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CATHOLIC  
CHURCH

Our Holy Year Pilgrimage Church Door  
is open 7:00am-7:00pm  
seven days a week.  
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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, 3:30-4:30pm  
and by appointment

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

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Fifth Sunday of Easter  
April 24, 2016

## Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak  
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### Transforming Congregations for the Future

*In light of the very sad and disappointing political conversation that is taking place in this Election Year, a conversation that for most part lacks any ethical content and moral direction, it becomes very evident that the role of Church, Parishes, Faith Communities is more important than ever...*

As we continue to celebrate the Feast of the Resurrection, we are mindful that we, who believe in the Resurrection of Jesus, must witness to this belief in the way we go about our daily lives.

The priorities we set, the ways in which we spend our time through work and leisure, the use of our financial resources, the ways in which we handle conflict, and the ways in which we interact with each other become the external signs of our internal beliefs. The Resurrection of Jesus has transforming power that radically changes our own lives and the world in which we live.

A special responsibility falls upon Faith Communities, Parishes, which intentionally come together in the name of Jesus. We must live in this "new way" not only for ourselves but also for the world. Our society needs what Faith Communities have the potential of giving.

Loren Mead in his study, *"Transforming Congregations for the Future,"* suggests that society needs the church and the community graces that the church generates.

He also lists several characteristics of the church community that are necessary for a healthy and wholesome public life:

1. The church is a place where befriending strangers is not only appropriate, it is expected.
2. The prejudices and stereotypes that foster fear and hatred and cripple the order of the secular world can be processed within a community of mutually respectful persons.
3. Resources are not hoarded but shared in a community that has transformed the fear of "not enough for me" into the joy of giving.

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### Annual Catholic Appeal

Have you made your pledge/gift?  
If yes, thank you! If no, pray about it.

Be merciful just as your Father is merciful.

LUKE 6:36

Celebrating THE YEAR OF  
Mercy

[www.sdcatholic.org](http://www.sdcatholic.org)



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4. Resolution of conflict situations in congregations goes beyond just stopping them for a time, to ending them altogether, with reconciliation and forgiveness.
5. Religious communities create liturgies, drama, music, and festivals to celebrate life together and to give as much "hype" to community as the general public gives to conflict.
6. Society has conditioned people to lock themselves in for safety whereas believing communities are places where the insecure and the isolated will feel secure and wanted.
7. People in communities take responsibility for the well being of others.
8. Congregations bring hope and persistence to the political table, witnessing to a world torn apart by gangs, drugs, violence, and hatred that the lion and the lamb can truly dwell together.
9. People in congregations are given the power to share their leadership talents.

As St. Thomas More Catholic Church, we continue to journey through this Easter Season. As we journey, may we be strengthened to live in "the new way."

May we allow the transforming power of the Resurrection to touch us and heal us and in turn, through us, heal our society and our world!

### Annual Catholic Appeal

Thanks to all those who have responded already!

Pledges to date:	\$32,178
Families responding:	208
Average pledge per family:	\$154.70

Our assessment this year is \$50,000—help us meet it!

### 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](mailto:80bell80@gmail.com).

### Heartletter

St. Thomas More Catholic Church has reached another milestone: more than 500 members of the Parish have been trained and certified in CPR. We urge those who have not had this training and those who have not been certified within the last two years to take advantage of classes scheduled in May. Class will be held on Saturday, May 21, 9:30am-1:00pm. Contact Dr. Phil Goscieski at 760-732-1414 or [drphilg@cox.net](mailto:drphilg@cox.net) to sign up for one of these classes.

### Welcome New Parishioners

**Jesse & Katie Allen**  
**Craig & Sharon Johnson**  
**Robert & Kathleen Zakoski**

### Congratulations to

**Jerry & Maggie McEniry**

who celebrate their 40th anniversary of marriage on April 24.

*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:

**Maria Elena Quiroz**, who died on April 18. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, April 27, at 10:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep her daughter, Lucy Viramontes, and her family in your prayers.

**Tom Noel**, who died on April 18. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, May 6, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep his wife, Edith, and his family in your prayers.

