

**SAINT
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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
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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

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**First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2015**

Your redemption is at hand.

—Luke 21:28



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Pastor's Column

Advent—the Season of Hope

As we begin this Season of Advent, as we await the Second Coming of Jesus, we prepare to celebrate his First Coming as the Babe in Bethlehem on Christmas Day.

We are mindful that God was and is faithful to the promises that were made to our Ancestors in the Faith.

This fulfillment of promises makes us a hope-filled people and helps us to do what, at times, we think is impossible.

“Maybe everyone can live beyond what they are capable of” (Markus Zusak, *I Am the Messenger*). This is the meaning of hope!

This is a thought to ponder as we reflect upon the recently passed “Physician-assisted Suicide” law in California. Is such a law necessary? Do we not hope and believe that God will give us the strength and endurance to face our final days? Do we not hope and believe that God will see us through? Do we not hope and believe that with modern medical assistance we can be kept relatively safe from pain and suffering in our final days? Is it necessary to cut life short to avoid what is unknown, believing that it will be without dignity and beyond our control to endure?

I share with you thoughts from Bishop Robert McElroy, the Bishop of the Diocese of San Diego:

As Catholics our teachings on the end of life respond to both the needs of the dying and those accompanying them. We should all promote the prudent and responsible exercise of patient autonomy during a patient’s last days. Those who

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**17
DAYS
UNTIL DEDICATION!**



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are dying should experience the embrace of family, quality palliative care, and love. All of those grappling with the loss of a loved one should be offered spiritual solace and grace-filled consolation. Our Catholic health care providers offer this effective and compassionate care throughout our state.

Sadly this new law creates a medical and social reality in civil society that expands a "throw-away culture" mentality to an unprecedented level placing in peril our most vulnerable sisters and brothers in California. California stands at a perilous juncture in our history and what we do here may also negatively influence others in our nation.

Concerned citizens have filed a referendum to ask voters to overturn this dismal law. To succeed it must first receive enough signatures by January 4, 2016, to qualify for the ballot...

Since the legislature passed the physician-assisted suicide bill in a special session, it will not take effect until the session is adjourned—which has not yet been determined. Should the referendum receive enough signatures, the law will be prevented from going into effect until after the voters have had their say in November 2016...

The effort to legalize a doctor writing prescriptions for a lethal dose of drugs highlights the "throw-away culture" Pope Francis has warned us against. In speaking to Italian doctors last year, His Holiness spoke clearly of the dangers of such a policy:

"The dominant thinking sometimes suggests a false compassion, that which believes that it is: helpful to women to promote abortion; an act of dignity to obtain euthanasia; a scientific breakthrough to produce a child and to consider it to be a right rather than a gift to welcome; or to use human lives as guinea pigs presumably to save others. Instead, the compassion of the Gospel is that which accompanies in times of need, that is, the compassion of the Good Samaritan, who sees, has compassion, approaches and provides concrete help (Luke 10:33). Your mission as doctors puts you in daily contact with many forms of suffering. I encourage you to take them on as Good Samaritans, caring in a special way for the elderly, the infirm and the disabled."

By putting this referendum on the ballot we can educate our own Catholic community to understand the beauty of our Catholic teaching and the dire consequences that this sad practice will inflict on individuals and their families. We can keep it from becoming law and advocate better alternatives for end-of-life care. As we have seen on other health issues of moral concern, if this law is affirmed here and elsewhere, it will become ever more difficult to reverse the practice and to expand true compassionate care. We can keep health care in California from going down that path and work for a California that truly cares for its people.

Thank you for your understanding and assistance.

I encourage you to pray this prayer:

O God, source of all life and hope,
look kindly on our brothers and sisters facing the end of
their lives,

Welcome New Parishioners

Donna Capozzoli & Family
Virginia Corder
Rick & Natalie Padilla & Family
Monique Reyes
Raymond & Lesley Scheidnes & Family
Michael & Susan Williams & Family

Congratulations to

Peter & Maggie Devlin
who celebrate their 30th anniversary of marriage November 30.
Tim & Toni Keane, Sr.
who celebrate their 47th anniversary of marriage November 30.

