

**SAINT
THOMAS
MORE
CATHOLIC
CHURCH**

*"And here the first word that I wish to say to you: joy!
Do not be men and women of sadness:
a Christian can never be sad!
Never give way to discouragement!
Ours is not a joy born of having many possessions,
but of having encountered a Person:
Jesus, in our midst."*

— Pope Francis, *The Church of Mercy*



**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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*Baptism of Christ
by John Nava
Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels*

**The Baptism of the Lord
January 10, 2016**

*When Jesus had been baptized
and was praying,
heaven was opened.*

—Luke 3:21

*Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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Pastor's Column

Gratitude and Intentionality

This weekend, as we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we close out the Christmas Season.

It is with a heart full of gratitude that I continue to thank God for having the opportunity to celebrate the Advent/Christmas/Epiphany Seasons with you, St. Thomas More Catholic Church. This was my 13th Christmas with you as your Pastor!

This community is truly an "intentional" community. Everyone who is here truly wants to be here, and desires to enter into the celebration of the Mysteries of our Faith.

That "intentionality" is so evident in all that we do as a community—from active participation "in the pews," to those who serve in various liturgical ministries in the Eucharistic Celebrations, to those who are "in the background" helping to "prepare the space and the ritual" for our celebrations, and to all who are involved in the over 100 ministries we undertake in order to be faithful members of the Body of Christ in our outreach to each other and to the wider community.

All this takes much effort and sacrifice on the part of many people. Schedules and agendas need to change or to be adjusted in order to make the Faith Community of St. Thomas More a priority. Please know that I am aware of that and know that, as your Pastor, you strengthen not only my ministry, but also, my Faith, as I see Parishioners "being serious" about their Faith-life.

Your intentionality "feeds" me, as a pastor, as I, hopefully, feed you through leading you in the celebration of the Eucharist and breaking open the Word of God with you through my homilies. Of course, in all these efforts, we know that it is the Lord who feeds us. We are God's instruments.

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"Did You Know?"

Your opportunity to help us keep our budget balanced.

See the insert with built-in envelope!

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

Thank you to each and every one of you who helped to make the celebration of these liturgical seasons once again so prayerful and meaningful. Know that my heart is filled with gratitude.

I will not single out any persons or groups. When that is done, so often, someone is missed. You know who you are and what you have done. I know that the Lord is pleased!

As all of us make the necessary efforts and sacrifices in order to continue to live our community life here prayerfully and meaningfully, be mindful that we do so for the Lord, in order to give our God praise and thanksgiving.

At times, our efforts may be taken for granted or go unnoticed. We may be hurt or discouraged at times. Yes, it is nice to be recognized and acknowledged, but that is not the reason that we do what we do. All of our individual efforts come together in a community effort to give our Loving Creator praise and thanksgiving. When we keep that focus, our hurt and discouragement will dissipate.

One of the many challenges that we face as a community is to preserve this sense of intentionality. As we continue to grow in numbers and as we are now in our Church Home, our House of Worship, and as we now in 2016 work to build our Parish Offices, we must resolve to make greater efforts in the area of hospitality, welcome, and personal invitation into the life of the community. I know that we can and will do that!

As we are mindful of our Baptismal Promises this weekend, we, once again, "intention" ourselves to follow the Lord Jesus and to be active members of the Body of Christ here at St. Thomas More Catholic Church.

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.

**On the Trail of Martin Luther:
Lutherans, Catholics, and the Reformation—
An Ecumenical Celebration of Christ**

August 31-September 10, 2016 with Fr. Rich Lewandowski

Destination Germany continues to celebrate Martin Luther's legacy, 500 years of Reformation, and Luther's impact on the Church and world history.

Follow in the footsteps of the reformer and visit places across the country where he lived and practiced his beliefs.

Brochures for this pilgrimage are available in the Parish Office.

Welcome New Parishioners

**Michael Gonzales
Robert & Bonnie Krichbaum**

Congratulations to

Gary & Carolyn Mertes

who celebrated their 52nd anniversary of marriage December 28.

Tim & Lia Keane

who celebrated their 22nd anniversary of marriage January 1.

Harold & Barbara Miller

who celebrated their 39th anniversary of marriage January 8.

