

SAINT
THOMAS
MORE
CATHOLIC
CHURCH



*A Roman Catholic Parish
in the Diocese of San Diego*

- ✚ Spirituality
- ✚ Tradition
- ✚ Community

Mass Schedule

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

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday, 4:00-4:30pm

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

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday,
8:30am-12:00noon
and 12:30-4:00pm
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Mary Mother of God
Thursday, December 31
Mass at 5:00pm
Friday, January 1
Mass at 9:30am

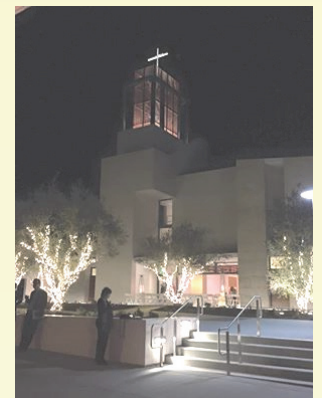
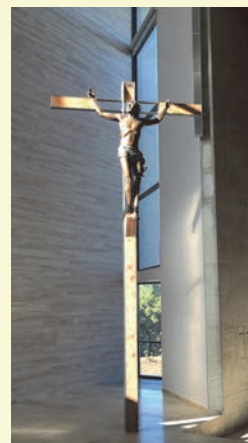
December 25, 2015 ✚ Christmas

Our Mission is to worship God,
teach and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ,
and serve God's people in word and deed.

We dedicated our House of Worship on December 16!



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Visit www.stmoside.org
for more photos.



Ministry Contacts

760-758-4100 x100 or www.stmoside.org

Faith Formation & Evangelization

Debbie Fredette

Religious Education (Children)
Liturgy of the Word for Children
Sacramental Preparation
Middle School Youth Ministry
High School Youth Ministry
Moms and Kids
Women's Ministry
Men's Fellowship
Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs
Vocations
Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Liturgy and Music

Douglas Lynn

Bereavement
Liturgical Ministries
Liturgical Music

Marriage & Family Life

Jen Frost

Bringing the Celebration Home
Marriage Preparation
Widows and Widowers of North County

Parish Organizations & Events

Lisa & Pat Attardo

Knights of Columbus
Spirited Seniors
Women's Guild

Social Ministries

Stacey & Morgan Espe

Blood Drive
Brother Benno's Collections
Christmas Angel Ministry
Culture of Life
Disability Facilitation
Jail Ministry
Project Linus Blanket Making
Social Justice Committee
San Diego Organizing Project (SDOP)
International Council on Worker Justice (ICWJ)
Solutions for Change (Solving Family Homelessness)
St. Bonaventure Mission Clothing Drive

Parish Staff

760-758-4100 x100

Rev. Michael Ratajczak, Pastor
Rev. Karl Bauer, Senior Priest
Deacon John Fredette, Business Manager
Deacon Tom Goeltz
Sr. Maureen Brown, Pastoral Associate
Debbie Fredette, Faith Formation
Matt Franklin, Youth Advocate
Douglas Lynn, Liturgy and Music
Chris Smith, Stewardship and Development

Pastor's Column:

Come Home for Christmas!

We hear much about "coming home" for the holidays. My Christmas greetings and prayers for you and yours are contained in these words from Fr. Henri Nouwen:

Coming Home

There are two realities to which you must cling. First, God has promised that you will receive the love you have been searching for. And second, God is faithful to that promise. So stop wandering around. Instead, come home and trust that God will bring you what you need. Your whole life you have been running about, seeking the love you desire. Now it is time to end that search. Trust that God will give you that all-fulfilling love and will give it in a human way.

Before you die, God will offer you the deepest satisfaction you can desire. Just stop running and start trusting and receiving. Home is where you are truly safe. It is where you can receive what you desire. You need human hands to hold you there so that you don't run away again. But when you come home and stay home, you will find the love that will bring rest to your heart.

Many of us have found our way home. Many of us continue to search. The Faith Community of St. Thomas More is here for all of us.

