Holy Year Pilgrimage Mercy Door and Eucharistic Adoration 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.

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

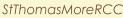
Eucharistic Adoration Sunday-Saturday, 7:00am-7:00pm

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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Have you scheduled your photo session for the new Parish Directory yet? There's still time! See page 5. Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 10, 2016

Pastor's Column

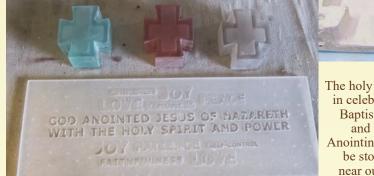
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The Catholic Church, Pope Francis, Bishop Robert McElroy and the LGBT Community

Please see the insert for this week's Pastor's Column

Progress Continues on Our New Church: The Ambry



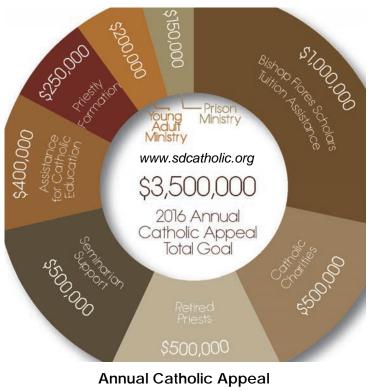


The holy oils that are used in celebrating the rites of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders, and Anointing of the Sick will be stored in the Ambry near our baptismal font.

Did You Know?

As a Parish, we employ a number of people who comprise our Staff. As a Church institution committed to the Gospel, we not only provide a just wage, but we also offer a variety of fringe benefits for our hard working staff members. This includes medical insurance, pension, and retirement plans. The cost of these benefits for our Parish Staff for the fiscal year 2016 which ended June 30, 2016, was \$128,924.43.





Thanks to all those who have responded already!

Pledges to date:	\$54,705
Families responding:	362
Average pledge per family:	\$151.12

Our assessment this year is \$50,000—Thank you! Any amounts collected over \$50,000 are returned to the Parish.

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.*

STM \$crip News

Summer is upon us—remember to shop with scrip for your summertime get-togethers and getaways. Scrip is available after weekend Masses and in the Parish Office during the week, as well as online at *www.stmoside.org/scrip.htm*.

Do you shop on Amazon? Use Amazon Smile and raise money for STM while you shop! Click the link at *www.stmoside.org/ scrip.htm* to get started.

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* Welcome New Parishioners

Bryanna Nuñez

Congratulations to

Fred & Linda Story

who celebrated their 52nd anniversary of marriage on June 27. 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:



Millie Lizardi, who died on June 29. Her funeral arrangements are pending. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Roderick "Rocky" Collins, who died on July 2. Viewing will be on Monday, July 11, 12:00-4:00pm, and the Funeral Service will be at 2:00pm on Tuesday, July 12, at the Angelus Funeral Home, 3875 Crenshaw Blvd., Los Angeles. Please keep his mother, May Collins, his grandmother, Maria Akabogu, his aunt, Thessy Onyenedum, 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

Help Feed the Hungry

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

We encourage every STM family to donate one nonperishable food item each weekend when they come to Mass.