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

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

Facing a Hospital Stay?

If you or someone you know is planning a hospital stay or ends up in the hospital, marking the "Catholic" box on the registration form ensures that the Catholic Chaplain assigned to the hospital will know the patient is Catholic. You may also want to request a visit by the Catholic Chaplain. Most hospitals also have teams of ministers from local Parishes who bring Holy Communion to Catholic patients.

Vocations

As we begin a new year, let us turn our mind and ear to God, prayerfully listen to him, and resolve to do that which God is calling us to do. If you think God is calling you to a life as a priest, deacon, or religious, explore the possibilities. They are great vocations, full of challenges, and rewarding. To help you get started, contact a priest, sister, deacon, or Deacon Tom at thomasgoeltz@aol.com or 760-727-8442, and May God bless you throughout this new year.

Our Mission is to:

worship God,

teach and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ,

and serve God's people in word and deed.

Readings**for the Week Ahead**

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

Sunday, January 10 (21)

The Baptism of the Lord
Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7

Psalms 29:1-4,9-10

Acts 10:34-38

Luke 3:15-16,21-22

Monday, January 11 (305)

1 Samuel 1:1-8

Psalms 116:12-19

Mark 1:14-20

Tuesday, January 12 (306)

1 Samuel 1:9-20

1 Samuel 2:1,4-8 (Psalm)

Mark 1:21-28

Wednesday, January 13 (512)

Hilary, bishop, doctor

1 John 2:18-25

Psalms 110:1-4

Matthew 5:13-19

Thursday, January 14 (308)

1 Samuel 4:1-11

Psalms 44:10-11,14-15,24-25

Mark 1:40-45

Friday, January 15 (309)

1 Samuel 8:4-7,10-22a

Psalms 89:16-19

Mark 2:1-12

Saturday, January 16 (310)

1 Samuel 9:1-4,17-19;10:1a

Psalms 21:2-7

Mark 2:13-17

Sunday, January 17 (66)

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalms 96:1-3,7-10

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

John 2:1-11

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

Changa Aguilera
Ernie Aichele
Mary Alexander
Bill Ames
Frank Austin
Carrie Autrey
Joshua Avery
Gretchen Baker
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
Pieter Boets & Family
Joshua Breier
Zane Breier
Beth Brewer
Janet Brown
Todd Brown
Katie Browne
Jack & Mary Bruzas
Anita Buerger
The Buko Family
Shelby Campbell
Brianne Campos
Aria Cappeluti
Jorge Cartajena
Donald Cashmore
Anne Caywood
The Vaughn Clevenger Family
Carl & Dorothy Coleman
James Coleman
Judy Colson
Geoff Coolidge
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
JoEllen Doering
Elizabeth Doherty's Aunt Jackie
Art & Dave Dossman
La Vonne Dumas
Harlan Dunn
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
Alyssa Gerhard
Jack & Marge Gillen
Merle Glimé
The Godfrey Family
Wendy Gonzales' Dad
Rick Gonzalez
Tillie Gonzalez
Lou Gordon
George Gritt
Fred Gritzen and Family
Luke Guent
Susan Hallahan
Pat & Tom Hannon
The Harker Family
Dorothy Harrison
Barbara Hatem
Bill & Mary Haynes
Lillian Hills
Lisa (Lynn) Hodges
Samara Hook
Susan Hori
Iolanda Iacobelli
Sue Johnston
Laura Kater
Dottie Kearney
The Kennedy Family
Connor Kerzie
Peggy Kiernan
Debbie Kinney
Mark Kneisel
Dewey Kolbo
Tony Korwin
Helen Kuhn
Lillian Lachance
The Lamelin Family
Bart Landry
Brandon LeBlanc
Jake Lefflerdink
Jeremiah Lemus
Ashley Load
Cassandra & Lauren Loretto
Jack Lucarelli
Joaquin Maldonado
The Maldonado Family
The Maldonado Trejo Family
Paige Mansell
Angeles Martinez
The Matthews & Woodard Families
Gloria Maupin
Colleen McCall
Virginia McConnell
The McGinley Family
Ann McMahan
Bob McWilliams
Joyce Meehan
Kalei Mendiola
Rita Mikridge
Tom Miller
Phyllis Minaya
June Mitchell
Judy Mitchell's Mother
June Montgomery
Nancy Moore
Elizabeth Muehlbacher
Conrad Murphy
Margie Myers
Angela Nacional
Melanie Nacional
Nida Navarro
Richard Obsitnik
Kare O'Dell
Josephina Ornelas
Laura Paciorek Gloor
Ethan Palm
Cynthia Pearson
Salina Pearson
Elisa Petrie
Helen Pingtella
Delilah Plasterer
Perry Postulka
The Joe Prokop Family
Barbara Ramm
Jenni Richard
Evelyn Richards
Jan Riley
Rita Ritchie
Lily Robinson
Maria Rogers
Louis Russo
The Russo Family
Rachel Sainc
Cindy Sanelli
Lori Sanna
Linda Schmidt
Joan Shea
Elizabeth Shirzad
Nick Soltau
Bob Sorenson
Drew Spangler
Darek, Vanessa, & Elba Spizewski
Don St. Pierre
Patricia St. Pierre
Sybil Staples
Mike Sterling
Lucas Story
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/Urbibe Family
Martin Vertson
Lucy Vienna
Lucy Viramontes
Vanessa Vitiello
Wilson Wanner
Kevin Watson-Graff
Jerry Wechsler
The Williams Family
Patricia Zavala
Jeanne Zeltner

