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**A Roman Catholic Parish
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✠ **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

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**The Ascension of the Lord
May 8, 2016**

Pastor's Column

*Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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michaelr@stmoside.org*

**Ascension—Jesus Was Lifted Up,
and a Cloud Took Him from Their Sight**

When we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension, we celebrate the absence of Jesus. He is physically gone from us. He is no longer with us as He once was.

When we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, the gift of the Holy Spirit, we celebrate the presence of Jesus in the new way in which He remains with his Church, until the end of time. The gift of the Spirit is a profound realization that the Church is the Body of Christ. The Church is Jesus for this time and this place. It is the Church that continues the Mission and Ministry of Jesus in the here and now, in and through our flesh.

This distinction is at the heart of Christianity. Our God is not just “up in heaven.” We are not theists that believe only in a God totally transcendent from us.

Our God is not only transcendent but also imminent. Our God is “down here on earth among us.”

Christianity is incarnational. God is in our flesh and bones and comes to the world through us.

This distinction is the difference between theism and Christianity. Fr. Ronald Rolheiser, in “The Holy Longing” describes it this way:

If my mother is sick and I pray that she gets better, but do not drive her to see the doctor, I have prayed as a theist, not as a Christian.

I have not given an incarnational flesh, skin, to my prayer.

It is more difficult for God to answer such a prayer.

If I see a colleague or friend who looks depressed and pray for her, but do not speak to her, then I am praying like a theist, not as a Christian.

How is God supposed to console her? Send her an e-mail from heaven?

It is my voice and my compassion that is called for since I am a part of the Body of Christ, am praying, precisely through the Body of Christ, and am there, available to talk to her.

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Annual Catholic Appeal

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

Celebrating THE YEAR OF
Mercy

Be merciful just as your Father is merciful.

LUKE 6:36

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Pastor's Column (continued from page 1)

If I pray for a close friend but do not send him a postcard to tell him I am thinking about him, how is that prayer supposed to touch him?

If I pray for world peace, but do not, inside of myself, forgive those who have hurt me, how can God bring about peace on this planet?

Our prayer needs our flesh to back it up.

Fr. Mike

Annual Catholic Appeal

Thanks to all those who have responded already!

Pledges to date:	\$34,628
Families responding:	225
Average pledge per family:	\$153.90

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 Donations, then *Electronic Offerings*.

St. Francis and St. Thomas More Offertory Envelopes

Any St. Francis Offertory Envelopes given to the offertory collection at St. Thomas More will be returned to St. Francis.

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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

Considering Becoming Catholic?

Has Pope Francis ignited a spark in you to know more about the Catholic faith and become a member of the Church he shepherds?

If you are already Catholic, perhaps you have a new enthusiasm for your faith that you would like to share with a friend or family member who is searching.

Our lives sometimes go through seasons of change, of closeness to God and distance from God. Yet the Father's love is steadfast, full of mercy, and ever-present to those who seek with a sincere heart, no matter what sins or situations have caused separation.

If you have thought about becoming Catholic and beginning a new "season" in your life, contact Kathleen Bell, 760-809-6526, 80bell80@gmail.com.

Welcome New Parishioner

Helen Pingtella

In Memoriam

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Maxine Maberry, who died on May 1. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, May 18, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep her daughter, Patricia Remington, and her family in your prayers.

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

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.

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 Goscinski at 760-732-1414 or drphilg@cox.net to sign up for one of these classes.

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. We appreciate your continued support for the Scrip program. **For more information, visit www.stmoside.org/scrip.htm or contact the Scrip team at 760-758-4100 x150 or 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 8 (58)

Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11

Psalm 47:2-3,6-9

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

Luke 24:46-53

Monday, May 9 (297)

Acts 19:1-8

Psalm 68:2-3b,4-5acd,6-7b

John 16:29-33

Tuesday, May 10 (298)

Damien de Veuster

Acts 20:17-27

Psalm 68:10-11,20-21

John 17:1-11a

Wednesday, May 11 (299)

Acts 20:28-38

Psalm 68:29-30,33-36b

John 17:11b-19

Thursday, May 12 (562)

Nereus and Achilleus, martyrs:

Pancras, martyr

Revelation 7:9-17

Psalm 124:2-5,7-8

Matthew 10:17-22

Friday, May 13 (301)

Our Lady of Fatima

Acts 25:13b-21

Psalm 103:1-2,11-12,19-20b

John 21:15-19

Saturday, May 14 (564)

