

**SAINT
THOMAS
MORE
CATHOLIC
CHURCH**

**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**

- ✙ 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
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**38
DAYS
UNTIL DEDICATION!**

**Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 8, 2015**

*This poor widow put in
more than all the others.*

—Mark 12:44



*Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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Pastor's Column

Excuses

The newly graduated Police Cadet, speaking on behalf of his fellow classmates at graduation ceremonies, began his speech: "Today, crime has come to an end!"

I recognize the hubris in those words and the zeal from which they were born.

At the time of my ordination, the attitude I conveyed was: "Today, sin has come to an end!"

Like many newly ordained priests, it was going to be my task to do what Jesus already did—save humanity.

Reality soon hit. It only took a few months. The crash happened in the confessional.

"Anthony" came to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. He confessed his sin. In my desire to bring sin to an end, not only in his life, but also in the world around us, I used a "technique" that I recently developed.

After his confession, I attempted to "rationalize" his sin, to "soften" it. "Well, you know, many people in your situation would have done the same."

I continued, "If your friend did not put you in that position, you most probably would not have resorted to what you did." Trying to make him feel less guilty, I reminded him, "You are human. We all struggle with that sin, and there are many other sins more serious than that. Don't take it so hard."

I continued to babble on until he finally raised an open hand to me in a gesture that said, "Stop. That is enough."

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Construction Update
Main doors installed November 3.
Bronze panels still to come.
Visit www.stmoside.org
to see more photos!

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

"Father, stop making excuses for me. I sinned. I want to admit my sinfulness, and to beg for God's forgiveness and grace to strengthen me in the future. Your job is not to excuse away my sin. Your job is to give me God's forgiveness!"

That encounter was 40 years ago. I learned early in my ministry that sin has not come to an end. As much as I wanted to excuse it away, that penitent's humility taught me that sin is still very much real, and always will be, despite my best efforts.

The Suffering, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus have saved humanity. Forgiveness for sin is readily available, any time and in any place.

My ministry is not to excuse sin away, but to forgive it in the name of Jesus Christ!

F. Mike

Collection for National Needs

The month of November has been designated for the Collection for National Needs, which supports the Black and Indian Missions, the Catholic Home Missions, the Catholic Communications Campaign, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, and the Catholic University of America. The envelopes attached to the bulletin may be returned any time during November. Thank you for your generosity!

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

We appreciate the mega efforts of the Ratajczak family to host over 100 people who enjoyed a fantastic Pizza and Beer Party on Sunday, November 1! For the second year in a row, this proved to be a huge success and money maker for STM.

The event netted almost \$7,000!!!

There is still time to sign up for the Christmas Cookie Exchange on Saturday, December 19, hosted by Ava Ratajczak. Four dozen cookies and a \$20 donation are all you need to have a fabulous and festive time for this event. Sign up at the information table on the Plaza, at the Parish Office, or contact Chris Smith at 760-758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org to join in the fun!

—Fr. Mike and the Gala Team

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.

Welcome New Parishioners

Wim & Annette DeBruyn & Family
John & Kelly Telles & Family

Congratulations to

Carl & Masako Streling

who celebrated their 62nd anniversary of marriage November 5.

Paul & Kathy Santy

who celebrate their 23rd anniversary of marriage November 7.

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 **Kathy Hunt** in memory of Mary Hunt.

**Vocations**

Choosing one's vocation in life is often difficult. As with all important decisions, they should begin with 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.