Vocations

As we begin the new liturgical year and the season of Advent, it is a good time to not only contemplate the coming of the Christ Child but also to contemplate our life and our vocations. If during this season you feel God calling you to the priesthood, diaconate, or religious life, explore the possibilities. They are great and rewarding vocations. Contact Deacon Tom at thomasgoeltz@aol.com or 760-727-8442.

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

Current Parking Information

Sixty parking spots adjacent to the construction area (from the large palm tree near the admin building up to the construction trailer) are closed. We have arranged for overflow parking on our dirt lot. Please look for the signs for "overflow parking" and the direction from the Knights of Columbus volunteers wearing safety vests. If you are able to park in the dirt lot to leave spaces available for others less mobile, it would be very much appreciated. As always, carpooling is a great idea!

fill them with the hope of your mercy and give them peace and comfort.

We pray for all Californians,
inspire them to protect the lives of the elderly, the infirm,
and the disabled.

Renew our commitment to building a community where
every human life is welcomed and wanted, valued and
defended—from conception to natural death.

We ask this through the intercession of Saint John Paul II.
Amen.

F. Mike

Readings for the Week Ahead

Sunday Year C; Weekday Year II
Readings online at www.usccb.org.

Sunday, November 29 (3)
First Sunday of Advent
Jeremiah 33:14-16
Psalm 25:4-5,8-10,14
1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2
Luke 21:25-28,34-36

Monday, November 30 (684)
Andrew, apostle
Romans 10:9-18
Psalm 19:8-11
Matthew 4:18-22

Tuesday, December 1 (176)
Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17
Luke 10:21-24

Wednesday, December 2 (177)
Isaiah 25:6-10a
Psalm 23:1-6
Matthew 15:29-37

Thursday, December 3 (685)
Francis Xavier, priest
1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23
Psalm 117:1bc,2
Mark 16:15-20

Friday, December 4 (686)
John of Damascus, priest, religious, doctor
2 Timothy 1:13-14,2:1-3
Psalm 19:8-11
Matthew 25:14-30

Saturday, December 5 (180)
Isaiah 30:19-21,23-26
Psalm 147:1-6
Matthew 9:35-10:1,5a,6-8

Sunday, December 6 (6)
Second Sunday of Advent
Baruch 5:1-9
Psalm 126:1-6
Philippians 1:4-6,8-11
Luke 3:1-6

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

Changa Aguilera
Ernie Aichele
Mary Alexander
Carrie Autrey
Joshua Avery
Rosemary Ballard
Dee Barakman
Jose Luis Barbosa
Patricia Barbour
Francie Barron
Clarice Bednarz
John Bennici
Regina Bentz
Lisa Berg
Roseanne Berg
Mary Betz
Betty Jean Bielich
Piet Boets & Family
Keri Brauer
Zane Breier
Beth Brewer
Hannah Bronson
Janet Brown
Todd Brown
Katie Browne
Jack & Mary Bruzas
Anita Buerger
Ann & Joe Buko
Shelby Campbell
Brianna Campos
The Cancelmo Family
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
Velia Deal & Family
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
Arthur Eral
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 Guenst
Susan Hallahan
Pat & Tom Hannon
The Harker Family
Faith Harkless
Dorothy Harrison
Barbara Hatem
Bill & Mary Haynes
Lilian Hills
Lisa (Lynn) Hodges
Mike Hofer
Samara Hook
Susan Hori
Iolanda Iacobelli
Sue Johnston
Laura Kater
Dottie Kearney
Paul Kennedy
Connor Kerzie
Peggy Kiernan
Debbie Kinney
Mark Kneisel
Dewey Kolbo
Tony Korwin
Helen Kuhn
Lillian Lachance
The Lamelin Family
Bart Landry
Brandon LeBlanc
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
The McGinley Family
Ann McMahan
Joseph J. McNulty
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
Joyce Olson
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
Angelina Ramos-Ramirez
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
Petz Sullivan
Julie Teare
Tommy & Ginger Thompson
Sarah Tillinghast
William Tompson
Stephen Toth, Jr.
Olivia Trejo
The Trejo/Beltran Family
The Trejo/Maldonado/Uribe Family
Martin Vertson
Lucy Vienna
Lucy Viramontes
Vanessa Vitiello
Wilson Wanner
Kevin Watson-Graff
Jerry Wechsler
Patricia Zavala
Jeanne Zeltner

