lt. Devon Czarzasty  
 Chaplain Van Dinh  
 Capt. Brandon 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.

September 28 Sr. Barbara Quinn, RSCJ
September 29 Sr. M. Krista Ramirez, RSM
September 30 Sr. Norma Alicia Reyes, HCJS
October 1 Sr. Celia Robledo, OLC
October 2 Sr. Virginia Rodee, RSCJ
October 3 Sr. Eva Lucia Rodriguez, SJS
October 4 Sr. Paulina Rodriguez, DCJ

## Social Ministries & Outreach

### Pope Francis' Visit to the United States!

Stay up to date on his activities at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org).

**Friday, October 2**—7:00pm at St. Thomas More. View a screening of one of the Pope's homilies with dessert and discussion: "How do we take his message to heart in our local community?"

**Wednesday, October 7**—7:00pm at Franciscan School of Theology at Mission San Luis Rey. Speaker: Dan Misleh, founding Director of the Catholic Climate Covenant, will speak on Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment, *Laudato Si'*.

### Interfaith Prayer Service

This past Sunday, Bishop Robert McElroy led an Interfaith Prayer Service and consecrated a memorial wall in San Ysidro dedicated to the two million immigrant families torn apart by deportations. Earlier in the day he met with



the Social Justice leaders from many Parishes, including our own Parish Social Justice Committee! It was a very inspiring day for those who could attend!



### St. Bonaventure Clothing Drive (November 7-8)

Summer is over and fall is here. While putting away your summer clothes, consider donating to St. Bonaventure Indian Mission. All clothes, all sizes, for all seasons are needed. The temperatures on the reservation range from below zero in the winter to over one hundred in the summer. The people are poor, with high unemployment, and in need. For the last 20 plus years, STM has been the only dedicated clothing drive helping the Mission. Please help us again. For more information or to answer questions contact Deacon Tom at [thomasgoeltz@aol.com](mailto:thomasgoeltz@aol.com) or 760-727-8442.

### Brother Benno's Toiletry Drive

Once again your generosity in helping others has shown itself through a successful drive for toiletries, **new** underwear, and diapers. On behalf of Brother Benno's, **Thank You!!!** And may God continue to bless you!

### Attention All Veterans and Spouses

Please sign up for the Veterans' Day breakfast on Saturday, November 7. Your service and sacrifice are appreciated! Registration cards are available in the Parish Office.

### Heartnotes

There will be Adult CPR/AED classes on Saturday, October 10, at 9:00am and Wednesday, October 28, at 1:00pm. An Infant/Child CPR/AED class will be held on Saturday, October 17, at 9:00am. Reserve your place with the medical director at [drphilg@cox.net](mailto:drphilg@cox.net) or 760-732-1414. The cost is \$37 per person. Classes take 3-1/2 to 4 hours.

## 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 and energetic Moms and Kids ministry. There are many 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.wvme.org](http://www.wvme.org) or contact Eddie and Sheila Murphy at 760-295-0008.

**Relationship Skills Workshop**—Deacon John and Debbie Fredette will be presenting Relationship Skills Workshops every Wednesday evening at 7:00pm at St. Thomas More through December 9. Come and explore how to improve your relationships. You can attend one workshop, several, or all of them. The September 30 workshop topic is *Power Struggles & Control Issues*. For more information call Deacon John at 760-758-4100 x104.

**Bishops' Letter on Marriage**—Living Chastely: "Married people are called to love with conjugal chastity. That is, their love is to be total, faithful, exclusive, and open to life... The practice of marital chastity ensures that both husband and wife will strive to live as a gift of self, one to the other, generously. In other words, marital chastity protects a great good: the communion of persons and the procreative purposes of marriage." <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

**Marriage Moments**— "While a lone man may be overcome, two together can resist. A three-ply cord is not easily broken" (Eccl. 4:12). Bond yourself together as husband and wife. With bringing God into your relationship, you create a three-ply cord, giving you the strength that is not easily broken. [www.SusanVogt.net](http://www.SusanVogt.net).

**Parenting Pointers**— September 29 is "Eat Dinner Together Day." Maybe you do this most of the time anyway. Congratulations. If not, take heed. The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse says that one habit of healthy families is that they "eat dinner together most every night."

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.

### 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

## Parish Events

### Men's Fellowship Update

Are you hungry for a good message, good fellowship, and a good breakfast? If that man is you, then join us for our new and improved Saturday morning men's gathering and breakfast called **iHunger**. Our next breakfast will be on Saturday, October 3, starting at 6:45am at a location to be announced. If you would like to stay informed of what's going on with **iHunger** (and where we are meeting) via SMS text messages, **Text @iHunger to 23559**.