Together we can help feed the hungry in our local community



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Readings	Prayer List
for the Week Ahead	Changa Aguilera Ernie Aichele
Sunday Year C; Weekday Year II Readings online at www.usccb.org.	Changa Aguilera Ernie Aichele Mary Alexander Christine & Cor Carrie Autrey
Sunday, July 10 (105)	Joshua Avery Addison Abigai
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Deuteronomy 30:10-14	Joshua Avery Addison Abigai Rosemary Balla Jose Luis Barbo
Psalm 69:14,17,30-31,33-34,36-37 Colossians 1:15-20 Luke 10:25-37	The Barnett & V
Monday, July 11 (597)	Families Francie Barron Clarice Bednarz
Benedict, abbot Proverbs:2:1-9	Taylor Bell John Bennici
Psalm 34:2-11 Matthew 19:27-29	Regina Bentz Lisa Berg
Tuesday, July 12 (390) Isaiah 7:1-9	I Koseanne Berg
Psalm 48:2-8 Matthew 11:20-24	Mary Betz Betty Jean Bieli The Bob Sorens Pieter Boets & F
Wednesday, July 13 (598) Henry	Pieter Boets & F Zane Breier Beth Brewer
Micah 6:6-8 Psalm 1:1-4.6	Janet Brown Katie Browne
Matthew 7:21-27 Thursday, July 14 (392)	Anita Buerger Shelby Campbel Brianne Campos
Kateri Tekakwitha, virgin Isaiah 26:7-9,12,16-19	Aria Cappeluti
Psalm 102:13-14ab,15-21 Matthew 11:28-30	Donald Cashmo Anne Caywood
Friday, July 15 (600)	The Vaughn Cle
Bonaventure, bishop, doctor Ephesians 3:14-19	Jorge Cartalena Donald Cashmo Anne Caywood The Vaughn Cle Anne Cline Carl & Dorothy James Coleman Maria Colfer The Collins & A
Psalm 119:9-14 Matthew 23:8-12	The Collins & A
Saturday, July 16 (394) Our Lady of Mount Carmel	The Collins & A Judy Colson Karen Connell Geoff Coolidge
Micah 2:1-5 Psalm 10:1-4,7-8,14	Steven Cresenci
Matthew 12:14-21 Sunday, July 17 (108)	Lené Crowe The Cugini Fam Karen Flaharty J
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Genesis 18:1-10a	Beverly de Geld
Psalm 15:2-5 Colossians 1:24-28	Paul Del Sesto
Luke 10:38-42	Cassandra D'Er
	Christine DeSan Cecilia DeSimon David deVillenu Carole Dillon
	Carole Dillon Elizabeth Doher
	Elizabeth Doher Art & Dave Dos Marge Egan Jerome Elbacha
	Arthur Eral Carolyn Erickso
Mass Intentions	Arthur Eral Carolyn Erickso Victoria Lopez J The Fiore Famil Fr. James Flanay Mary Fleming Ryan Flum Ernie Follis Eugene Francisc The Greg Frencl Brian Frink
	Fr. James Flanag Mary Fleming
Saturday, July 9, 5:00pm Fiorina Tuseit	Ernie Follis
Sunday, July 10, 8:30am	The Greg French Brian Frink
Blaise Chisholm 🕏	Jim Gallagher The Joe Garcia
Sunday, July 10, 10:30am	Joan Gay
Ralph & Rafaella Vozza 🕆	Alyssa Gerhard Merle Glime Wendy Gonzale
Monday, July 11, 8:15am	Rick Gonzalez
Joseph Conroy 🕈	Lou Gordon George Gritt
Tuesday, July 12, 8:15am Bill Draper ₽	Luke Guenst Ed Gunderson Susan Hallahan
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Wednesday, July 13, 8:15am Peter Jauregui ₽	Dorothy Harriso Michelle Harriso
Thursday, July 14, 8:15am	Barbara Hatem Bill & Mary Hay
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Friday, July 15, 8:15am	Mary Hodina Samara Hook
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Saturday, July 16, 5:00pm Mari-Jo Porter 争	Iolanda Iacobell Katherine Jacob Jacqueline Johns Sue Johnston
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Calendar Highlights

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

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Jul 9-24	Photo Directory Sessions	
Jul 17	Knights of Columbus Breakfast	
Jul 24	Pastor's Dinner	
Jul 31	A Biblical Walk through the	
	Mass (watch for details)	
Aug 15	Assumption of the Blessed	
	Virgin Mary—Masses at	
	8:15am and 7;00pm	
Sep 11	Wine Tasting 101 Event	
Sep 25	New Member Luncheon	
Sep 25 Oct 7-9	Annual Men's Retreat	
Oct 23	Oktober Fest Event	
Dec 17	Christmas Cookie Exchange	

Questions? Contact Henny at 760-758-4100 x100 hennyj@stmoside.org.

Deployed Military

Gunnery Sgt. Fernando Andrade, Jr. Lt. Devon Czarzasty Capt. Branden M. Felker, USAF Patrick G. Felker, USN Grant Fischer MSGT Steve Gallegos, USMC Adolfo Granados, MD, U.S. Navy PFC Samuel Haro, US Army Cpl Caleb Lemons, USMC PFC Cody Madere Jordan Millikan Ist 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. Airmon Pohert Space USAF 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.