Calendar Highlights

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

- Nov 29 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
- Dec 2 Bible Study: Gospel of Matthew Part 2
- Dec 6 Advent Communal Reconciliation Service
- Dec 8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Masses at 8:15am and 7:00pm
- Dec 13 RE.A.CH Classes
- Dec 16 Dedication of Our Church 2:00pm**
- Dec 19 Christmas Cookie Exchange
- Dec 21 Spirited Seniors Winter Luncheon

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- Jan 3 12th Night Choral Festival
- Jan 17 Presentation on *Laudato Si*
- Mar 13 New Member Reception
- Apr 29 STM Gala
- Jun 20-24 Vacation Bible School

Questions? Contact Henny at

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
- 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 Sr. Airman Stephan LaMothe, USAF 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 30
Sr. M. Monica Andresen, MC
December 1
Sr. Flavia Arellano, CVI
December 2
Sr. Rosemary Babbitt, IHM
December 3
Sr. Joanna Baker, OCD
December 4
Sr. M. Shanti Bara, MC
December 5
Sr. Lilia Barba, SJS
December 6
Sr. Lilia Barba, SJS

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 28, 5:00pm
J.C. Gonzalez ☩

Sunday, November 29, 8:30am
Piet Boets ☩

Sunday, November 29, 10:30am
Francis Donovan ☩

Monday, November 30, 8:15am
Lorraine Kauffman ☩

Tuesday, December 1, 8:15am
Bill Draper ☩

Wednesday, December 2, 8:15am
Jerry Vancelette ☩

Thursday, December 3, 8:15am
The Ngoan Tran Family

Friday, December 4, 8:15am
Roxanne Shaffer & John Lannan

Saturday, December 5, 5:00pm
Yvonne Mary Lannan ☩

Sunday, December 6, 8:30am
Sally DuClos ☩

Sunday, December 6, 10:30am
Cesarina Morelli ☩

Social Ministries & Outreach

Stop Assisted Suicide in California

Stop **Assisted Suicide** in California before it is too late. Earlier this year, through a special session, the California Legislature passed assisted suicide, allowing doctors to prescribe overdose medication to terminally ill patients.

Join a coalition of physicians, nurses, disability-rights organizations, and people of all faiths to stand for the lives of our elderly and dying and oppose assisted suicide.

Petitions will be available for signature outside of Masses beginning next weekend, December 5-6, and for the next two weekends, December 12-13, and December 19-20. Signers must be registered to vote and can only sign once.

Why Oppose Assisted Suicide?

1. It sends the wrong message: legalizing suicide for the terminally ill, while discouraging it for the rest of the population, teaches that the lives of the ill and disabled do not matter to our society.
2. It will worsen patient care: patients in other states, like Barbara Wagner in Oregon, are being denied treatment prescribed by their doctors, and instead offered drugs for assisted suicide.
3. It will increase non-terminal suicide rates: suicides skyrocket when assisted suicide is legalized. Oregon's suicide rate for non-terminal people increased 49% after assisted suicide became legal.

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

Thank You! to everyone participating in the Christmas Angel Ministry! The deadline for Stocking/Angel ornaments is this Tuesday, December 1. Please be sure to return to church or office by then so we can sort and see where the needs are for the gift distribution for 200 children through Catholic Charities. Scrip ornaments will remain on the tree for last minute shopping needs. All families from Camp Pendleton have been adopted and gifts are to be returned by December 13. Please be sure to keep your gift cards in a separate envelope with your family number on front.

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



Christmas Cookie Exchange Saturday, December 19, 12:00-2:00pm

There is still time to sign up for the Christmas Cookie Exchange, 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 after weekend Masses, the Parish Office, or contact Chris Smith at 760-758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org.



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 December 2 workshop topic is *Forgiveness & Repair*. For more information call Deacon John at 760-758-4100 x104.

Bishops' Letter on Marriage—Two Become One: "Marriage, the clinging together of husband and wife as one flesh, is based on the fact that man and woman are both different and the same. They are different as male and female, but the same as human persons who are uniquely suited to be partners or helpmates for each other. The difference between man and woman, however, cannot be restricted to their bodies, as if the body could be separated from the rest of the human person. The human person is a union of body and soul as a single being. Man and woman are two different ways of being a human person." To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

Marriage Moments—As we enter the holy season of Advent, the rest of the world often knows this as the holiday and party season. Who does most of the decorating, buying, cooking, and cleaning up around your home? Is it shared? Is it hectic? Is it too much? Simplify. By Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net.