*May their souls 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

### STM Scrip News

Scrip is available after weekend Masses and in the Parish Office during the week, as well as online at [www.stmoside.org/scrip](http://www.stmoside.org/scrip). We appreciate your continued support for the Scrip program. **For more information, visit [www.stmoside.org/scrip.htm](http://www.stmoside.org/scrip.htm) or contact the Scrip team at 760-758-4100 x150 or [scrip@stmoside.org](mailto:scrip@stmoside.org)**

### Help Feed the Hungry

Pope Francis reminds us:  
 "You pray for the hungry.  
 Then you feed them.  
 That's how prayer works."

We thank you for helping to feed the hungry with your ongoing donations of nonperishable food items



## Readings for the Week Ahead

Sunday Year C; Weekday Year II

### Sunday, April 24 (54)

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

Acts 14:21-27

Psalm 145:8-13

Revelation 21:1-5a

John 13:31-33a,34-35

### Monday, April 25 (555)

*Mark, evangelist*

1 Peter 5:5b-14

Psalm 89:2-3,6-7,16-17

Mark 16:15-20

### Tuesday, April 26 (286)

Acts 14:19-28

Psalm 145:10-13b,21

John 14:27-31a

### Wednesday, April 27 (287)

Acts 15:1-6

Psalm 122:1-5

John 15:1-8

### Thursday, April 28 (556)

*Peter Chanel, priest and martyr and*

*Louis Grignon de Montfort, priest*

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Psalm 117:1bc,2

Mark 1:14-20

### Friday, April 29 (557)

*Catherine of Siena, virgin, doctor*

1 John 1:5-2:2

Psalm 103:1-4,8-9,13-14,17-18

Matthew 11:25-30

### Saturday, April 30 (290)

*Pius V, pope, religious*

Acts 16:1-10

Psalm 100:1b-3,5

John 15:18-21

### Sunday, May 1 (57)

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

Acts 15:1-2,22-29

Psalm 67:2-3,5-6,8

Revelation 21:10-14,22-23

John 14:23-29

*Thank you for your prayers for*

*Sgt. Brandon Lysen, USMC,*

*who has returned home safely.*

## Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 23, 5:00pm  
Annamae & Marie Lavelle ☩