July 11 Sr. Ellen Marie Ryan, CSJ
July 12 Sr. Diana Sabia, SSS
July 13 Sr. Gabriel Marie (Evelin) Sales, UCSC
July 14 Sr. Delia Sarabia, CVI
July 15 Sr. Lourdes Saracho, RJM
July 16 Sr. Dolores Cecile Schembri, CSJ
July 17 Sr. Helen Schwarz, SHCJ

Social Ministries & Outreach

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. 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.

St. Bonaventure Indian Mission

Got kids who have graduated from college, so you have extra blankets? We sure could use them for our annual drive for the Navajo Indians. It gets awfully cold during the winter (below zero) and many of the hogans do not have utilities. We can also use clothing from infant to adult. Those served by the Mission are among this nation's poorest of the poor, and STM's annual collection is the only dedicated collection they have. Questions? Contact Deacon Tom at *thomasgoeltz@aol.com* or 760-727-8442.

Brother Benno's

September 17-18 we will be conducting our annual toiletry (and disposable diaper) drive. Why? The toiletries go for hygiene packets for the homeless, assistance to the poor, use of their rehab houses, and showers at the center. Diapers? Because the are very expensive and needed by the homeless and poor who have infants and toddlers. It is an item that is always in need. Questions? Contact Deacon Tom at *thomasgoeltz@aol.com* or 760-727-8442.

Jail/Detention Ministry

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

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.

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.

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 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, now through August 31. Come and explore how to improve your relationships. You can attend one workshop, several, or all of them. The topic of the next workshop on July 13 is *Personality Differences*. For more information call Deacon Ralph at 858-490-8292.

Bishops' Letter on Marriage—Journey in faith: "Getting married does not, therefore, magically confer perfection. Rather, the love to which the spouses have been configured is powerful enough to transform their whole life's journey so that it becomes a journey toward perfection. In this journey, the spouses are ever more conformed into the likeness of Christ so that they can ever more perfectly love one another as Christ loves his Church."

Marriage Moments— "Be your partner's cheerleader, not his/ her teacher, supervisor, or critic. This creates a partnership rather than a hierarchy." (Trudy Costa, "How To Create a Satisfying, Lasting Marriage")

Parenting Pointers— "...love you neighbor as yourself (Luke 10:27)—It's a familiar verse; perhaps so familiar we take it for granted. How do I love myself? (Do I take care of my health, my mind?...) Help your children identify their strengths today. Not just general strengths. Be specific. Later you can go on to apply this to your neighbors.

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

Want to Donate Online?

Our website has an online giving option! Go to *www.stmoside.org, Donations*, then *Electronic Offerings*.

Looking for a Way to Be Involved?

Visit our website (*www.stmoside.org*) and click on Get Involved for an easy way to find the perfect ministry to fit your time and talent!



Parish Events

Knights of Columbus Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus will be serving their delicious pancake breakfast on Sunday, July 17, 9:00-10:30am. Come and enjoy a full breakfast which includes pancakes, eggs, sausage, potatoes, coffee/juice, and fruit. This is a great opportunity to socialize with fellow Parishioners. To make reservations for six or more, call Jim at 760-717-5524 or *BakerJamesL39@gmail.com*.

Women's Guild News

Happy Summertime! Thank the Lord for the gift of our lovely weather and may it continue to bathe us in sunshine and cool breezes. The Women's Guild Membership Drive is in full swing, as evidenced by the flyer in today's bulletin; you can renew or join us for the coming year's luncheons and events for just \$10. We hope you will also volunteer to help with the activities Women's Guild is planning to boost our fundraising efforts. There will be a table on the plaza for this purpose next weekend, July 16-17, after each of the Masses. If you have any questions regarding membership, Barbara Brown Barreras will gladly answer them for you. She can be reached at 760-639-0012.

I also want to encourage you to sign up for your photo session for the new Parish Directory if you have not already done so. There are only a few weeks left to take advantage of this opportunity. The directory will be dedicated to Ann Buko, Women's Guild immediate past president. Before Ann's illness set in last year, she volunteered to organize this project for the Parish and had begun work on it. Sadly, Ann was not able to see the project to fruition. You can visit the Parish website or simply call 760-576-8393 to schedule an appointment.