Calendar Highlights

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

Jan 10 Liturgy of the Word for
Children at 8:30am and
10:30am Masses
Jan 13 Adult CPR/AED Class
Jan 13 Matthew Bible Study
Jan 14 Symbolon Bible Study
Jan 16 Infant/Child CPR/AED
Class
Jan 16-31 Stewardship Awareness
Jan 17 Liturgy of the Word for
Children at 8:30am and
10:30am Masses
Jan 17 RE.A.CH Classes
Jan 17 Presentation on *Laudato Si*
Jan 19-20 Restaurant Fundraiser at
Nucci's
Jan 23 Walk for Life in Balboa Park
Jan 23 Adult CPR/AED Class
Jan 24 RE.A.CH Classes
Feb 10 Ash Wednesday
Masses at 8:15am,
12:00noon, and 7:00pm
Mar 13 New Member Reception
Apr 10 Spring Sing
Apr 16 Spring Ring
Apr 29 STM Gala
May 8 Confirmation
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.

January 11
Sr. Maria Dowhaniuk, SFCC
January 12
Sr. James Louise Downey, OP
January 13
Sr. Ann Durst, SHCJ
January 14
Sr. Ann Marie Dutano, MC
January 15
Sr. Ray Monda DuVall, CHS
January 16
Sr. Ray Monda DuVall, CHS
January 17
Sr. Mary Agnes Emanuel, MC

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 9, 5:00pm
Pietro DeAngelis ☩

Sunday, January 10, 8:30am
Richard Lynn ☩

Sunday, January 10, 10:30am
Cesarina Morelli ☩

Monday, January 11, 8:15am
Aloysius Kane

Tuesday, January 12, 8:15am
Linda Stirpe ☩

Wednesday, January 13, 8:15am
Cheri Gallante ☩

Thursday, January 14, 8:15am
Joe Coccoaro ☩

Friday, January 15, 8:15am
Faye Dixon ☩

Saturday, January 16, 5:00pm
Tony Caldarone ☩

Sunday, January 17, 8:30am
Fr. Larry Delaney ☩

Sunday, January 17, 10:30am
Mario Voza ☩

Social Ministries & Outreach

San Diego Walk for Life 2016

We hope you'll join us on Saturday, January 23, for the Fourth Annual San Diego Walk for Life. Each year this event draws together an incredible group of speakers and a powerful lineup of prolife exhibitors for an event that allows participants to celebrate life and to pray for an end to abortion.

Held 9:00am-12:00noon at Balboa Park, the San Diego Walk for Life will feature life-affirming speakers and praise and worship music, and there will be family-friendly activities the day of the event.



Brother Benno's...St. Bonaventure Indian Mission

In this new year, a year dedicated to mercy, please remember the less fortunate. Support them with your prayers and continuing generosity...and may God bless you with his choicest blessings throughout this new year.

