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CATHOLIC
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Holy Year Pilgrimage Mercy Door
and Eucharistic Adoration
open 7:00am-7:00pm
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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

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information.

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 18, 2016**

Pastor's Column

*Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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Catechesis and the Proclamation of the Word

Today we celebrate Catechetical Sunday here at St. Thomas More and in the Universal Church. A special ceremony of blessing and dedication takes place at our 8:30am and 10:30am Sunday Masses in which we recognize the many catechists among us who commit themselves in this coming Parish Year to "hand on the faith" to others, especially the young, in our midst.

We, so often, take a Parish for granted. It is "here" and we avail ourselves of its resources dependent upon our needs. A Parish, though, doesn't just happen. A Parish, and, especially a Parish with a lively faith, is created and maintained by conscious and very deliberate choices "to be."

St. Thomas More is an intentional Faith Community. God has called us and we respond to God by gathering together in the name of Jesus. In that intentional gathering, the Lord Jesus is present and, through us, Jesus' mission and ministry continue.

Every day hundreds and hundreds of people within our community reaffirm their "yes" to God and to God's Son and our brother, Jesus, by making conscious and deliberate choices to live the Gospel, to gather together in Jesus' name, and to continue the mission and ministry that Jesus began.

The Catechetical Ministry of a Parish is about sharing our Faith and making sure that we pass it on to others in our midst and to future generations. The core of the Catechism that we pass on is not just words and doctrines that we find on the pages of a book. More importantly, those words and doctrines, if they are to be recognized as authentic, must be enfolded in the actions of our lives that flow from a heart on fire with Jesus.

As Pastor, I am grateful to the many Parishioners who have made a conscious choice to order the priorities in their lives in such a way that they can give of their time and talent to be Catechists within the St. Thomas More Faith Community. I am grateful for their desire to share Jesus and the Faith Life of this Community with others.

A special "thank you" is extended to Debbie Fredette, our Director of Faith Formation, who oversees the catechetical ministry of this Parish! Her faithfulness and dedication to this ministry is so appreciated.

May the fidelity of our catechists inspire all of us to deepen our commitment to St. Thomas More. Remember, a Parish with a lively Faith doesn't just happen; we must choose to make it happen. Let us, once again, make that choice!

F. Mike

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.

St. Thomas More Church Has Been Nominated for an Orchid Award!

The San Diego Architectural Foundation has nominated our Church for an Orchid Award.

Fifteen projects in the San Diego area have been nominated to receive this Orchid Award for quality architectural design.

Orchids & Onions is the only interactive, community-based program geared towards raising awareness and encouraging practical discourse in response to San Diego's built environment.

Each year, a jury of design professionals is selected to determine the official Orchids and Onions based upon public submissions in a variety of categories.

The Awards Ceremony Celebration, on Thursday, October 13, begins at 5:00pm in Horton Plaza Park, Downtown San Diego, with great catered food and drink, followed by the actual Awards Ceremony at nearby Spreckels Theater at 8:00pm.

It is at this Awards Ceremony at 8:00pm that the GRAND ORCHID WINNER will be announced! St. Thomas More is in the running.

If you would like to be a part of this very special evening and celebration, go online to www.orchidsandonions.com to purchase tickets.

It promises to be an evening of good food, drink, fellowship, and a celebration of the architecture that graces America's Finest City!



In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

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.

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.

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 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 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 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.



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.

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

Monday, September 19 (642)

*Januarius, bishop, martyr
Hebrews 10:32-36
Psalm 126:1bc-6
John 12:24-26*

Tuesday, September 20 (642A)

*Andrew Kim Taegŏn, priest, and
Paul Chŏng Hasang, and
Companions, martyrs*

Wisdom 3:1-9
Psalm 126:1bc-6
Luke 9:23-26

Wednesday, September 21 (643)

*Matthew, apostle, evangelist
Ephesians 4:1-7,11-13
Psalm 19:2-5
Matthew 9:9-13*

Thursday, September 22 (452)

