

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
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- ✝ Community

Mass Schedule

Saturday at 5:00pm

Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am

Monday-Friday at 8:15am

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday, 4:00-4:30pm

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Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 15, 2015

*He will gather his elect
from the four winds.*

—Mark 13:31



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Pastor's Column

Envy

Envy is my first tangible memory as a human being. I carried that deadly sin with me into adulthood.

I was 4-1/2 years old, in kindergarten. Three or four of us were sitting on the floor and we were asked to place blocks of wood, with holes in their centers, on a string. It was a contest to see who would finish first. I did not win, and I was envious of the girl who had more dexterity than the rest of us to complete the task first.

How sad! My first real memories of me, Michael, were those of envy spurred on by competition.

Thomas Aquinas said of it, "Envy according to the aspect of its object is contrary to charity, whence the soul derives its spiritual life...Charity rejoices in our neighbor's good, while envy grieves over it." (*Summa Theologica*)

I have often reflected upon Thomas' take on envy and finally in my late adult life, I feel confident in voicing a bit of different twist on his definition.

My kindergarten envy did not grieve over my classmate's good fortune in finishing first. The deadly sin of envy made me feel inadequate and incompetent. And I took those feelings of inadequacy and incompetence with me through the schools—grade, high, college, and seminary. Most times in the background, other times significantly in the forefront, the envy was always there, ready for a fight.

Only after very special moments of grace in my faith journey, in which God broke into my existence, over and over again through the encouraging words of fellow human

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**31
DAYS
UNTIL DEDICATION!**



Construction Update
Getting close!
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beings, did I come to be aware of my gifts and talents. They led me out of my envy, in which I was grieving over myself. I was led to charity, in which I recognized the many gifts God had given me; and how I could use them to be of assistance to others.

Grieving, not so much over my neighbor's good, but rather, grieving more over my inadequacies blinded me to my own good. Thanks to God's interventions over the years, I am now charitable to myself and the world is a better place because of it.

Fr. Mike

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

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!

Vocations

As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday, it would be appropriate to thank our Lord for those priests, deacons, and religious who have been good influences in our lives. Have you thought about joining their ranks? More workers are needed to tend God's vineyard. If you think you have a calling, explore the possibilities. Talk to your priest, deacon, or religious, and they would be happy to help you...or contact Deacon Tom at thomasgoeltz@aol.com or 760-727-8442.

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

Laurelie Hall & Family

Karen Gohringer

Cesar Rodriguez & Yasmin Maldonado & Family

Announcing the Baptism of

Averyanne Elyse Albornoz Garcia

on November 15



Our Christian community welcomes you with great joy!

Congratulations to

Manuel & Lilia Dizon Racelis

who celebrated their 46th anniversary of marriage November 15.

Matt & Chris Gervasi

who celebrated their 30th anniversary of marriage November 16.

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 **Anna Marie Martinet** in memory of Frank Martinet.

**Rosary**

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

**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 \$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 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
Monday, November 16 (676)
Margaret of Scotland;
Gertrude, virgin
 Isaiah 58:6-11
 Psalm 112:1-9
 John 15:9-17
Tuesday, November 17 (678)
Elizabeth of Hungary, religious
 1 John 3:14-18
 Psalm 34:2-11
 Luke 6:27-38
Wednesday, November 18 (679)
Dedication of the Basilica of
Peter & Paul, apostles; Rose
Philippine Duchesne, virgin
 Acts 28:11-16,30-31
 Psalm 98:1-6
 Matthew 14:22-33
Thursday, November 19 (500)
 1 Maccabees 2:15-29
 Psalm 50:1b-2,5-6,14-15
 Luke 19:41-44
Friday, November 20 (501)
 1 Maccabees 4:36-37,52-59
 1 Chronicles 29:10-12 (Psalm)
 Luke 19:45-48
Saturday, November 21 (502)
The Presentation of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
 1 Maccabees 6:1-13
 Psalm 9:2-4,6,16,19
 Luke 20:27-40
Sunday, November 22 (161)
Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe
 Daniel 7:13-14
 Psalm 93:1-2,5
 Revelation 1:5-8
 John 18:33b-37

