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CATHOLIC  
CHURCH

Holy Year Pilgrimage Mercy Door  
and Eucharistic Adoration  
open 7:00am-7:00pm  
seven days a week.  
Stop by for a visit!

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A Roman Catholic Parish  
in the Diocese of San Diego

✙ Spirituality  
✙ Tradition  
✙ Community

#### Mass Schedule

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

#### Eucharistic Adoration

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

#### Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday, 3:30-4:30pm  
and by appointment

Rev. Michael Ratajczak, Pastor  
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Deacon Thomas A. Goeltz

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information.

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 11, 2016

## Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak  
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### Embracing the Joy of Love

On Sunday, September 4, a Listening Session was held in our Parish to help us, as a Parish, prepare for our Diocesan Synod, "Embracing the Joy of Love," to be held on October 29-30. This Synod will be discussing Pope Francis' Apostolic Teaching, *The Joy of Love*, and finding ways to implement it in our Diocese.

Our Parishioner, Sheila McKinley, will be representing our Parish at the Synod in October. See the flyer in today's bulletin for her remarks from the "Listening Session" in which she talks about Pope Francis, his Teaching, The Joy of Love, and thoughts about her extended family (which in all candor sounds like my family and most of our families!)

That is why the *The Joy of Love* is and should be a comfort to all of us!

Please see the flyer in today's bulletin for the rest of the Pastor's Column.

## TREASURES 2016—CAN YOU HELP?

Mark your calendars for Treasures 2016 on Saturday, October 1. We need volunteers to solicit donations from nurseries by telephone. We need volunteers for the Treasures Committee as well. As always we will need plenty of volunteers for the day of the sale.



To sign up or for any questions, please contact John Murphy at 760-497-6117 or [wmurphy8801@aol.com](mailto:wmurphy8801@aol.com) or visit [stmoside.org](http://stmoside.org).

### Did You Know?

The computer network is the heart of the Parish Office and the ministry of our Parish Staff. The computer network must be maintained and updated on a regular basis. The cost for new equipment and regular maintenance was \$9,302.35 for FYE 2016. We have budgeted \$9,350.00 for FYE 2017. Your gift to the "Did You Know?" Campaign helps us to balance our Operations Budget!

## 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).

## 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](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.

## Orchids & Onions Update

Thanks to everyone who posted comments about our nomination for an architectural Orchid award for our new church. We made the finals! The team of judges visited at the end of August. In addition to the judges' decision, people can vote too. You can cast your vote for STM by visiting [orchidsandonions.org](http://orchidsandonions.org) before September 15. Then visit <http://tinyurl.com/hq445e5> for a great article and video from the Union Tribune about the process.

## STM Scrip News

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](http://www.stmoside.org/scrip.htm) to get started.

Need back-to-school supplies? Get Scrip gift cards for Staples, Target, Wal\*Mart, and more and help STM while you shop!

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 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.



## Welcome New Parishioners

**Douglas Diem**

**Joseph & Catalina Francolino**

**Sean & Jane Morse & Family**

**Jordan Reece & Alyssa Russell & Family**

## Announcing the Baptisms of

Elizabeth Lee Bussen

Catherine Marie Bussen

Emilie Vilela Winn

Madeline An Tran

on September 11

*Our Christian community welcomes you with great joy!*



## Flower Donations

The Altar Flowers for this weekend were given by **The Dragula Family** in memory of Al.



## In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

**Mike Bracci**, who died on May 16. Please keep his mother, Parishioner Josephine Bracci, and his family in your prayers.

**Geraldine Barton**, who died on August 23. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Friday, September 23, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep her family in your prayers.

**Bill Haynes**, who died on August 26. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, September 22, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep his wife, Mary, and his family in your prayers.

**Peggy Chambers**, who died on September 2. Funeral arrangements are pending. Please keep her 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

## Readings for the Week Ahead

Sunday Year C; Weekday Year II  
Readings online at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org).

**Sunday, September 11** (132)

*Twenty-fourth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time*

Exodus 32:7-11,13-14  
Psalm 51:3-4,12-13,17,19  
1 Timothy 1:12-17  
Luke 15:1-32

**Monday, September 12** (443)

*The Most Holy Name of Mary*

1 Corinthians 11:17-26,33  
Psalm 40:7-10,17  
Luke 7:1-10

**Tuesday, September 13** (637)

*John Chrysostom, bishop, doctor*

Ephesians 4:1-7,11-13  
Psalm 40:2,4,7-11  
Mark 4:1-10,13-20

**Wednesday, September 14** (638)

*The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

Numbers 21:4b-9  
Philippians 2:6-11  
Psalm 78:1bc-2,34-38  
John 3:13-17

**Thursday, September 15** (639)

*Our Lady of Sorrows*

Hebrews 5:7-9  
Psalm 31:2,3b-6,15-16,20  
John 19:25-27 or Luke 2:33-35

**Friday, September 16** (640)

*Cornelius, pope; Cyprian, bishop;  
martyrs*

2 Corinthians 4:7-15  
Psalm 126:1bc-2ab-6  
John 17:11b-19

**Saturday, September 17** (448)

*Robert Bellarmine, bishop, doctor*

1 Corinthians 15:35-37,42-49  
Psalm 56:10c-14  
Luke 8:4-15

**Sunday, September 18** (135)

*Twenty-fifth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time*

Amos 8:4-7  
Psalm 113:1-2,4-8  
1 Timothy 2:1-8  
Luke 16:1-13

## Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 10, 5:00pm  
Philip & Jeff Lavelle ☩

