

SAINT  
THOMAS  
MORE  
CATHOLIC  
CHURCH

Our Holy Year Pilgrimage Church Door  
is open 7:00am-7:00pm  
seven days a week.  
Stop by for a visit!

If you'd like to help out by spending  
an hour a week in the church during these times,  
contact Evans Formica at [evansf@stmoside.org](mailto:evansf@stmoside.org).



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**  
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Sixth Sunday of Easter  
May 1, 2016

## Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak  
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### Pedal!

"At first I saw God as my observer, my judge, keeping track of the things I did wrong, so as to know whether I merited heaven or hell when I die.

God was out there, sort of like a president—I recognized the picture when I saw it, but I really didn't know God.

But later on when I met Jesus, it seemed as though life was rather like a bike, but it was a tandem bike. I noticed that Jesus was in the back, helping me pedal. I don't know just when it was that he suggested we change places, but life has not been the same since.

When I had control, I knew the way. It was rather boring, but predictable—it was the shortest distance between two points. But when Jesus took the lead, he knew delightful long cuts, up mountains and through rocky places at breakneck speeds. It was all I could do to hang on! Even though it looked like madness, he said, 'Pedal!'

I worried and was anxious and asked, 'Where are you taking me?' Jesus laughed and didn't answer, and I started to learn to trust. I forgot my boring life and entered into the adventure. And when I'd say, 'I'm scared,' Jesus would lean back and touch my hand. He took me to people with gifts I needed—gifts of healing, acceptance, and joy. They gave me their gifts to take on my journey, my God's and mine.

And we were off again. Jesus said, 'Give the gifts away—they're extra baggage, too much weight.' So I did give the gifts away to the people we met and I found that in giving I received and still our burden was light.

I did not trust Jesus at first, in control of my life. I thought he'd wreck it. But he knows bike secrets, knows how to take sharp corners, jumps to clear high rocks, fly to shorten scary passages. And I am learning to shut up and pedal in straight places, and I am beginning to enjoy the view and the cool breeze on my face with my delightful, constant companion, Jesus.

And when I am sure I just can't do any more, Jesus just smiles and says, 'Pedal!'"

—Author Unknown (as quoted by Tim Hansel in *Holy Sweat*)

**Annual Catholic Appeal**  
Every pledge/gift counts!  
Help us meet our assessment.

Be merciful just as your Father is merciful.

LUKE 6:36

Celebrating THE YEAR OF  
**Mercy**

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

## Annual Catholic Appeal

Thanks to all those who have responded already!

Pledges to date:	\$34,058
Families responding:	223
Average pledge per family:	\$152.73

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

## Want to Donate Online?

Our website has an online giving option! Go to [www.stmoside.org](http://www.stmoside.org) *Donations*, then *Electronic Offerings*.

## 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 Surgery or a Serious Illness?

If you, a family member or close friend is facing surgery or has been diagnosed with a serious illness, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick can be powerful and comforting.

*For more information, call the Parish Office at 760-758-4100.*

## 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.

## Announcing the Baptism of

**Kaylee Jo Fisher**

on April 20

*Our Christian community welcomes you with great joy!*



## Congratulations to

**Jonathan Wong & Johanna Posadas**

who were married on April 23.

**Bradley Kaiser & Christie Gangnath**

who were married on April 27.



## Congratulations to

**Joseph & Mary Nickel**

who celebrate their 57th anniversary of marriage on May 1.

*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 soul of:

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

## Our Church—Do You Know?

Outdoor speakers are now functioning on the plaza and in the area near the main restrooms to the west of the main doors. Additional restrooms are on the northeast corner behind the choir area.

An AED is located on the west side of the Reconciliation Room.