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 14, 5:00pm Celia Cobian
Sunday, November 15, 8:30am Tom & Katie Padilla
Sunday, November 15, 10:30am Dominique D'Agostini ☩
Monday, November 16, 8:15am Deborah Anne Dowling ☩
Tuesday, November 17, 8:15am Jennifer Treat ☩
Wednesday, November 18, 8:15am Noreen Tyther ☩
Thursday, November 19, 8:15am Virginia A. Johnson ☩
Friday, November 20, 8:15am David Greig ☩
Saturday, November 21, 5:00pm Edward Dapkus ☩
Sunday, November 22, 8:30am Emilio & Restituta Cicchini ☩
Sunday, November 22, 10:30am Dick McGeary ☩

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
 Pietér Boets & Family
 Zane Breier
 Beth Brewer
 Hannah Bronson
 Janet Brown
 Todd Brown
 Katie Browne
 Jack & Mary Bruzas
 Anita Buerger
 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
 Velia Deal & Family
 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
 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
 Merle Glime
 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
 Faith Harkless
 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
 Helén 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
 Ann McMahan
 Bob McWilliams
 Joyce Meehan
 Kálei 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
 Valerie & Luis Perez
 Elisa Petrie
 Helen Pingtella
 Delilah Plasterer
 Perry Postulka
 The Joe Prokop Family
 Bernie Ptak
 Barbara Ramm
 Jenni Richard
 Evelyn Richards
 Jan Riley
 Rita Ritchie
 Joel Rivera
 Lily Robinson
 Maria Rogers
 The Russo Family
 The Rybarczyk Family
 Rachel Sainc
 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
 Marcelline Williams
 Roy Wright & Family
 Patricia Zavala
 Jeanne Zeltner

Calendar Highlights

More details at www.stmoside.org,
 Schedule and Calendar
 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 6 Advent Communal
 Reconciliation Service
 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
 Dec 21 Spirited Seniors
 Winter Luncheon
2016
 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

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 16 Sr. Maria Elena Whitney, SJS
November 17 Sr. Helen Louise Williams, CSJ
November 18 Sr. Ara Young, OCD
November 19 Sr. Jo Ceal Young, RSM
November 20 Sr. Adriana Rebeca Zuro, SJS
November 21 Sr. Ana Rosa Aceves, SJS
November 20 Sr. Marie Carmen Aguilar, UCSC

Social Ministries & Outreach

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!

Thank you for a tremendous response to our first weekend! Many Camp Pendleton families were adopted and a few more are waiting. Please stop by the tree and see what the needs are for this season. Gift items need to be returned by December 1 and Camp Pendleton families by December 13.



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.

St. Bonaventure Clothing Drive

A big thank you too all for your generosity. A large truck was filled to the brim with the clothes blankets and shoes so desperately needed. A big thanks also to the Knights of Columbus and those who helped load the truck. (Thankfully) It was a big job.

Food Bank Contributions

Look for the blue barrels on the Plaza at weekend Masses to deposit your contributions for North County Community Services Food Bank in San Marcos. Thank you for your support! For more information, contact Ron Briseno at 760-758-4100 x100 or parishoffice@stmoside.org.

Our Mission is to:

worship God,

teach and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ,
and serve God's people in word and deed.

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!



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 18 workshop topic is *Feelings & the Hurt Spiral*. For more information call Deacon John at 760-758-4100 x104.

Civil to Church Marriage—Are you civilly married, but haven't yet been married in the church? Contact Fr. Mike at michaelt@stmoside.org to begin your preparation!

Bishops' Letter on Marriage—What Is Marriage? "Marriage is a lifelong partnership of the whole of life, of mutual and exclusive fidelity, established by mutual consent between a man and a woman, and ordered towards the good of the spouses and the procreation of offspring." To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

Marriage Moments— "In those days...the sun will be darkened...and the stars will be falling from the sky" (Mark 13:24-25). Jesus warns us of tribulations and all loving couples bear their share. Are you going through any current tribulation as a couple? Share your burden. If not yourselves, pray for those who are having a hard time in their marriage. By Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net.