STM Mental Health Ministry Network

Are you interested in participating in the Ministry team of the STM Mental Health Ministry Network to help serve as "prayerful companions" for fellow Parishioners experiencing mental health issues, walking with them through the treatment process, and helping to provide Parish-wide education on the subject of mental illness? For more information, contact Tim Keane at 760-758-2717; for referrals, contact Deacon John at 760-758-4100 x104.

Jail/Detention Ministry

Jesus said, "I was in prison and you visited me. What you did for the least of these you did for me." To volunteer and bring the gifts of presence, compassion, hope, and love to those in prison, call Rita at 760-758-4100 x100. For more information, visit www.diocese-sdiego.org/restore, where you will find information on not only visiting those in prison, but ways to provide support for victims or their families and ways to get involved with victim/offender mediation and reconciliation.

Hearnotes

There will be an Infant/Child CPR/AED class on Saturday, January 16, 9:30am-1:00pm.

Adult CPR/AED classes are scheduled for Wednesday January 13 at 1:00pm and Saturday, January 23 at 9:30am.

February Adult CPR/AED classes are scheduled for Saturdays, February 13 and 20, at 9:30am. Reserve your place at drphilg@cox.net or 760-732-1414.

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! Contact Jen Abelson at jen.abelson@gmail.com for the time and location of our next park play date on Monday, January 18, 3:00-5:00pm. There are also many events throughout the month posted on our private Facebook page. Join us!



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

Beloved Series—Deacon John and Debbie Fredette will be presenting a 12-part series Wednesday evenings, beginning January 20 at 7:00pm. Learn first hand how to experience the mystery, happiness and joy of marriage. **Beloved** will help you live out the Sacrament of Marriage more profoundly, so that your love story is drawn ever more into the greatest love story of all... God's own love for us. Contact Debbie Fredette at 760-758-4100 x110 for additional information.

Restoring Marriage Today—Destination: San Diego. Marriage is fundamental to mankind. But it's in serious trouble. Find out how you can be part of the solution. The Catholic Answers Conference, Restoring Marriage Today, will be held in San Diego March 3-5. For more information and to register, go to: https://catholiccom.formstack.com/forms/ca_conference_2016.

Bishops' Letter on Marriage—Unitive and Procreative: "Conjugal love expresses the unitive meaning of marriage in such a way as to show how this meaning is ordered toward the equally obvious procreative meaning. The unitive meaning is distorted if the procreative meaning is deliberately disavowed... Likewise, the procreative meaning of marriage is degraded without the unitive." To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

Marriage Moments—Spiritual Gifts include: wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, accomplishments, prophecy, good judgement, communication skills, understanding... (1 Cor 12:4-11). Which of these gifts is your beloved especially good at?

Parenting Pointers—"How, in this materialistic, competitive world, can I raise kind children?...Begin by being a kind adult. When your child sees you go the extra mile to help a friend, carry someone's groceries, or invite people in to your life who aren't exactly like you, your child will see loving kindness as the natural way to live" (Mimi Doe).

For more information, visit www.diocese-sdiego.org/Ministries/Marriage and Family Life or call Jen Frost at 858-692-7438.

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

Women's Guild News

The new year is upon us and what a blessing to have celebrated the birth of Our Lord in our new church we have worked so hard to build! Our work is not done, of course, and we have many opportunities to make it less of a task and more of an enjoyable venture. Here are upcoming events you are sure to find fun and exciting:

Our January 11 monthly meeting's theme is our traditional Chinese Auction, so bring some items you no longer need but are in good condition. Call Anna Robinson, Hospitality Chair, at 760-842-5205 **today** to reserve your spot for the luncheon. We advise coming a little early so that the auctioneers have time to set up and display your auction donations. The meeting starts at 11:00am.

A Vote for Fashion is this year's theme for the fashion show, Saturday, February 6, at Shadowridge Golf Club. See the flyer for more information; tickets will go on sale at our January 11 meeting. Make plans to attend and bring a friend or two.