Sunday, September 11, 8:30am  
Lelan Wong ☩

Sunday, September 11, 10:30am  
Cesarina Morelli ☩

Monday, September 12, 8:15am  
Willard Dowling ☩

Tuesday, September 13, 8:15am  
Bill Draper ☩

Wednesday, September 14, 8:15am  
Mary Fallon ☩

Thursday, September 15, 8:15am  
Paul West ☩

Friday, September 16, 8:15am  
Johnny Brouissard ☩

Saturday, September 17, 5:00pm  
Dolly Cole ☩

Sunday, September 18, 8:30am  
Scott Loftis ☩

Sunday, September 18, 10:30am  
Peggy Marsh ☩

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

Changa Aguilera  
Ernie Ajchele  
Mary Alexander  
Christine & Cory Anderson  
The Antone Family  
Carrie Autrey  
Joshua Avery  
Addison Abigail Aviña  
Bob Baker  
Rosemary Ballard  
The Banneles & Garcia Families  
Jose Luis Barbosa  
Francie Barron  
The Barton Family  
Clarice Bednarz  
Joyce Belanger  
Taylor Bell  
John Bennici  
Regina Bentz  
Lisa Berg  
Roseanne Berg  
Mary Betz  
Betty Jean Bielich  
Pieter Boets & Family  
The Bracci Family  
Zane Breier  
Beth Brewer  
Michael Brice  
Janet Brown  
Katie Browne  
Bob Brownell  
Anita Buerger  
Shelby Campbell  
Brianna Campos  
Aria Cappeluti  
Nanette Carey  
Jorge Cartajena  
Donald Cashmore  
Anne Caywood  
The Chambers Family  
The Vaughn Clevenger Family  
Anne Cline  
Carl & Dorothy Coleman  
James Coleman  
Maria Colfer  
Addie Colgan  
Judy Colson  
Karen Connell  
Geoff Coolidge  
William Costanza  
Sandra Cracchiolo  
Steven Cresencia  
Lené Crowe  
Karen Flaharty Daley  
Beverly de Gelder  
Velia Deal & Family  
The Del Sesto Family  
Paul Del Vecchio  
Hugo Delgado, Jr.  
Cassandra D'Ercole  
Christine DeSantis  
Cecilia DeSimone  
David de Villeneuve  
Carole Dillon  
Elizabeth Doherty's Aunt Jackie  
Art & Dave Dossman  
Marge Egan  
Jeroine Elbacha  
Arthur Eral  
Carolyn Erickson Ey  
Victoria Lopez Fenton  
The Fiore Family  
Fr. James Flanagan  
Mary Fleming  
Ryan Flum  
Ernie Follis  
Eugene Franciscus  
The Greg French Family  
The Frimmer Family  
Brian Frink  
Dioni Gabriel  
Jim Gallagher  
The Joe Garcia Family  
Kathy Gardner  
Joan Gay  
Alyssa Gerhard  
Merle Glime  
Dcn. Jim Gollhofer  
Wendy Gonzales' Dad  
Rick Gonzalez  
The Gonzalez Family  
Lou Gordon  
George Gritt  
Luke Guent  
Tomo Hamasaki  
Colleen Hanna  
The Hannon Family  
The Harker Family  
Dorothy Harrison  
Michelle Harrison & Family  
Barbara Hatem  
The Haynes Family  
LaNay Hazzard  
Lillian Hills  
Lisa (Lynn) Hodges  
Georgia Ann Hodina  
Samara Hook  
Susan Hori  
Iolanda Iacobelli  
Katherine Jacobs  
The Jan Riley Family  
Laura Kater  
Dottie Kearney  
Connor Kerzie  
Peggy Kiernan  
Debbie Kinney

Bernie Klimek  
Mark Kneisel  
Dewey Kolbo  
Tony Korwin  
Don Kowallek  
Faith Kowallek  
Helen Kuhn  
Lorene Kundert  
Lillian Lachance  
The Lamelin Family  
Pauline Lapre's sister Justine  
Brandon LeBlanc  
Susan Lee  
Jake Letterdink  
Jeremiah Lemus  
Aleah Leon  
Ashley Load  
Cassandra & Lauren Loretto  
Jack Lucarelli  
Evaadna Lynn  
Joaquin Maldonado  
The Maldonado Family  
The Maldonado Trejo Family  
Paige Mansell  
Gloria Maupin  
Colleen McCall  
Virginia McConnell  
Paige McCoy  
Jerry McEniry  
The McGinley Family  
Ann McMahan  
Bob McWilliams  
Kalei Mendiola  
Rita Mikridge  
Barbara S. Miller  
Tom Miller  
Phyllis Minaya  
June Mitchell  
Maria Molina  
June Montgomery  
Nancy Moore  
Elizabeth Muehlbacher  
Conrad Murphy  
Eddie Murphy  
Margie Myers  
Abigail Nacional  
Andrew Philip Nacional  
Angela Nacional  
Anthony Nacional  
Ethan Jacob Nacional  
Fethel Nacional  
Melanie Nacional  
Nida Navarro  
Richard Obsitnik  
Kare O'Dell  
Laura Paciorek Gloor  
Ethan Palm  
Cynthia Pearson  
Salina Pearson  
Elisa Petrie  
Merri Phelps  
Delilah Plasterer  
Perry Postulka  
Paulette Pouliot  
The Joe Prokop Family  
Bernie Ptak  
Barbara Ramm  
Kandy Reznicek  
Jenni Richard  
Evelyn Richards  
The Riley Family  
Rita Ritchie  
Lily Robinson  
Bea Rocha  
Maria Rogers  
The Russo Family  
Rachel Sainc  
Sam Sam  
Cindy Sanelli  
Lori Sanna  
Linda Schmidt  
Joan Shea  
Nick Soltau  
Derek, Vanessa, & Elba Spizewski  
Don St. Pierre  
Patricia St. Pierre  
Sybil Staples  
Mike Stierling  
Frank & Mary Ann Stoddard  
Laura Bernard Stover, MD  
Pete Sullivan  
Pat Swanton  
The Sylva Bernier Family  
Julie Teare  
Laura Thiele  
Frank & Mary Lou Thompson  
Tommy & Ginger Thompson  
Sarah Tillinghast  
William Tompson  
Stephen Toth, Jr.  
Olivia Trejo  
The Trejo/Beltran Family  
The Trejo/Maldonado/Uribe Family  
Martin Vertson  
Lucy Vienna  
Lucy Viramontes  
Vanessa Vitiello  
Wilson Wanner  
Kevin Watson-Graff  
Jerry Wechsler  
Rylee West  
The Xavier Family  
Patricia Zavala  
Gracie Zeller  
Jeanne Zeltner  
The Zemenick Family