Parenting Pointers— "We share the pain of couples who struggle without success to conceive a child. We admire and encourage families who adopt a child [or] become foster parents" (Follow the way of Love). November is National Adoption month. Have you ever considered this way to give life? 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.

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.

Ways to Help Support Your Parish

We offer a variety of options for easier giving: extra mail-back envelopes included in your packet or credit card and automatic checking/savings account deductions by signing up in the office or online. For more information, contact the Parish Office at 760-758-4100 x100 or parishoffice@stmoside.org. To sign up online, visit www.stmoside.org, then click on Donations, then Online Giving.

Parish Events

Thanksgiving Dinner

If you would like to attend the 11th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner with your Parish family at St. Thomas More, please call the Parish office (760-758-4100 x100) by Wednesday, November 18, to make your reservation. The dinner will be held on Thursday, November 26, at 12:00noon. We guarantee a lot of good food and wonderful company!

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 22, 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 or Christmas cards and support their fundraising efforts!

Women's Guild News

Women's Guild celebrated Veterans Day last Monday with festive patriotic décor, a yummy lunch, and guest speaker, Lieutenant Commander (Navy) Christina Higgins, R.N. Her presentation featured her most recent deployment on the ship *Mercy* to Southeast Asia (Fiji, Vietnam, the Philippines) where she and her crew provided health care and teaching to several underserved peoples, whose cultures are still somewhat primitive. A question/answer period followed that enhanced our appreciation for her dedication to world health education and healing.

This weekend after Mass, remember to stop by the tables (on the Plaza) of beautifully crafted items and pick up a lovely item or two, three, or four (!) that will make wonderful Christmas gifts.

On Thursday, November 19, volunteers are needed at 9:00am (after daily Mass, lower level) to stuff envelopes for the annual Christmas Raffle. The raffle offers you an opportunity to win \$200, \$300 or \$500 that will help with Christmas giving—watch the mail for your envelope with the letter and tickets inside! Proceeds from these activities, of course, will go to the Mortgage/Building Completion Fund for our new Church. Have a blessed week, everyone! —*Kathy Gerhard, president*

Catholic Widows and Widowers of North County

Our 23rd Annual Christmas Dinner/Dance will be Sunday, December 13, at the El Camino Country Club in Oceanside from 5:30-10:00pm. Deadline for payment (\$35/members and \$40/guests) is November 30. See the bulletin board on the lower level for our November calendar of events and details re our Christmas party. For more information, call Carol Kope at 760-726-0533.

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) 744 available	\$300/each
Daily Mass Chapel and Choir Chairs (200) 97 available	\$300/each

11/10/15

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
 Director of Liturgy & Music
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THE CHANGING FARE OF THANKSGIVING

food ways are linked to our deepest memories and joys

by Melissa Musick
 Nussbaum,
 from Celebration
 November 2015,
 with permission.

When we gather at the table this Thanksgiving, some of the staples of my post-World War II childhood will be missing. No more glutinous green bean casserole with the canned-onion ring crust. No celery sticks stuffed with pimento cheese. No asparagus casserole (the chief attractant was not the canned asparagus tips; they were only a kind of base for the star: crushed potato chips, all crunchy and browned on the top). No relish plate filled with black olives and sweet gherkins. No Coca-Cola Chocolate Cake. No candied yams under a marshmallow cloud. No fruit salad, which my mother called “Ambrosia,” which it is, and which calls for a dressing made of one cup of heavy whipped cream, one cup of sugar, one tablespoon of flour, a dash of white vinegar, and an egg. This dressing, mixed, boiled, and cooled, was poured over a salad of canned pineapple chunks, sliced bananas, and miniature marshmallows. My kids love it, but they understand it is dessert. Ambrosia is “salad” the same way my gyrations on the floor at various and sundry weddings is “dancing.”