Parenting Pointers—"A mother's soul should always stand ajar, ready to welcome the ecstatic experience" (Emily Dickinson). Although written by a woman about mothers, could this same sentiment be said about fathers? Hopefully, yes. Check your language and family life for unnecessary gender stereotypes this week. 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.

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.

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. For more information, call Carol Kope at 760-726-0533.

Parish Events

Knightly News

Visit the Knights of Columbus table on the Plaza to purchase Christmas cards and support their fundraising efforts!

Women's Guild News

Our small quilts/crafts fair was a big success, and the figure is now in: \$4,392! The Women's Guild is very grateful to all Parishioners who helped make this happen. Our wonderful wizards of stitchery outdid themselves; there are too many names to mention here, but they are so dedicated to this Parish and it gives them great pleasure to offer their talents for its success. Thank you!

No resting on our laurels, however! Our Christmas Raffle is fast approaching. By now you should have received your raffle tickets in the mail for the December 20 drawing of three ticket stubs belonging to the winners of \$500, \$300, and \$200. YOU can be a winner! Please fill out the ticket stubs as directed in the enclosed letter and get them in, along with your donation, via the weekend Mass collection basket, by mailing in the envelope provided, or simply by dropping them off in the Parish office. Deadline is December 15.

Our December 14 luncheon will be here before you know it. Consider bringing a friend with you as we celebrate the Advent and Christmas customs and patron saint (Denis) of France. A fantastic French menu is being planned, so make your reservations by calling Anna Robinson, 760-842-5205.

Game Day is Saturday, January 9. Watch for the flyer in the bulletin. We still need card tables and food (appetizers and desserts). Contact Trish Feeley, 760-685-6227, if you can provide these items or have questions.

This weekend, the Church lights the first candle on the Advent wreath. Perhaps you will want to light a candle too and spend some quiet time with the Lord. God Bless You.

—Kathy Gerhard, president

Spirited Seniors Winter Luncheon

The Spirited Seniors have planned a delicious luncheon on the first day of winter, Monday, December 21. The doors will open at 11:30am, our caterer is Bobby's Hideaway Café, and the cost is \$18 for members and \$22 for guests. Please complete the reservation form that was in the Bulletin or print the following on a piece of paper: Name(s) of people attending and your phone number. Put this and your check made payable to "STM Spirited Seniors" in an envelope marked "STM Spirited Seniors Winter Luncheon." You may place your envelope in the offertory basket or Box 12 in the Parish Office. Space is limited; the deadline is noon on December 14. Questions, please call Jim and Marilyn Day at 760-509-4545.

Men's Fellowship Update

Are you hungry for a good message, good fellowship, and a good breakfast? Join us for our Saturday morning men's gathering and breakfast called *iHunger*. To stay informed of what's going on with *iHunger* 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.

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) 29 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) 738 available	\$300/each
Daily Mass Chapel and Choir Chairs (200) 97 available	\$300/each

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Memorials are a way of honoring those whom we love, whether they are living or deceased. Often, memorials are made for a special intention or in thanksgiving for a variety of blessings received from God.

Listed above are items still available for adoption.

All contributions will be recognized in a special memorial to be displayed in our Parish Memorial Garden.

For more information or to adopt an item, contact Chris Smith
760-758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org



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



There will be signs in the sun,
 the moon, and the stars...
 and then they will see the Son of Man
 coming in a cloud with power
 and great glory.

Luke 21:25,27

Advent, during which we anticipate the feast of Christmas, is a time of remembering, celebrating, and preparing for Christ's coming among us in time and space, in flesh and blood, in light and in darkness, in power and in profound humility. Christ's coming is more than an historic moment of the past. It is a recurring phenomenon here, now and always. Therefore Advent is not merely a commemorative moment or an anniversary but an

annual opportunity for each of us to consider the future and final Advent, the promised coming of God's reign on earth.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer would have us be mindful that, unlike the gaiety and excitement that characterizes contemporary Advent ambience, early Christianity thought of the second coming or return of the Lord Jesus as a day of great judgment to be welcomed with extreme seriousness ("The Coming of Jesus in Our Midst," *The Testament to Freedom*, HarperCollins, San Francisco: 1995). When Jesus appears (Rev 3:20), said Bonhoeffer, our conscience should, first of all, prick us. Are we rightly prepared? Is our heart capable of becoming God's dwelling place? Perhaps we have become so accustomed to the good news of God's love that we no longer sense the shiver of fear that God's coming should arouse in us. We are selective in the messages with which we choose to relate, filtering out and embracing the pleasant while relegating the challenging and ominous to some future, unspecified moment. Nevertheless, the coming of God is not only good news but, first of all, sober and ever fearsome news for everyone who has a conscience.