Day of Recollection, Monday, February 29, is a morning event we share with the Spirited Seniors, open to all adults, and will feature guest speaker Fr. Larry Dolan, OSF. Sign-ups will be taken on the plaza soon, cost is \$15 and includes a light lunch and coffee. (This is not a fundraising event; cost covers lunch and speaker honorarium). Watch for more information via a flyer and in this column in the coming weeks. This is a wonderful way to engage ourselves spiritually in the Lenten season.

Game Day results will be available in the next Women's Guild Bulletin column, but all attendees had a great time, good food, and wonderful prizes. Thanks to all who donated food, card tables, prizes, and "Congratulations" are in order to Marcy Bernier and Trish Feeley for making it all happen. It took a lot of work and time, but they pulled it off beautifully!

Lastly, the celebration of life for former President, Ann Buko, which took place this past Friday, was a loving tribute to one of the most inspiring women I have ever met. Please join me in prayers of thanksgiving to God for having placed her in our lives, and prayers of comfort and healing for her family. Rest in peace in the arms of Jesus, Ann. —*Kathy Gerhard, president*

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**.

Catholic Widows and Widowers of North County

Would you like to expand your social life and meet a group of interesting and friendly widowed people? For more information, call Carol Kope at 760-726-0533. See the bulletin board on the lower level for our complete monthly calendar of social activities. RSVPs are required.

Memorial Item Donations Available

Pipe Organ	\$850,000
Christ on Road to Emmaus	\$27,000
St. Joseph and Child Refurbishing	\$1,350
Parish Offices	
Metal Framing Exterior Walls	\$60,000
HVAC Components	\$55,000
Roofing	\$45,000
Exterior Windows and Doors	\$45,000
Exterior Brick	\$30,000
Plumbing	\$30,000
Plumbing Finish and Fixtures	\$10,000

Memorial Item Donations Partial

<i>Jesus, Divine Redeemer and Master of the Universe Mosaic Panels for Memorial Garden</i> (54) 19 available	\$5,000/each
<i>Priests' Dedication Vestments (for extra Bishops and Abbots)</i> (4) 4 available	\$400/each
<i>Pew Seating for the Church</i> (1,000) 715 available	\$300/each
<i>Daily Mass Chapel and Choir Chairs</i> (200) 95 available	\$300/each
<i>Altar Server Albs</i> (15) 15 available	\$125/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

Need Help with Transportation to Church!

Volunteer drivers are needed in our Parish. Some Parishioners would like to attend Mass and cannot drive themselves. Please prayerfully consider helping some of our fellow Parishioners. If you can help in any way with this service, please contact Ann Eriksson 760-599-7151 or eriksson1@mindspring.com.



Liturgy & Music *Worship God*

Douglas Lynn
Director of Liturgy & Music
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You are my beloved Son;
with you I am well pleased.

Luke 3:22

Fresh Flowers at Weekend Mass Celebrations

If you would like to remember, honor, or celebrate someone special or a special occasion with the addition of an arrangement of flowers at our weekend Masses during Ordinary Time, please see our Parish Receptionist during the week.

Your donation of \$85 will provide a lovely arrangement on the altar platform, including all taxes and delivery. A note in the weekend's bulletin will announce your special person or event.

Only one flower arrangement may be offered each weekend and payment must be made at the time you reserve your weekend. Two week's notice is required. We are sorry that we are not able to take your reservation over the phone at this time. Thank you!

Upcoming Music



JANUARY 18
2nd Sunday in
Ordinary Time



5:00pm

Cantor &
Congregation

8:30am

Tower Bells

10:30am

Sanctuary Choir

BREAKING OPEN THE DESIGN

understanding our Church's design—the slope

The Interior Design Team has spent years working on the design of our Church—praying, reading the official documents, visiting more than 20 newly built or recently renovated churches in the dioceses of San Diego and San Bernardino, producing the project's "Liturgical Program" as a design resource that describes the interrelationship among the various liturgical spaces and liturgical elements of the Church, evaluating floorplans, and meeting with liturgical artists.

The goal of this work is to create a worship space—a worship environment—that conveys the guidelines of the national and diocesan Church while incorporating the Parish's unique worship experience, our particular customs and practices, if you will.