But this was before the days of Whole Foods and fresh asparagus in December. If you wanted asparagus or green beans (of any sort) on the table at Thanksgiving, you either had to have a cellar full of home-canned vegetables or you could use the wondrous new varieties from the Jolly Green Giant. Ho-ho-ho: My mother and grandmothers and aunts, all of whom spent decades wringing chickens’ necks for dinner, and hauling water and heating it for laundry, and canning produce in the heat of a Texas August, were delighted with the neat rows of cans on the shelf of the local Piggly Wiggly.

In the aftermath of the Second Vatican Council’s 1963 declaration *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, apostolic sees were allowed to offer Communion to the faithful under both forms. It was, as Fr. Andrew D. Ciferni pointed out in numerous articles and talks, not only a theological shift, but also a change in food ways. And food ways, as Ciferni teaches, are among the most difficult of habits and customs to change. He muses on the likelihood that long-held ways of eating can change. He suggests a test: Ask mustard eaters to put mayonnaise on their hamburgers, while mayonnaise eaters try one with mustard. Ciferni predicts there won’t be many even willing to take the plunge once.

It’s hard to make changes where food is concerned, especially food that is associated with our deepest memories and joys. I don’t mean to suggest that receiving only the Host is the equivalent of being served canned green bean casserole rather than actual green beans. I mean only to observe that tables, altar or home, are rooted in our hearts, and that any changes there are radical, simply by virtue of being changes to a familiar order.

Our Thanksgiving table, influenced by my children and their spouses, is more colorful now, spread with the deep jewel colors of (roasted, mostly) beets and broccoli and carrots and peppers. If we have asparagus, it is whole and fresh and lightly cooked, looking almost nothing like the limp, army-green stalks that slid from the can. If any dish calls for onion rings, they will be sliced in the kitchen from an actual onion. Yams remain on the menu, but the marshmallows are gone. Now, any sweetness is likely to come from the juice of an orange squeezed over the yams, which means we can taste, really taste, their flesh.



Mark 13:31

We serve the traditional turkey, but there are more vegetables on the side, enough that non-meat eaters can heap a plate, too. More and more there are vegetarian main dishes.

My generation of siblings and cousins grew up eating like the farmers who raised us, the farmers we would never be. We ate the way a farmer can eat, after days spent toiling, upright and bending, walking and hauling, before sunrise and as the sun goes down. I remember watching my grandfather sit down and eat an entire fried chicken for supper. His body needed the protein and could handle the fat and calories.

My children are teaching me not so much a new way as a way that looks back and forward. The variety of fruits and vegetables available in late fall is new. But the reliance on something other than sodium-laden, canned cream soups and trans-fats and dyes and unpronounceable strings of syllables from the lab, rather than the farm, looks back to the food my great-grandparents knew. As chef/food writer Michael Pollan advises, “Don’t eat anything your great-grandmother wouldn’t recognize as food, but do eat tofu.”

Sacrosanctum Concilium was looking forward and back in this same healthy way. This Thanksgiving I will feast at two tables, one at church and one at home. And I will give thanks for the wisdom, both old and new, that set these feasts before me.

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Our Next REACH is November 22nd!

Sacrament Prep News



MANDATORY Parent Meeting

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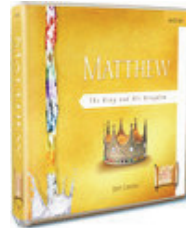
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2015 YEAR-END CHECKLIST

- ◆ **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:

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Collection for Week of November 7/8, 2015	
Number of Registered Households	1,171
Offertory	\$19,481.32
Offertory (Loose Collection)	\$1,224.00
Total	\$20,705.32

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	\$1,247,869.90
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November ~ A Month to Focus on Gratitude

November brings raking leaves, mid-term exams, lots of football, and the beginning of our Christmas plans. But for those in the United States, November's highlight is that great national holiday, Thanksgiving.