Matthias

Acts 1:15-17,20-26

Psalm 113:1-8

John 15:9-17

Sunday, May 15 (63)

Pentecost

Acts 2:1-11

Psalm 104:1,24,29-31,34

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7,12-13

John 20:19-23

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
Rosemary Ballard
Jose Luis Barbosa
Patricia Barbour
Francie Barron
Clarice Bednarz
John Bennici
Regina Bentz
Lisa Berg
Roseanne Berg
Mary Betz
Betty Jean Bielich
Pietër 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
Jerome Elbacha
Arthur Eral
Carolyn Erickson Ey
Victoria Lopez Fenton
The Fiore Family
Fr. James Flanagan
Mary Fleming
Ryan Flum
Ernie Follis
Eugene Francisus
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
Pat & Tom Hannon
The Harker Family
Dorothy Harrison
Michelle Harrison & Family
Barbara Hatem
Bill & Mary Haynes
Lilian 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
The Maberry & Remington Families
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 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,
Schedule and Calendar

- May 8 Liturgy of the Word for
Children at 8:30am and
10:30am Masses
- May 8 Confirmation
at 10:30am Mass
- May 13 Moms and Sons Game Night
- May 15 Liturgy of the Word for
Children at 8:30am and
10:30am Masses
- May 15 REACH Classes at Church
- 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
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, May 7, 5:00pm Philomene Hoarau ☩
Sunday, May 8, 8:30am Fiorina Tusei ☩
Sunday, May 8, 10:30am Confirmation Youth
Monday, May 9, 8:15am
Tuesday, May 10, 8:15am
Wednesday, May 11, 8:15am
Thursday, May 12, 8:15am Bill Draper ☩
Friday, May 13, 8:15am Frances Hoogestraat ☩
Saturday, May 14, 5:00pm
Sunday, May 15, 8:30am
Sunday, May 15, 10:30am Italino Norelli ☩

May 9 Sr. Diana Sabia, SSS
May 10 Sr. Gabriel Marie Sales, UCSC
May 11 Sr. Mary Sanchez, RJM
May 12 Sr. Rebeca Sanchez, TM
May 13 Sr. Delia Sarabia, CVI
May 14 Sr. Lourdes Saracho, RJM
May 15 Sr. Jean Schafer, SDS

Social Ministries & Outreach

Social Justice Ministries Gathering

Tuesday, May 10, at 6:30pm, the Parish Social Justice Committee will host a gathering open to anyone who is interested in the various ways Parishioners at St. Thomas More are working on social justice issues affecting our own Parishioners, our neighbors, and our county.

You will hear from our Committee about their recent work around the important issue of Aging and Independence, and what is happening in our neighborhood from other local church justice teams. This is also a great way to build relationships among North County Congregations!

If you are curious about knowing more about our Parish social justice activities or are looking for a way to get to know others with similar interests, this meeting is for you! Tuesday May 10, 6:30pm, on the Parish Center Lower Level.

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 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.

Marriage & Family Life

Moms & Kids—Are you a mom with infant thru 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 park play dates on the first and third Monday of each month at a local park, and there are many other events throughout the month posted on our private Facebook page. Join us! Contact Natalia Sada at vzlanaty@yahoo.com or Estelle Eral at estelle.eral@gmail.com.



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.

Relationship Skills Workshops—Deacon Ralph and Peggy Skiano are presenting Relationship Skills Workshops every Wednesday night at 7:00pm at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 3888 Paducah Drive, San Diego, beginning June 1 and ending August 31. Come and explore how to improve your relationships. You can attend one workshop, several, or all of them. The topic of the first workshop on June 1 is *Building a Climate of Respect*. For more information call Deacon Ralph at 858-490-8292.

Bishops' Letter on Marriage—Parents as first evangelizers: "Not only do parents present their children for Baptism, but, having done so, they become the first evangelizers and teachers of the faith. They evangelize by teaching their children to pray and by praying with them. They bring their children to Mass and teach them biblical stories. They show them how to obey God's commandments and to live a Christian life of holiness." To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

Marriage Moments— "That they may be one, as we are one" (John 17:22). Although you and your beloved are united in spirit there still may be many things you disagree on. The crucial thing is not that you are 100% alike, but that you find ways to manage your differences. What's a difference that you've compromised on? What have you agreed to do your spouse's way? By Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net.

Parenting Pointers—What's a father to do on Mother's Day? It's not your job to get a gift for your wife but rather to coach your son or daughter (if need be) in deciding how they can best honor their mother. Be there, but not the primary giver.