## 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, May 1 (57)

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

Acts 15:1-2,22-29

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

Revelation 21:10-14,22-23

John 14:23-29

### Monday, May 2 (560)

*Athanasius, bishop, doctor*

1 John 5:1-5

Psalms 37:3-4, 5-6, 30-31

Matthew 10:22-25

### Tuesday, May 3 (561)

*Philip and James, apostles*

1 Corinthians 15:1-8

Psalms 19:2-5

John 14:6-14

### Wednesday, May 4 (293)

Acts 17:15,22-18:1

Psalms 148:1-2,11-14

John 16:12-15

### Thursday, May 5 (294)

Acts 18:1-8

Psalms 98:1-4

John 16:16-20

### Friday, May 6 (295)

Acts 18:9-18

Psalms 47:2-7

John 16:20-23

### Saturday, May 7 (296)

Acts 18:23-28

Psalms 47:2-3,8-10

John 16:23b-28

### Sunday, May 8 (58)

*The Ascension of the Lord*

Acts 1:1-11

Psalms 47:2-3,6-9

Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23

Luke 24:46-53

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

Changa Aguilera  
Ernie Aichele  
Mary Alexander  
Christine & Cory Anderson  
Carrie Autrey  
Joshua Avery  
Addison Abigail Aviña  
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 Flaherty 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  
Jerome Elbacha  
Arthur Erat  
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 Guent  
Susan Hallahan  
Pat & Tom Hannon  
The Harker Family  
Dorothy Harrison  
Michelle Harrison & Family  
Barbara Hatem  
Bill & Mary Haynes  
Lillian Hills  
Lisa (Lynn) Hodges  
Samara Hook  
Susan Hori  
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  
Margie Myers  
Angela Nacional  
Melanie Nacional  
Nida Navarro  
TheNod.\\el Family  
Richard Obsitnik  
Kare O' Dell  
Laura Paciorek Gloor  
Ethan Palm  
Cynthia Pearson  
Salina Pearson  
Elisa Petrie  
Merri Phelps  
Helen Pingtella  
Delilah Plasterer  
Perry Postulka  
The Joe Prokop Family  
Bernie Ptak  
The Quiroz Family  
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  
Patricia Zavala  
Jeanne Zeltner

## Calendar Highlights

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

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 13	Moms and Sons Game Night
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 Henry at  
760-758-4100 x100  
[hennyj@stmoside.org](mailto:hennyj@stmoside.org).

## 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.

Mass Intentions
Saturday, April 30, 5:00pm Bud Flanagan ☩
Sunday, May 1, 8:30am Owen Fredette ☩
Sunday, May 1, 10:30am Theresa Farrell ☩
Monday, May 2, 8:15am Louise Balzarini
Tuesday, May 3, 8:15am Sterling Rinear ☩
Wednesday, May 4, 8:15am Joe Coccato ☩
Thursday, May 5, 8:15am William Hoogstraet ☩
Friday, May 6, 8:15am Souls in Purgatory ☩
Saturday, May 7, 5:00pm Philomene Hoarau ☩
Sunday, May 8, 8:30am Fiorina Tusei ☩
Sunday, May 8, 10:30am Confirmation Class

May 2 Sr. Virginia Rodee, RSCJ
May 3 Sr. Gabriela Rodriguez, SJS
May 4 Sr. Gabriela Rodriguez, SJS
May 5 Sr. Eva Lucia Rodriguez, SJS
May 6 Sr. Maria del Carmen Romero Galinas, CSC
May 7 Sr. Carmen Romero, CVI
May 8 Sr. Ellen Marie Ryan, CSJ



## Social Ministries & Outreach

### St. Bonaventure Indian Mission

We have had a God send of good luck in that Brother Benno's Thrift Shop had an overflow of good, useable clothing. Now, however we need **HELP!** Please **HELP US FIND STORAGE!** If you have some empty storage area...or part thereof...that we can use until November, **PLEASE** let Deacon Tom know at [thomasgoeltz@aol.com](mailto:thomasgoeltz@aol.com) or 760-727-8442. Thank you and God Bless!

### Brother Benno's

Brother Benno's is probably the leading provider of assistance in North County, providing food for the poor, feeding the homeless, recovery houses, counseling, and much, much more. We at STM have three formal drives to help—food and diapers in March, toiletries on or about September, and Thanksgiving pies. Their needs, however, continue year around. Please remember them in your giving.