It's wonderful to have a day to call attention to the need for gratitude, but this holiday also reminds the Christian steward that every day should include thanksgiving because gratitude is essential to discipleship. Feeling a deep appreciation for the giftedness of our lives can't be confined to one holiday when we spend a few minutes around a laden table remembering our many blessings. *Neither can gratitude become a rote response.*

Gratitude is good for our spiritual lives in so many ways. It reminds us of our neediness before the Lord, without whom we have nothing. **The mere daily act of focusing on our blessings makes us more mindful, more present to God's mystery and gifts, and more aware of the needs of others around us.**

Gratitude is best achieved by daily, focused attention. So perhaps a good exercise for November would be to write down each day, some things for which we are truly grateful. Your list will no doubt include people—a teacher who inspired you, a coach who believed in you, an aunt who made you feel special, an employer who mentored you. Your notes might include simple things—the aroma of freshly ground coffee, a lunch invitation that brightened your day, a phone call that brought a smile.



Focus on things you sometimes take for granted—the warm home in which you live, the sunshine that peeked through a cloudy day, the bright redness of a leaf on the lawn, the loving presence of our Faith Community family, friends and loved ones.

Always remember to give thanks to the risen Lord:

Let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him (Colossians 3:15-17).

—ICSC November 2015 Stewardship e-bulletin, (With permission)

I'm especially grateful for the opportunity to work alongside of all of you while doing God's work at STM! —Chris

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), www.sahs.org.

Mater Dei High School, www.materdeicatholic.org.

St. Joseph Academy High School, Wednesday, December 2, 6:00-8:00pm, www.SaintJosephAcademy.org.

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

Fr. Joe's Villages Annual Thanksgiving 5K run/Walk—Thursday, November 26, 7:30-10:00am, at Balboa Park, with Mass at 6:30am at the Plaza de Panama. Register at www.thanksgivingrun.org. Sponsored by AimLoan.com Online Mortgages.

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.

Bereavement Support Group—Meets every Tuesday, 9:30-11:00am at St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Room 5 of Parish Center, 6628 Santa Isabel St., Carlsbad. All those negotiating the loss of a loved one are invited to participate. For more information, contact Liz Little at 760-917-4404.

Shoppportunity—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. For more information, visit www.birthchoice.net.

Support Group for Separated/Divorced—An ongoing support group meeting Sundays at 10:15am at St. James Catholic Church in Solana Beach. For more information, contact Frank Grant at 760-533-1520 or fwgrant@gmail.com.

Mission San Luis Rey Retreat Center in Oceanside has an ongoing schedule of retreats! Visit www.sanluisrey.org for more details.

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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.
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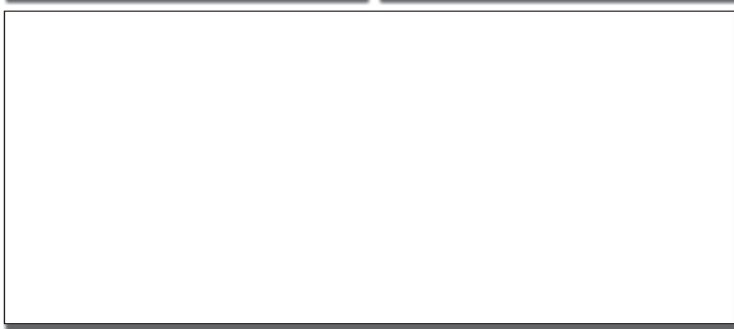
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Want to make a difference this holiday in our community? We need help with preparation, collection, and distribution of gifts to local children and military families in need.

Contact Kevin & Lisa Seufert:
leprechaun81@sbcglobal.net
(760) 732-5965

Brother Benno's Food Collection



Can you bake a pie? Or perhaps buy one? Bring an apple or pumpkin pie to the Parish Center on November 25, 8:30am-12:00noon, and help feed your community this Thanksgiving!

Contact Deacon Tom Goeltz:
tomg@stmoside.org
(760) 727-8442

Solutions for Change



Like to cook? Individuals, families, and groups can "adopt" one month (4th Sunday of each month) and provide a dinner for the Solutions for Change homeless intake shelter in Vista.

Contact Kevin and Lyn Leahy:
kleahy12@cox.net
(760) 643-0872

Baptismal Banners



Can you cut felt? Do you like to be crafty? This is a ministry that you can do from home. It is a special gift for those children being baptized here at St. Thomas More.

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