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Mass Schedule

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

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Reconciliation (Confession)

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

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Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 13, 2016

Pastor's Column

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Diocesan Synod: "Embracing the Joy of Love"

Here is an update from the Diocese regarding the Diocesan Synod, "Embracing the Joy of Love." Also included in the Bulletin this weekend you will find an insert giving the proposals and objectives from the Synod's participants. Please take time to read and reflect upon the Synod and its suggestions.

All of this will help us move forward into the future and to build bridges between all Catholics in our Diocese and in the wider community.

On the weekend of October 30-31, the diocese of San Diego held the first diocesan synod in the nation of the theme of marriage and family life outlined in Pope Francis' encyclical on *The Joy of Love*. A synod brings together representatives of the entire Catholic community in a diocese for dialogue, deliberation, prayer, and decision-making.

For our synod here in San Diego, every parish had a delegate, as well as the university communities, theological faculties, and members of the diocesan pastoral staff. These delegates included priests, religious sisters, mothers, fathers, deacons, and young adults of every culture and language.

The deliberations at the synod pointed to the need for renewed dedication of married couples toward embracing the depth, permanence, sanctity, and sacrifice which lie at the heart of the Catholic conception of marriage. The discussions emphasized the need to make a spirituality of marriage and family life more available to our parishioners, especially to young couples who often find it less automatic to bring prayer and the Gospel into their marriage and role as parents.

The Synod pointed to the need to invite young couples lovingly, non-judgmentally, and energetically into Catholic marriage and to provide mentors for them. The delegates spoke movingly to the need for the Church to reach out to divorced men and women at every moment of their journey, to support them spiritually and pastorally, to help them move through the annulment process, and to assist those who are divorced and remarried and cannot receive an annulment to utilize the internal forum of conscience in order to discern if God is calling them to return to the Eucharist.

Finally, the Synod proposed a spirituality of family life which is deeply inclusive: embracing mothers and fathers beautifully bonded in their married love and the love of their children, as well as single parents, those who are widowed, our many military families where deployment brings great stress,

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LBGT families, families which deportation has split, and families with members who have special needs.

During the coming months Bishop McElroy will be working with a committee of synod delegates who will focus on the implementation of these goals. It is our hope that through this initiative the grace of married and family life will be profoundly deepened.

F. Mike

Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA

Attached to today's Bulletin is an envelope for the triennial collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA. This is the only archdiocese, or non-profit organization, that provides the Catholic Church's full range of pastoral ministries specifically to Catholics serving in the United States Armed Forces, enrolled in US Military Academies, undergoing treatment at any of the 153 Department of Veterans Affairs' Medical Centers, working in civilian jobs for the federal government beyond US borders, and the families of these populations. Programs and services to the unique mission and ministry of the Archdiocese include vocations, pastoral visitation, endorsement of chaplains, evangelization and catechesis, sacramental records, tribunal, and veterans affairs. Envelopes can be returned anytime during the month of November.

Collection for National Needs

The month of November has been designated for the Collection for National Needs, which supports the Black and Indian Missions, the Catholic Home Missions, the Catholic Communications Campaign, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, and the Catholic University of America. The envelopes that were attached to the bulletin may be returned any time during November. Thank you for your generosity!

Donations for Those Affected by Hurricane Matthew

If you would like to make a donation to help the people and the Churches impacted by Hurricane Matthew, place it in an envelope and mark it Hurricane Matthew. If you write a check, please make it out to St. Thomas More with the notation, Hurricane Matthew.

All money collected will be used to support Catholic Relief Services and Catholic Charities USA as they reach out to provide humanitarian aid in the form of water, food, shelter, medical care, as well as to their long term efforts to restore communities after widespread destruction, and to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops for the pastoral and reconstruction needs of the Church in the Caribbean and the US.

Your donations can be given any time until December 31.

Also, if you wish, you can make your donations directly to Catholic Relief Services (www.crs.org) or Catholic Charities USA (CatholicCharitiesUSA.org).

Welcome New Parishioners

Stella Hicks
Dr. Gilbert Moe & Carolee Ziegman
Kirk & Mary Ellen Rossi & Family
Christopher & Siobhan Stuart

Announcing the Baptism of

Jayden Kenneth Erickson
Sophia Rose Erickson
Gloriana Elisa Martinez
Clark Louis Thompson
Athena Noemi Trujillo

on November 13

Our Christian community welcomes you with great joy!

**Congratulations to**

Arturo Bernal & Breanne Campos
 who were married on November 12

*May you grow in love for each other and
 always know that God is with you.*

**Flower Donations**

The Altar Flowers for this weekend were given by
Jane Grassilli in memory of **Leo Grassilli**.

**They Are Remembered**

During the month of November the church traditionally remembers those who have gone before us to new life. There will be a special book for you to write the names of your loved ones in the Church.

