

Mass of Dedication and Blessing of Our Church Home, Our House of Worship by the Most Reverend 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 or call 760-758-4100 x158 or email 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

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Mass Schedule

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

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

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

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

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DAYS UNTIL DEDICATION!

Solemnity of All Saints November 1, 2015

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven. —Matthew 5:12a



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

Pastor's Column

Remembering Those Who Have Gone before Us in Death

On Monday, November 2, we celebrate the Feast of All Souls. During the month of November, we remember, in a special way, all who have gone before us in death.

The experience of the death of a loved one is always a "reality check" for us. As we grieve for the one who has gone, we also grieve for ourselves. We are mindful that we are a pilgrim people who are on a journey of faith. We have come from somewhere and we are going somewhere. Earth is not our home. We are aliens in a foreign land.

If we are honest with ourselves, we admit that the tears we shed are not just for our loved one who has died, but the tears are for ourselves as well, because we are made aware that we too will one day die.

"Eternity is born in time, and every time someone dies whom we have loved dearly, eternity can break into our mortal existence a little bit more."

—Fr. Henri Nouwen, A Letter of Consolation

These words challenge us to make sure that we do not allow ourselves to let the deaths of our loved ones be in vain. Hopefully, each time we grieve a loved one, we become

more open to life, more loving, more caring, and more open to the eternal life that awaits us.

All Souls Day Mass
Monday, November 2
8:15 am and 7:00pm
Commemoration of
All the Faithful Departed

As we remember and look to the past, we also look forward to what lies ahead for us. May our loving memories this month spur us on to a deeper respect and love for this gift of life given to us.

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Construction Update
Looking good!
October 28.
Visit www.stmoside.org
to see more photos!

Pastor's Column (continued from page 1)

I share with you this prayer:

We Remember Them

In the rising of the sun and in its going down...

In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter...

In opening of buds and in the warmth of summer...

In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn...

In the beginning of the year and when it ends...

When we are weary and in need of strength...
When we are lost and sick at heart...

When we have joys we yearn to share...

So long as we live, they too shall live

for they are part of us and part of you, O God, as

We remember them!



-Rabbi Sylvan D. Kamens and Rabbi Jack Riemer

They Are Remembered... Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

You are invited to attend our annual Mass to remember and celebrate the lives of our loved ones, especially those who have passed through death to new life during this past year. The Mass will be celebrated Monday, November 2, at 7:00pm on the upper level of the Parish Center. A reception will follow.

During the month of November the church traditionally remembers those who have gone before us to new life. There will be a special book for you to write the names of your loved ones located near the alcove for the statue of Mary. There are also envelopes available for you to remember your loved ones at our Masses on November 2.

Join us in praying: Holy Mary, Gentle Mother, cradle within your arms those who have died, and intercede for those who mourn them. Amen.

Considering Becoming Catholic?

Has Pope Francis ignited a spark in you to know more about the Catholic faith and become a member of the Church he shepherds?

If you are already Catholic, perhaps you have a new enthusiasm for your faith that you would like to share with a friend or family member who is searching.

Our lives sometimes go through seasons of change, of closeness to God and distance from God. Yet the Father's love is steadfast, full of mercy, and ever-present to those who seek with a sincere heart, no matter what sins or situations have caused separation.

If you have thought about becoming Catholic and beginning a new "season" in your life, contact Kathleen Bell, 760-809-6526, 80bell80@gmail.com.

Vocations

Choosing one's vocation in life is often difficult. As with all important decisions, they should begin ith prayer for enlightenment followed by investigation. If you think you might have a calling to the priesthood, diaconate, or religious life, pray over it and investigate it. For assistance, contact a priest, deacon, religious, or contact Deacon Tom at *thomasgoeltz@aol.com* or 760-727-8442. They would be glad to help.

Welcome New Parishioners

Einar & Zofia Dyblie & Family
Ian & Ann McKinnell
David & Mary McIver & Family
Steven & Sara Poore & Family
Anthony & Sharon Racon & Family
Manny & Carol Vargas & Family
Ludwig & Esperanza Weimann & Family
Michael & Yesenia Wittman & Family

Flower Donations

The Altar Flowers for this weekend were given by **Rodrigo and Berta Uribe** in memory of their daughter, Angie Trejo Rasmon.