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

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 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 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

Monday, November 9 (671)
The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome
 Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12
 Psalm 46:2-3,5-6,8-9
 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11,16-17
 John 2:13-22

Tuesday, November 10 (672)
Leo the Great, pope, doctor
 Sirach 39:6-11
 Psalm 37:3-6,30-31
 Matthew 16:13-19

Wednesday, November 11 (673)
Martin of Tours, bishop
 Isaiah 61:1-3d
 Psalm 89:2-5,21-22,25,27
 Matthew 25:31-40

Thursday, November 12 (674)
Josaphat, bishop, martyr
 Ephesians 4:1-7,11-13
 Psalm 1:1-4,6
 John 17:20-26

Friday, November 13 (495)
Francis Xavier Cabrini, virgin
 Wisdom 13:1-9
 Psalm 19:2-5b
 Luke 17:26-37

Saturday, November 14 (496)
 Wisdom 18:14-16;19:6-9
 Psalm 105:2-3,36-37,42-43
 Luke 18:1-8

Sunday, November 15 (158)
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Daniel 12:1-3
 Psalm 16:5,8-11
 Hebrews 10:11-14,18
 Mark 13:24-32

Mass Intentions
Saturday, November 7, 5:00pm Vera Ramaker ☩
Sunday, November 8, 8:30am Frank Saputo ☩
Sunday, November 8, 10:30am Joseph Garrisi ☩
Monday, November 9, 8:15am Anthony Masseth ☩
Tuesday, November 10, 8:15am Kathleen Bellow ☩
Wednesday, November 11, 8:15am Alfred Barmasse ☩
Thursday, November 12, 8:15am Patricia Thompson ☩
Friday, November 13, 8:15am Don Kope ☩
Saturday, November 14, 5:00pm Celia Cobian
Sunday, November 15, 8:30am Tom & Katie Padilla
Sunday, November 15, 10:30am Dominique D'Agostini ☩

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
 Louise Balzarini
 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
 The Brogan Family
 Hannah Bronson
 The Broussard Family
 Janet 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
 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
 Carole Dillon
 Art & Dave Dossman
 La Vonne Dumas
 Marge Egan
 Jerome Elbacha
 Carolyn Erickson Ey
 Victoria Lopez Fenton
 The Fiore Family
 Fr. James Flanagan
 Mary Fleming
 Ryan Flum
 Ernie Follis
 Eugene Franciscus
 Kathryn Franklin
 The Greg French Family
 Brian Frink
 Jim Gallagher
 The Joe Garcia Family
 Kathy Gardner
 Joan Gay
 Jack & Marge Gillen
 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
 Lillian 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
 Jake Lefferdink
 Jeremiah Lemus
 Ashley Load
 Cassandra & Lauren Loretto
 Jack Lucarelli
 Joaquin Maldonado
 The Maldonado Family
 The Maldonado Trejo Family
 Paige Mansell
 Alexander Mathews
 Cathy Mattei
 Gloria Maupin
 Colleen McCall
 Virginia McConnell
 Paige McCoy
 The McGinley Family
 Bob McWilliams
 Joyce Meehan
 Kalei Mendiola
 Rita Mikridge
 Tom Miller
 Phyllis Minaya
 June Mitchell
 June Montgomery
 Nancy Moore
 Elizabeth Muehlbacher
 Conrad Murphy
 Margie Myers
 Angela Nacional
 Melanie Nacional
 Nida Navarro
 Richard Obsitnik
 Kare O'Dell
 Maria Oey
 Laura Paciorek Gloor
 Ethan Palm
 Cynthia Pearson
 Salina Pearson
 Elisa Petrie
 Helen Pingtella
 Delilah Plasterer
 Perry Postulka
 The Joe Prokop Family
 Bernie Ptak
 Barbara Ramm
 Evelyn Richards
 Jan Riley
 Rita Ritchie
 Lily Robinson
 Maria Rogers
 The Russo Family
 The Rybarczyk Family
 Rachel Saic
 The Salter Family
 Cindy Sanelli
 Lori Sanna
 Linda Schmidt
 Grace Schweighofer
 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
 Sarah Tillinghast
 William Tompson
 Stephen Toth, Jr.
 Olivia Trejo
 The Trejo/Beltran Family
 The Trejo/Maldonado/Uribe Family
 The Tutino Family
 Martin Vertson
 Lucy Vienna
 Lucy Viramontes
 Vanessa Vitiello
 Andrea Voss
 Wilson Wanner
 Kevin Watson-Graff
 Jerry Wechsler
 Marceline Williams
 Roy Wright & Family
 Patricia Zavala
 Jeanne Zeltner