Local Hospitals with Catholic Chaplains Available

If you or a loved one is in one of these hospitals and need the ministry of a Catholic priest, please contact the Chaplain's Office to make the arrangements.

Hospital	Chaplain's Office
Tri-City	760-940-7954
Palomar	442-281-1328
Scripps Encinitas	760-633-7784
Scripps Green	858-554-3698
Scripps Mercy	619-260-7020
UCSD Thornton	619-543-2103
Kaiser Zion	619-528-5188

Considering Becoming Catholic?

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

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

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

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

Readings for the Week Ahead

Sunday Year C; Weekday Year II
Readings online at www.usccb.org.

Sunday, November 13 (159)

*Thirty-Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time*
Malachi 3:19-20a
Psalm 98:5-9
2 Thessalonians 3:7-12
Luke 21:5-19

Monday, November 14 (497)

Revelations 1:1-4;2:1-5
Psalm 1:1-4,6
Luke 18:35-43

Tuesday, November 15 (675)

Albert the Great, bishop, doctor
Sirach 15:1-6
Psalm 119:9-14
Matthew 13:47-52

Wednesday, November 16 (677)

*Margaret of Scotland;
Gertrude, virgin*

Isaiah 58:6-11
Psalm 112:1-9
John 15:9-17

Thursday, November 17 (678)

Elizabeth of Hungary, religious
1 John 3:14-18
Psalm 34:2-11
Luke 6:27-38

Friday, November 18 (679)

*Dedication of the Basilicas of
Saints Peter & Paul, apostles;
Rose Philippine Duchesne, virgin*

Acts 28:11-16,30-31
Psalm 98:1-6
Matthew 14:22-33

Saturday, November 19 (502)

Revelation 11:4-12
Psalm 144:1-2,9-10
Luke 20:27-40

Sunday, November 20 (162)

*Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe*

2 Samuel 5:1-3
Psalm 122:1-5
Colossians 1:12-20
Luke 23:35-43

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 12, 5:00pm
All the Deceased Members of the
Lavelle & Tutino Families ☩

Sunday, November 13, 8:30am
Dick McGeary ☩

Sunday, November 13, 10:30am
Cesarina Morelli ☩

Monday, November 14, 8:15am
Melanie Petitto

Tuesday, November 15, 8:15am
Bill Draper ☩

Wednesday, November 16, 8:15am
Mary Alice "Mel" Burke ☩

Thursday, November 17, 8:15am
Jennifer Treat ☩

Friday, November 18, 8:15am
Josephine Chavez ☩

Saturday, November 19, 5:00pm
Derek Spizewski

Sunday, November 20, 8:30am
Tom & Katie Padilla

Sunday, November 20, 10:30am
Cesare Morelli ☩

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

Changa Aguilera
Ernie Aichele
Mary Alexander
Carrie Autrey
Joshua Avery
Addison Abigail Avina
Bob Baker
Rosemary Ballard
Jose Luis Barbosa
Eliza, Isaias, Thaisa,
and the Barbosa
Family
Patricia Barbour
Francie Barron
Clarice Bednarz
Taylor Bell
John Bennici
Regina Bentz
Lisa Berg
Roseanne Berg
Mary Betz
Betty Jean Bielich
Zane Breier
Janet Brown
The Brownell Family
Bill Bryson
Anita Buerger
Amelia Buono
The Buono Family
The Butler Family
The Cababa Family
Shelby Campbell
Brianne Campos
Aria Cappeluti
Nanette Carey
Jorge Cartajena
Donald Cashmore
Anne Caywood
Sarah, Evan, & Mason
Chamberlain
Dr. David Chao
Ravy Chea
The Vaughn Clevenger
Family
Anne Cline
Jacqueline Cohen
Carl & Dorothy
Coleman
James Coleman
Maria Colfer
Addie Colgan
Judy Colson
Karen Connell
Geoff Coolidge
Sandra Cracchiolo
Steven Cresencia
Lené Crowe
Antony Curione
Karen Flaharty 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
Steven Douglas
Marge Egan
Jerome Elbacha
Arthur Eral
Carolyn Erickson Ey
Sally Fay
Victoria Lopez Fenton
The Fiore Family
Fr. James Flanagan
Mary Fleming
Ryan Flum
Ernie Follis
Eugene Franciscus
The Greg French
Family
Brian Frink
Jim Gallagher