## Calendar Highlights

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

Sep 11	Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
Sep 11	Wine Tasting 101 Event
Sep 12	Women's Guild SRO Event 11:00am
Sep 13	Relationship Skills Workshop 7:00pm
Sep 17	Aging with Grace Conference
Sep 17	Mental Health Conference
Sep 17-18	Brother Benno's Toiletries Drive
Sep 18	Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
Sep 24	Women's Ministry Prayer Breakfast
Sep 25	New Member Luncheon
Oct 1	Treasures Rummage Sale
Oct 7-9	Annual Men's Retreat
Oct 23	Oktober Fest Event
Nov 5-6	St. Bonaventure Clothing Drive
Dec 17	Christmas Cookie Exchange

Questions? Contact Henny at  
760-758-4100 x100  
[hennyj@stmoside.org](mailto:hennyj@stmoside.org).

## Deployed Military

Gunnery Sgt. Fernando Andrade, Jr.  
Lt. Devon Czarzasty  
Capt. Branden M. Felker, USAF  
Patrick G. Felker, USN  
Grant Fischer  
1st Lt. Eric Galamay  
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.

September 12	Sr. Maria Eucharistia Brandt, MC
September 13	Sr. Rose Marie Brausam, OSF
September 14	Sr. Gemma Gabriela Briseno, SJS
September 15	Sr. Maureen Evelyn Brown, CSJ
September 16	Sr. Angela Cardozo Rebollar, CSC
September 17	Sr. Mary Lou Carlson, OSF
September 18	Sr. Carmelita Carrillo, MC



## Social Ministries & Outreach

### Brother Benno's Toiletry Drive

Our once-a-year toiletry and disposable diaper drive is just around the corner; September 17/-18. What we take for granted is a luxury to those in need. The toiletries are used for hygiene packs for the homeless, showers, etc., at the Brother Benno Center; used at one of their rehab houses; and to help the poor stretch their meager income. Disposable diapers are always in need and go almost as fast as they come in...and are expensive, especially for those who have little or no income. Please be generous. Look for Deacon Tom and his truck before all Masses that weekend and may God bless you for your kindness.

### St. Bonaventure Indian Mission

Now that the new school year is starting, with new shoes and clothes, don't throw the summer clothes out...save them for our annual clothing drive to help the Navajo served by St. Bonaventure Indian Mission. Men's, women's, and children's clothing; summer, winter, or fall...together with serviceable shoes and boots are desperately needed by some of the poorest of the poor of our country. We will be collecting the first weekend in November. Any questions, contact Deacon Tom at [thomasgoeltz@aol.com](mailto:thomasgoeltz@aol.com) or 760-727-8442.

### STM Mental Health Ministry Network

STM is a member of the San Diego Mental Health Ministry Network 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.

The San Diego diocese is offering a free conference entitled: *Faith in Healing* on Saturday, September 17, 8:30am-12:30pm at St. Michael Catholic Church, Poway. It is for anyone interested in or dealing with mental health issues. Register by September 14 or get more information at [www.SocialMinistrySanDiego.com](http://www.SocialMinistrySanDiego.com).

### Aging with Grace

**Saturday, September 17, 8:30am Registration,  
9:00am-2:00pm Presentations (Parish Center Lower Level)**

Dr. Susan Writer, from Aurora Behavioral Health, and Dr. Sharon Hamill, from the Institute for Palliative Care at California State University San Marcos, will discuss aging well, quality of life with a chronic illness, caregiving, self-advocacy tips, and tools to help maintain independence. All are welcome!

To register: [www.tinyurl.com/AWGsept](http://www.tinyurl.com/AWGsept) or 760-750-3550.

Questions? Contact Sr. Maureen at 760-758-4100 x131.

### 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](mailto:vzlanaty@yahoo.com) or Estelle Eral at [estelle.eral@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:davidandcherylross@gmail.com) to learn more about the various NFP methods and determine which method is right for you and your family.