Calendar Highlights

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

Nov 9 Women's Guild Luncheon
 Nov 14-15 Women's Guild Quilters Fair
 Nov 15 Advent Workshop
 Nov 17 Spirited Seniors Trip to Viejas Casino
 Nov 17-18 Restaurant Fundraiser at Nucci's
 Dec 8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Masses at 8:15am and 7:00pm
Dec 16 Dedication of Our Church 2:00pm
 Dec 19 Christmas Cookie Exchange

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 Jan 3 12th Night Choral Festival
 Mar 13 New Member Reception
 Apr 29 STM Gala
 Jun 20-24 Vacation Bible School

Questions? Contact Henny at
 760-758-4100 x100
hennyj@stmoside.org.

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

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 9 Sr. Kathleen Walsh, RSM
November 10 Sr. Alyce Waters, RSM
November 11 Sr. Cora Weismantel, SSND
November 12 Sr. Elizabeth Ann Wekall, RSM
November 13 Sr. Patricia Weldon, OSF
November 14 Sr. Donna Wencel, OP
November 15 Sr. Anne Wentz, 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.

Got Candy?

If you have leftover Halloween candy (or the kids got too much), please bring it by the Parish Office this week and we will see that it gets to the diocesan office for missions. They bring it to the sisters running orphanages across the border to be used on special occasions...birthdays...good test scores in school...etc., as special rewards. Thank you!

Thanksgiving Pies for Brother Benno's

Help us once again this year bring some joy and a taste of home to the homeless and poor who will come to Brother Benno's Thanksgiving Day Feast. On Thanksgiving they feed hundreds who have no place to go and STM has been blessed with the opportunity to help by providing fresh baked apple and pumpkin pies for the dessert. Please bring your pies to the Parish Office on Wednesday, November 25, between 8:00am-12:00pm. We will deliver them to Brother Benno's. Share the holiday cheer with those who have so little to be cheerful about.



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

As you may have noticed, the STM Christmas Angel tree is up on the plaza. It will be there until Christmas week filled with various ornaments for selection. We are once again working with Catholic Charities, Solutions for Change, and Camp Pendleton for Christmas, as well as Birth Choice for the Feast of the Epiphany. I would like to encourage everyone to stop by and take a look at the items needed and hopefully find it in your hearts to help out the needy children and families in our community. In addition, we have teamed up with the Scrip Program to make it easier for you to help others as well as helping our own Parish! Please consider adding an extra gift card this season to your Scrip order to help out the Christmas Angel ministry.



I would like to personally thank all of you for your past generosity, last year we brought joy to 175 children through Catholic Charities, 51 military families at Camp Pendleton, nearly 300 families through Solutions for Change, and numerous new mothers and infants through Birth Choice. Please continue to keep them and the Christmas Angel Ministry in your prayers as we approach the Holiday season and remember, "every time you hear a bell ring, an Angel gets their wings."

For more information, or to become a member of the Angel Tree team, please contact Lisa Seufert at 760-716-0977 or leprechaun81@sbcglobal.net.

Marriage & Family Life

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!



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!

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 11 workshop topic is *How to Fight Fair: Conflict Resolution*. For more information call Deacon John at 760-758-4100 x104.

Natural Family Planning—Have you heard about NFP and aren't quite sure what it is? Are you interested in learning more about Natural Family Planning? Contact Cheryl and Dave Ross at davidandcherylross@gmail.com to learn more about the various NFP methods and determine which method is right for you and your family.