The Joe Garcia Family
Kathy Gardner
Joan Gay
Alyssa Gerhard
Wendy Gonzales' Dad
Rick Gonzalez
Lou Gordon
George Gritt
Luke Guenst
Susan Hallahan
Colleen Hanna
The Harker Family
Dorothy Harrison
Michelle Harrison &
Family
Barbara Hatem
LaNay Hazzard
Lilian Hills
Lisa Hodges
Georgia Ann Hodina
Samara Hook
Susan Hori
Iolanda Iacobelli
Katherine Jacobs
Jacqueline Johnson
Sue Johnston
Laura Kater
Dottie Kearney
Connor Kerzie
Peggy Kiernan
Debbie Kinney
Bernie Klimek
Mark Kneisel
Dewey Kolbo
Tony Korwin
Faith Kowallek
Helen Kuhn
Lorene Kundert
Lillian Lachance
The Lamelin Family
Ashley LaMothe &
Family
Pauline Lapre's sister
Justine
Brandon LeBlanc
Susan Lee
Jake Lefferdink
Jeremiah Lemus
Aleah Leon
Ashley Load
Cassandra & Lauren
Loretto
Jack Lucarelli
Joaquin Maldonado
The Maldonado Family
The Maldonado Trejo
Family
Paige Mansell
Gloria Maupin
Colleen McCall
Virginia McConnell
Paige McCoy
Jerry McEniry
Ann McGeary
The McGinley Family
Ann McMahan
Bob McWilliams
Joyce Meehan
Kalei Mendiola
Lorraine Micallef
Rita Mikridge
Barbara & Harold
Miller
Shelly & Harold Miller
Steven Sr., Stevie, &
Noah Miller
Tom Miller
Phyllis Minaya
June Mitchell
Maria Molina
June Montgomery
Nancy Moore
Elizabeth Muehlbacher
Conrad Murphy
Eddie Murphy
Margie Myers
Andrew Philip
Nacional

Angela Nacional
Melanie Nacional
Nida Navarro
Richard Obsitnik
Gillian Ochoa
Kare O'Dell
Laura Paciorek Gloor
Katie Padilla
The Padua Family
Ethan Palm
Cynthia Pearson
Salina Pearson
Betty Pendill
Elisa Petrie
Merri Phelps
Helen Pingtella
Delilah Plasterer
Perry Postulka
The Joe Prokop Family
Bernie Ptak
Isabel Ramirez
Barbara Ramm
The Jerry Ratajczak
Family
Randy Reznicek
Jenni Richard
Evelyn Richards
Rita Ritchie
Ralda Rizke
Lily Robinson
Bea Rocha
Maria Rogers
The Russo Family
Rachel Sainc
Sam Sam
Cindy Sanelli
Lori Sanna
Linda Schmidt
Grace Schweighofer
The Segars Family
Joan Shea
Elizabeth Shirzad
Nick Soltau
Darek, Vanessa, &
Elba Spizewski
Don St. Pierre
Patricia St. Pierre
Brian C. Stanton
Sybil Staples
Mike Sterling
The Stoddard Family
Laura Bernard Stover,
MD
Pete Sullivan
Pat Swanton
Steve Tandy
Julie Teare
Laura Thiele
Frank Thompson
Tommy & Ginger
Thompson
Maryann Tien
Sarah Tillinghast
William Tompson
Stephen Toth, Jr.
Olivia Trejo
The Trejo/Beltran
Family
The Trejo/Maldonado/
Uribe Family
Frank Urso
Martin Vertson
Lucy Vienna
Lucy Viramontes
Vanessa Vitiello
Wilson Wanner
Kevin Watson-Graff
Jerry Wechsler
Rylee West
The Xavier Family
The Zakoski/Lair
Family
Patricia Zavala
Romano Zehila
Jeanne Zeltner

Calendar Highlights

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

- Nov 13 Veterans Brunch
- Nov 15-16 Restaurant Fundraiser at
Nucci's
- Nov 19 Women's Guild Game Day
- Nov 20 Celebration of the Jubilee
Year of Mercy
- Nov 24 Thanksgiving Day Mass at
9:00am
- Nov 26 Advent Workshop
- Dec 6-7 Restaurant Fundraiser at
BJ's in Carlsbad
- Dec 8 Immaculate Conception of
the Blessed Virgin Mary—
Masses at 8:15am and
7:00pm
- Dec 17 Christmas Cookie Exchange

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

*The Prayers for Women Religious
have moved to the monthly
calendar insert—
please check there.*

Deployed Military

*As a faith community let us pray for all who
serve our country in these troubled times. We
pray especially for those connected to our
Parish who have been deployed:*

Gunnery Sgt. Fernando Andrade, Jr.
Lt. Devon Czarzasty
Capt. Branden M. Felker, USAF
Patrick G. Felker, USN
Grant Fischer
Gunnery Sgt. Julian Fyffe, USMC
1st Lt. Eric Galamay
MSGT Steve Gallegos, USMC
Sgt. Alex Garcia
Adolfo Granados, MD, US Navy
PFC Samuel Haro, US Army
Staff Sgt Stephan LaMothe, USAF
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 CTR2, US Navy
Sr. Airman Robert Spear, USAF
Sgt. Charles Watts, USMC

Social Ministries & Outreach

St. Bonaventure Clothing Drive

Our heartfelt thanks for your generosity. We filled a 26-foot truck and most of a 15-foot truck with much-needed clothing and shoes. The Navajo served by the Mission are among the poorest of the poor in our country. Please continue to support them with your prayers. We also send our well-deserved thanks to the Knights of Columbus who once again did the muscle work of loading the trucks. We ask God's special blessing on you all.