Struggling to conceive but nothing is happening? Or doctors tell you IVF is your only hope? Want to space children naturally and effectively? Come listen to a free Introductory Presentation of the Creighton Model FertilityCare system. Every third Thursday of the month. Next presentation: Thursday, September 15, 7:00pm, St. Thomas More, Parish Center Lower Level. Please RSVP with Beth at 619-630-8086 or [beth@veritasfertilitycare.com](mailto:beth@veritasfertilitycare.com).

**Relationship Skills Workshops**—Deacon John and Debbie Fredette will be presenting Relationship Skills Workshops every Tuesday evening, 7:00-8:30pm, at St. Thomas More in the Parish Center Lower Level, September 13-January 17. Come and explore how to improve your relationship! You can attend one workshop, several, or all of them. The topic for September 13 is *Building a Climate of Respect*. There is no pre-registration or fee. For more information call Deacon John at 760-758-4100 x104.

**Bishops' Letter on Marriage**—God's Love, Our Love: "God established marriage so that man and woman could participate in his love and thus selflessly give themselves to each other in love. A man and a woman who by their act of consent are no longer two but one flesh (see Mt 19:6ff.) render mutual help and service to each other through an intimate union of their persons and of their actions." To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

**Marriage Moments**—September 11, 2001, took most people by surprise. You don't know the time or the place you or your beloved will die. Take advantage of the time you have today to show your love. By Susan Vogt, [www.SusanVogt.net](http://www.SusanVogt.net).

**Parenting Pointers**—"I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky" (Exodus 32:13). No matter the number of children you have, each one is a promise for the future. Do something to make the world better for your offspring today. (recycle, donate to a cause, make peace with someone.). By Susan Vogt, [www.SusanVogt.net](http://www.SusanVogt.net).

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

### Looking for a Way to Be Involved?

Visit our website ([www.stmoside.org](http://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

### Women's Guild News

For those of you who still need to renew your membership, or join us as a new member, the opportunity awaits you at the September 12 Women's Guild meeting with spectacular entertainment provided by *Standing Room Only* to open our new year. If you have a paid reservation for this exciting event, please stop by the Membership table and complete a form and submit it with your \$10 dues for the year.

If you will be attending the Wine Tasting 101 Event this Sunday afternoon, be sure to stop by the Women's Guild table displayed with wine-themed items handmade by our talented members that will be for sale. Think holiday gifts for your favorite people, and best of all, the proceeds go straight to the Women's Guild treasury! Many thanks to the coordinators of this event, Lisa and Patrick Attardo, for inviting us to participate in this way.

Stay tuned for next week's bulletin column report on our long awaited program, *Standing Room Only*! May the joy of Mother Teresa's long awaited canonization be with you and may her selfless deeds inspire us all to practice mercy always.

—Kathy Gerhard, president

### Men's Fellowship Update

**iHunger** starts up again Saturday, September 10 at 6:45am in the lower level...breakfast is provided. Hope to see you there!

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 84576.

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 84576.

Our Annual men's retreat: *A Retreat for the Everyday Guy*, featuring men from our Parish along with Immaculate Heart Radio talk show host Cy Kellett, will take place at Green Oaks Ranch in Vista on October 7-9. Registration is going on now, please contact Deacon John at 760-758-4100 x104 for more details or go to [www.stmoside.org/men](http://www.stmoside.org/men) to download your registration form

### Help Needed for the Victims of the California Wild Fires and the Louisiana Floods

You may use the envelope from last week's bulletin any time this month to make a contribution to the victims of the California Wild Fires and the Louisiana Floods. Please make your checks out to Catholic Charities, indicate if you would like your donation directed to the California Wild Fire victims or the Louisiana Flood Victims, and the money will be directed to the proper source.

Also, there is an immediate need for camp stoves, barbecues to cook food, camp pots and pans, eyeglasses, hearing aids, wheel chairs, blankets, towels, and animal food and animal medications. These contributions will be directed to our friends here in California.

These items can be dropped off at the Parish Office and our Parishioner, Bob Wojcik, will deliver them to those in need.

Thank You! —Fr. Mike



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. We invite you to join us!! This is a very fun way to continue doing God's work.

#### 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 [chrriss@stmoside.org](mailto:chrriss@stmoside.org).**

### Pictorial Directory Update

**Thank you to all who had your photos taken!**

**For those of you who have the complimentary 8x10 photo to pick up, you can come to the Parish Office during business hours (8:30am-4:00pm, Monday-Friday), or pick it up at the information table on the plaza after all weekend Masses.**

*\*Please note that if you did not have your photo taken at STM during our photo sessions in June, July, and August, OR at another Lifetouch photo location but submitted a photo, there will be a \$10 charge for processing and for the photo directory.*

Kim Wright, 760-518-8465, [kimw@stmoside.org](mailto:kimw@stmoside.org)

### New Member Reception September 25

We are inviting all new Parishioners who have joined us since last March to a new member reception and luncheon on Sunday, September 25, after the 10:30am Mass in the Parish Center Lower Level. Invitations have been mailed, and we look forward to meeting you. If you were unable to attend the last reception, please know that you are welcome to attend this one.

*Please RSVP as soon as possible to let us know whether or not you will attend by contacting 760-758-4100 x154 or [parishoffice@stmoside.org](mailto:parishoffice@stmoside.org) no later than September 19* so that we may adequately prepare as your hosts. For further information, contact Valerie Thompson at 760-630-1703 or [valgene2@cox.net](mailto:valgene2@cox.net).