Also, if you find yourself thirsty for occasional fellowship over a beer at a local micro-brewery, or taking a day hike, or going to a ball game together with some other great men from the Parish, **Text @iThirst to 23559**.

Lastly, mark your calendar for our Annual Men's Retreat on October 9, 10, and 11 at Green Oaks Ranch in Vista...see the flyer on the website at [stmoside.org/men](http://stmoside.org/men).

### Pancake Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus will be serving their delicious pancake breakfast on Sunday, October 4, 9:00-10:30am. Come and enjoy a full breakfast, including pancakes, eggs, sausage, potatoes, coffee/juice, and fruit. This is a great opportunity to socialize with fellow Parishioners. To make reservations for six or more, contact Jim at 760-717-5524 or [BakerJamesL39@gmail.com](mailto:BakerJamesL39@gmail.com).

### Women's Guild News

We opened our new year in full swing at our first meeting with a good turnout of members, new and renewed! The Women's Guild 2015-2016 Directory will be published and available at our Monday, October 12, luncheon meeting. Many thanks for the hard work in putting it together go to Barbara Brown Barreras, Kathleen Quinn, and Leah Stevens, who made it all possible. They put many hours of computer time, organization, and dedication into this project. A special "thank you" to Lorraine Doering of the STM staff for getting the final touches in order for us. These ladies showed **time** and **talent** right there! Be sure to add the Bake Sale weekend—October 24-25—to your calendar, just in time for Halloween treats! If you can donate your baked goods for the sale, it would be most appreciated. Watch for the flyer in an upcoming Bulletin with all the details. Also be advised that the Fall Small Items/Quilt Fair has been moved to November 14-15 to assure room on the plaza for the displays. It promises to be a spectacular event. More details on this will follow in the coming weeks. Have a blessed week and Happy Autumn!

—Kathy Gerhard, president

### 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).

## Memorial Item Donations Available

Pipe Organ	\$850,000
<b>Memorial Garden &amp; Reflection Garden</b>	
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	\$2,500/each
<b>Audio Visual Systems</b>	
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

## Memorial Item Donations Partial

Mosaic Panels for Memorial Garden (54) 46 available	\$5,000/each
Pew Seating for the Church (1,000) 768 available	\$300/each
Daily Mass Chapel and Choir Chairs (200) 98 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.

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](mailto:chriss@stmoside.org)



For more information on our progress, visit our website, [stmoside.org](http://stmoside.org), and click on New Construction.

### "A Closer Look" Tours Continue

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



## Treasures 2015—Save the Date! Saturday, October 3

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.

# Liturgy & Music *Worship God*

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

## SPEAK, LORD

### spending time with the shortest texts

I have been spending time with the Gospel Acclamations this week.

Of the five pieces of scripture assigned for each Sunday's Liturgy of the Word, the Gospel Acclamation is the shortest piece of scripture proclaimed at Mass, one or two sentences excerpted from the Gospel reading itself or taken from another Scripture source that points to the essence of the reading. Although the text is always printed in our worship aid, we may not even notice it, as it is sung by the cantor or choir while the deacon or priest processes with the Book of the Gospels.

Our new setting of the Mass does not include the specific acclamations for Sundays and holydays. In his *Mass of Renewal*, Curtis Stephan chose to set only what might be called the "common" acclamations, that is, those which could be used over the course of an entire season, or a good part of it, replacing the assigned acclamation. Some of these familiar passages include:

Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening; you have the words of everlasting life.

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them and they follow me.

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father except through me.

Stay awake! Be watchful at all times, for you do not know when the Son of Man will come.

This last acclamation (see Mt 24:42 and Lk 12:40), for example, may be used all during Advent, and when the Gospel reading focuses on the end of times. You might recognize the first example as coming from the First Book of Samuel (3:10) when the young Samuel finally

understands that it is not his master Eli calling him, but rather God:

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening" (1 Sam 3:10).

For the most part, the common acclamations focus on listening and hearing God's word, reminding us of the posture we might adopt as the Gospel is proclaimed, or that our path to eternal life flows through Jesus. Many parishes use this approach—including ours.

Some congregations sing the specific acclamation assigned to each Gospel reading at each Mass, so I have been setting the scripture passages for the rest of Ordinary Time to the music Curtis Stephan wrote.