Sunday, April 24, 8:30am  
Bradley Johnson ☩

Sunday, April 24, 10:30am  
Robert Kranz, Sr. ☩

Monday, April 25, 8:15am  
Valente Taylo ☩

Tuesday, April 26, 8:15am  
Steven Wilmott ☩

Wednesday, April 27, 8:15am  
Anthony Masseth ☩

Thursday, April 28, 8:15am  
Florence Bieser ☩

Friday, April 29, 8:15am  
Gilda Spiegel

Saturday, April 30, 5:00pm  
Bud Flanagan ☩

Sunday, May 1, 8:30am  
Owen Fredette ☩

Sunday, May 1, 10:30am  
Theresa Farrell ☩

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

Changa Aguilera  
Ernie Aichele  
Mary Alexander  
Christine & Cory Anderson  
The Arce & Colfer Families  
Carrie Autrey  
Joshua Avery  
Addison Abigail Avina  
Rosemary Ballard  
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  
Zane Breier  
Beth Brewer  
Janet Brown  
Katie Browne  
Jack & Mary Bruzas  
Anita Buerger  
Jean Calderone  
Shelby Campbell  
Brianne Campos  
Aria Cappeluti  
Jorge Cartajena  
Donald Cashmore  
Anne Caywood  
The Vaughn Clevenger Family  
Anne Cline  
Carl & Dorothy Coleman  
James Coleman  
Judy Colson  
The Virginia H. Conlin Family  
Karen Connell  
Geoff Coolidge  
Sandra Cracchiolo  
Steven Cresencia  
Lené Crowe  
Karen Flaharty Daley  
Emma Davenport & Family  
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  
Elizabeth Doherty's Aunt Jackie  
Art & Dave Dossman  
Marge Egan  
Jeroime Elbacha  
Arthur Eral  
Carolyn Erickson Ey  
Victoria Lopez Fenton  
The Fiore Family  
Fr. James Flanagan  
Mary Fleming  
Ryan Flum  
Ernie Follis  
Al Fortaleza  
Eugene Franciscus  
Kathryn Franklin  
The Greg French Family  
Brian Frink  
Jim Gallagher  
The Joe Garcia Family  
Kathy Gardner  
Joan Gay  
Alyssa Gerhard  
The Gillen Family  
Merle Glime  
Wendy Gonzales' Dad  
Rick Gonzalez  
Tillie Gonzalez  
Lou Gordon  
George Gritt  
Luke Guenst  
Susan Hallahan  
Colleen Hanna  
Pat & Tom Hannon  
The Harker Family  
Anthony Harris  
Dorothy Harrison  
Michelle Harrison & Family  
Barbara Hatem  
Bill & Mary Haynes  
Lilian Hills  
Lisa (Lynn) Hodges  
Samara Hook  
Susan Horn  
The Kenny Hunt Family  
Iolanda Iacobelli  
Katherine Jacobs  
Jacqueline Johnson  
Sue Johnston  
Laura Kater  
Dottie Kearney  
Connor Kerzie  
Peggy Kiernan  
Debbie Kinney

Mark Kneisel  
Dewey Kolbo  
Tony Korwin  
Helen Kuhn  
Lillian Lachance  
The Lamelin Family  
Bart Landry  
Pauline Lapre's sister Justine  
Brandon LeBlanc  
Susan Lee  
Ted Leeds  
Jake Lefferdink  
Jeremiah Lemus  
Aleah Leon  
Ashley Load  
Cassandra & Lauren Loretto  
Jack Lucarelli  
Joaquin Maldonado  
The Maldonado Family  
The Maldonado Trejo Family  
Paige Mansell  
Gloria Maupin  
Colleen McCall  
Virginia McConnell  
Paige McCoy  
The McGinley Family  
Ann McMahan  
Bob McWilliams  
Joyce Meehan  
Kalei Mendiola  
Lorraine Micallef  
Rita Mikridge  
Tom Miller  
Phyllis Minaya  
June Mitchell  
Maria Molina  
June Montgomery  
Nancy Moore  
Elizabeth Muehlbacher  
Conrad Murphy  
Eddie Murphy  
Margie Myers  
Angela Nacional  
Melanie Nacional  
Nida Navarro  
The Noel Family  
Richard Obsitnik  
Kare O'Dell  
Laura Paciorek Gloor  
Ethan Palm  
Cynthia Pearson  
Salina Pearson  
Elisa Petrie  
Merri Phelps  
Helen Pingtella  
Delilah Pfisterer  
Perry Postulka  
The Joe Prokop Family  
Bernie Ptak  
The Quiorz Vamily  
Barbara Ramm  
Randy Reznicek  
Jenni Richard  
Evelyn Richards  
Jan Riley  
Rita Ritchie  
Lily Robinson  
Maria Rogers  
The Russo Family  
Rachel Sainc  
Cindy Sanelli  
Lori Sanna  
Linda Schmidt  
Joan Shea  
Elizabeth Shirzad  
The Simonson Family  
Nick Soltau  
Bob Sorenson  
Drew Spangler  
Darek, Vanessa, & Elba Spizewski  
Don St. Pierre  
Patricia St. Pierre  
Sybil Staples  
Mike Sterling  
Frank & Mary Ann Stoddard  
Laura Bernard Stover, MD  
Pete Sullivan  
Pat Swanton  
Julie Teare  
Tommy & Ginger Thompson  
Sarah Tillinghast  
William Tompson  
Stephen Toth, Jr.  
Olivia Trejo  
The Trejo/Beltran Family  
The Trejo/Maldonado/Uribe Family  
Don & Maureen Tutino  
Anthony Ver-Meer & Family  
Martin Vertson  
Lucy Vienna  
Lucy Viramontes  
Vanessa Vitiello  
Wilson Wanner  
Kevin Watson-Graff  
Jerry Wechsler  
Rylee West  
The Xavier Family  
Patricia Zavala  
Jeanne Zeltner