### Catholic Widows and Widowers of North County

On the fourth Sunday of each month we meet for a Communal Mass at various Catholic churches in North County. Check [www.cwwnc.com](http://www.cwwnc.com) or the bulletin board in the Parish Center Lower Level for our calendar of events including theatre, bowling, bocce ball, dining out, hiking, and more! RSVPs are required. For more information, call Carol Kope 760-726-0533.

# Liturgy & Music *Worship God*

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## MERCY IN MOTION

### scripture themes for September

by Patricia  
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from Celebration  
September 2016,  
with permission.

When Pope Francis inaugurated the Jubilee Year of Mercy on December 8, 2015, he prayed to Jesus, “You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God whose power is manifested above all in forgiveness and mercy. Let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified ... let everyone who approaches your ministers feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God. ... May your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind” (Year of Mercy Prayer). As a sign of the church’s merciful outreach to all of God’s people, the Holy Father called for the doors of all churches to be opened so that anyone who enters will experience the love of God, who consoles, pardons, and instills hope (*Misericordiae Vultus* #3). Pope Francis also called upon believers to open the doors of their hearts to all others and to live out the mercy of God in their daily lives. This month, the sacred texts affirm the importance of mercy as an attribute of God that is to be emulated by God’s own.

Be merciful as God is merciful; this directive, while not specifically enunciated, can be heard echoing between the lines of several of the texts. In Paul’s Letter to Philemon (Sep 4), he pleaded with Philemon, who owned the runaway slave Onesimus and had the right to deal with him in any way he wished, to treat him no longer as a slave but to receive him and value him as a brother. Roman justice would have permitted Philemon to exact the ultimate punishment and demand that Onesimus die for his actions. But, by virtue of his faith and belonging to God, Philemon was called to move beyond Roman

justice and treat Onesimus with mercy.

Mercy is also featured in the sacred texts for September 11. There, the authors of Exodus recount the anachronized incident of the molten calf the Israelites worshiped as a god. Through the intercession of Moses, God relented of the punishment that was due such an act of idolatry and behaved mercifully toward the people. God’s mercy and compassion is also borne out in the Lucan Gospel for that day, where the father of the prodigal son went beyond logic and the law to show mercy where mercy was not expected or deserved. Without anger or castigation, and filled only with compassion and mercy, the wronged father forgave his son and called for great rejoicing because the lost had been found; he who was once dead in sin had come to life again.

Amos will speak the truth in a harsh voice on September 18 and 25, warning his contemporaries that God will never forget their abuse and neglect of the poor and needy. Those who have no mercy for God’s least ones, God’s predilect, shall be the first to go into exile, promised Amos. The eighth-century B.C.E. prophet was among the first of the prophets to champion the plight of the poor and to decry the selfishness of the rich as an affront not only to the poor but to God. For that reason, Amos, the shepherd and dresser of sycamore trees, was willing to roar (his word) for the sake of mercy. He did not regard mercy as pity or as an act of charity bestowed upon another. On the contrary, Amos regarded mercy as a matter of social justice. By virtue of their shared faith in God, the Israelites were bound to love one another as sisters and brothers. That bond made them responsible for one another, and



What man among you having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert and go after the lost one until he finds it?

Luke 15:4

that responsibility included compassionate and merciful care for one another’s needs, especially the voiceless, the disadvantaged, and the helpless. Amos’ words continue to beg a hearing in every human heart where mercy is wanting or forgotten.

On September 25, the Lucan Jesus presents a lesson on mercy in a parable featuring a rich man and a poor man named Lazarus. While the wealthy man dined “sumptuously” (Luke’s word) every day, poor, sick Lazarus went hungry, his needs tended only by dogs who licked his sores. By telling of what happened to each man after they died, the parable affirms the eternal and immutable repercussions of the good that we do or fail to do on this side of the grave. The rich man showed no mercy to the poor man lying at his door, and he was shown no mercy. Lazarus, who had known no mercy, would spend eternity in the bosom of Abraham, i.e., in peace, comfort, and security. By the world’s standards, most of us are rich in comparison to the millions of Lazaruses out there, some as near as our doorstep. Their need calls upon us to be sensitive to their plight and willing to put mercy in motion.

### Upcoming Music

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**SEPTEMBER 18**  
**25th Sunday in**  
**Ordinary Time**

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**5:00pm**

Tower Bells

**8:30am**

Sanctuary Choir

**10:30am**

Praise Team



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### Family Faith Formation

## REACH Begins September 18

Have You Registered Your Child for  
Faith Formation?

Contact Debbie in Faith Formation Office Today!

## Sacrament Prep News



First Parent Meeting for  
R/E Sacrament Preparation will  
be September 18, 12:30-2:00pm  
Contact the Faith Formation  
Office for More Information



The "Surfer Priest" Is Coming to St. Thomas More!

*This Is a Free  
Family Event Open  
to All Ages!*



Author of  
*Under the Mantle,  
No Turning Back: A  
Witness to Mercy, and  
Champions of the  
Rosary*

Join Us Friday Evening, October 28, at 7:00pm  
for Fr. Donald Calloway's talk:  
**NO TURNING BACK: A WITNESS TO MERCY**



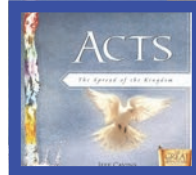
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children up to 5 years of age. Contact  
Lia Keane at [liak@stmoside.org](mailto:liak@stmoside.org) for more  
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**Support Tommy's Café After Masses!**

## Youth Ministry

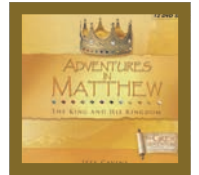
### Adult Faith Formation

## Bible Study News



Don't Miss Out on These  
Great Studies!