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

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

If you have not yet done so, please call Anna Robinson at 760-231-1323 to reserve your seat for the Monday, May 9, at 11:00am Women's Guild last general meeting of the 2015-16 year. 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 the annual election of next year's Board of Directors will take place, and your vote is important! 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. Our program includes Rebecca Eyer, who 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*.

Plan to attend the Installation Luncheon and Quilt Raffle on Saturday, June 11, at Shadowridge Golf Club. This is a delightful way to end our year, welcome our newly elected Board, and enjoy the excitement of the drawing for the raffled quilts! There is a flyer with all the information in the bulletin, and a reservations table is 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. Quilt raffle tickets will be mailed to all Parishioners this week. Again, many thanks to the quilters whose handiwork shows their enormous talent and generosity!

Have a Blessed Week! —*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, 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.

Visit the Parish website: www.stmoside.org
It's mobile friendly!



Watch for photos, results, and the check presentation to Fr. Mike!

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.**

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.

Catholic Widows and Widowers of North County

Check the bulletin board in the Parish Center Lower Level or visit www.cwwnc.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.

Liturgy & Music *Worship God*

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

NINE YEARS AND STILL COUNTING

one and two and three and four and...



On May 6, 2007, the Handbell Choir met for its first rehearsal after the Parish received the gift of four octaves of handbells. Here are some thoughts from our ringers on the choir's ninth anniversary.

Why did you join the choir?

I was completely enchanted and captivated by the look and sound of the bells.

I had the time as my daughter had moved away to college and my mother had recently died.

I wanted to be in a choir but I can't sing; bells are the next best thing.

The opportunity to join a bell choir was offered at St Thomas More.

I was eager to get back into instrumental music.

I always wanted to be in an orchestra and this was the closest thing.

Why do you keep ringing?

I feel like I contribute to the music ministry of St. Thomas More.

It is the only way to get better.

Playing continually infuses my soul with the glory of God.

There is a nice camaraderie among the bell ringers.

What's the most frustrating part?

Turning the page when you have to play notes before and after turning!

Making a mistake during Mass!

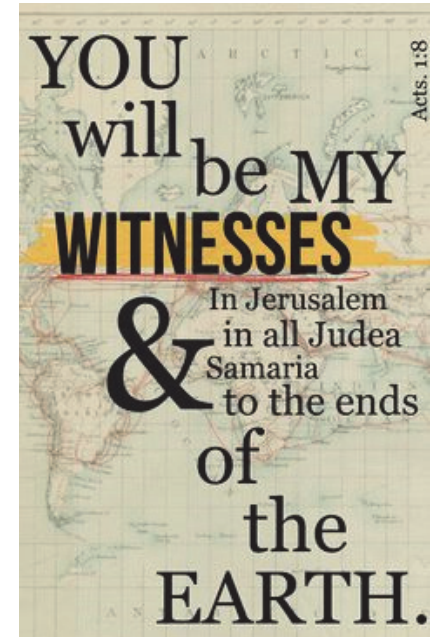
That we don't get to practice and play more often (because I love playing so much!).

What's the most rewarding part?

How quickly I can recover after having made a mistake.

The music.

When the parishioners say it sounds sooooo pretty.



How my personal relationship with God has grown stronger through playing music—it's as if the music is God's own personal gift to me, a gift that I greatly cherish and a gift that I enjoy sharing with our congregation each time we play.

Interested? Contact Douglas.

A Blessing for Mothers

Upcoming Music



MAY 15
Pentecost



5:00pm

Praise Team

8:30am

Cappella Choir

10:30am

Tower Bells

We bless you and we praise you,
God of our mothers!

You are the God of Eve,
mother of all the living.

You are the God of Sarah, who
laughed at childbearing in old age.

You are the God of Rebekah, who
favored her second-born, Jacob.

You are the God of Leah, mother of
tribes, and of Rachel, who
mourned and wrestled and won.

You are the God of Hannah, who
strongly sang your praise for
Samson, and of Naomi,
who faithfully walked with Ruth.

You are the God of Elizabeth,
who bore the Baptist,
and of Ann,
the grandmother of Jesus.

You are the God of Mary, Spirit's
spouse and mother of our Savior,
given by Christ on the cross
to be the mother of us all.

We thank you, God,
for the gift of our mothers, for
grandmothers and godmothers and
mothers-in-law, too.

Send your Holy Spirit
upon our mothers,
at whose breasts we were fed,
by whose hands we were cleaned
and clothed, at times corrected,
in whose laps we learned to sing
and speak and play and pray,
at whose side we hear your word
and celebrate your mysteries.