This weekend we sing, "Your word, O Lord, is truth; consecrate us in the truth." A look across to the adjacent Lectionary page and one phrase in particular leaps out at me, "There is no one who performs mighty deeds in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." Similar "aha" moments occur for each week's acclamation. Food for thought indeed!

Our Sunday Gospel acclamation might even provide the basis for a daily prayer routine. Cut it out of the worship aid, and leave it by your bed stand or dresser. Read it when you wake up, or before you go to sleep. Ponder it. Pray over it. One never knows what God might be trying to say.

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.

—Douglas



Mark 9:40-41

### Blessing of Animals

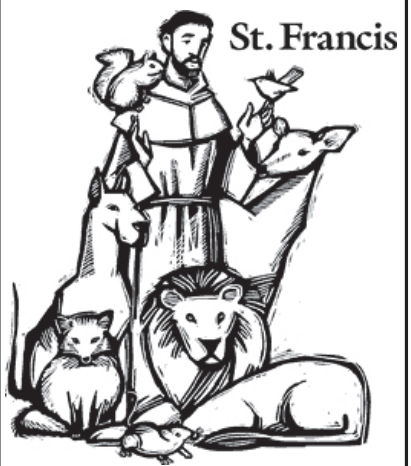
St. Thomas More's annual Blessing of Animals will take place NEXT Sunday, October 4, at 4:00pm.

In remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures, we gather with our beloved pets in the parking lot for this traditional liturgy of celebration, prayer, and blessing.

Bring your furry and not-so-furry friends to the parking lot early to meet and greet each other.

We ask that you make sure your pets are under complete control, as we expect the gathering to be a bit boisterous.

See you there!



### Upcoming Music



OCTOBER 4  
 27th Sunday in  
 Ordinary Time



5:00pm

Praise Team

8:30am

Tower Bells

10:30am

Sanctuary Choir

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## Family Faith Formation

# Today is a REACH Sunday!

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING INSPIRING TO DO ON A SUNDAY AFTERNOON??

Adult Faith Formation will be offered once a month during our 12:30-2:00pm REACH sessions beginning **Sunday, October 11**. Please attend this opportunity for faith and fellowship! Contact Debbie in the Faith Formation Office for more information. No registration required to attend.

## Adult Faith Formation

# CHECK IT OUT

FREE

RELATIONSHIP SKILLS WORKSHOP  
Wednesday Evenings at 7:00pm

Join Us for One or All of the Sessions  
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Single or Married

# Sacrament Prep News



**Mandatory** Parent Meeting for families whose children will be making their Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion this year. Meeting will be held **Sunday, September 27, 12:30-2:00pm**.



**Confirmation Year 2 families and sponsors are invited to attend our first M3 (Mass, Meal, Message) event on Saturday, October 3, beginning with 5:00pm Mass as a class. Plan to attend this family fun event!**



Join Us for **Matthew: The King and His Kingdom** Wednesday mornings, 9:00-11:00am on the upper level of the Parish Center  
Sign up today to register and get your workbook for the next session.

Contact Patt Goeltz for more information at [pattg@stmoside.org](mailto:pattg@stmoside.org).

# MATTHEW KELLY

Coming to North County at St. Elizabeth Seton  
**Saturday, February 6, 2016**

Tickets Are Going Fast! Get Yours Today by Contacting the Faith Formation Office

# Evening Bible Study

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

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

Join Us Thursday Evenings 7:00-9:00pm  
Previous week's video will be shown starting at 6:00pm sharp.  
Contact the Faith Formation Office at [debbief@stmoside.org](mailto:debbief@stmoside.org) to register today.

## Youth Ministry

STM OCEANSIDE LIFE TEEN  
**IGNITE**  
Monday from 7:00-8:30pm

**REFUEL**  
Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00pm

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[mattf@stmoside.org](mailto:mattf@stmoside.org)

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# Stewardship & Development

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 Director of Stewardship & Development  
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## TOWERS OF FAITH

### Future Support & Estate Planning Options

*Towers of Faith* is a movement that has arisen due to the visionary leadership and generosity of several of our Parishioners. We stress that this is not about the gift amount, but rather the love and thought behind the gift.

These individuals (*several anonymous*) have included STM in their estate planning. This helps to ensure their ongoing support and a legacy for our Parish. *Towers of Faith* is a valuable portion of our future support.



Examples of the various future planning vehicles are:

- Designated Beneficiary Accounts,
- Last Will and Testament, Living Trust, Life Insurance,
- Stocks and Bonds, Real Estate, and Endowments.