*Ecclesiastes 1:2-11
Psalm 90:3-6,12-14,17bc
Luke 9:7-9*

Friday, September 23 (453)

*Pius of Pietrelcina, priest
Ecclesiastes 3:1-11
Psalm 144:1b-2abc,3-4
Luke 9:18-22*

Saturday, September 24 (454)

*Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:8
Psalm 90:3-6,12-14,17
Luke 9:43b-45*

Sunday, September 25 (138)

*Twenty-Sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

Amos 6:1a,4-7
Psalm 146:7-10
1 Timothy 6:11-16
Luke 16:19-31

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

Changa Aguilera
Ernie Ajchiele
Mary Alexander
Christine & Cory Anderson
Carrie Autrey
Joshua Avery
Addison Abigail Aviña
Bob Baker
Rosemary Ballard
The Bannelos & Garcia Families
Jose Luis Barbosa
Patricia Barbour
Francie Barron
The Barton Family
Clarice Bednarz
Taylor Bell
John Bennici
Regina Bentz
Lisa Berg
Roseanne Berg
Mary Betz
Betty Jean Bielich
Dieter Boets & Family
Zane Breier
Beth Brewer
Michael Brice
Janet Brown
Katie Browne
Anita Buerger
Amelia Buño
Shelby Campbell
Brienne 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
Gary Cormier
William Costanza
Sandra Cracchiolo
Steven Cresencia
Lené Crowe
Karen Flaherty Daley
Beverly de Gelder
Velia Deal & Family
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 Franciscus
The Greg French Family
Brian Frink
Dion Gabriel
Jim Gallagher
The Joe Garcia Family
Kathy Gardner
Joan Gay
Alyssa Gerhard
Merle Glime
Dcn. Jim Gollhofer
Wendy Gonzales' Dad
Rick Gonzalez
Lou Gordon
George Gritt
Luke Guent
Colleen Hanna
The Harker Family
Dorothy Harrison
Michelle Harrison & Family
Barbara Hatem
The Haynes Family
LaNay Hazzard
Lilian Hills
Lisa (Lynn) Hodges
Georgia Ann Hodina
Samara Hook
Susan Hori
Iolanda Iacobelli
Katherine Jacobs
Jacqueline Johnson
Laura Kater
Dottie Kearney
Connor Kerzie
Peggy Kiernan
Debbie Kinney
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 Lefferdink
Jeremiah Lemus
Aleah Leon
Ashley Load
Cassandra & Lauren Loretto
Jack Lucarelli
Evaadna Lynn
Joaquin Maldonado
The Maldonado Family
The Maldonado Trejo Family
Paige Mansell
Glona Maupin
Colleen McCall
Virginia McConnell
Paige McCoy
Jerry McNairy
The McGinley Family
Ann McMahon
Bob McWilliams
Kalei Mendiola
Lorraine Micallef
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
Helen Pingtella
Delilah Plasterer
Perry Postulka
The Joe Prokop Family
Bernie Ptak
Barbara Ramm
Randy Reznicek
Jenni Richard
Evelyn Richards
The Riley Family
Rita Ritchie
Ralda Rizke
Lily Robinson
Bea Rocha
Maria Rogers
The Russo Family
Rachel Sainc
Sam Sam
Cindy Sanelli
Lori Sanna
Linda Schmidt
Joan Shea
Elizabeth Shirzad
Nick Soltau
Derek 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
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
Josephina Velasquez
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,
Schedule and Calendar

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 20	Relationship Skills Workshop Continues
Sep 20-21	Restaurant Fundraiser at Nucci's
Sep 21	Bible Study Continues AM
Sep 22	Bible Study Continues EVE
Sep 24	Women's Ministry Prayer Breakfast
Sep 25	Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
Sep 25	New Member Luncheon
Oct 1	Treasures Rummage Sale
Oct 4	Blessing of Animals
Oct 7-9	Annual Men's Retreat
Oct 23	Oktober Fest Event
Nov 5-6	St. Bonaventure Clothing Drive
Nov 20	Prayer Service for the end of Jubilee Year of Mercy
Dec 17	Christmas Cookie Exchange