Bishops' Letter on Marriage—A Natural and Spiritual Blessing: "While marriage is a special blessing for Christians because of the grace of Christ, marriage is also a natural blessing and gift for everyone in all times and cultures. It is a source of blessing to the couple, to their families, and to society and includes the wondrous gift of co-creating human life." To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

Marriage Moments—Trip down Memory Lane: With Thanksgiving and Christmas approaching, remember the first time you met your beloved's family. Our family of origin greatly influences our behavior—for good or for ill. Honor the good in your beloved's family of origin and let go of harping on the bad. By Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net.

Parenting Pointers— "This poor widow put in more than all the other contributors..." (Mark 12:43). Our faith (and common decency) calls us to share our resources with those who have less. BUT, how much is a fair amount to give? A 10% tithe is easier for a person of wealth than a person who is poor. Review with your kids how your family donates money and time. Between now and Thanksgiving, how will you be generous? By Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net.

For more information, visit [www.diocese-sdiego.org/Ministries/Marriage and Family Life](http://www.diocese-sdiego.org/Ministries/Marriage%20and%20Family%20Life) or call Jen Frost at 858-692-7438.

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 15, 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

Celebrate Veterans Day with the Women's Guild at the monthly luncheon meeting, Monday, November 9, at 11:00am in the lower level of the Parish Center. Anna Robinson, Hospitality Chair, awaits your call to reserve a spot for lunch—760-842-5205. In keeping with the theme of honoring our service men and women, our guest speaker is an active duty Navy nurse who will share her deployment experiences. Also on the agenda are updates from Valerie Thompson, Fashion Show Chair, Nancy Wozniak and Siggy Ogan for next weekend's Quilters Craft Fair, and Trish Feeley for January's Game Day ticket sales. I look forward to seeing you and all new members at our meeting. This week, say a prayer for those on Fr. Mike's Holy Land pilgrimage, that they be safe, well, and enraptured by the experience of walking the path of Jesus. —*Kathy Gerhard, president*

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!

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	
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

<i>Jesus, Divine Redeemer and Master of the Universe Mosaic Panels for Memorial Garden</i> (54) 31 available	\$5,000/each
Automated External Defibrillators (AED) and accessories for new Church and Daily Chapel (2) 1/2 available	\$1,700/each
Pew Seating for the Church (1,000) 750 available	\$300/each
Daily Mass Chapel and Choir Chairs (200) 97 available	\$300/each

10/28/15

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
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HOW TO SING IN CHURCH WITHOUT FEELING EMBARRASSED

For those of you who have that constant, nagging fear that “someone might hear me” whenever you sing in church, keep reading. This article is for you!

Steps

- Be confident! Confidence (along with relaxation) is one of the most important factors in singing, be it in church or somewhere else. Think about it—when you sing in the shower, the tub, or even in the car on your way to work, you’re relaxed, and even though you may not admit it to anyone, you’re confident as well.
- Not sure whether you’re singing the right notes (pitches)? Do your best to stand next to (or in the seats in front of) someone who does have a good sense of pitch (singing on tune).
- Don’t worry about what other people think. Your singing is to praise God! “Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth” (Ps 100:1).

- Most people in churches aren’t particularly good singers anyway—and being in church, they’ll all be happy to hear you singing and rejoicing, no matter what your voice sounds like. “To sing once is to pray twice.”

—Augustine of Hippo

- Do your best!
- If you look at others who DO sing they might sound not so great but they do it anyways. So put yourself in their shoes and sing along. Even if you think you aren’t very good.

Blessed are the music-makers,

*For they shall join
 in the eternal chorus of praise
 wherein there is no false note.*

—from the
 “Beatitudes for Church Musicians”



Mark 12:42

Upcoming Music

✠

NOVEMBER 15
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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5:00pm

Sanctuary Choir

8:30am

Praise Team

10:30am

Cantor &
 Congregation

Reflections on Our All Souls Celebration

Next Saturday would have been my father’s eighty-second birthday.

But last Monday night, I sang his name as one of our beloved dead at the Parish’s All Souls celebration.

Last November, I sang the name of my mother’s brother, my uncle, who died unexpectedly some months before. Two years in a row I have been singing very familiar names, and I hope it doesn’t become three.