### 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.

### 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.

### Jail/Defention 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 McCarthy at 760-758-4100 x100. For more information, visit [www.diocese-sdiego.org/restore](http://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.

**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 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.

### Catholic Widows and Widowers of North County

Check the bulletin board in the Parish Center Lower Level or visit [www.cwwncc.com](http://www.cwwncc.com) for our calendar of events including bowling, bocce ball, golf, dining out, hiking, and more! RSVPs 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**.

## Parish Events

### Women's Guild News

The next Women's Guild monthly luncheon meeting is Monday, May 9, at 11:00am. on the Parish Center Lower Level. Spring has sprung, and members are encouraged to call Anna Robinson at 760-231-1323 to reserve a spot. Guests are welcome! May is the month of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and we will honor her with a special tribute by Mary Coxon to begin our meeting.

As mentioned in recent columns, we will hold the annual election of next year's Board of Directors. As there are two nominations for First Vice President (incumbent Barbara Barreras and challenger Judy Smith), a paper ballot is required of each member present. The uncontested nominations require only a voice vote per our Bylaws. Your vote is important, so please plan to attend.

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 her remaining copies of her children's book, *Eggee's Journey*. Barbeque 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. There will be a flyer with all the information in next week's bulletin, and a reservations table on the plaza the two next weekends. Of course, you may sign up at the May 9 meeting as well and choose your luncheon entree. Cost is \$25 and reservations a must. The quilts to be raffled will be on display at the meeting and on the plaza the last weekend in May. The quilt raffle tickets will be mailed to all Parishioners in early May. Many thanks to the quilters whose handiwork shows their enormous talent and generosity!

May grace and peace be upon you!

—Kathy Gerhard, president

### Spirited Seniors Old Town Excursion

The Spirited Seniors invite members and their guests to tour historic Old Town San Diego and more, on Thursday, May 19. We will meet at the Oceanside Coaster Station and DEPART ON THE 9:42AM COASTER. We can return to Oceanside from the Old Town Coaster Station at 2:22pm, 3:51pm or 4:33pm. The cost of this trip is \$5.50, the price of the round-trip Coaster, for people age 60+. If under age 60, the cost is \$11.

Once in Old Town, you may take a self-guided tour of the historic Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, enjoy unique shopping and lunch on our own in one of the many restaurants in the area, before returning to Oceanside.

Those wishing to tour more of San Diego on the Old Town Trolley should pre-register for a free "Hometown Pass" at [www.trolleytours.com/san-diego/hometown-pass-san-diego.asp](http://www.trolleytours.com/san-diego/hometown-pass-san-diego.asp), which allows two people to tour for the price of one \$39 ticket. Once on the Trolley, you can enjoy the free narrated tour without getting off, or you may "hop-off hop-on" at any of the 11 stops, which include Old Town, the Midway, Seaport Village, Gaslamp Quarter, Coronado, Balboa Park, the San Diego Zoo and more.

The deadline for reservations is May 16. For more information, including help in getting a free "Hometown Pass," contact Jim and Marilyn Day at 760-509-4545 or [jandmday@cox.net](mailto:jandmday@cox.net).



**Thanks to all who helped to make our Gala another grand success! This includes all who attended and a special salute to our Gala team and all volunteers who helped in so many ways to make this event happen!**

Stay tuned and sign up for any of the ongoing "Year of Celebration" events listed below. Sign up on the plaza after weekend Masses, online, or in the Parish Office. The fun never ends at St. Thomas More!!!

### Pastor's Dinner

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

### Wine Tasting Party

Sunday, September 11 ★ 1:00-4:00pm  
\$50/per person (\$15 tax deductible)

### Oktober Fest

Sunday, October 23 ★ 2:00-6:00pm  
\$75/per person (\$25 tax deductible)

### Christmas Cookie Exchange

Saturday, December 17 ★ 10:00am-12:00noon  
\$20/per person (\$10 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).