As Pastor, I pledge that I will do all that I can to ensure that our Parish will be a place and a people where you are truly safe; where you can share your story in trust; where, with other seekers, you will find human hands to hold you so that you don't run away again.

For those of us who are here every week, we have found rest for our hearts. This Christmas, we give thanks to God!

For those of us who are guests this Christmas, who do not have a faith community, and who are looking for a home, please come back again and again!

If you feel the call to belong to a Faith Community, but are not sure how to go about it, feel free to give me a call or set up an appointment. I would welcome an opportunity to chat with you.

Come home for Christmas!

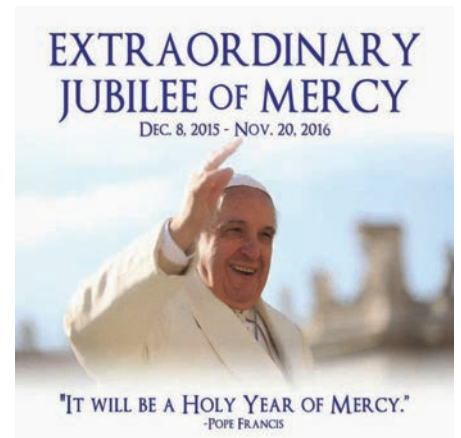
Merry Christmas to you and yours!

Fr. Mike

Holy Door

Bishop McElroy has designated St. Thomas More as one of the six Pilgrimage churches in the Diocese of San Diego. Our Holy Door was opened at the Dedication on December 16.

The practice of pilgrimage has a special place in the Holy Year, because it represents the journey each of us makes in this life. Life itself is a pilgrimage, and the human being is a viator, a pilgrim travelling along the road, making his way to the desired destination. Similarly, to reach the Holy Door in Rome or in any other place in the world, everyone, each according to his or her ability, will have to make a pilgrimage. This will be a sign that mercy is also a goal to reach and requires dedication and sacrifice. May pilgrimage be an impetus to conversion: by crossing the threshold of the Holy Door, we will find the strength to embrace God's mercy and dedicate ourselves to being merciful with others as the Father has been with us.





We Worship!

It takes over 200 ministers to celebrate our weekend liturgies. New ministers are always welcome—training provided. Hospitality ministers, altar servers, readers, Eucharistic ministers, musicians...are you being called? Contact Douglas Lynn at 760-758-4100 x140.

We Pray!

Prayer List—To request prayers for a family member or friend who is ill or needs prayers for any reason, contact the Parish Office and we will publish the name for four weeks in our weekly bulletin. Our Parishioners pray for those on the list.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament—Eucharistic Adoration is available Monday-Friday, 6:30am-7:30pm, in our Blessed Sacrament Chapel. We are so blessed to be able to drop in at almost any time and have a little “one-on-one” with Jesus in the Eucharist.

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



Youth Groups

IGNITE High School—Meets every Monday from 7:00-8:30pm for fellowship, prayer, fun, and music! Bring friends!

EDGE Middle School—Meets every Sunday 4:30-6:00pm for religious education, fellowship, prayer, fun, and music!

Looking for More Information?

Are you interested in learning more about religious education for children and adults, Catholicism, becoming a Catholic, or returning to the Catholic Church? Contact *Debbie Fredette* at 760-758-4100 x110.

We Serve!

Opportunities to help others by donating goods and/or services to local charities we support: Birth Choice Pregnancy Resource Center, Brother Benno’s Homeless Shelters, Solutions for Change (Solving Family Homelessness), and more!



We Party! (Fellowship)

Meet new friends, enjoy good food and fellowship, and sometimes raise money! Knights of Columbus, Women’s Guild, Men’s Fellowship, Spirited Seniors, Widows and Widowers of North County, High School Youth Ministry—IGNITE!, Middle School Youth Ministry—EDGE!...



We Give!

...money, to support our community, our ministries, and our outreach.

Sacrificial Giving Option—Ongoing commitment that helps to support our operating expenses and our mortgage/building completion obligations, as well as other special items.

Tithing Option—Ongoing commitment of 10% of income, 8% to St. Thomas More (distributed to our basic needs) and 2% to charities of choice. The one-check option!