I have given voice to the prayers for our loved ones at the All Souls Mass for many years. In the beginning, they were just names that I mostly did not know.

I met a few of them at their funerals, through the beautiful eulogies that friends and families gave. I don’t know how they do it so well, condensing the life of their loved one into a eulogy lasting but a few minutes. Some are brilliant—poignant, artfully crafted, full of stories or perhaps just one. Others are anguished, so much so that

all of us are praying with all our might that the relative or friend can get through another sentence, even the next word. They always do, somehow. And some are just plain funny. I will never forget the eulogy that wryly began, “Well, we all know that dad was a real pain in the...”

My prayers all these years have been heartfelt, grieving various members of our Parish family. But now, I have been here long enough that I know many of our dead. I have laughed with them, prayed with them, argued with a few of them. I have some of the memories that their sisters and brothers, their children and grandchildren share. My prayers are different.

This year, my prayers are different because it wasn’t *our* beloved dead, it was *my* beloved dead. And I appreciate your praying for his eternal rest with me. Thank you.

—Douglas

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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Debbie Fredette
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Family Faith Formation

Today is a REACH Sunday!

Parents, please join us for Adult Faith Formation on "Human Mercy" from 12:30-2:00pm During REACH Session

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, November 22, from 12:30-2:00pm.

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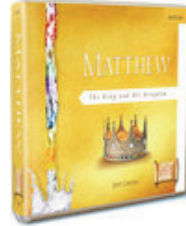
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2015 YEAR-END CHECKLIST

- ◆ **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 31/November 1, 2015

Number of Registered Households	1,168
Offertory	\$11,548.53
Offertory (Loose Collection)	\$1,024.00
Total	\$12,572.53

Mortgage/Building Completion Fund Income

September 15, 2014 to October 31, 2015

Mortgage Offering Collected	\$584,495.92
Less Administrative Costs	\$29,162.00
Payment toward Parish Reserves (10%)	\$56,980.19
Payment toward Mortgage	\$512,821.73
Mortgage Payment Due	\$598,144.73
Mortgage Payment Overage/(Shortfall)	(\$85,323.00)

Memorial Items \$1,242,869.90

Please continue to support the
Mortgage/Building Completion Fund!

"Did You Know " Collection OCTOBER 2015

\$4,886.00

A Stewardship Prayer for November

We stand before you, Holy Spirit,
conscious of our sinfulness,
but aware that we gather in your name.

Come to us, remain with us,
and enlighten our hearts.
Give us light and strength to know your will,
to make it our own, and to live it in our lives.

Guide us by your wisdom,
support us by your power, for you are God,
sharing the glory of Father and Son.

You desire justice for all;
enable us to uphold the rights of others;
do not allow us to be misled by ignorance
or corrupted by fear or favor.

Unite us to yourself in the bond of love
and keep us faithful to all that is true.

As we gather in your name,
may we temper justice with love,
so that all our words and deeds
may be pleasing to you, and earn the reward
promised to good and faithful stewards.

We ask this of You who live and reign with the
Father and the Son, one God, forever and ever.
Amen.

—ICSC November Stewardship e-bulletin, adapted from a
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**I don't know what your destiny will be,
but one thing I know: the only ones among
you who will be really happy are those who
have sought and found how to serve.**

—Albert Schweitzer

News & Information from the Larger Church

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

Cathedral Catholic High School www.catedralcatholic.org.

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

Annual Casa de Molina Party for Children—Saturday, December 12. Parishioner Vicky Molina and her family host this annual party to benefit underprivileged children, providing gifts. If you would like to help by providing gifts or funds, please contact Vicky at motherv5@cox.net.



Around the Diocese—Visit 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.

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 Tim Keane at 760-758-2717; for referrals, contact Deacon John at 760-758-4100 x104.

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 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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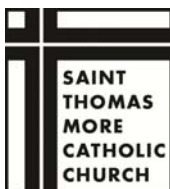
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