And so, as persons blessed by God with consciences and as believers whose consciences have been cultivated by the truth, justice, integrity, and goodness preached and lived by Jesus, we approach the Advent mystery with a spirit that is both *fascinans* and *tremendum*, i.e., fascinated by the awesome goodness of God and trembling at our own unworthiness to be in God's presence. This sense of the numinous, first explored by Rudolf Otto (*Idea of the Holy*, 1936), attests to the awareness on the part of truthful human beings as to who they are before God.

PREPARING A WELCOME

scripture themes for December

But rather than remain in an ambivalent state, tantalized by the desire to be with God but tremulous as to the ramifications of such a desire, Bonhoeffer bids us find the courage to put one foot in front of the other and make our way to the God whose coming beckons us beyond ourselves. Having known the terror of the experience, and in full recognition of the incomparable kindness of God, we are ready for the Kierkegaardian leap of faith that moves us irretrievably forward. Something of the courage required for this great leap is reflected in the questions of those who approached the Baptizer in the Gospel of Dec. 13. Three times, John was approached with the question, "What ought we to do?" Three times, those who were already following an agenda of their own devising presented themselves with a willingness to forego that agenda in favor of another one suggested by John. This new agenda would necessitate a thorough change of heart, mind, and lifestyle so as to be prepared, in faith, to welcome the Lord Jesus through the preparatory baptism of John. This leap of faith into the future meant that they would allow God to ready them for the baptism Jesus would bring, a baptism with the Holy Spirit and fire.

The crowds who came to John may have exercised their former agendas without much care for the needy. Now they were asked to share what they had to ease the burdens of the poor. Formerly, the soldiers falsely accused the innocent and exacted blackmail when it suited their purposes. John challenged them to a life of honesty and authentic protection of the people. Tax collectors, too, were challenged to abide by the law and exact no "commissions" for themselves.

To what great leap of faith or transformation of agenda does the coming Christ summon each of us this Advent? As we prepare in both fear and fascination to welcome the ever Coming One, how might John answer our question, "What ought we to do?" Bonhoeffer (op. cit.) suggests that those who ask the question in all sincerity are thereby opening themselves to the shocking reality that Jesus is asking us for help, for kindness, in the form of the beggar in the street. He confronts us in each person we meet. He walks the earth with sorrow and sufferings that beg to be attended. He is the inconvenient stranger who makes demands. Will you welcome him or pass him by? These are the questions that frame our Advent hope and expectation. How will you answer? How will I? What ought we to do?

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Our Next REACH Day is December 13

Sacrament Prep News

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

COMING SOON! Evening Bible Study

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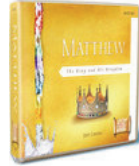
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2015 YEAR-END CHECKLIST

- ◆ **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 21/22, 2015	
Number of Registered Households	1,171
Offertory	\$14,020.36
Offertory (Loose Collection)	\$842.00
Total	\$14,862.36

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)
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Memorial Items	\$1,247,869.90
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Food for thought during Advent

Mercy as it is here contemplated is said to be a virtue influencing one's will to have compassion for, and, if possible, to alleviate another's misfortune. The works of mercy remind us that we are born to serve. As each of us is gifted by God, let us return our gifts with gratitude. This new church year is a good time to review the works of mercy.

The corporal works of mercy are:

- † To feed the hungry;
- † To give drink to the thirsty;
- † To clothe the naked;
- † To shelter those without shelter;
- † To visit the sick;
- † To ransom the captive;
- † To bury the dead.

The spiritual works of mercy are:

- † To instruct the ignorant;
- † To counsel the doubtful;
- † To admonish sinners;
- † To bear wrongs patiently;
- † To forgive offences willingly;
- † To comfort the afflicted;
- † To pray for the living and the dead.