In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

(Aaron) Douglas Stockton, who died on October 24. His funeral services will be in Bakersfield, California. Please keep his family in your prayers.

May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Thanksgiving Dinner

Our Parish family will be hosting its 11th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 26, at 12:00noon for appetizers with dinner at 1:00pm. A traditional Thanksgiving Dinner will be provided. If you would like to bring an appetizer or a dessert, it will be welcomed. Please RSVP per the reservation form on the Information Table or call the Parish Office at 760-758-4100 x100. We look forward to celebrating the holiday with you!

Did You Know?

Water...water...

We have budgeted \$25,900 for the cost of our landscape water, domestic water, and the Sparkletts drinking water for FYE 2016.

Your gifts to our "Did You Know?" campaign helps to keep us quenched!

STM \$crip 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 for details!

Scrip is now available after all three Masses. We appreciate your continued support for the Scrip program. For more information, visit www.stmoside.org/scrip.htm or contact the Scrip team at 760-758-4100 x150 or scrip@stmoside.org

P.S. Have you re-registered your Ralphs/Food 4 Less cards so that St. Thomas More receives a percentage of your purchases? Stop by the Scrip table after Mass or visit www.stmoside.org/script.htm for details.

Readings for the Week Ahead

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

Sunday, November 1 (667) All Saints Revelation 7:2-4.9-14 Psalm 24:1bc-4b,5-6 1 John 3:1-3

Matthew 5:1-12a Monday, November 2 (668)

All Souls Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 23:1-6 2 Cointhians 4:14-5:1 John 6:37-40

Tuesday, November 3 (669) Martin de Porres, religious Philippians 4:4-9 Psalm 131:1bcde,2-3

Matthew 22:34-40 Wednesday, November 4 (670) Charles Borromeo, bishop

Romans 12:3-13 Psalm 89:2-5,21-22,25,27 John 10:11-16

Thursday, November 5 (488) Romans 14:7-12

Psalm 27:1bcde,4,13-14 Luke 15:1-10

Friday, November 6 (489) Romans 15:14-21 Psalm 98:1-4 Luke 16:1-8

Saturday, November 7 (490) Romans 16:3-9,16,22-27

Psalm 145:2-5,10-11 Luke 16:9-15

Sunday, November 8 (155) Thirty-second Sunday

in Ordinary Time 1 Kings 17:10-16 Psalm 146:7-10 Hebrews 9:24-28 Mark 12:38-44

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 31, 5:00pm Mari-Jo Porter & Joseph Immerso &