## Calendar Highlights

More details at [www.stmoside.org](http://www.stmoside.org),  
Schedule and Calendar

Apr 23-24 Get on the Bus Item  
Collection  
Apr 24 Liturgy of the Word for  
Children at 8:30am and  
10:30am Masses  
Apr 29 STM Gala  
May 1 Liturgy of the Word for  
Children at 8:30am and  
10:30am Masses  
May 3-4 Restaurant Fundraiser at  
Ignite Bistro in La Costa  
May 8 Confirmation  
at 10:30am Mass  
May 17-18 Restaurant Fundraiser at  
Nucci's in Vista  
May 19 Spirited Seniors Coaster Trip  
to Old Town  
May 29 Memorial Day  
Choral Concert  
Jun 10-12 Annual Campout  
Jun 20-24 Vacation Bible School  
Jul 24 Pastor's Dinner  
Sep 11 Wine Tasting Event  
Sep 25 New Member Luncheon  
Oct 7-9 Annual Men's Retreat

Questions? Contact Henny at  
760-758-4100 x100

## Deployed Military

Gunnery Sgt. Fernando Andrade, Jr.  
Lt. Devon Czarasty  
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.

April 25 Sr. M. Genevieve Pistacchio, CSN
April 26 Sr. Rosa Erlinda Pocasangre, HMSS
April 27 Sr. Mary Potter, RSM
April 28 Sr. Leticia Ramirez, SJS
April 29 Sr. Norma Alicia Reyes, HCJS
April 30 Sr. Celia Robledo, OLC
May 1 Sr. Angelina Robles Larios, HCJS



## Social Ministries & Outreach

### Get on the Bus 2016

Once again, our Parish will be participating in the **Get On the Bus Program** which brings children to visit their incarcerated mothers on the Friday before Mother's Day! Each year thousands of children throughout California travel by bus to the prison where their mother is confined. Mother and child spend the day hugging, visiting, crying, playing games, eating lunch, and making memories until next Mother's Day. The children spend about 10 hours on the bus in order to share 3-4 hours this one day of the year.



St. Thomas More Parish, along with other San Diego faith communities, is supporting a bus to the Central California Women's Facility (CCWF) in Chowchilla. Please see the flyer in from a recent bulletin describing how you can be of help in bringing these mothers and children together. Some of the items needed have changed from the past, so please review the flyer carefully! The envelope that was attached recently can be used for monetary donations through April 26.

We will be accepting items this weekend before Masses and through April 26 at the Parish Office. Every item on the flyer is used for GOTB. (If we have excess items, they will be shared with other congregations collecting for the children who will visit their dads near Father's Day.)

Have questions or want to volunteer? Contact Sr. Maureen Brown at 760-758-4100 x131 or [maureenb@stmoside.org](mailto:maureenb@stmoside.org).

### Christmas Angel Thank You

December 15, 2015

Dear Friends at St. Thomas More Church:

We are so blessed to have such wonderful friends at St. Thomas More Catholic Church. We especially thank your head elves, Lisa and Kevin Seufert, for coordinating this year's toys and gift cards drive. Everything is most appreciated.

Not only did your church "adopt": 40 of our families by providing generous gifts, but one of your Parishioners also donated extra gift cards to assist some of our other Navy families with financial burdens over the holidays.

Throughout the year, our chaplains, case managers, Hope & Healing counselors, and social workers speak and counsel with many families especially those of our wounded warriors. They assess those needing assistance and offer food and gift cards for local stores to help during the family's financial struggles. It's especially nice during the holidays to be able to offer toys and gift cards as well. Donations from your church help us to help so many. What a blessing!

I extend my gratitude to you for brightening the lives of our military during the trying times they are facing. They appreciate knowing they and their families are supported and appreciated. We ask that you keep them all in your thoughts and prayers.

Blessings to all for a happy 2015!

—Vicki K. Miller, Treasurer, C.A.R.E.S. Program

Visit the Parish website: [www.stmoside.org](http://www.stmoside.org)  
It's mobile friendly!