Deployed Military

Gunnery Sgt. Fernando Andrade, Jr.
Lt. Devon Czarasty
Capt. Branden M. Felker, USAF
Patrick G. Felker, USN
Grant Fischer
1st Lt. Eric Galamoy
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, September 17, 5:00pm Dolly Cole ☩
Sunday, September 18, 8:30am Scott Loftis ☩
Sunday, September 18, 10:30am Peggy Marsh ☩
Monday, September 19, 8:15am Esther Aguilera ☩
Tuesday, September 20, 8:15am Gerard Isenberg
Wednesday, September 21, 8:15am Dante Tusei ☩
Thursday, September 22, 8:15am Timothy Wilmott ☩
Friday, September 23, 8:15am Dr. Rosenburg & Family
Saturday, September 24, 5:00pm Nicholas Angelucci Sr. ☩
Sunday, September 25, 8:30am Restituta & Emilio Cicchini ☩
Sunday, September 25, 10:30am Marie Fallone ☩

September 19 Sr. Maria Casas, SJS
September 20 Sr. Margaret Castro, SFCC
September 21 Sr. Vera Chan, CSN
September 22 Sr. Abigail Chavez, SJS
September 23 Sr. Katia Chavez, SJS
September 24 Sr. Justine C. Church, MMS
September 25 Sr. Marie Pascale Clisson, UCSC

Social Ministries & Outreach

Brother Benno's Toiletry Drive

This weekend is the time for our annual toiletry/disposable diaper drive. Look for Deacon Tom's truck before all the Masses to receive your donations. Thank you and God Bless you for your generosity.

St. Bonaventure Indian Mission

The first weekend in November is fast approaching. Your gently used clothing, shoes and work boots are needed to help some of the poorest people in our great country...the Navajo on the Great Rez in New Mexico. St. Bonaventure Indian Mission serves about 100 square miles of the Rez where unemployment runs rampant and where many so not even have water or utilities to their homes. STM has the only dedicated drive to give assistance. Any questions, contact Deacon Tom at thomasgoeltz@aol.com or 760-727-8442.

Thanksgiving Dinner Update

After preparing and serving Thanksgiving Dinners at St. Thomas More for the past eleven years, we regret that we will no longer be able to perform this service. We have immensely enjoyed doing this, sharing the holiday with so many wonderful people, and we want to thank the Parish staff for their support over the years. If anyone is interested in taking over this tradition, please contact the Parish Office. We have purchased many items over the years that we would be happy to pass along, and we certainly will be available to "mentor" anyone who would like to continue the dinners.

—Bruce and Wilma Rolland and Tom and Karen Oshinski

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.



Treasures 2016 Rummage Sale Saturday, October 1

Needed:
Volunteers | Donors | Buyers

Volunteers can help starting now in addition to on September 30 and October 1.

Donors can be collecting items—pick up a packet with information and instructions after Masses or at the Parish Office during the week.

Buyers can mark their calendars for October 1 and get ready to find some great treasures (and help STM)!

To sign up or for any questions, please contact John Murphy at 760-497-6117 or wmurphy8801@aol.com or visit stmoside.org.

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.



Civil to Church Marriage—Are you civilly married, but haven't yet been married in the church? Contact Fr. Mike at michaelr@stmoside.org to begin your preparation!

Natural Family Planning—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.

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 through January 17. Come and explore how to improve your relationship! You can attend one workshop, several, or all of them. The topic for September 20 is *Responsibility and the Blame Game*. There is no pre-registration or fee. For more information call Deacon John at 760-758-4100 x104.

Bishops' Letter on Marriage—Procreation: "It is the nature of love to overflow, to be life-giving. Thus, it is no surprise that marriage is ordained not only to growing in love but to transmitting life. 'By its very nature the institution of marriage and married love [is] ordered to the procreation and education of the offspring and it is in them that it finds its crowning glory'" (Gaudium et Spes). To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

Marriage Moments—"Marriage is not 50-50. Divorce is 50-50. Marriage has to be 100-100. It isn't dividing everything in half, but giving everything you've got" (Dave Willis). By Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net.