—Deacon Tom

Christmas Angels

The Christmas Angel Tree is here! Please be sure to stop by and select an ornament or two to help out families less fortunate this upcoming Holiday season. There are a variety of items needed as well as ornaments for scrip gift cards that can be purchased on the plaza. Remember that the purchase of scrip also benefits our Parish as well as helping those in need in our community. We still have a few Camp Pendleton families available to be sponsored. Contact Lisa Seufert for more information or to become a volunteer at 760-716-0977 or leprechaun81@sbcglobal.net.

Got Candy?

Got candy? Once again this year, we are collecting left over candy for Casa de los Pobres in Mexico. This weekend there will be a box at the information table on the plaza after Masses and in the Parish Office during the week. We will see that it is taken to the Missions Office at the Diocese for delivery to the nuns in Mexico. Any questions, contact Deacon Tom at thomasgoeltz@aol.com or 760-727-8442.

Do YOU Recycle?

The youth of the Parish will soon be starting a recycling ministry to raise money for their activities. The California CRV program provides a wonderful opportunity for fundraising, as more than 60% of the money raised through the CRV program never gets redeemed. Watch for the blue recycling bins on the plaza after Masses in the coming weeks and make sure to deposit your eligible drink containers in them. There will also be an information table on the plaza explaining how the program works.

Pies! Pies! Pies!

Thanksgiving is rapidly approaching. Share the holiday with the poor and homeless served by Brother Benno's by bringing a fresh baked apple or pumpkin pie to the Parish Office between 8:00am and 12:00noon on Wednesday, November 23, for delivery to Brother Benno's for their Thanksgiving Day Feast. Your generosity will bring a touch of home to those in need. Any questions, contact Deacon Tom at thomasgoeltz@aol.com or 760-727-8442.

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.

Marriage & Family Life

Moms & Kids—Are you a mom with infant through school age children wanting to meet other moms in our Parish? Want to find a great way to meet friends for both you and your children? Join our dynamic and energetic Moms and Kids ministry! We have park play dates on the first and third Monday of each month at a local park, and there are many other events throughout the month posted on our private Facebook page. Join us! Contact Natalia Sada at vzlanaty@yahoo.com or Estelle Eral at estelle.eral@gmail.com.



Natural Family Planning—Have you heard about NFP and aren't quite sure what it is? Are you interested in learning more about Natural Family Planning? Contact Cheryl and Dave Ross at davidandcherylross@gmail.com to learn more about the various NFP methods and determine which method is right for you and your family.

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, November 17, 7:00pm, St. Thomas More, Parish Center Upper Level. Please RSVP with Beth at 619-630-8086 or beth@veritasfertilitycare.com.

Relationship Skills Workshops—Deacon John and Debbie Fredette present 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 November 15 is *Childhood Issues and Emotional Baggage*. There is no pre-registration or fee. For more information call Deacon John at 760-758-4100 x104

Bishops' Letter on Marriage—Same-Sex Unions: "Marriage is a unique union, a relationship different from all others. It is the permanent bond between one man and one woman whose two-in-one-flesh communion of persons is an indispensable good at the heart of every family and every society. Same-sex unions are incapable of realizing this specific communion of persons. Therefore, attempting to redefine marriage to include such relationships empties the term of its meaning, for it excludes the essential complementarity between man and woman, treating sexual difference as if it were irrelevant to what marriage is." <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

Marriage Moments—Are you both healthy? Hopefully yes, but in any marriage there are times when one spouse gets sick. Whether it's a simple cold or a serious illness how do you like to be treated when you're not feeling well. Do you want to be left alone or get lots of tender, loving care? What kind of care? www.SusanVogt.net.

Parenting Pointers—November is National Adoption Month. Whether or not your own children are adopted, talk with them about the generosity of those who adopt, foster parent, or simply mentor children who are not biologically connected to them. 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

Men's Fellowship Update

Are you hungry for a good message, good fellowship, and a good breakfast? Join us for our Saturday morning men's gathering and breakfast called **iHunger**. To stay informed of what's going on with **iHunger** via SMS text messages, text iHunger to 84576 or email Deacon John to have your email added to the iHunger distribution group. (Note: breakfast is off-site on the first weekend of each month).

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.

Women's Guild News

The election is finally over, and you can relax and enjoy the general meeting and luncheon Monday, November 14, at 11:00am on the lower level of the Parish Center. Three of our members will share their journey with breast cancer: Sally Fay, Valerie Thompson, and Cyndy Hamasaki with a Q&A session to follow. If you have not done so yet, please contact Patty Remington, Hospitality Chair, cprem@pacbell.net or 760-805-6935 to let her know you are coming. A variety of homemade soups will be served by our very own soup chefs with salad, rolls and a surprise dessert. The cost is still only \$10.