## 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 have many events throughout the month posted on our private Facebook page. Join us! Contact Jen Abelson at [jen.abelson@gmail.com](mailto:jen.abelson@gmail.com).



**Marriage Encounter**—Do you have a good marriage but want a little jumpstart? Would you and your spouse like to rediscover and reconnect with each other? Then we invite you to attend a Marriage Encounter Weekend. Weekends take place in San Diego and other Southern California locations throughout the year. For more information, visit [www.wvme.org](http://www.wvme.org) or contact Eddie and Sheila Murphy at 760-295-0008.

**Bishops' Letter on Marriage**—Faith, Hope, and Love: "As the Church is a community of faith, hope, and love, so the Christian family, as the domestic church, is called to be a community of faith, hope, and love. Through this faith, hope, and love, Jesus, by the power of his Holy Spirit, abides within each Christian family, as he does within the whole Church, and pours out the love of his Father within it." To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

**Marriage Moments**—"Love one another" (John 13:35). You're married. Of course you love your spouse. But Jesus keeps repeating this command to love. Perhaps it is because love is never finished. Look for a new opportunity to show your love today. Surprise your beloved. By Susan Vogt, [www.SusanVogt.net](http://www.SusanVogt.net).

**Parenting Pointers**—Gratitude can be an overused word these days, but that doesn't mean we should neglect it. Play a "Gratitude Game" with your child. See if each of you can list ten things you're grateful for today. If something bad happens, see if you can find a silver lining. By Susan Vogt, [www.SusanVogt.net](http://www.SusanVogt.net).

For more information, visit [www.sdccatholic.org](http://www.sdccatholic.org) Ministries/ Marriage and Family Life or call Jen Frost at 858-692-7438.

### STM Mental Health Ministry Network

STM is a member of the San Diego Mental Health Ministry Network (MHMN) and has made a commitment to become a faith community that both understands mental illness and can provide compassionate support. While our ministry is not intended to replace professional or clinical services and does not provide professional care, we do exist to serve individuals and families experiencing mental health issues by offering God's hope and love through encouragement, practical support, and prayer. The volunteers of this ministry have a heart to serve those who are experiencing mental health issues and would like to walk with you through your mental health experience and support you in whatever way we can. If you or a loved one is experiencing mental health challenges, or if you would like to find out how to become a member, please contact us at 760-758-4100 x104.

### Brother Benno's

Although STM will not have any "formal" collections for them until later in the summer, their needs continue every month...every day. Any questions, contact Deacon Tom at [thomasgoeltz@aol.com](mailto:thomasgoeltz@aol.com) or 760-727-8442.

## Parish Events

### Women's Guild News

The Women's Guild semi-annual Bake Sale held this past weekend was a big success thanks to the very generous gifts of time, talent, and treasure of our bakers and (hungry) Parishioners! We were able to add over \$940 to our treasury for the STM Mortgage/Building Completion Fund. Special thanks to Nancy Wozniak and Pat Wong who managed the sale and all the Women's Guild helpers.

Members and their guests are encouraged to call Anna Robinson at 760-231-1323 to reserve your spot at the May 9 luncheon meeting. We will hold the annual election of Board members for the coming year, and there will be a paper ballot for the two nominations for First Vice President (Barbara Barreras and Judy Smith); the uncontested nominations require only a voice vote per our Bylaws. Your vote is important, so please plan to attend. The agenda also includes a special May dedication to our Blessed Mother Mary, and Rebecca Eyer will introduce her recently published book *My Journey In and Out of Community*. Be sure to bring your books for the book exchange too! As a bonus, Judy Smith will be selling the remaining copies of her children's book, *Eggee's Journey*. Judy has generously offered to donate a percentage of her sales to the Women's Guild Treasury. Barbecue is on the lunch menu—yum! This is our last general meeting for the 2015-16 Women's Guild year until September. Looking ahead to June, you are all invited to attend the Installation (of Officers) Luncheon and Quilt Raffle on Saturday, June 11 at Shadowridge Golf Club. Watch for the flyer in an upcoming bulletin with all the details.

May the joy of Easter continue to dwell in our hearts!