Register Today by Calling  
the Faith Formation Office  
at 760758-4100 x110



Wednesday Morning  
Bible Study Continues  
September 25,  
9:00-11:00am

Thursday Evening Bible  
Study Continues  
September 15  
Childcare Is Available  
7:00-9:00pm



### Relationship Skills Workshop

Tuesday Evenings, 7:00-8:30pm beginning  
September 13. There is no cost to attend.

## Women's Prayer Breakfast

Join Us Saturday morning, September 24, 9:30am for  
*Feminism in the Modern Word: True Femininity*  
with Timmerie Millington,  
Appropriate for all women 14 & Older

## Men's Retreat

**October 7-9**

Featuring Guest Speaker  
Cy Kellett  
Immaculate Heart Radio Host  
of *The Bright Side*



**EDGE**

Kick-Off September 18  
4:30-6:00pm

**IGNITE**

Kick-Off September 14  
6:30-8:30pm

**THRIVE**  
YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Kick-off September 19  
7:00-10:00pm

# Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

Chris Smith  
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## Collection for Week of September 3/4, 2016

Number of Registered Households	1,232
Offertory	\$17,379.61
Offertory (Loose Collection)	\$1,137.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18,516.61</b>

## Mortgage/Building Completion Fund Income

September 15, 2014 to August 31, 2016

Mortgage Offering Collected	\$1,069,782.85
Less Administrative Costs	\$45,826.00
Payment toward Parish Reserves (10%)	\$105,848.29
Payment toward Mortgage	\$952,634.56
Mortgage Payment Due	\$1,046,206.83
<b>Mortgage Payment Overage/(Shortfall)</b>	<b>(\$93,572.27)</b>

Memorial Items	\$1,690,910.90
Please continue to support the Mortgage/Building Completion Fund!	

## "Did You Know " Collection August 2016

\$8,321.20

## Restaurant Fundraisers August 2016

Oggi's	\$429.00
BJ's	\$85.97

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

## TOWERS OF FAITH

### Future Support & Legacy 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](mailto:chriss@stmoside.org).

## A Christian Stewardship Prayer for September



### Loving Father,

A world made in your image and likeness  
is desperate for your healing touch.

It is a place where people do not have enough water,  
or enough food, or enough medicine even though  
there is enough of these things in the world.

It is a realm where people hunger for freedom and are  
tortured and killed for this yearning.

It is a world where there is much anger and hatred,  
distrust and little peace.

We ourselves tend to avoid those we don't know, those  
who don't look like us, or think like us, or worship like us.

And yet you call to us to be good stewards of our  
neighbors; to love them as we love ourselves;  
to love them with greater hearts than we can imagine.

Give us the courage we need to be better stewards  
of our neighbors; and to believe what you tell us, that you  
will give us everything we need to love in your name, so  
your healing may truly be made manifest in this world.

We pray this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

—ICSC Stewardship e-bulletin, September 2016 (with permission)

During the month of August, I took two separate family vacations in two different places. These were vacations needed not only for special family time, but for resting and rejuvenating my mind as well. With my batteries recharged, September is already promising to be a very productive time. As fall is nearly upon us, my prayer is for all of us at STM to move forward with love, enthusiasm and insight into what God is calling us to do and be. Only then will we be able to call ourselves God's good and faithful servants! Peace and all good, *Chris*



## 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

## Memorial Item Donations Partial

Jesus, Divine Redeemer and Master of the Universe Mosaic Panels for Memorial Garden (54) 12 available	\$5,000/each
Priests' Concelebration Vestments (4) 4 available	\$400/each
Pew Seating for the Church (1,000) 707 available	\$300/each
Daily Mass Chapel and Choir Chairs (200) 93 available	\$300/each
Altar Server Albs (15) 8 available	\$125/each

06/15/16

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

**The Glory of the Lord Shines Upon You: Epiphanies in LGBT Lives**—January 6-8, 2017; Non-silent Retreat for Women and Men at The Jesuit Retreat Center of Los Altos, California; Fr. Michael Zampelli, SJ; Dr. Sheila Nelson; and, Mr. Gregory Dale Schultz. A weekend retreat for the LGBT community to relax and reflect on the mysteries of Incarnation and Epiphany... How does God take flesh in our lives? How does God's glory shine upon us? How are we being called to become "a light for the nations?" The weekend will include ample opportunity for private, silent prayer, communal prayer, and group faith sharing. Information Contact: [reservations@jrclosaltos.org](mailto:reservations@jrclosaltos.org).

**Cathedral Catholic High School Information Presentation**—Tuesday, September 13, 6:30-7:30pm, at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, Carlsbad. Topics include admissions, academics, athletics, college planning and Q&A. To RSVP, visit [www.cathedralcatholic.org](http://www.cathedralcatholic.org). Admissions.