Game Day tickets are going fast. The fun starts at 11:00am on Saturday, November 19, and goes to 3:00pm on the Parish Center Lower Level. It is a day of fun that includes lively games to your liking, snacks for grazing, appetizers, lunch, door prizes and opportunity baskets. Everyone is welcome—spouses, family and friends alike. Tickets are \$20 and are sold on the plaza after each of the masses this weekend and at our meeting on Monday, the 14th. Trish Feeley and Marcy Bernier, co-chairs, are amassing great door prizes and opportunity baskets already, so gather your friends and family for a fun few hours on the 19th!

Plans for our December 12 celebration of Advent are in the works. You'll hear more about this popular luncheon meeting, the theme of which is "American Traditions", at this month's luncheon. Hope to see you there!

Be merciful and God bless! —Kathy Gerhard, president

Knights of Columbus

Remember Sunday, November 13, is the last day to order Christmas trees, wreaths, or garlands. Christmas cards are also available for sale. You can help with a youth group project to send cards to deployed military and prisoners. Visit our table on the plaza.

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.

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



Our Pastor's Dinner, Wine Tasting 101, and Oktoberfest were all very successful! These events made it possible for the Gala team to give STM enough money to bring our 2016 "Year of Celebration" total to \$61,000!

The Gala team thanks YOU for your support and invites you to join us in our final "Year of Celebration" event, the Christmas Cookie Exchange. This is a fun and festive event, where everyone brings four dozen cookies to exchange and also enjoys hot chocolate, coffee, juice, treats and fellowship! Our own Ava Ratajczak hosts this event, accompanied by Robin and Mary Ratajczak. This helps with the Gala's start-up funds for our 2017 Cinco de Mayo Gala!

Sign up at the Information Table, in the parish office or by contacting Chris Smith.

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

We are expecting delivery between December 8-15!

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

Catholic Widows and Widowers of North County

The second Sunday of each month is our General Meeting and Potluck at 2:00pm. On the fourth Sunday we meet for a Communal Mass at various Catholic churches in North County. Check 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 more! RSVPs are required. For more information call Carol Kope 760-726-0533.

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

Liturgy & Music *Worship God*

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

CELEBRATING THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

Sunday, November 20, 7:00pm

Trusting in Your Mercy, O God!

Pope Francis, in the Bull of Indiction for the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, *Misericordiae vultus*, wrote:

Mercy is the very foundation of the Church's life. All of her pastoral activity should be caught up in the tenderness she makes present to believers; nothing in her preaching and in her witness to the world can be lacking in mercy (n. 10).

It is with these sentiments in mind that we have lived the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy.

On the Feast of Christ the King, we celebrate the end of this extraordinary year and the beginning of the road ahead. Filled with grace and blessings received this past year, we turn our attention to the mercy we can bring to this world and to this local community.

I invite you to celebrate the Jubilee Year with an evening of prayer, music, and reflection on Sunday, November 20, at 7:00pm in the Church.

Upcoming Music



NOVEMBER 20
Our Lord Jesus
Christ, King of
the Universe



5:00pm

Praise Team

8:30am

Tower Bells

10:30am

Sanctuary Choir

Trusting in Your Mercy, O God!

It will be an evening of prayer, reflecting on the grace inherent in a life lived with mercy.

It will be an evening of music, celebrating the joy that mercy brings to the world.

It will be an evening of reflection, with a special talk by Fr. Mike, focusing our hearts and minds on a future filled with mercy.

This past year, our weekend Prayers of the Faithful have included the acclamation, "We trust in Your Mercy, O God."

On November 20, we lift up our hearts and minds and voices to commit ourselves to the road ahead, singing of the Lord's mercy that extends to all generations, and asking God to pour out unceasingly that same mercy upon the entire world.

Trusting in Your Mercy, O God!

I look forward to seeing you there!

—Douglas



All that you see here—the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down.

Luke 21:6



Trusting
in
Your Mercy,
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Sunday, November 20, 2016 | 7:00 p.m.



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Family Faith Formation

The Next REACH Sunday Is November 20th!

Is Your Child Enrolled in Faith Formation?

It's not too late to register for classes!

Classes are available for ages 3-Adult

Contact Debbie in the Faith Formation Office Today!

Sacrament Prep News



Saturday, November 12, is an M3 event for Year 1 and Year 2 Confirmation classes and their families.

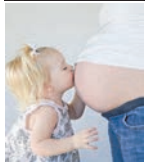
Join us for 5:00pm Mass and a potluck immediately following on the Parish Center Lower Level.



Sunday, December 4, 12:30pm, is our next Reconciliation/Eucharist Parent Meeting

for parents with a child in their second year of Sacrament preparation. Meet on the Parish Center Upper Level.