—Kathy Gerhard, president

### Catholic Widows and Widowers of North County

On Sunday, April 24, CWWNC will gather here at STM for communal Mass at 10:30am, followed by lunch at Nucci's. This is a great opportunity for prospective members to get acquainted with our group. Check the bulletin board in the Parish Center Lower Level or visit [www.cwwnc.com](http://www.cwwnc.com) for our calendar of events including bowling, bocce ball, golf, dining out, hiking, and more! RSVP's are required. For more information, call Carol Kope at 760-726-0533.

### 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**.

### St. Bonaventure Indian Mission

Although our clothing and shoe drive will not be until the second weekend in November, it is not too early to start now in setting aside items...and perhaps your neighbors and coworkers could do the same. The Navajos the Mission helps are among the poorest of the poor in our great country. Please help them! Any questions, contact Deacon Tom at [thomasgoeltz@aol.com](mailto:thomasgoeltz@aol.com) or 760-727-8442.



**Limited Seating Available ~ register today!**  
**STM GALA ~ Social Event of the Year!**

**Sponsors and donations to offset expenses welcome!**

**Happy Hour at 4:30pm kicks off our fundraising event!**  
**AMAZING Raffle, Silent and Live Auction items, include Trips to Cancun, Puerto Vallarta, or Cabo San Lucas plus local Staycation fun and more.**



**Lots of chances to win FUN Wheel of Fortune prizes including the latest \$2,200 value Samsung curved big-screen TV!!!**

Dinner is served at 6:15pm  
\$50/person for a delicious dinner  
Vegetarian option available upon request

Plus reserve your spot for the *Pastor's Dinner*

Sunday, July 24 ★ 5:00-8:00pm  
at the beautiful Crossings Restaurant in Carlsbad  
\$150/per person (\$75 tax deductible)

**For information, please contact Chris Smith**  
**760-758-4100 x120 or [chriss@stmoside.org](mailto:chriss@stmoside.org).**

### Take St. Thomas More Home!

St. Thomas More Tapestries, 26" x 30", are available for \$200 each. This "one of a kind" tapestry is created of the same materials as the actual tapestry that is in our Church! See the sample hanging in the Parish Office. There are nine available for purchase now. We are offering these, as well as the STM Posters, at our cost. Order forms and posters are available after all Masses at the Parish Information Table on the plaza.

Questions? Contact Chris Smith at 760-758-4100 x120 or [chriss@stmoside.org](mailto:chriss@stmoside.org).

### Culture of Life News

Members of the parish Culture of Life Group pray the Rosary at the Vista Planned Parenthood each Thursday morning from 10:00-11:00am. This is a prayerful, non-confrontational event. It is located on Via Center Drive in Vista. For more information, please contact Jane Kelleher at 760-822-7041.

# Liturgy & Music *Worship God*

Douglas Lynn  
Director of Liturgy & Music  
douglasl@stmoside.org; 760-758-4100 x140

## EASTER SIGNS AND SYMBOLS

### Wine

Through fermentation, yeasts convert the sugar in grapes into carbon dioxide and other byproducts, including alcohol. There is obvious energy in this transformation. Fermenting grapes hiss and fizz with potentially explosive force. In Christian tradition, wine has become symbolic for the power of the Holy Spirit.

God's Spirit is the lifeblood of the body of Christ. Jesus commands us to drink deeply. On Pentecost the disciples drank so much of the Spirit that bystanders thought they were drunk. The pentecostal signs of the Spirit, such as fire and wind, share qualities in common. Like wine, they can be agents of destruction or forces for creativity and delight.

During Eastertime it seems as if the earth itself is filled with these signs. Orchards and vineyards blossom. Sunshine pours down and gentle breezes blow. And, on occasion, there are windy thunderstorms and even worse. Keep people in your prayers whose lives are disrupted when the weather turns wild.

Throughout Eastertime, celebrate the Spirit with kites and windsocks, with maywine and sweet liqueurs, with fiery barbecues and flickering candles. Make of this season a time to turn away from destruction and to renew your powers of creativity and delight. In the eucharistic feast, drink deeply of the Spirit.