Sunday, November 1, 8:30am David Leué 🕆

Sunday, November 1, 10:30am Celine Summer &

Monday, November 2, 8:15am For All the Deceased &

Monday, November 2, 7:00pm For All the Deceased &

Tuesday, November 3, 8:15am Ann Couture 1

Wednesday, November 4, 8:15am Italo Peveri

Thursday, November 5, 8:15am Angie Trejo Rasmon &

Friday, November 6, 8:15am Ron Namad &

Saturday, November 7, 5:00pm Vera Ramaker &

Sunday, November 8, 8:30am Frank Saputo &

Sunday, November 8, 10:30am Joseph Garrisi 🕈

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

Debbie A.
Changa Aguilera
Ernie Aichele
Mary Alexander
Carrie Autrey
Joshua Avery
Rosemary Ballard
Louise Balzarini
Dee Barakman
Jose Luis Barbosa
Patricia Barbour
Francie Barron
Clarice Bednarz
John Bennici
Regina Bentz
Lisa Berg Lisa Berg
Roseanne Berg
Mary Betz
Betty Jean Bielich
Pieter Boets & Family Zane Breier Beth Brewer The Brogan Family
Hannah Bronson
The Broussard Family
Janet Brown Janet Brown
Todd Brown
Todd Brown
Katie Browne
Jack & Mary Bruzas
Anita Buerger
Ann & Joe Buko
The Butler Family
Shelby Campbell
Brianne Campos
Aria Cappeluti
Jorge Cartajena
Donald Cashmore
Anne Caywood Anne Caywood
The Vaughn Clevenger Family
Carl & Dorothy Coleman
James Coleman Judy Colson Steven Cresencia Lené Crowe 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 deVillenuve
Carole Dillon
Art & Dave Dossman
La Vonne Dumas
Marge Egan
Jerome Elbacha
Carolyn Erickson Ey
Victoria Lopez Fenton Victoria Lopez Fenton
The Fiore Family
Fr. James Flanagan
Mary Fleming Ryan Flum Ryan Fulm Ernie Follis Eugene Franciscus Kathryn Franklin The Fraser Family The Greg French Family Brian Frink Brian Frink
Jim Gallagher
The Joe Garcia Family
Kathy Gardner
Joan Gay
Jack & Marge Gillen
Wendy Gonzales' Dad
Rick Gonzalez
Tillie Gonzalez Tillie Gonzalez Lou Gordon George Gritt Fred Gritzen and Family Luke Guenst Susan Hallahan 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 K earney
Paul Kennedy
Connor Kerzie
Peggy Kiernan

Debbie Kinney
Mark Kneisel
Dewey Kolbo
Tony Korwin
Helen Kuhn
Lilian Lachance
The Lamelin Family
Bart Landry
Brandon LeBlanc
Jake Lefferdink
Jeremiah Lemus
Ashley Load
Cassandra & Lauren Loretto
Jack Lucarelli
Joaquin Maldonado
The Maldonado Tamily
The Maldonado Trejo Family
Paige Mansell Paige Mansell Alexander Mathews Alexander Mathews
Gloria Maupin
Colleen McCall
Virginia McConnell
Paige McCoy
The McGinley Family
Ann McMahan
Bob McWilliams Bob McWilliams
Joyce Meehan
Kalei Mendiola
Rita Mikridge
Tom Miller
Phyllis Minaya
June Mitchell
June Montgomery
Nancy Moore
Elizabeth Muehlbacher
Conrad Murphy
Margie Myers
Angela Nacional
Melanie Nacional
Nida Navarro Nida Navarro
Richard Obsitnik
Kare O'Dell
Laura Paciorek Gloor
Ethan Palm Ethan Paim Salina Pearson Elisa Petrie Helen Pingtella Perry Postulka The Joe Prokop Family Bernie Ptak Barbara Ramm Jenni Richard Evelyn Richards Jan Riley Rita Ritchie Lily Robinson Maria Rogers The Russo Family
The Rysarczyk Family
Rachel Sainc
The Salter Family
Cindy Sanelli
Lori Sanna Cindy 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
The Stockton Family
Laura Bernard Stover, MD
Pete Sullivan
Julie Teare
Tommy & Ginger Thompson
The Tieman Family The Tieman Family Sarah Tillinghast Sarah Tillinghast
William Tompson
Stephen Toth, Jr.
Olivia Trejo
The Trejo/Beltran Family
The Trejo/Maldonado/Uribe Family
The Trejo/Maldonado/Uribe Family
Martin Vertson
Lucy Vienna
Lucy Viramontes
Vanessa Vitiello
Andrea Voss
Wilson Wanner
Kevin Watson-Graff
Jerry Wechsler
Donald Wegen
Marceline Williams
Roy Wright & Family
Patricia Zavala
Jeanne Zeltner

Calendar Highlights

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

Pizza & Beer Party All Souls Day Mass at 8:15am and 7:00pm Nov 2 Restaurant Fundraiser at Nov 2-5 Feliccia's
Women's Guild Luncheon
Advent Workshop
Spirited Seniors Trip to
Viejas Casino Nov 10 Nov 15 Nov 17 Nov 17-18 Restaurant Fundraiser at Nucci's

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Dec 8 Masses at 8:15am and 7:00pm

Dec 16 **Dedication of Our Church** Christmas Cookie Exchange Dec 19 Jan 3 12th Night Choral Festival

2016 Mar 13

New Member Reception Apr 29 STM Gala Jun 20-24 Vacation Bible School

> Ouestions? Contact Henny at 760-758-4100 x100

Deployed Military

Gunnery Sgt. Fernando Andrade, Jr. Lt. Devon Czarzasty Capt. Branden M. Felker, USAF Patrick G. Felker, USN Grant Fischer Cpt. Ryan J. Fullmer, 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

> Thank you for your prayers for Gy Sgt Julian Fyffe, USMC, who has returned home safely.