Baptism Prep News



Why not schedule your Baptismal appointment today before the arrival of your little one? Contact the Faith Formation Office at 760-758-4100 x110 or debbief@stmoside.org for more information about the Sacrament of Baptism and Preparation classes.

Little Books for Advent

Little Books for Advent are now available to purchase in the Parish Office during the week or at the Parish Information table after all the weekend Masses. Get inspired this Advent by using this daily reflection tool. Just \$2, and they make wonderful gifts for family and friends!

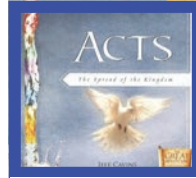
Fuel Up at Tommy's Café!



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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
November 16
9:00-11:00am

Thursday Evening
Bible Study Continues
November 17
7:00-8:30pm
Childcare is Available

Relationship Skills Workshop



Tuesday evenings, 7:00-8:30pm

Come Find Out About "The Third Option"

The next session will be held November 15 on the Parish Center Lower Level.

No need to register, and there is no cost to attend. Come for just some or all of the sessions.

Sunday Missals Are Here!

Sunday Missals for the New Liturgical Year are now available.

The books are just \$5 and can be purchased at the Parish information table after all the weekend Masses or at the Parish Office throughout the week. They will sell out fast, so do not wait. Get yours today!

The Ark Nursery



Open during the 10:30am Mass for children up to 5 years of age.

Contact Lia Keane at liak@stmoside.org for more information or to buy your ARK card.

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Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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Director of Stewardship & Development
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Collection for Week of November 5/6, 2016

Number of Registered Households	1,236
Offertory	\$23,278.63
Offertory (Loose Collection)	\$1,417.50
Total	\$24,696.13

Ways to Help Support Your Parish

We offer a variety of options for easier giving: extra mail-back envelopes included in your packet or credit card and automatic checking/savings account deductions by signing up in the office or online. For more information, contact the Parish Office at 760-758-4100 x100 or parishoffice@stmoside.org. To sign up online, visit www.stmoside.org, then click on Donations, then Online Giving.

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Got Deductions?

2016 YEAR-END CHECKLIST



- † **BE SURE TO COMPLETE** all gifts by December 31 to qualify for tax savings on this year's tax return. **Advance planning with the Parish Office is essential, since the office will be closed from Friday, December 23, 2016, at noon and will reopen on Tuesday, January 3, 2017.**
- † Donations received at the Saturday, December 31, 2016 Vigil Mass will be credited in the 2016 tax year.
- † **Envelopes POSTMARKED by Saturday, December 31, 2016, will be counted toward the 2016 tax year.**
- † **Annual Catholic Appeal** ~ Parishioners with a balance due on their pledges made to this year's ACA are requested to conclude payments by December 31, 2016. (*Tithing families, know that your tithe covers your ACA contribution.*)
- † Keep all gift receipts and acknowledgment letters, especially for gifts of \$250 or more.

For more information please contact:

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

Empowered by God's Grace and Love

Our mission statement at St. Thomas More Catholic Church is:

"To worship God, teach and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and serve God's people in word and deed."

This weekend we welcome Stacey, Morgan, and 6-year-old Makayla Espe to share their journey at STM and how Christian Stewardship has given them joy and growth along the way. The Espe's have been with our Parish for four years and have added depth to their faith journey as well as helping with several of our ministries during this time.



Their stewardship includes:

- † Moms and Kids Ministry
- † Serving meals at Solutions for Change Homeless Shelter
- † Blood drive chairpersons (twice yearly drives)
- † Vacation Bible School
- † Makayla handing out bulletins after Mass
- † Lighthouse Kiosk Ministry on the plaza every weekend
- † Greeters at the Parish Information Table
- † AND, Social Ministry Chairpersons (see page 10!)

The Espe family exemplifies the spirit of Christian Stewardship. They understand that God has gifted them in many ways, and are glad to say "yes" to managing the gifts they've been given.

That is what we do as Christian Stewards ~ manage the gifts God gives us! We are God's co-workers, and as such, we each make the world a better place by following the example of Jesus.

**ONLY BY GOD'S GRACE AND LOVE ARE WE
EMPOWERED TO LIVE AS SERVANTS**

Just as "Jesus came to serve and not to be served" (Matt. 20:28), He wants to develop a servant spirit in each of us. Jesus was the ultimate servant as he laid down his life for us as sinners. By grace, God mold us into people with serving hearts.

Through our faith, God enables us to see life from an eternal perspective, which acknowledges him as the source of all things. **Understanding that God is the creator, owner, and controller of "the world, and those who dwell therein"** (Psalm 24:1) motivates us to give to him in return for our gifts.

