

SAINT
THOMAS
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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

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

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DAYS
UNTIL DEDICATION!

Second Sunday of Advent
December 6, 2015



Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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Pastor's Column

**Parish Advent Communal Penance Service:
The Sacrament of Reconciliation—
God's Unconditional Love for Us!**

In recent years, a name change has taken place with the “Sacrament of Confession.” We no longer call the act “Confession,” but rather “Reconciliation” and/or “Penance.”

This name change better reflects what happens in this celebration. We do not go to the priest just to list our sins, have them forgiven, and receive a penance; but rather, and most importantly, we come to the priest to celebrate the forgiveness of God that we experience in our lives. We come to the Sacrament with a sense of joy for what God has already done in our lives and what God continues to do—showering us with unconditional love.

The verbalization of our sins, the verbalization of the words of absolution, and the acceptance of a penance are steps in the process of celebrating God's forgiveness and unconditional love for us.

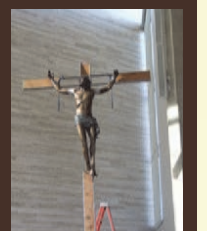
If we are open to God's love, we begin to experience the many ways in which God forgives us our sins in the daily occurrences of our lives.

When we ask forgiveness from someone we have offended, our sins are forgiven. When we accept the forgiveness of another, our sins are forgiven. Each time we talk to God in the silence of our hearts and sincerely seek forgiveness from God, our sins are forgiven. Each time we celebrate the Eucharist, we hear the words of the priest shortly before the reception of Holy Communion— “Behold the Lamb of God who takes away

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the sins of the world! Happy are we! We are called to his supper!" —our sins are forgiven.

So why go to the priest? We do so in order to celebrate the forgiveness of God we experience in our daily lives, to ritualize it, sacramentalize it and, as in all things, to place our lives and God's involvement in our lives within the context of the Church, the Body of Christ.

The priest "stands in" for the community. As we verbalize our sins, we are mindful that there is no such thing as a personal sin. Our sins, no matter how personal we may think them to be, affect others— "No Man Is An Island." We live in community. Our lives always touch the lives of others.

Telling our sins, hearing ours sins from our own lips, helps us to be real and to acknowledge our weakness and our dependence upon God. It is so easy to rationalize our sinfulness when we talk to ourselves "in our heads." It is an entirely different experience when we hear ourselves verbalize our sinfulness. Those sins become much more real! We become much more aware and sensitive of our responsibilities to others.

The priest "stands in" for Christ. Hearing the words of absolution, the forgiveness of God, from the lips of the priest is indeed comforting. You know how wonderful it feels when a family member or friend says, "I love you!" In the Sacrament of Reconciliation we allow God to say those words to us in and through the person of the priest.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is not something to be feared but to be celebrated with trust and confidence because of God's unconditional love for us.

This weekend, on Sunday, December 6 at 4:00pm, our Parish celebrates her Advent Communal Penance Service. In this Parish celebration, a number of our young people will be celebrating this Sacrament for the first time. Your presence will also be a sign of support to them.

Many priest/confessors will be available for you. They will be in Church waiting for you so that through the words of absolution God will once again say to you:

"I forgive you and I love you unconditionally!"

Will you be there to hear God's words?

Fr. Mike

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

Karissa Bullington

Jaclyn Iera

John & Charlotte Souza & Family

Brian & Emily Toledo & Family

Congratulations to

Eleanor Anne Rudolph & Spencer James Cushing

who were married on November 28, 2015.

Fr. Mike Ratajczak presided at their wedding.

**Congratulations to**

Ed & Lina Cruz

who celebrated their 50th anniversary of marriage December 5.

May God continue to bless your marriage, and may you be an inspiration to other married couples.

In Memoriam

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Robert Del Moral, who died on November 25. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated in San Diego. Please

keep his wife, Norene, his daughter, Jeanne Fletes, and his family in your prayers.

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

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!

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.

Readings for the Week Ahead

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

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

Monday, December 7 (688)
Ambrose
Ephesians 3:8-12
Psalm 89:2-5,21-22,25,27
John 10:11-16

Tuesday, December 8 (689)
The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Genesis 3:9-15,20
Psalm 98:1-4
Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12
Luke 1:26-38

Wednesday, December 9 (183)
Juan Diego Cuauhtlatatzin
Isaiah 40:25-31
Psalm 103:1-4,8,10
Matthew 11:28-30

Thursday, December 10 (184)
Isaiah 41:13-20
Psalm 145:1,9-13b
Matthew 11:11-15

Friday, December 11 (690)
Damasus I
Acts 20:17-18a,28-32,36
Psalm 110:1-4
John 15:9-17

Saturday, December 12 (690A)
Our Lady of Guadalupe
Zechariah 2:14-17 or Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a,10ab
Psalm Judith 13:18bcde,19
Luke 1:26-38 or Luke 1:39-47

Sunday, December 13 (9)
Third Sunday of Advent
Zephaniah 3:14-18a
Psalm Isaiah 12:2-6
Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 3:10-18