Special Collections Options—As the need arises, we donate to disaster relief, local charities, and universal church activities.

Memorial Items—Memorials are a way of honoring those we love. Our Parish Campus is a living memorial to our community for generations to come. Various items and opportunities are available.

Vehicle Donation Program—Do you have a vehicle you want to donate? Just call us, and we’ll have it picked up. You get the tax deduction! **Non-operational is OK!**

Contact *Chris Smith* at 760-758-4100 x120.

Calendar Highlights

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

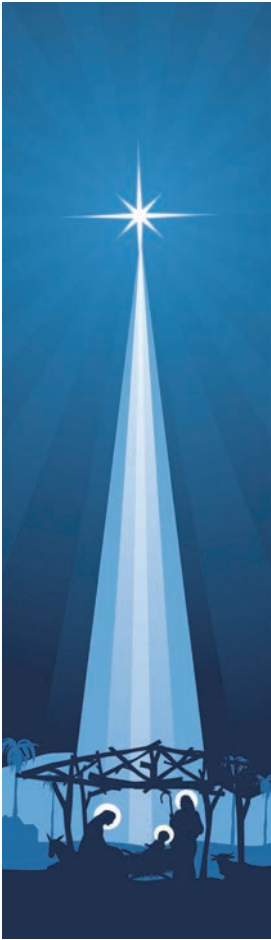
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- Jan 3 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
- Jan 3 Twelfth Night Choral Festival at STM
- Jan 4 High School Youth Group
- Jan 6 Matthew Bible Study resumes
- Jan 7 Symbolon Bible Study begins
- Jan 9 Women’s Guild Game Day
- Jan 10 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
- Jan 11 Women’s Guild Luncheon
- Jan 17 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
- Jan 17 Religious Education Classes at Church
- Jan 16-31 Stewardship Awareness
- Jan 17 Presentation on *Laudato Si*
- Jan 24 Religious Education Classes at Church
- Feb 10 Ash Wednesday Masses at 8:15am, 12:00noon, and 7:00pm
- Mar 13 New Member Reception
- Mar 24 Holy Thursday Mass at 7:00pm
- Mar 25 Good Friday Morning Prayer at 8:15am Celebration of Our Lord’s Passion at 3:00pm and Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm
- Mar 26 Holy Saturday Morning Prayer at 8:15am Blessing of Easter Food at 11:00am Easter Vigil at 8:00pm
- Mar 27 Easter Sunday Masses at 6:30am, 8:30am, and 10:30am
- Apr 29 STM Annual Gala
- Jun 20-24 Vacation Bible School

Would You Like to Join Our Faith Community?

Please complete this form or leave a message at 760-758-4100 x100 with your name and phone number, and we’ll contact you to begin the registration process. Welcome!

Name: _____

Phone/email: _____



Twelfth Night Choral Festival

Our 15th Annual
Ecumenical Gathering
featuring
Congregational Carols and
North County Choirs

Sunday January 3
6:00 p.m.

GAME DAY

ST. THOMAS MORE LOWER LEVEL

SPONSORED BY WOMEN'S GUILD

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 2016

11:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.



TICKETS \$20.00

AVAILABLE ON THE PLAZA DEC. 19-20, DEC. 26-27, JAN. 2-3

IN PARISH OFFICE DURING THE WEEK

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT MARCY BERNIER 760-696-3206

BRING YOUR FAVORITE GAME
OR PLAY WHATEVER IS AVAILABLE

BOARD GAMES

CARDS

DICE

DOMINOES

ETC.



LIGHT LUNCH INCLUDED

DOOR PRIZES

OPPORTUNITY BASKETS

Thursday Evenings at 7:00pm, beginning January 7
For more information and to register, contact Debbie Fredette at 760-758-4100 x110.

DISCOVER

THE BIG PICTURE
OF THE
CATHOLIC FAITH

AND HOW TO LIVE IT



SYMBOLON

LEARN FROM THE EXPERTS



New Year's Resolution #1: Learn more about my faith—go to Symbolon.