—partially excerpted Parish Publishing, November 2016 Stewardship (with permission)

*Many thanks to the Espe family
for sharing their gifts and setting
such a great example for us all!*

Memorial Item Donations Available

Jesus on the Road to Emmaus

Bronze Sculpture for
Daily Mass Chapel \$30,000

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 \$5,000/each
(54) 12 available

Priests' Concelebration Vestments \$400/each
(4) 4 available

Pew Seating for the Church \$300/each
(1,000) 706 available

Daily Mass Chapel and Choir Chairs \$300/each
(200) 93 available

Altar Server Albs \$125/each
(15) 8 available

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donations of any amount toward the
pipe organ will be accepted

11/01/16

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
760-758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org



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from this program. Thank you donors!**



**For more information, contact the Parish Office:
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The Larger Church News

Thanksgiving Day Dinner for the Homeless and Needy—On November 24, St. Francis of Assisi Parish will host a dinner for the homeless and needy of Vista. Donations to this effort are appreciated. Contact Mike Pritchard, Soup Kitchen Ministry, at 760-945-8000.

Casa de Molina Children's Christmas Party—Saturday, December 16. Volunteers and donors needed. For more information, contact Vicky Molina at motherv5@cox.net

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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Volunteer Reading Tutors Needed—Oasis Tutoring is seeking volunteers who can spend one hour a week at a local elementary school with a K-4th grade child. No experience required; training provided; clearance required. For more information, contact John Duncicliff at 760-796-6020.

Meals with Love-Vista/Oceanside—Provides nutritious meals at reasonable cost to the homebound. For more information, visit www.mealswithlove.org or call 888-495-5075.

Young Adult Opportunities around the Diocese

For more information, visit www.yamsd.org.
To receive text updates, text **YAM** to **84576**.

For North County Young Adult Meetups text **STYM** to **84567** or
www.facebook.com/NorthCountyYoungAdults.

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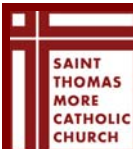
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- † **16 Total Adults** to staff "**The Ark**" Nursery for both Sunday morning Masses. 8 Adults are needed to start program for 8:30am Masses on rotation basis. Training is provided.
- † **18 Eucharistic Ministers** to bring communion to Tri-City Hospital, on a weekly basis, each month on Tuesdays (4 teams of 4 people, plus substitutes).
- † **18 Eucharistic Ministers** weekly to administer communion to our Parish's shut-in members and to the convalescent and retirement homes we serve.
- † **61 Handbells** to make up the 5-octave set that 10 to 12 ringers use to play during Mass.
- † **6 Artisans**, and their helpers, on our Art & Environment team to prepare and maintain our worship space for our various seasons, feasts, and solemnities.
- † **72 Musicians** to make the music we currently hear at the Parish during the year.
- † **275+ Stewards** to help our Faith Formation and Evangelization Ministries flow so seamlessly.
- † **54 Catechists and Assistants** to share faith in the RE.A.CH program for our youth twice a month. **250 children+** are enrolled in this program which covers youth ages 3 to 18.
- † **50+ Parishioners** to make our annual Vacation Bible School a success each summer. Enrollment is 220!
- † **8 Adult Facilitators/Liturgy of the Word for Children** to allow our children, ages 4 through 12, to share God's Word on their level during the first part of Sunday Masses.
- † **2 Adults** to assist with clean up after Wednesday morning **Adult Bible Study**.
- † **6-8 Stewards** to stuff our bulletins every week!
- † **Many Faithful Stewards** to help facilitate our RCIA team. Sponsors are welcome to journey and prepare new members for initiation into the Catholic Church.
- † **3 Catechists** to help with monthly classes to prepare parents presenting infants for Baptism.
- † **10 Baptism Banner Makers** to make a special banner for each new Catholic.
- † **2 Adults** to schedule teen workers for **Tommy's Café** and **2 Adults** to sell lunches after the 10:30am Mass on RE.A.CH Sundays through **Tommy's Café**.
- † **6 People a Weekend** to sell Scrip after all Masses.
- † **8 STM Parishioners** to staff the serving line at Brother Benno's on the first Saturday of each month.
- † **Many People** to provide dinners on the fourth Sunday of each month to Solutions for Change homeless shelter in Vista. Individual families, and/or ministerial groups provide the monthly dinners, which serve 35-40 people.
- † **60-75 Stewards**, depending on the size of the funeral, to help the **Bereavement Ministry** cover details of a funeral from start to finish, including:
Core Team Ministers who work with the family
Liturgical Ministers for Mass or Memorial Service
Bakers and Salad Makers for the receptions
Kitchen/Reception Area set up/clean up crews
Ushers and Greeters
Paschal Choir Members provide musical support
5 People to handle table linen duty after receptions.
- † **120+ People** to coordinate all the details of our annual **Gala w/Happy Hour, Dinner, Raffles/Live/Silent Auctions**; **Childcare** provided
- † **8-10 Parishioners** to promote our **Culture of Life** efforts **with Birth Choice in San Marcos, Life Walk**, and collections for newborn infants.
- † **60+ People** to make our **Christmas Angel Program** a success with collections for Solutions for Change homeless shelters in Vista, children of Camp Pendleton families, stockings for local families in need, and infant items for Birth Choice.
- † **Numerous Knights of Columbus** to help with Sunday Breakfasts, Lenten Fish Dinners, Christmas cards, trees and wreaths, and entertainment book sales.
- † **10 Spirited Seniors** to organize multiple annual events to enhance spiritual, educational, and friendship needs.
- † **Multiple Women's Guild Members** to provide Bake Sales, quilts for annual raffle, coordinate the annual Fashion Show, and coordinate Game Days.
- † **20 Parishioners** to facilitate our "Welcome Ministry" which introduces prospective members to the life and activities of our faith community.
- † **14 Stewards** from our Membership Committee to host semi-annual Welcome Luncheons for our new members.
- † **4-5 Certified Instructors** to train and certify **500+** at American Red Cross classes offered at the Parish.