Parishioners who have already included STM in their estate plans are *Towers of Faith* participants. If you are interested, please contact us. Your participation is most welcome and appreciated!

Chris Smith at 760-758-4100 x120 or [chriss@stmoside.org](mailto:chriss@stmoside.org).

### Collection for Week of September 19/20, 2015

Number of Registered Households	1,161
Offertory	\$15,081.86
Offertory (Loose Collection)	\$826.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,907.86</b>

### Mortgage/Building Completion Fund Income

September 15, 2014 to August 31, 2015

Mortgage Offering Collected	\$506,078.03
Less Administrative Costs	\$24,996.00
Payment toward Parish Reserves (10%)	\$49,385.00
Payment toward Mortgage	\$444,465.03
Mortgage Payment Due	\$508,532.31
<b>Mortgage Payment Overage/(Shortfall)</b>	<b>(\$64,067.28)</b>
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Memorial Items	\$753,534.90

Please continue to support the Mortgage/Building Completion Fund!

### St. Francis and St. Thomas More Offertory Envelopes

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## The Tree of Self-Realization

**In the branches:** Purposefulness, Health, Joy, Self-Motivation, Contentment, Acceptance, Fulfillment, and Creativity

**In the roots:** Charity, Friendship, Forgiveness, Love, Gratitude, Kindness, Warmth, and Trust \*



A good steward is called to be a cheerful giver, but to whom should we give? First on our list should be the local church which should support its ministers and leaders, aid the poor, assist widows and orphans, and help support missionaries.

Beyond our church, we should consider other believers with proven integrity. It is only prudent to know to whom we are giving and what they will do with the money. If they won't answer all our questions, we shouldn't give.

Finally, those to whom we give should regularly keep us informed about their ministry just as the Apostle Paul kept the Philippians informed about his. (*This weekend we thank Bill Ipsen, STM Finance Council Liaison, for giving us a thorough update on our financial status.*)

As our Church fulfills these God-given responsibilities, our community sees the Church as its servant, and is receptive to its message. If, as individuals, we follow these guidelines, we are ensured of making solid investments with eternal rewards.

—Partially excerpted, Parish Publishing LLC, September/October 2015 (with permission)

## The Tree of Self-Defeat

**In the branches:** Emptiness, Alienation, Apathy, Interpersonal Conflicts, Crime, Dependency, Alcoholism, and Drug Addition

**In the roots:** Fear, Insecurity, Resentment, Jealousy, Guilt, Mistrust, Hostility, and Self-Pity \*

\* *The Tree of Self-Realization* and the *Tree of Self-Defeat* are from *A Simple Path* by Blessed Mother Teresa.

**A Church is like a tree, and its members are like leaves.**

**We need our constant donations of time, talent, and treasure to keep us going.**

**Let us strive to stay on the Tree of Self-Realization!**

**In this way, we will do God's Will first, no matter what.**



## News & Information from the Larger Church

**Catholic High School Open Houses**—for prospective students and their families...

Cathedral Catholic High School on Saturday, October 17, 10:00am-1:00pm, [www.catedralcatholic.org](http://www.catedralcatholic.org).

Academy of Our Lady of Peace (for young women) on Saturday, October 10, 9:00-11:30am, [www.aolp.org](http://www.aolp.org).

St. Augustine High School (for young men), [www.sahs.org](http://www.sahs.org).

Mater Dei High School, [www.materdeicatholic.org](http://www.materdeicatholic.org).

JSerra High School, November 12, 6:30-8:30pm, [www.jserra.org](http://www.jserra.org).

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

**Learning about the Priesthood**—Saturday, October 17, 8:30am-3:00pm, St. Francis Center, University of San Diego. Any men interested in exploring a possible vocation to the priesthood, please contact Fr. Mike Ratajczak at 760-758-4100 x100 or Fr. Pedro Rivera at 619-291-7446.

**Life Perspectives’ Life Walk 2015**—October 24; visit [www.LPLifeWalk.com](http://www.LPLifeWalk.com) for details on walking and/or sponsoring.

**CAPS Pregnancy Services Annual Golf Tournament**—Monday, October 26, Riverwalk Golf Club. Visit [www.CAPSGolf.org](http://www.CAPSGolf.org) for more information.

**Pilgrimage to Mexico (Our Lady of Guadalupe), San Miguel, and Our Lady of Ocotlan**—November 14-19, led by Abbott Charles Wright, OSB, from Prince of Peace Abbey. \$1,350 per person double occupancy. For more information, contact 949-249-2500 or visit [www.AveMariaPilgrimage.com](http://www.AveMariaPilgrimage.com).