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 5, 5:00pm Yvonne Mary Lannan ☩
Sunday, December 6, 8:30am Sally DuClos ☩
Sunday, December 6, 10:30am Cesarina Morelli ☩
Monday, December 7, 8:15am Souls in Purgatory ☩
Tuesday, December 8, 8:15am Gloria Jaime ☩
Tuesday, December 8, 7:00pm Mike Ayub ☩
Wednesday, December 9, 8:15am Valerie Thompson
Thursday, December 10, 8:15am Wilmott Family
Friday, December 11, 8:15am Peter Glenane ☩
Saturday, December 12, 5:00pm Ann Schima ☩
Sunday, December 13, 8:30am Sue Welch ☩
Sunday, December 13, 10:30am Maria Surmenidis ☩

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
Roseann Berg
Mary Betz
Betty Jean Bielich
Pieter 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
The Del Moral & Fletes Families
Nick Del Sesto
Paul Del Vecchio
Hugo Delgado, Jr.
Cassandra D'Ercole
Christine DeSantis
Cecilia DeSimone
David de Villeneuve
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
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
Jason Lowe
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
Barbara Ramm
Angelina Ramos-Ramirez
Jenni Richard
Evelyn Richards
Jan Riley
Rita Ritchie
Joel Rivera
Lily Robinson
Gloria Rodriguez
The Rodriguez Family
Maria Rogers
The Russo 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
Mary Ann Stoddard
Laura Bernard Stover, MD
Pete Sullivan
Julie Teare
Tommy & Ginger Thompson
Sarah Tillinghast
William Tompson
Stephen Toth, Jr.
Olivia Trejo
The Trejo/Beltran Family
The Trejo/Maldonado/Uribe Family
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

- Dec 6 Knights of Columbus Breakfast
- Dec 6 Advent Communal Reconciliation Service
- Dec 8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Masses at 8:15am and 7:00pm
- Dec 13 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
- 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
- Dec 24 Vigil of Christmas
Masses at 4:00pm, 6:00pm, and 10:00pm
- Dec 25 Christmas Day
Mass at 9:30am
- 2016**
- 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

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

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.

December 7 Sr. Ruth Marie Barreda, CHS
December 8 Sr. Mary Bartosh, CHS
December 9 Sr. M. Joy Bourgeois, MC
December 10 Sr. Annette Bower, CSJ
December 11 Sr. Grace Boys, SSS
December 12 Sr. Olivete Brandao, FDC
December 13 Sr. Maria Eucharistia Brandt, MC

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 this weekend for signature on the plaza after all Masses. 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! 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.

Brother Benno's

THANK YOU!!! Once again your love and kindness in supplying pies for the Thanksgiving Feast have brought the warmth of the holiday to the poor and homeless served by Brother Benno's. Your generous giving made the meal an extra special joy or hundreds of needy. A special thanks also to Ralphs grocery store for supplying bread trays to enable STM to deliver over 175 apple and pumpkin pies to their destination.

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! We'll be having a park play date on Monday, December 7, 3:00-5:00pm. Contact Jen Abelson at jen.abelson@gmail.com for the location. There are also many events throughout the month posted on our private Facebook page. Join us!



Separated or Divorced? The Separated/Divorce Ministry of St. James Parish invites those going through the pain of separation and divorce to find help and healing in a supportive small group setting. Meetings are held each Sunday at 10:15am at St. James Catholic Church at 625 South Nardo Ave., Solana Beach. Contact Frank Grant at 760-533-1520 or fwgrant@gmail.com for more information.

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 January 6. Come and explore how to improve your relationships. You can attend one workshop, several, or all of them. The December 9 workshop topic is *Forgiveness & Repair*. For more information call Deacon John at 760-758-4100 x104.

Bishops' Letter on Marriage—Helpmates: "Marriage is a unique communion of persons. In their intimate union as male and female, the spouses are called to exist for each other. Just as Genesis describes Eve as a helper for Adam, we can see that in marriage, a husband and wife are meant to help each other through self-giving." To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/laity/loveandlife/>.

Marriage Moments—Do you have a pet name for your spouse (baby, honey, a nickname that only you use)? It's not essential but often it can remind both of you of your special relationship. It's like calling God, "Abba."

Parenting Pointers—St. Nick's Day is Dec. 6. It's a nice custom to put a treat in your child's shoe the night before. BUT...also remember there are children in our world without shoes. If your child is old enough tell him/her about Soles4Souls <http://soles4souls.org/>. Maybe your child will offer to give an extra pair of shoes.

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.

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.

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

We've had a good response so far to the Christmas Raffle mailing this past week! Keep those tickets and your donations coming, because you could win between \$200 and \$500. (Just drop them in the collection basket at Mass, mail them, or drop them off in the Parish Office. Extra tickets are also available there.) Fr. Mike will draw three lucky winners after the 10:30am Mass on Sunday, December 20, on the new plaza. You need not be present to win; just make sure your name and phone number is on each ticket stub so we can call you with the good news!