As you can imagine, there have been questions. Why does everyone use the slope behind the priest to get to the sanctuary? Why do the chairs in the Daily Mass Chapel face each other? Why is Mary's shrine not in the main hall? Why are there chairs in front of the pews in the main hall? Why are there two options (kneeling or sitting) in the Reconciliation Chapel?

Over the next few weeks, I will be answering these questions and more, discussing the process by which the Interior Design Team came to some of these decisions.

Do you have questions? Let me know, and I will endeavor to answer them in a future column.

This week...the slope.

Question

Why do our liturgical ministers use the slope behind the priest's chair to get to the sanctuary when we have perfectly good stairs?

Answer

The short version is that the slope is a visible sign of this Parish's commitment to accessibility and inclusion in our worship and in our ministries.

Very early on in the design process, our liturgical consultant emphasized the global Church's commitment to accessibility. In *Built of Living Stones: Art, Architecture, and Worship* (BLS, the principal building document of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops), we learned that accommodation must be made to "allow access to the altar by ministers who need wheelchairs or who have other disabilities" (BLS §59). Likewise, the ambo also must be accessible (BLS §61).

The Interior Design Team decided after much discussion that it is important not to segregate our community into those who can and those who cannot walk up steps, recommending the slope so that everyone may use the same path to the sanctuary, where the altar and ambo are located.

Their direction to the architect led to his inclusion of the slope in the final floorplan, and to our using it for all liturgical movement.



Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

Matt Franklin
Youth Advocate
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Debbie Fredette
Director of Faith Formation
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Family Faith Formation

REACH Classes Resume January 17

Join Us Sunday, January 17
12:30-2:00pm

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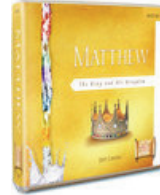
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Next session is
January 13

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Adult Confirmation

Are You an Adult Who Wishes to Be Confirmed?

Classes for Adult Confirmation have begun on Thursday
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Collection for Week of January 2/3, 2016

Number of Registered Households	1,181
Offertory	\$9,568.45
Offertory (Loose Collection)	\$1,257.00
Total	\$10,825.45

Mortgage/Building Completion Fund Income

September 15, 2014 to December 31, 2015

Mortgage Offering Collected	\$767,605.15
Less Administrative Costs	\$33,328.00
Payment toward Parish Reserves (10%)	\$75,029.02
Payment toward Mortgage	\$675,261.13
Mortgage Payment Due	\$687,757.15
Mortgage Payment Overage/(Shortfall)	(\$12,496.02)

Memorial Items	\$1,382,849.90
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What Is the Jubilee Year of Mercy?

If there's one word we have come to identify with Pope Francis, it's the word "mercy." It's a compelling, consoling, generous word. We have seen the Holy Father applying this word as he washes the feet of prisoners and embraces the disfigured. Last month Pope Francis opened the Jubilee Year of Mercy.

What's a jubilee year, and how does it impact those of us in the pews in Peoria or San Diego, Perth or Vancouver? Jubilee years have been around since 1300, and they usually occur every 25 to 50 years. Like all things Catholic, they're steeped in history. There's even a Holy Door at the Basilica of St. Peter's which is opened by the pontiff to begin the jubilee year. But we know that with Pope Francis, the jubilee will take on meaning far beyond mere historical formalities. Hopefully, it will deeply affect our own spiritual lives.



In proclaiming the Jubilee Year of Mercy, the Holy Father cited the Gospel of Saint Matthew on the subject of forgiveness. When Peter asks Jesus if he must forgive someone as much as seven times, Jesus replied that we are to forgive not seven times, but instead, seventy-seven times (18:21-22).

"This is a profound teaching," said Pope Francis. "Jesus affirms that mercy is not only an action of the Father, it becomes a criterion for ascertaining who his true children are."

The Year of Mercy began on the feast of the Immaculate Conception, which coincides with the 50th anniversary of the conclusion of the Second Vatican Council, an event about which Pope Francis said, "The walls which too long had made the Church a kind of fortress were torn down." Francis wants walls between people to come down and doors other than ceremonial ones opened.