Stay cool and thank the Lord for this beautiful season!

-Kathy Gerhard, president

Men's Fellowship Update

Are you hungry for a good message, good fellowship, and a good breakfast? Join us for our Saturday morning men's gathering and breakfast called *iHunger*. To stay informed of what's going on with *iHunger* via SMS text messages, **Text** @iHunger to 23559.

Also, if you find yourself thirsty for occasional fellowship over a beer at a local micro-brewery, or taking a day hike, or going to a ball game together with some other great men from the Parish, **Text @iThirst to 23559.**

Catholic Widows and Widowers of North County

On Sunday, August 14, CWWNC will gather here for a General Meeting and Potluck at 2:00pm on the lower Parish Center Lower Level This is a great opportunity for prospective members to get acquainted with our group. On the fourth Sunday of each month we meet for a Communal Mass at various Catholic churches in North County (July 24 at Mission San Luis Rey). Check the bulletin board on the lower level for our calendar of events including theatre, bowling, bocce ball, dining out, hiking, and more! RSVP's are required. For more info. call Carol Kope 760-726-0533.

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



The Gala Committee will be giving the Parish more money in the coming months from our ongoing "Year of Celebration" events, which are listed below. This is a very fun way to continue doing God's work. We invite you to join us!!

Pastor's Dinner Sunday, July 24, 5:00-8:00pm at The Crossings in Carlsbad Last weekend to sign up! \$150/per person (\$75 tax deductible) Payment due July 15

> 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.

Píctoríal Dírectory Sígnups

Photo sessions are NOW underway for our new STM Directory. Schedule your photo appointment now for the July 10-24 sessions. As adorable as your last family photo was, it may be time to get it updated! The reviews are terrific!

Each family participating will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and a FREE Parish Directory. You'll have a chance to purchase more portraits at the time of your sitting. Several are buying for Christmas gifts!



Here are 3 easy ways to make your appointment:

- 1. After weekend Masses on the plaza
- 2. Online at www.stmoside.org (bonus coupon this way)
- 3. Call Lifetouch Scheduling at 760-576-8393.

Help is needed on the plaza with table signups before and after Masses on the weekend of July 16-17. Please also consider being a host to check in folks during our July 10-24 photo sessions. Thank you!

Kim Wright: 760-518-8465 or kimw@stmoside.org

Liturgy & Music Worship God

Words I Don't Know

one in an occasional series on the language of the Mass

From time to time, I hear words in the Mass that I don't fully understand. At every Mass, at the beginning of the Eucharistic Prayer, after the priest invites us to pray, "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God," we respond, "It is right and just." The priest continues the Preface prayer and ends with some variation on these words:

And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with the hosts and Powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end we acclaim...Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts."

-Common Preface I

From years of hearing the Christmas story, I have a sense of angels and archangels, but who/what are these Thrones, Dominions, and Powers?

Fr. William P. Saunders offers the following explanation on his website *Straight Answers about the Catholic Faith.*

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These names refer to categories of angels, those pure spirits who adore God and serve as His messengers. Since the fourth century, nine choirs or types of angels were identified in the Bible and popularized in the Middle Ages by various theologians and writers, like St. Thomas Aquinas, Dante, and Hildegard of Bingen. Together, they form the "hosts of heaven," i.e., God's army of angels. Almighty God is called "Lord of Hosts" over three hundred times in the Old Testament and twice in the New Testament (Rom 9:29 and Jas 5:4). For good reason, at Mass, we pray in the Sanctus: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts...."

The nine choirs of angels are categorized into three groups.

The first three choirs see and adore God directly. As mentioned in Isaiah 6:1-2, the **seraphim**, meaning "the burning or fiery ones," have the most intense "flaming" love for God and comprehend Him with the greatest clarity.

The second choir is the **cherubim**, which means "fullness of wisdom." They contemplate God's divine providence and plan for His creatures. To signify the presence of God in the holy of holies of the temple (or earlier, the tent dwelling), atop the Ark of the Covenant was the propitiatory (the mercy seat, or throne of God) that had two gold cherubim at each end with their wings extended over it.