Please plan to attend the December 14 Women's Guild monthly luncheon. A very special program is in the works, including a sumptuous French meal, as we celebrate the country of France, its patron saint, and Advent/Christmas customs. Call in your reservation ASAP to Anna Robinson, 760-842-5205. I look forward to seeing you there.

It's not too early to think about coming to Game Day on Saturday, January 9; for \$20 you will have yourself a very fun day of food, fun, and prizes. Bring your family and friends for hours of good times. Our biggest fundraiser of the year is also in the offing. Reserve Saturday, February 6 to attend our annual Fashion Show at Shadowridge Golf Club. Tickets will soon be available for this very popular event, and they will sell out quickly. Tickets for both events will be sold at our upcoming monthly meetings as well as at tables on the plaza soon.

As we enter the second week of Advent, let us remember to be merciful to our fellow man, and hopeful in the spirit of Advent, as exhorted by Pope Francis. Have a blessed week!

—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) 28 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) 734 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



In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee... the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert.

Luke 3:1-2

Upcoming Music



DECEMBER 8 Immaculate Conception



8:15am

Cantor &
 Congregation

7:00pm

Cappella Choir
 Sanctuary Choir



DECEMBER 13 3rd Sunday of Advent



5:00pm

Sanctuary Choir

8:30am

Praise Team

10:30am

Cantor &

THE YEAR OF MERCY

Pope Francis has proclaimed an Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, a special time for the Church, a time when the witness of believers might grow stronger and more effective. The Year of Mercy begins December 8, on the Solemnity of Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

St. Thomas More will be celebrating the year with a variety of special events that starts with our Dedication Mass on December 16. More details and information will follow in the coming weeks, but in the meantime, I invite you to make this prayer, Pope Francis' official prayer for the Year of Mercy, part of your ongoing prayer life.

Prayer for the Year of Mercy

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.

Show us your face and we will be saved.

Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money, the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things, made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.

Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: "If you knew the gift of God!"

You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified.

You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

— Francis



Celebrating a Year of Mercy

December 8, 2015 – November 20, 2016

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

Matt Franklin
Youth Advocate
760-758-4100 x161; mattf@stmoside.org

Debbie Fredette
Director of Faith Formation
760-758-4100 x110; debbief@stmoside.org

Our Next REACH Day Is December 13

Expecting ??



Why not schedule your Baptismal appointment today before the arrival of your little one? Please contact the Faith Formation Office at 760-758-4100 x110 or debbief@stmoside.org for more information.

COMING SOON! Evening Bible Study

Beginning Thursday Evenings, January 7



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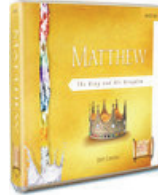
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- ◆ **BE SURE TO COMPLETE** all gifts by December 31 to qualify for tax savings on this year's tax return. **Advance planning with the Parish Office is essential, since the office will be closed from Wednesday, December 23, and will reopen on Monday, 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 November 28/29, 2015	
Number of Registered Households	1,178
Offertory	\$7,865.04
Offertory (Loose Collection)	\$971.00
Total	\$8,836.04

Mortgage/Building Completion Fund Income	
September 15, 2014 to November 30, 2015	
Mortgage Offering Collected	\$621,353.89
Less Administrative Costs	\$31,245.00
Payment toward Parish Reserves (10%)	\$60,612.19
Payment toward Mortgage	\$545,509.70
Mortgage Payment Due	\$642,950.94
Mortgage Payment Overage/(Shortfall)	(\$97,441.24)
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Memorial Items	\$1,284,209.90
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"Did You Know?" Collection November 2015
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He has filled the hungry with good things,
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He has come to the help of his servant Israel
 for he remembered his promise of mercy,
 the promise he made to our fathers,
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(Lk 1:46-55)



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Advent Reconciliation Services at Local Parishes

Wed, Dec. 9	6:30pm	St. Mary Star of the Sea, Oceanside
Thu, Dec. 10	6:30pm	St. James/St. Leo, Solana Beach
Mon, Dec. 14	7:00pm	St. John the Evangelist, Encinitas
Tue, Dec. 15	7:00pm	Nativity, Fairbanks Ranch
Tue, Dec. 15	6:30pm	St. James/St. Leo, Solana Beach
Wed, Dec. 16	7:00pm	St. Elizabeth Seton, Carlsbad
Mon, Dec. 21	6:30pm	St. Mark, San Marcos
Tue, Dec. 22	10:30am	St. Peter, Fallbrook
Tue, Dec. 22	6:00pm	St. Peter, Fallbrook

Parenting in the 21st Century: Raising Great Sons and Daughters Series—Monday, December 7, 6:30pm, JSerra Catholic High School. The speaker will be Glenn Stanton of Focus on the Family. 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. If you would like to help by providing gifts or funds, please contact Vicky at motherv5@cox.net.

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.

STM Scrip News

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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 the 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 Littel at 760-917-4404.

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Young Adult Opportunities around the Diocese

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