We have waited a long time to see our new Church become a reality. Those of you who have taken the tour during the construction process know just how exciting this is. The lights come on now at night as the workers stay on in order to complete this on time. It is a beautiful sight!

We must always remember, though, that "We are the body of Christ" and the living stones that will carry on with our 100+ ministries here at STM! So many of us have stones in the foundation of this church with our family name on them. It has been a journey for us to behold.



Though there is still plenty of evidence of a construction zone, we now have access to our new (and larger) plaza. It made my heart sing on Sunday to see the various ministries out again on the plaza! Thanks to each of you for your ongoing dedication to the mission and ministry of Christ! May we always be a light to others as we journey through life. —Chris

"Sometimes our light goes out but is blown again into flame by an encounter with another human being. Each of us owes the deepest thanks to those who have rekindled this inner light."

—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.

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

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

JSerra High School, www.jserra.org.

Knights of Columbus Christmas of Light and Life Event—Thursday, December 3, 5:00pm, Sheraton Carlsbad, 5480 Grand Pacific Dr., Carlsbad. Benefiting the Opus IV Mobile Ultrasound PRC Partners, Culture of Life Family Services, and Birth Choice San Marcos. For more information and to register, visit www.kofcbringlight.org.

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.

Parenting in the 21st Century: Raising Great Sons and Daughters Series—Monday, December 7, 6:30pm, JSerra Catholic High School. The speaker will be Glen Stanton of Focus on the Family talking about ideas from his book, *Secure Daughters, Confident*. For more information, contact Pat Reidy at 949-493-9307 x1059.

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.

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.

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If you would like to help by providing gifts or funds, please contact Vicky at motherv5@cox.net.

Academy of Our Lady of Peace BeYOUtiful Event—Saturday, December 12. An engaging morning of girl empowerment workshops for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade girls. RSVP by December 1 at www.aolp.org/BeYOUtiful.

Notre Dame Alumni Annual Christmas Luncheon and Mass—Sunday, December 13, 11:00am, Lomas Santa Fe Country Club, Solana Beach. For more information and to register, contact Frank H. Whitton at 760-438-9400.



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

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

Christmas Gala, December 5.

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

Visit ihradio.com/sandiego

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

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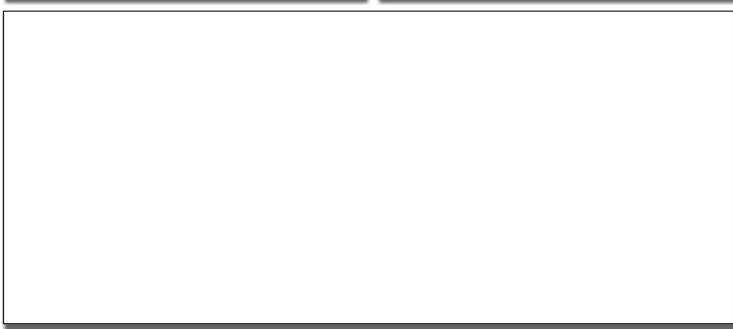
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What the Catholic Church Teaches About the End of Life

Medical advances can help save lives. They also can present terminally-ill patients and their loved ones with difficult choices at the end of life.

Catholic teaching gives patients and their families' principles for making decisions about initiating or continuing medical treatments.

"But normally one is held to use only ordinary means...according to the circumstances of persons, places, times, and culture – that is to say, means that do not involve any grave burden for oneself or another."
(Pope Pius XII)

Ordinary and Extraordinary

Treatments that offer reasonable hope of benefit that may be obtained without excessive pain, expense or burden are considered ordinary means. Treatments that do not offer reasonable hope of benefit and cannot be obtained without excessive pain, expense or burden are considered extraordinary means.

Respecting the sacredness of life, each person decides the benefits and burdens of treatment according to their own physical, mental, emotional and spiritual health at the time of the decision.

When confronted with highly emotional life-and-death decisions, Catholics should gather all the facts, consult with their physician and family, reflect on Catholic teaching, and pray.

"We are called to a fullness of life which far exceeds the dimensions of our earthly existence"...because it consists in sharing the very life of God." (Pope John Paul II. *Evangelium Vitae*)



Q. Does the Church require Catholics to pursue all efforts to preserve life?

A. No. Human life is a gift from God and we have a duty to preserve it. But we enter into eternal life through death, and the Church teaches that treatments or procedures may be refused if they offer little or no benefit and cause undue burden.