Lastly, the **thrones**, symbolizing divine justice and judicial power, contemplate God's power and justice. Reference to "thrones" is found in Colossians 1:16, and in Jewish apocryphal literature, the Book of Enoch and the Testament of Levi.

The next three choirs fulfill God's providential plan for the universe: The dominations or **dominions**, whose name evokes authority, govern the lesser choirs of angels. The **virtues**, whose name originally suggested power or strength, implement the orders from the dominations and govern the heavenly bodies. Lastly, the **powers** confront and fight against any evil forces opposed to God's providential plan. (Again see Colossians 1:16.)

The last three choirs are involved directly in human affairs: The principalities care for earthly principalities, such as nations or cities. The archangels deliver God's most important messages to mankind, and Scripture identifies three by name-Michael, Raphael, and Gabriel. St. Michael, whose name means, "one who is like God," led the army of angels who cast Satan and the rebellious angels into hell; at the end of time, he will wield the sword of justice to separate the righteous from the evil (Rev 12:7-9). St. Gabriel, whose name means "strength of God," announced to Mary that she had been chosen as

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But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight.

Luke 10:33

the mother of the Savior (Lk 1:26-38). Finally, St. Raphael, whose name means "remedy of God," cured the blind man Tobit (Tb 5).

Finally, we have the **angels**, who appear throughout the Old and the New Testament, leading and guarding the people, like during the Exodus or freeing St. Peter from prison. Here we must remember our guardian angels. Jesus said, "See that you never despise one of these little ones. I assure you, their angels in heaven constantly behold my heavenly Father's face" (Mt 18:10), indicating that each of us has a guardian angel.

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So now we all know.

O God, who in your unfathomable providence are pleased to send your holy angels to guard us, hear our supplication as we cry to you, that we may always be defended by their protection and rejoice eternally in their company.

Upcoming Music

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JULY 17 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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5:00pm

Sanctuary Choir

8:30am

Praise Team

10:30am Cantor &

Congregation

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Stewardship & Development Serve God's People

Collection for Week of June 25/2	26, 2016	
Number of Registered Households	1,213	
Offertory	\$7,647.20	
Offertory (Loose Collection)	\$1,039.00	
stal \$8,68		
Collection for Week of July 2/3, 2016		
Number of Registered Households	1,213	
Offertory	\$10,025.35	
Offertory (Loose Collection)	\$1,033.50	
Total	\$11,058.85	
Mortgage/Building Completion Fund	d Income	
September 15, 2014 to June 30, 2016		
Mortgage Offering Collected	\$994,791.85	
Less Administrative Costs	\$45,826.00	
Payment toward Parish Reserves (10%)	\$98,174.69	
Payment toward Mortgage	\$883,572.16	
Mortgage Payment Due	\$956,594.41	
Mortgage Payment Overage/(Shortfall)	(\$73,022.25)	

\$1,688,200.90 Memorial Items Please continue to support the Mortgage/Building Completion Fund!

"Did You Know " Collection June 2016 \$4,367.00

Do at least two people know the location of your Living Trust and/or Will and Health Directive?

TOWERS OF FAITH Future Support & Estate Planning Options

Towers of Faith is a movement that has arisen due to the visionary leadership and generosity of several of our Parishioners. We stress that this is not about the gift amount, but rather the love and thought behind the gift.

These individuals (several anonymous) have included STM in their estate planning. This helps to ensure their ongoing support and a legacy for our Parish. *Towers of Faith* is a valuable portion of our future support.



Examples of the various future planning vehicles are: Designated Beneficiary Accounts, Last Will and Testament, Living Trust, Life Insurance, Stocks and Bonds, Real Estate, and Endowments.

Parishioners who have already included STM in their estate plans are Towers of Faith participants. If you are interested, please contact us. Your participation is most welcome and appreciated!

Chris Smith at 760-758-4100 x120, or chriss@stmoside.org.



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Stewardship of Leisure Time: **Refreshing Our Spirits**

In a recent newspaper essay titled In Defense of the Three-Week Vacation, the writer makes the case for longer American respites from work. Jynne Dilling argues for trips that take us away from cell phone coverage and internet and urges relaxation that includes reflective walks at dawn and time to get lost in a foreign habitat (New York Times, 9 June 2016).