What can we do to make this year special? We can start by extending mercy to ourselves, a sometimes difficult task. Perhaps we've been neglecting the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This is the perfect time to return. Maybe there is a family rift or torn relationship that needs healing. Pope Francis especially

beckons us towards those who live on the margins of society: We must open our hearts "to those living on the outermost fringes of society, fringes modern society itself creates." We must challenge ourselves to reach out beyond our comfort zone. The Pope challenges us. He proclaims that mercy is the central function of the Church and the key aspect of Jesus' ministry and work.

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God's Mercy and Grace are new every morning.

News & Information from the Larger Church

Magnificat Women's Prayer Breakfast—Saturday, January 16, 9:30am-12:30pm, Sheraton Hotel Mission Valley. Featured speaker, Margie Rapp will share her story and speak on her passion to help teens, youth ministers, and families develop a loving relationship with Jesus. \$30. RSVP by January 11 to 619-701-2713 or www.magnificate-sd.org.

Healing Beyond a Broken Heart: Practical Tools for Dealing with Grief—Tuesdays, January 19-February 23, 7:00-8:30pm, Mission San Luis Rey, 4050 Mission Ave., Oceanside. Presented by Br. Kevin Moshier, fsp. For more information call 760-757-3659 or visit www.sanluisrey.org/event-registration/?ee=473

High School Placement Test—Saturday, January 23, 7:30am, Cathedral Catholic High School. For more information, and to apply, visit www.cathedralcatholic.org/admissions.

18th Annual Divine Mercy Conference—February 5-6, Mission San Antonio De Pala. Mass at 7:00pm on Friday with celebrant Archbishop Julian Porteous. Inspiring video Message of Hope and Healing will follow Mass. Saturday includes speakers Archbishop Julian Porteous, Fr. Christ Alar MIC, Fr. Don Calloway MIC, and Fr. Dave Leon. Music by Donna Lee and friends. Closing Mass at 6:00pm. For more information, contact www.SDdivinemercy.org or 619-276-6637.

Fr. Joe's Villages Ladies Guild Annual Charity Luncheon—Tuesday, February 16, 10:45am, "Ooh-La-La Paris" at the Sheraton Mission Valley. \$55 per person; free parking. All

proceeds benefit the children at Fr. Joe's Villages. For information/donations, contact Kristi at 858-453-9640 or kristikeith@mac.com or Jane at 858-453-7016 or janehargrove67@gmail.com.

Rachel's Vineyard Post Abortion Healing Weekend Retreat—March 18 - 20. The retreat is an opportunity for any woman or man who has struggled with the emotional & spiritual pain of abortion. For more information or to register please call Dolores at 951-325-7702 or email rvttemecula@verizon.net. Also visit www.rachelsvineyard.org.



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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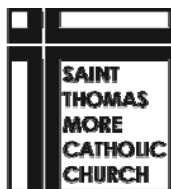
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January 2016

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Envelopes may be returned any time during the month via
the weekend collection, the Parish Office, or the mail.

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

*St. Thomas More Women's Guild
Annual Luncheon and Fashion Show*

VOTE FOR FASHION

*Saturday, February 6
Shadowridge Golf Club
Fashions by Draper's and Damons*

TICKET PRE-SALE: January 11 at Women's Guild monthly meeting

*TICKET SALE:S January 16-17, 23-24, 30-31
After all Masses or until all tickets are sold*

Tickets are \$45 and supply is limited

Opportunity Baskets

Door Prizes

Contact Valerie Thompson at 760-630-1703 for more information



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Laudato Si'

Care of Our
Common Home

Sunday
January 17

12:30-2:00pm

Presenter:
Fr. Emmett Farrell

In the words of this beautiful canticle, ***Laudato Si', mi Signore***, meaning "Praise be to you, my Lord," Saint Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us. In his writing, Pope Francis follows and expands on Catholic teaching and mankind's responsibility to care for God's creation, and to protect and care for the most vulnerable.

Please join us Sunday, January 17, to hear Fr. Emmett Farrell speak on the cultural and environmental issues facing today's world through the eyes of the Catholic Church and her teachings. Fr. Emmet Farrell is the retired pastor of Saint Jude's Shrine of the West in San Diego and has served as Director of the Sanctuary Program for the Maryknoll/Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America.

There is no cost to attend this event.

For more information, please contact
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