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

# Liturgy & Music *Worship God*

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

## EASTER SIGNS AND SYMBOLS



### Incense

"Let my prayer rise before you like incense." Each evening the church sings these words from Psalm 141. That's one reason we Christians praise God with incense: It is a sign of prayer.

The smoke of melting incense is also a sign of sacrifice, of purification, of homage, of mystery. It calls to mind the bright cloud of God's presence that filled the holy of holies within the Temple in Jerusalem. At the transfiguration and ascension of Jesus, his body was surrounded by a cloud. Perhaps that is why some people imagine heaven to be a place of shining clouds where the angels glorify God with incense.

When Ascension is celebrated on a Thursday, it is the fortieth day of the

Easter season. It is like a Lord's Day in the middle of the week. When Ascension is celebrated on a Sunday (as it is in this Diocese, next week), it replaces the Seventh Sunday of Easter. Therefore, as with every Lord's Day, we are given a holy time for worship, recreation, renewal and, today at least, for a bit of restful cloud gazing.

After a festive supper on Ascension, burn some incense (available at religious goods stores). You can do this most simply by heating the incense in an old pan. Or have a barbecue Thursday night and toss some incense on the burning coals. Ascend with Christ into the sweet-smelling clouds of heaven.



Peace  
I leave with you;  
My peace I give you.  
JOHN 14:27

### Upcoming Music



**MAY 8**  
**Ascension**  
**Sunday**



**5:00pm**

Cappella Choir

**8:30am**

Tower Bells

**10:30am**  
**Confirmation**

Praise Team  
Sanctuary Choir

### Oil

Besides being used in cooking, olive oil is an old-fashioned ointment for burns and bruises. In fact, some drug stores still sell it as a medicine.

The Good Samaritan poured oil and wine on the wounds of the man who was attacked by robbers. The Letter of James tells the church to anoint the sick with oil. These scriptures are a foundation for the church's sacrament of the sick. Through this holy anointing, people who are sick unite their suffering with Christ.

Before competition, athletes may limber their muscles with an oily rubdown to make their bodies shine. That ancient practice is the origin of the church's oil of catechumens (who are

people preparing for Baptism). Catechumens take part in a kind of competition. They grapple with faith. They struggle against evil.

In preparation for Pentecost, treat yourself to a bottle of fine olive oil. Savor its fragrance and unique flavor.



The church's use of olive oil brings to mind Noah's dove, which bore in its beak an olive branch as a sign of peace, of earth touching heaven. We Christians are anointed with oil so that our bodies, with all our sufferings and struggles, become bearers of the olive branch, become shining signs of peace.

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### Art and Environment in the Liturgical Space

Flowers during Ordinary Time help us journey through the time between Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter—our worship space in Ordinary Time mirrors creation, accenting the green with the brightly color flowers of spring and 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



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### Family Faith Formation

## Today Is a REACH Sunday!

Registration for REACH Classes for 2016/2017 Has Begun! Get your packet today!

## Sacrament Prep News

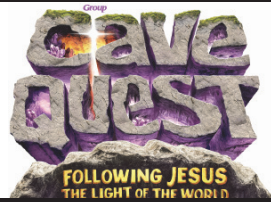


**MANDATORY PARENT MEETING TODAY!**  
for families whose children will be making their First Communion on May 21-22. Meeting will be held on today from 12:30-2:00pm on the Parish Center Upper Level. Remember to bring your child's banner to class for sharing.



**Confirmation Mass will be held on Sunday, May 8, at the 10:30am Mass.**  
Please continue to pray for our Confirmation class!

**Vacation Bible School June 20-24**  
Return your registration today.



**Register Today for Steubenville San Diego July 29-31**

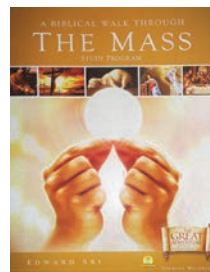


All Teens Grades 8-12 Are Invited! We only have 30 spots available! Don't miss out on a great weekend to know Jesus better! For more information on how to help a teen go to Steubenville Conference contact the Faith Formation Office.