**After-Abortion Healing Retreat for Catholic Women (or Catholic-friendly)**—September 16-18, given by Rachel's Hope at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 3888 Paducah Dr., San Diego. For information/registration, contact Rosemary at 858-581-3022 or [Rachels\\_Hope@juno.com](mailto:Rachels_Hope@juno.com) or visit [www.RachelsHope.org](http://www.RachelsHope.org)

**Marriage Help**—The word *Retrouaille* (pronounced re-tro-vi with a long i) is a French word meaning rediscovery. The program offers tools needed to rediscover a loving marriage relationship. Thousands of couples headed for cold, unloving relationships or divorce have successfully overcome their marriage problems by attending the program. Next program is September 16-18. Space is limited; call 951-259-9474 for information.

**Academy of Our Lady of Peace High School for Young Women Open House**—Saturday, October 8, 9:00-11:30am. Campus tours and presentations. Register online at [www.aolp.org](http://www.aolp.org).

**Father/Son and Mother/Daughter Chastity Luncheon**

### 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.

### Catholic Radio—AM 1000/Sirius 130—San Diego

Visit [ihradio.com/sandiego](http://ihradio.com/sandiego)

## St. Francis Church News

525 W. Vista Way, Vista • 760-945-8000 • [stfrancis-vista.org](http://stfrancis-vista.org)

**St. Francis School is our Parish School!**—Families from St. Thomas More are extended the same benefits and rewards as St. Francis Parishioners, including:

- Parishioner priority for enrollment at St. Francis School,
- Equal tuition rates,
- Financial aid opportunities, and
- Fundraising support.

Visit this link for a video about the school: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d2CaXZVBA7s&feature=youtu.be>



### STM Vehicle Donation Program

Do you have a vehicle you want to donate?  
Call us, and we'll have it picked up operational or not!  
**You get the tax deduction!**

We can accept vehicles without current registration  
and can file for replacement title if it has been lost.



**As of August 23 we have netted \$65,307  
from this program. Thank you donors!**



**For more information, contact the Parish Office:  
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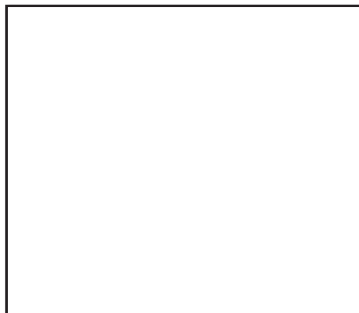
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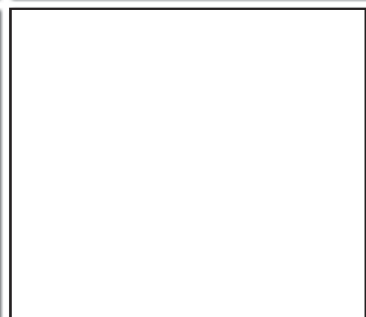
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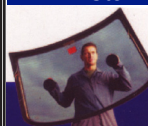
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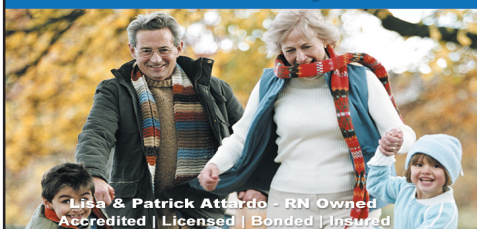
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### Embracing the Joy of Love

*On Sunday, September 4, a Listening Session was held in our Parish to help us, as a Parish, prepare for our Diocesan Synod, "Embracing the Joy of Love," to be held on October 29/30. This Synod will be discussing Pope Francis' Apostolic Teaching, "The Joy of Love," and finding ways to implement it in our Diocese.*

*Our Parishioner, Sheila McKinley, will be representing our Parish at the Synod in October. Below are her remarks from the "Listening Session" in which she talks about Pope Francis, his Teaching, "The Joy of Love," and thoughts about her extended family (which in all candor sounds like my family and most of our families!)*

*That is why the "The Joy of Love" is and should be a comfort to all of us!*

Thank you Fr. Mike for giving me the opportunity to represent STM and thank you all for being here today... For those of you who haven't read "The Joy of Love," make it your next book club book, it's incredibly easy to read! Pope Francis is the man of the people. He understands this era and the use of technology for that matter. I think I read somewhere that he used the phrase "surfing on your mobile phone" and he refers to "helicopter parenting" and "getting along with your in-laws." I marked up so many pages I could have highlighted the entire book. The only difficult part now is how best to summarize so many of the wonderful thoughts he has.

So what I've come to gather from this book is that through the two Vatican Synods that were held in the last two years he wrote this to find out how WE as a church can better serve, better support, families, married couples, and single people. He wants OUR feedback! I truly believe that he also is saying, look I know that the Gospel is hard to follow, Canon Law is way up here; and where we all are, down in this world, it can look and be very messy. And that's okay. And I hear him say over and over again to have mercy; and, of course, this is the "Jubilee Year of Mercy" so hopefully it's becoming engrained in all of us! He wants the Church to be supportive and non-judgmental. On this feast of St. Mother Theresa's canonization, Fr. Karl quoted her this

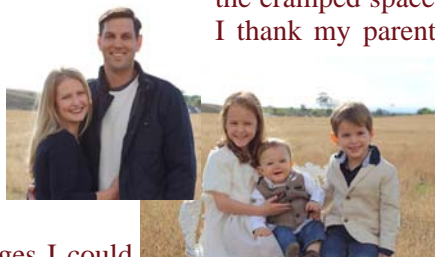
morning at Mass saying, "If you judge people, you have no time to love them." Pope Francis says, "All family life is a shepherding in mercy" (p.252). That's pretty powerful. If you can teach your children anything, mercy is an essential virtue. He wants us to love people where they are at in life, get rid of our ego, our pride, whatever it is that's holding us back from being open to love, maybe it's fear. He reaches into the core of the family, understanding that family life is very messy. So again I'm humbled by this invitation and it's truly God's perfect timing that He has called me to do this. So I will give you a little background on who I am and why this experience has truly touched my soul.