Parenting Pointers—School is in full swing for most families. Even if your child is too young for school remember this maxim: It's not what the teacher says, but what the student hears, that matters. This applies to parents and children too. By Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net.

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

Parish Events



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 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.

Men's Fellowship Update

iHunger continues Saturday, September 24 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 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



A Big Thank You to Lisa and Patrick Attardo for putting on a fantastic Wine Tasting 101 last Sunday!

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)

Waiting List

*** Payments Due ***

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.*

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

Women's Guild News

What a spectacular program we witnessed Monday to kick off our new year! *Standing Room Only!* gave a spectacular show for close to 164 attendees, followed by a delicious Italian lunch provided by Ciao's. A tuxedo-themed black and white cake was the crowning dessert and it went fast! There was a lot of hard work and long hours preparing the room and decor, taking reservations, arranging the luncheon menu. Genevieve Green, 2nd Vice President and Program Chair, with Hospitality Chair, Patty Remington, did a superb job of putting it all together. Many thanks to these two dedicated ladies, as well as the decorators, lunch servers and "cleaner-uppers". Our October meeting is now on the horizon and we again have a wonderful program for you. There will be some very talented dancers providing us entertainment from Japanese and Hawaiian cultures. No doubt there will be a luncheon of Western Pacific-themed food and décor to complement the program's offerings. Watch next week's bulletin for more information on our next meeting. Have a blessed week! —Kathy Gerhard, president

Liturgy & Music *Worship God*

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

IS THERE A DOCTOR IN THE HOUSE?

In the list of readings that appears in the bulletin each week, there are sometimes names referenced on particular dates. This week, for example, we will see:

Sep 19 Januarius, bishop, martyr
Sep 20 Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn,
priest, Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and
companions, martyrs
Sep 21 Matthew, apostle and
evangelist
Sep 23 Pius of Pietrelcina, priest

The Church's General Calendar lays out an annual cycle of celebrations "of those Saints who have universal significance...and of other Saints who demonstrate the universality and continuity of sainthood within the people of God" (Missal 49).

Next to the names in the Calendar (and in our bulletin) are references that tell us something about their circumstance in life and in death.

St. Januarius was Bishop of Benevento, and was thrown to bears under Diocletian (c. 305 CE).

St. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn was ordained Korea's first native priest, and he and his lay associate, a seminarian, St. Paul Chŏng Ha-sang were beheaded in 1846. The "companions" refer to the 103 martyrs that gave their lives for the faith on Korea between 1839 and 1867.

St. Matthew is *the* St. Matthew, one of the Twelve. The four Gospel writers are sometimes referred to as the evangelists.

St. Pius of Pietrelcina is better known as Padre Pio, a Capuchin priest who received the stigmata.

Other descriptors include: religious, deacon, virgin, hermit, pope, abbot, archangel, and doctor.

Most of these titles are self-evident, and some saints are more than one

thing—St. Matthew, for example.

Here, I would like to expand just a bit on the word "doctor" as it has a specific meaning with the Roman Catholic Church.

"Doctor of the Church" is a title given by the Church to men and women whom it recognizes as having been of particular importance, particularly regarding their contribution to theology or doctrine. (In Latin, the word *doctor* translates as *teacher*.) This title indicates that the writings and preachings of such a person are useful to Christians "in any age of the Church." While the writings of the Doctors are often considered inspired by the Holy Spirit; this does not mean they are infallible, but it does mean that they contributed significantly to the formulation of Christian teaching in at least one area.

The Doctors' works vary greatly in subject and form. Some, such as Pope Gregory I and Ambrose, were prominent writers of letters and short treatises. Catherine of Siena and John of the Cross wrote mystical theology. Augustine and Bellarmine defended the Church against heresy. Bede's *Ecclesiastical History of the English People* provides the best information on England in the early Middle Ages. Systematic theologians include the Scholastic philosophers Anselm, Albertus Magnus, and Thomas Aquinas.