### Adult Faith Formation

## Register Today for Morning & Evening Bible Studies

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**A Biblical Walk Through the Mass With Dr. Edward Sri**  
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Contact the Faith Formation Office or Patt Goeltz at [pattg@stmoside.org](mailto:pattg@stmoside.org) for more information.

If you have already registered for the class, please come by the Faith Formation table to pick up your workbooks after Mass this weekend.

## Support Tommy's Cafe 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.

Little Books for the Easter season are still available for purchase at the Information table or outside the Faith Formation Office for just \$2!

## Youth Ministry



# Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

Chris Smith  
Director of Stewardship & Development  
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## Collection for Week of April 23/24, 2016

Number of Registered Households	1,208
Offertory	\$15,504.03
Offertory (Loose Collection)	\$1,437.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,941.03</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:**

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

## Christian Stewardship of Others

Once a year I like to run the piece below in our Stewardship column. While these things don't apply to all people and various circumstances often, most of us experience some on occasion.

Many years ago I was having a slight "pity party" and was in a depressed state because I'd worked really hard to make another person happy and the efforts were not only never appreciated, but were practically scorned.

A neighbor happened by and immediately noticed my pathetic state of mind. She was several years older and much more mature. She asked why I was in this mood. I told her what had been happening and added that there was no reason to do positive things for some people as they are never appreciated. While I didn't expect a ton of gratitude, neither did I expect such arrogance and derision.

In her wise and calm manner, she told me to never stop doing good and positive things as no good deed is ever wasted. God is pleased and the good we do goes out into the universe to help make it a better place. I've never forgotten that conversation.

So here, from Blessed Mother Teresa's book, "A Simple Path," are these wise words from a sign on the wall of Shishu Bhavan, the children's home in Calcutta:

### ANYWAY

People are unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered,

### LOVE THEM ANYWAY

If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives,

### DO GOOD ANYWAY

If you are successful, you win false friends and true enemies,

### SUCCEED ANYWAY

The good you do will be forgotten tomorrow,

### DO GOOD ANYWAY

Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable,

### BE HONEST AND FRANK ANYWAY

What you spent years building may be destroyed overnight,

### BUILD ANYWAY

People really need help but may attack you if you help them,

### HELP PEOPLE ANYWAY

Give the world the best you have and  
you'll get kicked in the teeth,

### GIVE THE WORLD THE BEST YOU'VE GOT ANYWAY.

Though it has been years since I've seen this former neighbor, I still thank her for her wisdom, sharing, and caring —Chris

**Shortest distance between two people?**

**A smile!**



## Memorial Item Donations Available

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

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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

**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).

**Ninth Annual Golf Classic to Benefit Holy Family School**—Friday, May 13, 12:00noon-8:00pm, Riverwalk Golf Club, \$150 per golfer. For more information, visit [oneholymfamily.org/school/golf2016](http://oneholymfamily.org/school/golf2016).

**Spring Fashion Show**—Saturday, May 14, 11:00am-2:00pm, St. Elizabeth Seton, Carlsbad. Includes luncheon, door prizes, and raffles. \$25 per person. For tickets, contact Abby at 760-536-3043.

**Military Family Camp at Whispering Winds**—Thanks to a generous donation, Family Camp for military families at Whispering Winds Catholic Camp is just \$100. Military scholarships are limited and based on a first-come, first-serve basis. Family Camps will be held June 17-19, 24-26, and July 8-10, 15-17 and include six delicious meals, free child care for kids 5 and younger zipline, swimming pool, campfire, Mass liturgy, inspiring adult speakers, and more in the beautiful mountains of Julian! Please register online at [www.whisperingwinds.org](http://www.whisperingwinds.org).

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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

For more information, visit [www.yamsd.org](http://www.yamsd.org).  
To receive text updates, text **YAM** to **84576**.

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

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