**Around the Diocese**—Visit [www.diocese-sdiego.org](http://www.diocese-sdiego.org) to learn more about activities available through the Diocese and other Parishes.

**Shoppportunity—Catholic Charities Thrift**—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.

**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](http://www.birthchoice.net).

### 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 x104 or [johnf@stmoside.org](mailto: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](http://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.

### Young Adult Opportunities around the Diocese

Ultimate Frisbee, Mondays, 5:30-7:30pm, Liberty Station.

For more information, visit [www.yamsd.org](http://www.yamsd.org).

To receive text updates, text **YAM** to **84576**.

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

Visit [ihradio.com/sandiego](http://ihradio.com/sandiego)

### 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](http://www.CatholicsComeHome.org).

## News from St. Francis Church

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**St. Francis School is our Parish School!**—Families from St. Thomas More are extended the same benefits and rewards as St. Francis Parishioners, including:

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- Financial aid opportunities, and
- Fundraising support.

Visit this link for a video about the school: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d2CaXZVBA7s&feature=youtu.be>

### STM Vehicle Donation Program

Do you have a vehicle you want to donate?  
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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:  
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## Jesus, Divine Redeemer and Master of the Universe



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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


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

While there, I went to their Chapel and saw a magnificent mosaic, “Jesus, Divine Redeemer and Master of the Universe.” It is large: the dimensions are 16’ 7” in height and 28’ in width. The artist is Clair Leighton, a local artist in Monroe, Connecticut; unfortunately, she died recently.

The Mosaic is scheduled to be destroyed when the building is torn down. This will happen by the end of this year 2015.