As I was growing up my family had always been a positive, loving place other than the fact we certainly had our share of arguments. But I have warm memories of my childhood. To this day my siblings (I am the youngest of four) are my best friends. We all joke about wanting to move back to Indiana, where we are from, since it's so much more affordable with more land to roam, but we don't want to leave each other. So we will just do what we can to handle the cramped space for the sake of family times together. So I thank my parents for keeping us close and instilling the

faith in us. My parents took prayer and Sunday Mass/family time very seriously in our home and I am so grateful that they did and didn't give in to our complaints about Mass, etc... In fact, I had a best friend growing up who was Lutheran and I had many Saturday night sleep-overs at her house, therefore resulting in attending her church service the next morning. However, my dad would still take me to Mass later that evening.

There is no better gift than prayer and how to pray. Growing up I saw my parents pray together, just the two of them and I was a part of our family prayer time, not just at meals but every now and then when we would say the rosary as a family or circle up for our morning prayer before school. Our family is very close and I know that's the reason why. Whenever times were or are tough we all naturally go back

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to that place of prayer, it's comfortable, it's what we know, it's been engrained in us. Countless times to this day I've prayed novenas with my brother or sisters for intentions we have in our life. My dad, sister, brother, and I all work together at our estate family law practice. We pray for our business and pray for our clients who have died. It's what seems like the right thing to do, to bring prayer with you wherever you go!

My parents were/are the best of friends and that love was in the center of our family. Because of their witness we, their children, have sought out that same type of love in our spouses. We see that it's attainable and good. It's rooted in us and we know that God lies in the heart of it all.

Well... "The Joy of Love" begins with that same call to family, to love, to prayer, to lasting unions... Pope Francis says "The close bond between married life and the Eucharist thus becomes all the more clear. For the food of the Eucharist offers the spouses the strength and incentive needed to live the marriage covenant each day as a domestic church" (p.249). I feel that is exactly why my parents took prayer and Sunday Mass, as a family, so seriously. Chapter 4 gives a beautiful description of love in a marriage as he breaks down 1 Cor 13: love is patient, love is kind...

Now did I have the perfect family...absolutely not. Pope Francis says "no family drops down from heaven perfectly formed; families need constantly to grow and mature in the ability to love" (p.325). With the help of my sister, I have created an alphabet soup of challenges we've had in our family. Not just our nuclear family as Pope Francis refers to it, but to the larger/wider extended family, aunts, uncles, cousins. So here it is starting with A... addictions, ADHD, alcoholism, anxiety that needs meds, arrests, Asperger's, children born out of wedlock, cancer, clinical depression, death of a child, divorce, DUI, drug use, dyslexia, falling out with family members, financial stress, family members who are LGBT, family members who left the Catholic Church, family members who married non-Catholics, infidelity, marriage annulment process (some did/some didn't), and the most recent: suicide.

A few of those I just mentioned have recently been challenges that I have had to face while simultaneously reading this book (thank goodness!!), which is why I truly feel God called me to this to help me be more merciful and to choose to love. I so easily could have held onto bitterness and fear and veered in the wrong direction. But literally I found myself, one day, in a state of un-forgiveness or perhaps a judging heart, and then I read in page 240: "Even if it seems clear that the other person is at fault, a crisis will never be overcome simply by expecting him or her to change. We also have to ask what in our own life needs to grow or heal if the conflict is to be resolved." And then, I

recalled one day feeling concerned over my children and what I would teach them about this conflict and didn't want them to hear what was going on and I started to notice myself, as Pope Francis writes in page 187, "creating small nests of security, where others are perceived as bothersome or a threat. Such isolation, however, cannot offer greater peace or happiness; rather, it straitens the heart of the family and makes its life all the more narrow." Pope Francis was calling me out! What a lesson I learned and it couldn't have been clearer for me. I recently heard someone say we need to stop talking about what we are against and talk more about what we are for.

So my final thoughts lead me to the focus of my working group. Again when I meet with the San Diego Synod there will be five focus groups and I will stay with my focus group the entire time to discuss our questions, which are regarding the challenge to bring spiritual depth to family life. So if I could sum up this section in the book (which is the last chapter) I would do so with one word...tenderness.

Tenderness is how I remember my childhood, it's how my parents disciplined me and loved me. This is how I felt growing up and Pope Francis states in page 323: "Our loved ones merit our complete attention. Jesus is our model in this, for whenever people approached to speak with him, he would meet their gaze, directly and lovingly. No one felt overlooked in his presence, since his words and gestures conveyed the question: 'What do you want me to do for you?' This is what we experience in the daily life of the family. We are constantly reminded that each of those who live with us merits complete attention, since he or she possesses infinite dignity as an object of the Father's immense love. This gives rise to a tenderness which can 'stir in the other the joy of being loved.' Tenderness is expressed in a particular way by exercising living care in treating the limitations of the other, especially when they are evident."

*Sheila, thank you for your witness. Our Parish will be praying for you as you prepare for the Synod. We look forward to your sharing its results with us!*

*F. Mike*