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.

November 2 Sr. Maria Paz Uribe, SJS November 3 Sr. Maria Luisa Valdez, OLVM November 4 Sr. Lilia del Carmen Vega Moreno, SJS November 5 Sr. Fatima Viamontes, RJM November 6 Sr. Eloisa Vilches, SJS November 7

Sr. Joanne Wagenbrenner, CHS

November 8 Sr. Elizabeth Walsh, RSCJ

Social Ministries & Outreach

Celebrating the Holidays after a Loss

The holiday season is around the corner. For some people who have lost loved ones this can become a time of loneliness and pain. St. Francis Parish wants to offer you some support. On Monday, November 9, at 6:00pm you are invited to a special presentation entitled "Celebrating the Holidays after a Loss." It will be offered by Jackie Zimmer, PhD, and Mary Trotta, RN, in Room 5 of St. Francis School at 525 W. Vista Way, Vista.

Christmas Angel Program—It's That Time of Year!

The Christmas Angel Tree will be up next weekend, November 7-8 for six weekends. We are in need of volunteers to be on the plaza at all Masses for these six weeks to keep the tree filled with ornaments and help receive incoming gifts. It is a great way to get involved and earn your angel wings! Please contact Lisa Seufert at 760-716-0977 or leprechaun81@sbcglobal.net to sign up for your Mass time."

St. Bonaventure Clothing Drive (November 7-8)

One week to go! November 7-8, from about 3:00pm Saturday to 1:00pm Sunday, we will be collecting your slightly used clothing (all sizes and seasons), shoes (no heels please), and blankets to help literally hundreds of impoverished Navajo served by St. Bonaventure Indian Mission. These people are in dire need with 50% unemployment, many without running water and utilities, living in a harsh climate (temperatures between below zero to over 100 degrees), with no one else to care. STM is the only dedicated clothing drive helping the Mission. Please be generous. If you have any questions, contact Deacon Tom at thomasgoeltz@aol.com or 760-727-8442.

Thanksgiving Pies for Brother Benno's

The holidays are close at hand. Want to help bring holiday cheer to those less fortunate? Bake an apple or pumpkin pie and bring it to the Parish Office between 8:00am and 12:00noon on the day before Thanksgiving. We will get them to Brother Benno's in time for their Thanksgiving Day Feast for the homeless and poor. STM is the sole provider of dessert for the meal. Show your love and caring to those who have so little.

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

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 also many events throughout the month posted on our private Facebook page. Join us!



Advent Workshop—Join us on Sunday, November 15, at 12:00noon on the lower level for our 3rd Annual Advent Workshop! We'll be making a wooden Advent block weekly calendar set. Cost is \$10 per block set, and you must preregister by Sunday, November 8. Contact Jen Frost at: jenf@stmoside.org—see you there!

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 November 4 workshop topic is *Speaking the Truth in Love*. For more information call Deacon John at 760-758-4100 x104.

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 at 760-533-1520 or fwgrant@gmail.com for more information.

Bishops' Letter on Marriage—Marriage and the Kingdom of God: "A marriage that is truly in Christ, a marriage upon which his school of gratitude and openness has left its mark of joy and warmth, is a sign of the Kingdom that is coming. It is a blessing to the couple, to their children, and to everyone who knows them. It offers a sign of hope and a loving witness to human dignity in a world where hope often seems absent and human dignity is often degraded. It is a sign of the Kingdom because the love of Christ moves the married couple to ever greater heights of love." To read the document go to http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/.

Marriage Moments— "They seemed...to be dead, and their passing away was thought an affliction" (Wisdom 3:2). November 2 is All Souls Day when we are urged to remember those who have gone before us in death. As a couple, call to mind your deceased relatives. What have you learned from each of them? In prayer, ask them to watch over you and lead you to God. By Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net.