Many of us don't have the time or the resources for long overseas sojourns, but all of us can resonate with the need to really "get away" from work or the daily grind or the constant demands of social media. Good stewardship of our bodies, minds and souls obliges us to get away on a regular

basis (see Luke 5:16).

As Christian stewards, we aren't just encouraged but obligated to consider how we approach our stewardship of leisure time. Stewards are aware of their need to be doing God's work, but often forget that down time is equally



important to spiritual growth.



Today, connectivity has become almost an obsession. People check their emails, their messages and calls with alarming repetitiveness. Pedestrian automobile and accidents happen because people can't put down their phones. Employers expect their workers to

be available for evening emails. The lines between work and free time increasingly blur, as do the lines between solitude and always being present "online." We can't imagine putting aside screens for a two-week vacation. We must give ourselves time to renew and recharge, not just two weeks of the year, but each day and each week.

July offers an opportunity to reconnect with the rhythms of God and nature. We need to take time off from screens and phones, and practice giving undivided attention to the things before us. When we pray, we commit time and silence. When we enjoy time with our friends and family, we practice being totally present. When we sit on the patio or at the beach, we give ourselves wholly to the wind or the waves. Be a good steward of your body, mind, and soul. Don't overschedule your time off. Listen to the quiet whisper of God encouraging you to relax.

Leisure time, whether it's our evenings, our weekends, or our vacation, provides spiritual, physical, mental, and emotional recharging. Leisure is necessary for human wholeness. Leisure reconnects us to the wider mysteries of our world and our God. It helps us to daydream, imagine, pray. It refreshes our spirit.

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FEAST! at Mission San Luis Rey—Wednesday, July 27, 6:00-9:00pm. A tasting event of Oceanside's premier food, wine, beer, and spirits. Benefits Mission San Luis Rey and other local nonprofits. Tickets \$45 in advance, \$55 at the gate. Visit *http:// mslrfeast.com/product/historic-mission-san-luis-rey/* for tickets and information.

Join Bishop McElroy for the Second Annual Catholic Night at the Padres—Friday, August 5, 7:40pm, Padres vs. Phillies. Be sure to wear white shirts to show your Catholic pride. Visit http://tinyurl.com/gr3nlj6 (password: MERCY) to buy tickets.

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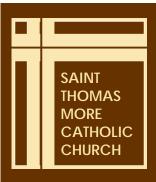
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The Catholic Church, Pope Francis, Bishop Robert McElroy, and the LGBT Community

On his return flight from Armenia on June 26, 2016, Pope Francis said the Church must apologize to homosexual persons for having "marginalized" them.



National Catholic Register, June 26, 2016:

In a wide-ranging in-flight press conference on his way back from Armenia Sunday, Pope Francis responded to a question on recent comments made by German Cardinal Reinhard Marx, who said the Church must apologize to homosexual persons for having "marginalized" them.

Francis agreed that the Church ought to apologize in cases of discrimination against individuals struggling with same-sex attraction and referred to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, which emphasizes the need to accompany and respect these persons.

"I repeat what the Catechism of the Catholic Church says: that they must not be discriminated against, that they must be respected and accompanied pastorally," the Pope said June 26 on board his return flight from Armenia to Rome.

The problem is "a person has a condition," he said, but, echoing his comment on the way back from Rio de Janeiro in 2013, noted that if the person "has goodwill and seeks God, who are we to judge?"

"We must accompany them well. ... This is what the Catechism says, a clear catechism."

America—The National Catholic Review: "Digging Deep for Mercy We All Need"; Kevin Clarke, June 30, 2016:

The fallout continued this week following the pope's suggestion that the church should apologize to gay and lesbian people during his flight home from Armenia on June 26. (In fairness, Pope Francis also said an apology was due from the church "to the poor, to exploited women, to children exploited for labor...for having blessed many weapons.")



... The pope's call for Christians to offer an apology to gay and lesbian people was also carefully welcomed this week by Bishop Robert McElroy of San Diego. "I think it opens up a very helpful pathway to dialogue and hopefully healing," he said.