# October 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>St. Thomas More Catholic Church</b>  <b>1450 South Melrose Drive</b>  <b>Oceanside, CA 92056</b>  <b>(760) 758-4100</b>  <a href="http://www.stmoside.org">www.stmoside.org</a></p> 				<p style="text-align: right;"><b>1</b></p> <p>8:15 AM Mass            9:00 AM Donuts and Coffee            10:00 AM Women's Guild Quilters            1:00 PM Centering Prayer            6:00 PM Bible Timeline            7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir            9:00 PM Cappella Choir</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>2</b></p> <p>8:15 AM Mass            6:00 PM EDGE Lock In            6:30 PM Pope Francis Discussion</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>3</b></p> <p>6:45 AM iHunger Off Site            7:30 AM Treasures 2015            8:15 AM Chair Set-up            10:00 AM CPR Tune up            3:00 PM RCIA            4:00 PM Reconciliation  <b>27th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>            5:00 PM Confirmation Family Potluck            5:00 PM Mass/RCIA</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>4</b></p> <p><b>27th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>            8:30 AM Mass            8:30 AM Knights of Columbus Breakfast            10:30 AM Mass            4:00 PM Blessing of Animals            4:30 PM EDGE</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>5</b></p> <p>8:15 AM Mass            3:00 PM Moms &amp; Kids Play Date            7:00 PM High School Youth Group</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>6</b></p> <p><b>Restaurant Fundraiser at Elephant Bar in San Marcos</b>            8:00 AM Walking Ministry            8:15 AM Mass            9:00 AM Donuts and Coffee            7:00 PM Tower Bells            7:00 PM Knights of Columbus</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>7</b></p> <p><b>Restaurant Fundraiser at Elephant Bar in San Marcos</b>            8:15 AM Mass            9:00 AM Adult Bible Study-Matthew            1:30 PM Spirited Senior Board            6:30 PM Guys &amp; Girls Book Study            6:30 PM Praise Team            7:00 PM Relationship Skills</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>8</b></p> <p>8:15 AM Mass            9:00 AM Donuts and Coffee            1:00 PM Centering Prayer            6:00 PM Bible Timeline            7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir            9:00 PM Cappella Choir</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>9</b></p> <p><b>Men's Retreat at Green Oak Ranch</b>            8:15 AM Mass            9:00 AM Moms and Kids            5:00 PM Men's Retreat</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>10</b></p> <p><b>Men's Retreat at Green Oak Ranch</b>            8:00 AM Adult CPR &amp; AED            3:00 PM RCIA            4:00 PM Reconciliation    <b>28th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>            5:00 PM Mass/RCIA</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>11</b></p> <p><b>28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Men's Retreat</b>            8:30 AM Mass/LOWC            10:20 AM REACH            10:30 AM Mass            12:00 PM Baptisms            12:30 PM Laudate Si            12:30 PM REACH            4:30 PM EDGE            4:30 PM REACH            6:30 PM REACH H.S./Post Confirmed</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>12</b></p> <p><b>Columbus Day</b>            8:15 AM Mass            11:00 AM Women's Guild Luncheon            7:00 PM High School Youth Group</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>13</b></p> <p>8:00 AM Walking Ministry            8:15 AM Mass            9:00 AM Donuts and Coffee            1:00 PM Pilgrimage Meeting            6:30 PM Creighton Intro Session            7:00 PM Interior Design Team            7:00 PM Tower Bells</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>14</b></p> <p>8:15 AM Mass            9:00 AM Adult Bible Study-Matthew            4:00 PM Staff Meeting            6:30 PM Praise Team            6:30 PM Guys &amp; Girls Book Study            7:00 PM Relationship Skills            7:00 PM Finance Council</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>15</b></p> <p>8:15 AM Mass            9:00 AM Donuts and Coffee            10:00 AM Women's Guild Quilters            1:00 PM Centering Prayer            6:00 PM Bible Timeline            7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir            9:00 PM Cappella Choir</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>16</b></p> <p>8:15 AM Mass            9:00 AM Moms and Kids</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>17</b></p> <p><b>Vista Entertainment Center Bowling Fundraiser Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Sales</b>            6:45 AM iHunger            8:00 AM Infant/Child CPR            8:15 AM Chair Set-up            3:00 PM RCIA            4:00 PM Reconciliation    <b>29th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>            5:00 PM Mass/RCIA</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>18</b></p> <p><b>29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Sales</b>            8:00 AM Blood Drive            8:30 AM Mass/LOWC            10:30 AM Mass/LOWC            4:30 PM EDGE</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>19</b></p> <p>8:15 AM Mass            3:00 PM Moms &amp; Kids Play Date            7:00 PM XLT High School Youth Group</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>20</b></p> <p><b>Restaurant Fundraiser at Nucci's in Vista</b>            8:00 AM Walking Ministry            8:15 AM Mass            9:00 AM Donuts and Coffee            7:00 PM Baptism Prep            7:00 PM Tower Bells</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>21</b></p> <p><b>Restaurant Fundraiser at Nucci's in Vista</b>            8:15 AM Mass            9:00 AM Adult Bible Study-Matthew            12:15 PM Social Justice            6:30 PM Guys &amp; Girls Book Study            6:30 PM Praise Team            7:00 PM Relationship Skills</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>22</b></p> <p>8:15 AM Mass            9:00 AM Donuts and Coffee            1:00 PM Centering Prayer            6:00 PM Bible Timeline            7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir            9:00 PM Cappella Choir</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>23</b></p> <p>8:15 AM Mass            9:00 AM Moms and Kids</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>24</b></p> <p><b>Women's Guild Bake Sale</b>            6:45 AM iHunger            8:30 AM Liturgy Meeting            3:00 PM RCIA    <b>30th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>            4:00 PM Reconciliation            5:00 PM Mass/RCIA</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>25</b></p> <p><b>30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Women's Guild Bake Sale</b>            8:30 AM Mass/LOWC            10:20 AM REACH            10:30 AM Mass            12:30 PM Parent Meeting 2            12:30 PM REACH            4:30 PM EDGE            4:30 PM REACH            6:30 PM REACH H.S./Post Confirmed</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>26</b></p> <p>8:15 AM Mass            7:00 PM High School Youth Group</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>27</b></p> <p>8:00 AM Walking Ministry            8:15 AM Mass            9:00 AM Donuts and Coffee            7:00 PM Tower Bells            7:00 PM PSJC planning for Pope's visit</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>28</b></p> <p>8:15 AM Mass            9:00 AM Adult Bible Study-Matthew            2:00 PM Adult CPR &amp; AED            6:30 PM Praise Team            6:30 PM Guys &amp; Girls Book Study            7:00 PM Relationship Skills            7:00 PM Pastoral Council</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>29</b></p> <p>8:15 AM Mass            9:00 AM Donuts and Coffee            1:00 PM Centering Prayer            6:00 PM Bible Timeline            7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir            9:00 PM Cappella Choir</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>30</b></p> <p>8:15 AM Mass            9:00 AM Moms and Kids</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>31</b></p> <p>6:45 AM iHunger            8:15 AM Chair Set-up            3:00 PM RCIA            4:00 PM Reconciliation    <b>All Saints</b>            5:00 PM Mass/RCIA</p>