Parenting Pointers—Although Halloween may be filled with goblins and angels, November 1 is "All Saints Day." Remind your child of the saint he or she is named after or talk about the saintly people that you both know dead and alive. 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.

Catholic Widows and Widowers of North County

See the bulletin board on the lower level for our complete monthly calendar including monthly communal Mass, dining out, free concert, dancing, bowling, hiking, miniature golf, and bocce ball. RSVPs are required. For more information, call Carol Kope at 760-726-0533 or visit www.cwwnc.com.

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, November 7, starting at 6:45am. 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.**

Knightly News

Visit the Knights of Columbus table on the Plaza to order your Christmas tree or wreath and support their fundraising efforts!

Women's Guild News

The bake sale last weekend netted \$1,128 to go to our Mortgage/Building Completion Fund! Thank you bakers and buyers for making it a success.

There is much excitement in the air around St. Thomas More these days as our long-awaited church is so close to completion! Such a wonderful Christmas gift for us all to be able to celebrate in our new edifice! Women's Guild upcoming luncheon is Monday, November 9, at 11:00am. Be sure to call in your reservation to Anna Robinson, 760-842-5205, if you would like to enjoy a delicious lunch and our guest speaker, an active duty Navy nurse, recently home from deployment, who will share some of her experiences abroad. This promises to be a lovely way to celebrate Veterans Day. Also at this meeting, Game Day (January 9, 2016!) tickets will be available for purchase; they are \$20 and you will have a very fun day of games, lots of food and prizes! Get a group together to play or just bring yourself and join others in games you are sure to enjoy. The Quilters Crafts Fair on the plaza, November 14-15, will be held after each of the Masses—be sure to bring your checkbook. The items are the work of our quilter/sewing elves; so you know the items will be absolutely must-haves! May you have a blessed week.

—Kathy Gerhard, president

Spirited Seniors Viejas Outing

The Spirited Seniors have planned a FREE trip to Viejas Casino and Outlet Mall on Tuesday, November 17. Besides FREE coach transportation, you will receive a 50 percent discount on lunch at any of the Casino restaurants, and discounts at the Outlet Mall. We will depart the STM parking lot at 9:30am and return to the lot at approximately 5:00pm. This trip is open to Spirited Seniors and other St. Thomas More and St. Francis Parishioners. All riders must be at least 21 years of age, must present a picture-ID prior to boarding the bus, and agree to enroll in the "V-Club" and use the "V-Club Card" at least once in the Casino. Space is limited and reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. The deadline is Friday, November 13. Please call Jim or Marilyn Day at 760-509-4545 to make your reservation or for questions.

Memorial Item Donations Available

Pipe Organ	\$850,000
Memorial Garden & Reflection Garden	l
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

Memorial Item Donations Partial

\$5,000/each
\$1,700/each
\$300/each
\$300/each

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*



For more information on our progress, visit our website, 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* or 760-758-4100 x120.

Liturgy & Music Worship God

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

TRUST GOD

the psalms for November

by Denise Simeone, from Celebration November 2015, with permission. "Oh when the saints go marching in...O Lord I want to be in that number, when the saints go marching in!" Most of us know those lyrics and the music's beat. The song expresses a desire to follow the saints both in their way of life and their heavenly procession. The responsorial for the Solemnity of All Saints (Nov 1) confirms this desire: "Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face" (Ps 24:6).

The psalmist asks who can ascend to God or stand in God's holy place. The answer is: We can! The psalm proclaims that the earth in its fullness, everything on it and all who dwell in it belong to God. The second reading declares that we are all "the children of God." We are all of God—we begin life that way and we end our lives that way.

Matthew's rendition of the Beatitudes tells disciples how to live that life. Ever the teacher, Jesus patiently tells the crowd the ways God blesses the people of God. We are that people: meek, mourners, peacemakers—all who strive to live the mission set out by Jesus. When we count the children of God, we are there. When we count the disciples, we are there. When we count the saints, we are there. Let's plan on being in that procession!