Catholic Teaching on Assisted Suicide

Because all life is sacred, Catholic teaching holds that assisted suicide can never be permitted.

Euthanasia and assisted suicide stand in contradiction to the Catholic understanding that all life bears God's image and has inherent dignity.

Allowing to Die vs. Killing - Killing is an intentional act that causes death, while allowing to die is withholding or withdrawing futile or burdensome treatments.

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Making Good Decisions at the End of Life

“Dying is one of the most important moments in our lives. Like all important moments, it deserves thoughtful preparation.” (Father Lawrence Reilly, Ethicist and Theologian)

Q. What’s the difference between withholding treatment and assisted suicide?

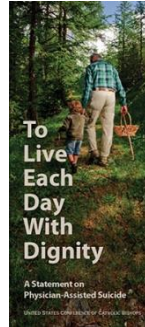
A. Assisted suicide is the intentional taking of life and is never permissible. Withholding “extraordinary means” of medical treatment is morally permissible, allowing nature to take its course and death to occur naturally.

The Church encourages all Catholics to prayerfully reflect on death and to prepare for it responsibly. This may include preparing a living will and durable power of attorney for health care to make their wishes known.

All Catholics are strongly encouraged to make their desires known to their family, friends and doctor regarding initiating or continuing life-sustaining procedures in the event of a terminal condition. Catholics also are encouraged to give power of attorney for health care to someone they trust who can make health care decisions for them, if they are unable to do so for themselves.

Resources

Available from www.usccb.org:




To live in a manner worthy of our human dignity, and to spend our final days on this earth in peace and comfort, surrounded by loved ones—that is the hope of each of us. In particular, Christian hope sees these final days as a time to prepare for our eternal destiny.

Visit the California Catholic Conference, www.cacatholic.org, or email leginfo@cacatholic.org, for more information.

“And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be.

John 14:3

December 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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		<p>8:00 AM Walking Ministry 8:15 AM Mass 9:00 AM Donuts and Coffee 7:00 PM Tower Bells 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus</p>	<p>8:15 AM Mass 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study- Matthew 1:30 PM Spirited Seniors Board 6:30 PM Refuel 6:30 PM Praise Team 7:00 PM Relationship Skills 7:00 PM Development Council</p>	<p>8:15 AM Mass 9:00 AM Donuts and Coffee 10:00 AM Women's Guild Quilters 12:00 PM Bereavement Team 1:00 PM Centering Prayer 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir 9:00 PM Cappella Choir</p>	<p>8:15 AM Mass 9:15 AM Communion Service (Emeritus at Carlsbad)</p>	<p>6:45 AM I Hunger Off Site Breakfast 9:00 AM Christmas Angel Assembly Party 3:00 PM RCIA 4:00 PM Reconciliation</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday of Advent 5:00 PM Mass/RCIA 5:00 PM M³</p>
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<p>2nd Sunday of Advent 8:30 AM Mass/RCIA 8:30 AM K of C Breakfast 10:30 AM Mass 4:00 PM Communal Penance Service/First Reconciliation</p>	<p>8:15 AM Mass 3:00 PM Moms & Kids Play Date 7:00 PM High School Youth Group</p>	<p>Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 8:00 AM Walking Ministry 8:15 AM Mass 9:00 AM Donuts and Coffee 7:00 PM Mass/RCIA 8:00 PM Tower Bells</p>	<p>8:15 AM Mass 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study- Matthew 4:00 PM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Praise Team 6:30 PM Refuel 7:00 PM Relationship Skills</p>	<p>8:15 AM Mass 9:00 AM Donuts and Coffee 9:15 AM Communion Service (Merrill Gardens) 1:00 PM Centering Prayer 7:00 PM Finance Council 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir 9:00 PM Cappella Choir</p>	<p>8:15 AM Mass 9:00 AM Moms and Kids</p>	<p>Our Lady of Guadalupe 9:00 AM LM Training 3:00 PM RCIA 4:00 PM Reconciliation</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3rd Sunday of Advent 5:00 PM Mass/RCIA 6:30 PM Sound Check</p>
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