Until 1970, no woman had been named a doctor in the church, but since then four additions to the list have been women: Saints Teresa of Ávila (St. Teresa of Jesus) and Catherine of Siena by Pope Paul VI; Thérèse de Lisieux (St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus and of the Holy Face), "the Little Flower," by Saint John Paul II; and Hildegard of



The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones.

Luke 16:10

Bingen (patron saint of music and musicians) by Benedict XVI.

There are 36 men and women who have been given the title of Doctor of the Church. The latest was Gregory of Narek (951-1003), an Armenian monk, poet, mystical philosopher, theologian, and saint of the Armenian Apostolic Church and Catholic Church, who was proclaimed a Doctor of the Church on April 12, 2015, Divine Mercy Sunday, by Pope Francis.

So now you know...

Upcoming Music



SEPTEMBER 25
26th Sunday in
Ordinary Time



5:00pm

Sanctuary Choir

8:30am

Praise Team

10:30am

Cantor &
Congregation

Blessing of Animals

Sunday | October 4 | 4:00pm

In remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures, we gather with our beloved pets for this traditional liturgy of celebration, prayer, and blessing.

Bring your furry and not-so-furry friends early to meet and greet each other.

We ask that you make sure your pets are under complete control, as we expect the gathering to be a bit boisterous. See you there!

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Family Faith Formation

REACH Begins Sunday!

Is Your Child Enrolled in Faith Formation?

It's not too late to register for classes!

Contact Debbie in Faith Formation Office Today!

Support Tommy's Café After Masses!
Purchase Lunches on REACH Sundays

Sacrament Prep News



Today is the First Parent Meeting for Reconciliation/Eucharist Sacrament Preparation from 12:30-2:00pm on the Parish Center Upper Level. All Second-Year Reconciliation/Eucharist Parents are asked to attend

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
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Join us Friday evening, October 28 at 7:00pm for Fr. Donald Calloway's talk
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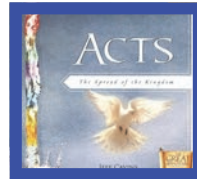


Open during 10:30am Mass for children up to 5 years of age. Contact Lia Keane at liak@stmoside for more Information or to buy your ARK card.

Youth Ministry

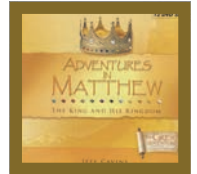
Adult Faith Formation

Bible Study News



Don't Miss Out on These Great Studies!

Register Today by Calling the Faith Formation Office at 760-758-4100 x110



Wednesday Morning Bible Study Continues
September 21,
9:00-11:00am

Thursday Evening Bible Study Continues
September 22
7:00-8:30pm
Childcare is available
7:00-9:00pm



Relationship Skills Workshop

Tuesday evenings, 7:00-8:30pm Continuing
September 20. There is no cost to attend.

Women's Prayer Breakfast

Join Us Saturday morning September 24 for
Feminism in the Modern Word: True Femininity
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Director of Stewardship & Development
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Collection for Week of September 10/11, 2016

Number of Registered Households	1,236
Offertory	\$12,455.39
Offertory (Loose Collection)	\$1,271.00
Total	\$13,726.39

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
Mortgage Payment Overage/(Shortfall)	(\$93,572.27)

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

St. Francis and St. Thomas More Offertory Envelopes

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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!

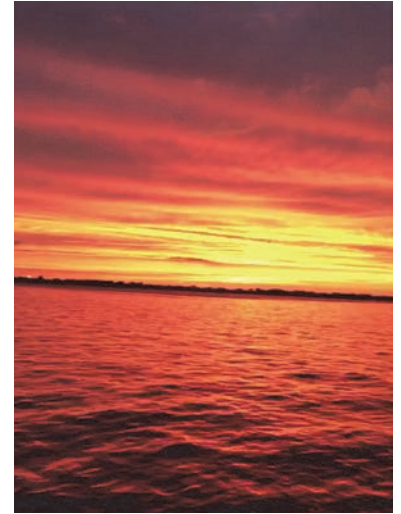
Chris Smith at 760-758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org.