### Wax

Eastertime is the 50-day-long season from Easter Sunday until Pentecost, May 15 this year. Throughout this time the paschal candle shines in church. This candle is an image of the risen body of Christ. It was kindled and consecrated with great ceremony at the Easter Vigil.

When people are baptized into the church, they are given candles lit from the paschal candle. They are told to keep their lamps burning brightly throughout their lives. At funerals the paschal candle shines on the dead, like a pillar of fire to guide them to the promised land.



A burning candle is a sign of self-sacrifice. It consumes itself in a blaze of glory. Traditionally, the church's candles are made from beeswax. A beehive is a symbol of the church, where everyone is called to work together for the common good.

Many households light a fine, fat candle every mealtime, and indeed, every time they gather to pray. It is a holy habit.

When you light a candle in prayer you might say, "Jesus Christ is the light of the world, a light no darkness can extinguish." Or say the words proclaimed at the Easter Vigil, "Light of Christ! Thanks be to God!"

— Peter Mazar ©2001 LTP

*As I have loved you,  
Love one another*

John 13:34

### Art and Environment in the Liturgical Space

Flowers during Ordinary Time help us journey through the time between Advent and Christmas, Lent, and Easter—our worship space in Ordinary Time mirrors creation, accenting the green with the brightly color flowers of spring, summer and the rich hues of autumn and winter. Flowers help celebrate our joys and comfort our sorrows.

Thank you to all who graciously donated flowers this past Liturgical year. Whether it was to commemorate a loved one, celebrate a special occasion, or in thanksgiving for a special intention, the flowers enhanced our liturgies and brought with them a measure of elegance and grace.

The 2016 Flower Donation Calendar is available now—please stop by Henny's desk to reserve your special date—we all appreciate it so much!

—Kathy Arciero

Liturgy Chairperson  
Art & Environment

### Upcoming Music



**MAY 1**  
**6th Sunday of Easter**



**5:00pm**  
Tower Bells  
**8:30am**  
Sanctuary Choir  
**10:30am**  
Praise Team



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### Family Faith Formation

# Our Next REACH Sunday Is May 1

Registration for REACH Classes for  
2016/2017 Has Begun! Get Your Packet Today!

## Sacrament Prep News



### MANDATORY PARENT MEETING!

for families whose children will be making their First Communion on May 21-22. Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 1, 12:30-2:00pm on the Parish Center Upper Level.

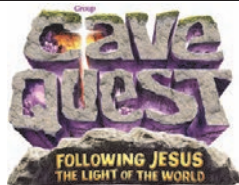


**Confirmation Mass will be held  
on Sunday, May 8,  
at 10:30am Mass.**

**Please continue to pray for our  
Confirmation class!**

**Vacation Bible School  
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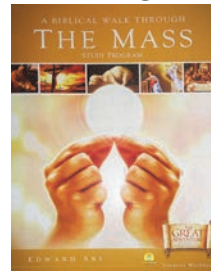
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# Support Tommy's Café After Masses!

Did you know that eating at Tommy's Café helps to send our teens to events like Steubenville San Diego and Life Teen Summer Camps? Can you help send a teen to camp this summer? Contact Debbie in the Faith Formation Office to see how you can help provide a scholarship.

## Youth Ministry



# Stewardship & Development

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Chris Smith  
Director of Stewardship & Development  
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## Collection for Week of April 16/17, 2016

Number of Registered Households	1,209
Offertory	\$10,594.64
Offertory (Loose Collection)	\$1,019.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,613.64</b>

## Mortgage/Building Completion Fund Income

September 15, 2014 to March 31, 2016

Mortgage Offering Collected	\$884,372.88
Less Administrative Costs	\$39,577.00
Payment toward Parish Reserves (10%)	\$87,542.69
Payment toward Mortgage	\$787,884.19
Mortgage Payment Due	\$822,175.78
<b>Mortgage Payment Overage/(Shortfall)</b>	<b>(\$34,291.59)</b>

Memorial Items	\$1,440,079.90
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Please continue to support the  
Mortgage/Building Completion Fund!