Pope Francis, Bishop McElroy said, brings to this dialogue with LGBT Catholics who feel marginalized by or alienated from the church a "renewed and deepened focus on the questions of accompaniment and the mercy of God for all of us."

"We all walk together in a life of virtue and discipleship," Bishop McElroy said, "and all of us fail at times."

He adds: "We have to begin to incorporate that mercy into the depths of our hearts and souls in ways that are going to be uncomfortable for us...We all need to be shown mercy; it is something that binds us together, not differentiates us."

"What we need to project in the life of the church is 'You are part of us and we are a part of you.' LGBT Catholics are part of our families."

That is not going to be an easy process, he acknowledged. It is one that will require preparation and "a lot of discussion and accompaniment and reflection in the church." Bishop McElroy emphasized that he does not mean that reflection and accompaniment should be limited to LGBT Catholics. He said all members of the Catholic community who will be struggling with the idea of apology, and welcoming gay and lesbian Catholics will similarly require accompaniment and reflection.

In the past, he argues, diocesan and parish leaders have struggled with two tendencies regarding LGBT people: "whether you had to sacrifice fidelity to the teaching of the church or sacrifice effective outreach to the LGBT community."

"My own view," the bishop said, "is that much of the destructive attitude of many Catholics to the gay and lesbian community is motivated by a failure to comprehend the totality of the church's teaching on homosexuality."

That teaching includes the conviction that "moral sexual activity only takes place within the context of marriage between a man and a woman." But "that's not a teaching which applies just to gay men," Bishop McElroy said. "It is teaching across the board and there is massive failure on that."

Bishop McElroy argues that all Christians are called to a life of virtue, in emulation of Christ. Chastity is among the virtues of life—others include self-sacrifice, service, and piety—and it is important one, "but it does not have the uniquely preeminent role in determining the character of a disciple of Christ nor one's relationship with the church" that some believe, according to Bishop McElroy.

Finally, and most poignantly in light of the recent attack in Orlando on a gay nightclub that claimed 49 lives, the totality of the church's teaching includes the understanding that all Christians are "called to build a society in which people are not victimized or violence visited upon them or unjustly discriminated against because of their sexual orientation."

The bishop noted "a human but destructive tendency to exclude and label people as the 'other,' but the accompaniment that Pope Francis teaches points away from that" in a manner that can help root out violence and

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unjust discrimination against LGBT people. Bishop McElroy adds, "In fairness Pope John Paul II reiterated this many, many times."

The bishop appreciates the notion of an apology as an opportunity "to try to really create an understanding and a reality in the life of the church that members of the LGBT community are welcome, and genuinely so."

A practical step toward the apology by the pope, Bishop McElroy thought, might be a re-evaluation of the language the church uses in even talking about LGBT Catholics. "We are not talking about some group or person who is the 'other," he said. "It has to be language that is inclusive, embracing, it has to be pastoral."

While *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* on homosexuality and other teaching on pastoral care for LGBT Catholics deplores violence or unjust discrimination against people who are gay or lesbian, it also describes homosexual acts as "intrinsically disordered."

Bishop McElroy thinks that phrasing ought to be carefully reconsidered. "The word 'disordered' to most people is a psychological term," he explains. "In Catholic moral theology it is a philosophical term that is automatically misunderstood in our society as a psychological judgment." He thought the term evidence of "very destructive language that I think we should not use pastorally."

Another relatively easy step for most dioceses to take by way of institutional apology would be "to seek to collaborate with those in society who are working to banish discrimination and violence leveled against people because of their sexual orientation."

He added, "The church has already been doing that, but we have to step it up." Some church leaders may worry that the pope in his recent comments on outreach and apology to gay and lesbian Catholics may be moving too quickly, too far ahead of his flock. Bishop McElroy is not so sure, noting the many Catholic families he has met with have been longing to hear something positive about the church and its pastoral relationship with LGBT Catholics. "When I go out and meet with laypeople," he said, "so many of them have family members, brothers and sisters and sons and daughters, mothers and fathers who are gay or lesbian. For them it is a great and painful thing to feel excluded from the life of the church, and for that element...we are not moving fast enough."

As we move through this discussion, St. Thomas More Catholic Church continues to be a Church for all people, and we accept the challenge to accompany all people on their journey of faith!



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