Heal their pains and
disappointments.

Forgive all that needs to be forgiven.

Give to them the good that they have
given others.

Welcome to your bosom those who
have died.

Fill this world, O God,
with a mother's love!

We ask this
through your Son Jesus Christ,
who desires to gather us together
as a hen gathers her brood
under her wings, and who lives
and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit,
one God forever and ever.

Amen.

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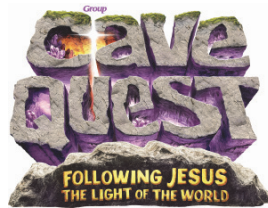
First Communion Masses will be held the weekend of May 21-22. Please continue to pray for all children receiving their Sacrament of First Eucharist.



Congratulations to our Confirmation Candidates who will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend!

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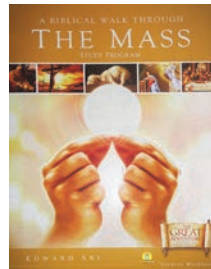


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Collection for Week of April 30/May 1, 2016

Number of Registered Households	1,207
Offertory	\$9,318.78
Offertory (Loose Collection)	\$1,129.50
Total	\$10,448.28

Mortgage/Building Completion Fund Income

September 15, 2014 to March 31, 2016

Mortgage Offering Collected	\$922,216.30
Less Administrative Costs	\$41,660.00
Payment toward Parish Reserves (10%)	\$91,141.23
Payment toward Mortgage	\$820,271.07
Mortgage Payment Due	\$866,981.99
Mortgage Payment Overage/(Shortfall)	(\$46,710.92)

Memorial Items	\$1,554,604.90
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"Did You Know " Collection April 2016

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For more information please contact:

Chris Smith at 758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org.

Embracing Those Who Suffer from Mental Illness

May is Mental Health Awareness month, and what better way for us to reveal God's compassion during this Year of Mercy than to become more aware of and embrace the people we encounter who suffer from mental illness.

People with mental illness sometimes behave in ways we can't comprehend. Those with severe depression sometimes stay in bed all day, unable to manage the most basic motivation to move. People with anxiety disorders can be gripped by irrational or even unidentifiable fears that don't incapacitate others.

Those affected by psychotic disorders may see things that aren't real, hear voices that don't exist, and sometimes lose the ability to discern reality at all. Sometimes people with mental illness mistreat or hurt the people they love—or themselves. Some who need medication stop taking it or won't start. Some who seem to be doing well suddenly start showing symptoms again. Whatever the mental health crisis, members of our family of faith are called to be good stewards and embrace these vulnerable brothers and sisters, as Jesus did.

When people see symptoms of mental illness in others there is a tendency to distance themselves, ignore them and hope someone else will help, even in our own parish communities.



One weary mom lamented: "When a family member suffers from cancer or other diseases, people send cards, visit and bring a casserole. If your family member suffers from a mental illness, there is no contact or support."

This mother's feeling of abandonment is regrettable and suggests that our family of faith has no tolerance or empathy for this kind of suffering. But the parish community is the Body of Christ. It cannot leave the impression that Christ himself is ready to walk away from those who carry these burdens.

As stewards of Christ's love and mercy, we are called to follow His example, to reach out to those who suffer, even those who suffer mentally and emotionally; to embrace them rather than shrink away.

No one is beyond hope, past the point where God's grace touches them. We are not called to have all the answers or understand all the mysteries of mental illness. But we are called to love. That is the disciple's response. (Part 1—to be continued next week)

—Adapted from a reflection by Mary Ann Otto, Stewardship Director,
Diocese of Green Bay, WI (ICSC e-bulletin, May 2016, with permission)

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Memorial Item Donations Available

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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.

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The Larger Church News

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 onehollyfamily.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.

Sixth Annual Our Lady's Tea—Sunday, May 22, 11:00am-2:00pm, at the Prado in Balboa Park, San Diego. Featured speaker is Gianna Jessen, abortion survivor. Tickets are \$50 per person and include lunch. Sponsored by Culture of Life Family Services. For more information, call 619-692-4401.

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.



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Online Post-Abortion Support—Visit 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.

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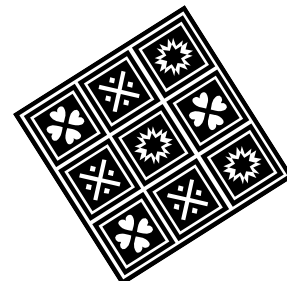


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