## 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](mailto:parishoffice@stmoside.org). To sign up online, visit [www.stmoside.org](http://www.stmoside.org), then click on Donations, then Online Giving.

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This program is one way of helping the Parish raise the resources necessary to continue our campus build out and also help plan for our future needs (i.e., Tower of Faith participants). Gifts of this nature are beneficial and much appreciated by St. Thomas More.

**For more information please contact:**

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## Stewardship of Others: Our Life as Servant Leaders

During this Easter season we again immerse ourselves in the wonder of Jesus' resurrection and the story of the early Church through our Sunday liturgies. Each year, I look forward to hearing from the Acts of the Apostles during this season. I am inspired by the faith and courage of the apostles and those who came to believe in Jesus Christ as a result of their witness and stewardship of their community of faith.

I am also encouraged when reading the story of the early development of the communities of believers—not only did they face immense challenges from the Roman and Jewish authorities, they were often challenged from within, as they figured out what it meant to be Christians in community with one another.



In his book on the gift of administration, Rev. Donald Senior, biblical scholar and past president of Catholic Theological Union, writes of the ways leadership emerged in the early Church. He writes:

*The inspiration for all leadership in the New Testament is rooted in the example of Jesus. His qualities of compassion, integrity, and selfless service in the carrying out of his mission are reflected in the virtues lifted up in the examples of early community leaders such as Peter, Barnabas, Paul, Priscilla, and many others.*

*The fundamental responsibility of New Testament leaders is to foster the common good of the community—the example of Jesus is paramount. Jesus as healer and teacher was committed to the restoration and well-being of God's people. So, too, the charismatic leadership of Paul and the more administrative type of leadership exercised by Peter, Barnabas, Phoebe, and many others were directed to building up the Body of Christ."*

Fr. Senior goes on to summarize this form of leadership, modeled by Jesus himself, as "servant leadership."

—partially excerpted, author Leisa Anslinger, ICSC, Catholic Stewardship e-bulletin, April 2016 (with permission)

**As we hear the story of the early Church this Easter season, let us reflect on our stewardship of others in our family of faith, our role as servant leaders: How do we build up the Body of Christ as a community of disciples and stewards?**



## Memorial Item Donations Available

Pipe Organ	\$850,000
Christ on the Road to Emmaus Bronze Sculpture for Daily Mass Chapel	\$27,000
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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  
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## The Larger Church News

**San Luis Rey Chorale Presents *Requiem: Music to Soothe the Soul and Honor the Memory of Loved Ones***—Friday, April 29, 7:00pm and Saturday, April 30, 3:00pm, Mission San Luis Rey, 4050 Mission Ave., Oceanside. For more information, visit <http://tinyurl.com/zfxtkwr>.

**Sister Servants of the Blessed Sacrament Convent Tour**—Saturday, April 30, 10:00am-2:00pm. For the first time the general public is offered guided tours of the San Ysidro, Bonita, and El Cajon convents! Visit convents in any order. Time for prayer in each chapel. \$25 suggested donation. For tickets and information, visit [www.sisterservantssjs.org](http://www.sisterservantssjs.org) or call 619-292-2971.

**St. Francis Women's Retreat**—April 29-May 1, Vina de Lestonnac in Temecula. Mark your calendar now and please join us for the 27th Annual St. Francis Women's Retreat "You Are God's Beloved."

**Birth Choice Women's Spring Luncheon**—Saturday, May 7, 11:00am-1:30pm, Green Dragon Tavern & Museum, 6115 Paseo del Norte, Carlsbad. Tickets \$40/person or \$320/table. Guest speaker Andrea Yim from Pro-ject Life. Register at [birthchoicedonors.net](http://birthchoicedonors.net).

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**Around the Diocese**—Visit [www.sdcatholic.org](http://www.sdcatholic.org) to learn more about activities available through the Diocese and other Parishes.

**Online Post-Abortion Support**—Visit [abortionchangesyou.com](http://abortionchangesyou.com).

**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.

### Young Adult Opportunities around the Diocese

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Visit [www.sandiegocac.org](http://www.sandiegocac.org) for activities around the Diocese for adults of **all** ages.

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