The widow on the Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Nov 8) gives everything from her sustenance (not her surplus) and faithfully witnesses trust in the God who, in Psalm 146, remains steadfast for all in need: the oppressed, orphaned, hungry, or blind. The Lord who keeps faith forever promises that those bowed down will be raised up. The praise of the psalm refrain is fitting: "Praise the Lord, my soul!" (Ps 146:1).

Jesus tells disciples to pay attention to the signs around them so they will recognize when the Son of Man comes. Always teaching them to be attentive to his words, he encourages his disciples to live in trust in a way echoed by the words of Psalm 16, heard on the Thirty-third Sunday (Nov 15): "You will show me the path to life, fullness of joys in your presence" (v. 11). Both Sundays remind us to trust God.

Daniel begins the readings for the Solemnity of Christ the King (Nov 22) by acknowledging that God's dominion is everywhere. All peoples, all nations, all tongues serve God. There is nothing that can destroy God's reign. And it's not as if people don't try!

Throughout the ages, both rulers and ordinary people have tried to stop the spread of God's word, to sidetrack the message of promise that God has offered humanity since creation: You are mine and I love you. God has worked over and over to mold us into a loving people



Matthew 5:1-12

who would follow the covenant and thus make God's desire for a different world order, for a reign of right relationships among all, visible to the world.

God's Word even came among us to show us the way. Once again, rulers like Pilate, as well as ordinary people, refused to believe in the promise of this reign of God. But those who would listen hear the truth of the message Jesus promised. Followers would continue to give witness and praise for what God has done. The psalm for this Sunday resounds with praise for the God whose "throne stands firm from of old; from everlasting you are, O Lord" (Ps 93:2). In this God you will find strength.

Do you remember what it was like to start a new school year? Perhaps a new teacher, new books, new directions to follow, new ways to pay attention? It's a new year now, and our teacher, Jesus Christ, is the same, but the way we hear the message during this new liturgical year may change as we proclaim the Gospel from the evangelist Luke.

Psalm 25 on the First Sunday of Advent (Nov 29) asks that the Lord make known the right path. We will wait all day for God to guide and teach us on the way. We are confident God will lovingly show us the path and faithfully lead us through our initial faltering steps. So we proclaim the responsorial: "To you, O Lord, I lift my soul" (v. 1).

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches his disciples to hold on to their dedication and commitment to the mission despite their fears and anxieties. There may be times that overwhelm them; there may be chaotic times that seem like the end. But they are to remain vigilant and awake, not lulled into despair or apathy. It's a good way to begin the new year. Pay attention to the ways the Lord comes every day. Pay attention to how Jesus taught us to treat one another. Pay attention to our call to holiness each day.

"Stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand" (Lk 21:28). Isn't that the way that the saints should march?

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Family Faith Formation

Our Next REACH Class Is November &

Sacrament Prep News

Confirmation Year 2 families and sponsors are invited to attend our second M3 (Mass, Meal, Message) event on Saturday, November 7 beginning with 5:00pm Mass as a class. Please sit in the reserved seats in front of the crucifix. Bring a dish to share and plan to attend this family fun event!

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2015 YEAR-END CHECKLIST

- ♦ BE SURE TO COMPLETE all gifts by December 31 to qualify for tax savings on this year's tax return. Advance planning with the Parish Office is essential, since the office will be closed from Wednesday, December 23, and will reopen on Monday, January 4.
- ♦ Donations received the weekend of December 27-28, 2015, and the Thursday, December 31, 2015, Vigil Mass will be credited in the 2015 tax year.
- Envelopes POSTMARKED by Thursday, December 31, 2015 will, be counted toward the 2015 tax year.
- ◆ Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) ~ Parishioners with a balance due on their pledges made to this year's ACA are requested to complete payments by December 15. (*Tithing families, know that your tithe covers your ACA contribution.*)
- ♦ Keep all gift receipts and acknowledgment letters, especially for gifts of \$250 or more.