September ~ New Beginnings at STM

New Year's resolutions are famously made on January 1, and infamously broken by the end of that month. But for many stewards, the real time of renewal and recommitment comes as we turn the calendar page into September, and the resolutions have a longer and greater impact.

Why? Because good Catholic stewards realize that the Parish is often times the place where people encounter Christ's presence in their lives, and in the fall, everything kicks into high gear at the Parish.

Opportunities abound for growth, for giving, for community. It's now that we ponder and make our decisions for how we will make a disciple's response during the coming year through our commitment to the life of our parishes. Here are a few tips for maximizing a grace-filled year:



- † Make Mass your top weekend priority, ahead of sports, school activities, or other temptations.
- † Consider how best to use your talents in the service of STM. Pray over the ministry which calls to you the most.
- † Serve the poor by bringing food donations weekly to the shopping cart on the plaza, PB&J for Catholic Charities, or adopting a dinner for Solutions for Change intake shelter on the fourth Sunday of the one month per year.
- † Consider taking an adult faith formation class.
- † Review your financial giving. Were you a faithful giver this summer? Online giving is a great way to give year-round support and helps provide a stable Parish income. Visit www.stmoside.org, *Donations*.
- † Attend back-to-school night and/or visit your child's faith formation class and help wherever possible. Let your children know that religious education is a priority to you, and be sure to thank in some way the parishioners who give of their time and talent to this important ministry.

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The purpose of life is a life of purpose.

— Robert Byrne

Memorial Item Donations Available

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

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Memorials are a way of honoring those whom we love, whether they are living or deceased. Often, memorials are made for a special intention or in thanksgiving for a variety of blessings received from God.

Listed above are items still available for adoption.

All contributions will be recognized in a special memorial to be displayed in our Parish Memorial Garden.

For more information or to adopt an item, contact Chris Smith
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The Larger Church News

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.

Father/Son and Mother/Daughter Chastity Luncheon Retreats—Saturday, October 22, 12:00-6:00pm, for ages 11 years and up. Equip your son and/or daughter with the necessary tools to live a life of chastity and modesty. Parents, this is your chance to speak to your child about this most important topic! For information and registration, visit www.thegorettigroup.com.

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.

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Around the Diocese—Visit www.sdcatholic.org to learn more about activities available through the Diocese and other Parishes.

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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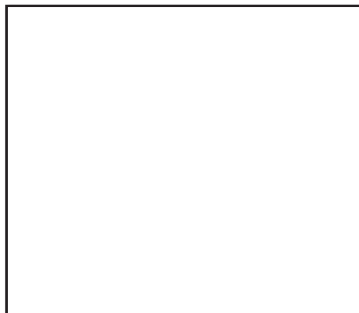
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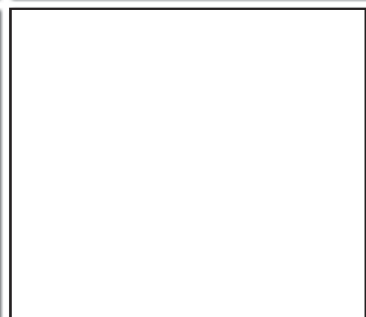
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Contact John & Wendy Murphy:
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Thanksgiving Dinners



After 11 years, the Rolland and Oshinski families are no longer able to put on the annual STM Thanksgiving Dinner. If you are interested in taking over this tradition, please contact the Parish Office. We're available to "mentor" anyone who would like to continue the dinners, and pass along several items previously purchased for this dinner. 760-758-4100 x100.

Solutions for Change



Like to cook? Individuals, families, and groups can "adopt" one month (4th Sunday of each month) and provide a dinner for the Solutions for Change homeless intake shelter in Vista.

Contact Kevin and Lyn Leahy:
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