For more information please contact:

Chris Smith at 760-758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org

Collection for Week of October 24/25, 2015		
Number of Registered Households	1,168	
Offertory	\$16,291.26	
Offertory (Loose Collection)	\$868.50	
Total	\$17,159.76	

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

Mortgage Offering Collected	\$543,758.08
Less Administrative Costs	\$27,079.00
Payment toward Parish Reserves (10%)	\$53,106.21
Payment toward Mortgage	\$477,955.87
Mortgage Payment Due	\$553,338.52
Mortgage Payment Overage/(Shortfall)	(\$75,382.65)
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The Necessity and Beauty of Sharing

Over a thousand years ago, a devout Christian said:

"If a man were given all the material things of the world, all the cattle, lands, lakes, he would be unhappy unless he could share them with someone he loved."

— St. Aelred

When one thinks about sharing seriously, the likelihood is that one will come to understand that sharing is an absolute necessity. Especially if we are to have good spiritual and mental health. God has made us to give, to share. It is part of loving. It is part of what brings inner joy.

It is surely one of the reasons that Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). Giving does as much, often even more, for ourselves as it does for the people and good causes we support.

Think about that when the offering is taken during worship. Think about that when you have an opportunity to share your God-given resources with many legitimate charities or someone who desperately needs a handout and a hand up. Then enjoy the blessings you will receive in return.

In this month of Thanksgiving, we all should feel the joy of sharing of time, talent, treasure; sharing not only our money, but also some of our time specifically offered to God, and talent, the special things we can do in His name who gave us these gifts.

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As we celebrate All Saints and All Souls days, we recall those who have gone before us to eternal life. May God rest their beautiful souls.

In the 13+ years since I've been on the Pastoral Staff at STM, I've attended many funerals for very special friends. There is no way I can list each name here, but I can list the names of those dear people who



served with me on our Christian Stewardship team. They carry an extra special place in my heart:

Jennifer Treat, 19 years old Bill Zontine, 86 years old Peter Gavin, 47 years old Pernetta Franklin, 89 years old

The age range is significant. Each of their deaths nearly broke my heart. Their memories continue to live on in the work we carry on in their place. They are, as we are, citizens of heaven. We pray for, and to, all of those loved ones who now have the best seats in the house for our new church. We never know when God will call us home. So, until then, we carry on God's work in the best way possible. In this way, we honor all of our beloved souls.

-Chris

Prayer in action is love, and love in action is service.

— Blessed Mother Teresa

News & Information from the Larger Church

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

Cathedral Catholic High School www.catedralcatholic.org.

Academy of Our Lady of Peace (for young women), www.aolp.org.

St. Augustine High School (for young men), Sunday, November 1, 1:00-4:00pm, www.sahs.org.

Mater Dei High School, www.materdeicatholic.org.

St. Joseph Academy High School on Saturday, October 24, 10:00am-1:00pm, www.SaintJosephAcademy.org.

JSerra High School, Thursday, November 12, 6:30-8:30pm, www.jserra.org.

After-Abortion Healing Retreat for Catholic Women (or Catholic-friendly)—November 6-8, Diocesan Pastoral Center, 3888 Paducah Dr., San Diego. Led by Rachel's Hope and sponsored by the Diocese of San Diego. For more information or to register, call Rosemary at 858-581-3022 or visit www.RachelsHope.org.

"What Can Joseph and Mary Teach Us?" Weekend Retreat—November 13-15, Mission San Luis Rey, 4050 Mission Ave., Oceanside. For more information, visit www.sanluisrey.org.

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.

Beginning Experience Weekend for Widowed, Divorced, and Separated—December 4-6 at Vina de Lestonnac in Temecula. For more information, contact Joanne at 619-895-3418 or Cathy at 619-222-9093.

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

Shopportunity—Catholic Charities Thrift—Item donations appreciated. For more information, contact Yolanda Ungo, Program Manager, 760-631-2819.

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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.

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*.

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.

Young Adult Opportunities around the Diocese

Theology on Tap, Tuesdays, November 3 and 10. For more information, visit www.yamsd.org. To receive text updates, text **YAM** to **84576**.

Visit www.sandiegocac.org for activities around the Diocese for adults of all ages.

Catholic Radio—AM 1000/Sirius 130—San Diego

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