*It takes over 1,500 stewards to continue the mission and ministry of Jesus at STM!
Which ministry best suits you?*



St. Thomas More Catholic Church

Christian Stewardship Opportunities Response Form

The Mission of St. Thomas More Catholic Church is to:
worship God, teach and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ,
and serve God's people in word and deed.

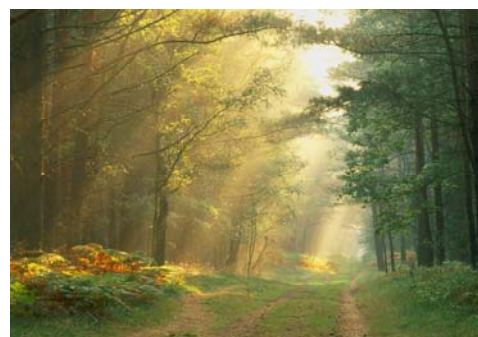
Please take time to prayerfully review this form and select the area(s) that best fit your desire to serve.

Make a heartfelt selection! Return this form

- via the collection basket at Mass,
- to the Parish Office during the week
- or by mailing to the Parish Office.

Please circle

- ☒ **N** for new ministry
☒ **C** for continued ministry
☒ **E** for ending ministry



STEWARDSHIP: Time and Talent

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Faith Formation & Evangelization

- ☐ ☐ ☐ Ecumenical/
Interreligious Affairs
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Liturgy of the Word for
Children
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Moms & Kids
- ☐ ☐ ☐ "The Ark" Nursery (0-5 yrs.)
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Religious Education for
Adolescents and Children
(REACH)
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Religious Education for
Adults
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Bible Study
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Centering Prayer
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Men's Fellowship
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Women's Ministry
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Sacramental Preparation
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Baptism
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Reconciliation/
Eucharist
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Confirmation
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Rite of Christian
Initiation (RCIA)
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Vocations
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Youth Ministry
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Middle School
- ☐ ☐ ☐ High School
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Tommy's Café
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Young Adults

Liturgy

- ☐ ☐ ☐ Art & Environment
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Bereavement Ministry
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Eucharistic Adoration
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Interior Design Team
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Liturgical Ministers
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Altar Servers
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Eucharistic Ministers

- ☐ ☐ ☐ Hospitality Ministers
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Readers
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Sacristans (Altar
Guild, Altar Linen,
Daily, or Weekend/
Holy Day Masses)

Music Ministry

- ☐ ☐ ☐ Cantors
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Sanctuary Choir
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Children's Choir
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Tower Bells
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Instrumentalists
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Praise Team
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Paschal Choir

Wedding Coordination

Marriage & Family Life

- ☐ ☐ ☐ Bringing the
Celebration Home
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Diocesan (M&FL) Liaison
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Family Services
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Marriage Preparation
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Widows & Widowers

Parish Organizations & Events

- ☐ ☐ ☐ Annual Gala
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Historian/Archives
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Knights of Columbus
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Photographer
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Social Activities
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Spirited Seniors
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Treasures Rummage Sale
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Walking Ministry
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Women's Guild

Social Ministries

- ☐ ☐ ☐ Blood Drive
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Brother Benno's
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Kitchen Servers
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Collection

- ☐ ☐ ☐ Christmas Angel Ministry
- ☐ ☐ ☐ CPR/AED Classes
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Culture of Life Activities
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Disability Facilitation
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Jail/Detention Ministry
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Mental Health Ministry Network
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Prayer Request Line
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Project Linus
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Sick and Homebound
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Social Justice Committee
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Interfaith Center for
Worker Justice
- ☐ ☐ ☐ San Diego
Organizing
Project (SDOP)
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Solutions for Change
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Family Shoe Ministry
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Monthly Dinners
- ☐ ☐ ☐ St. Bonaventure Mission

OFFICE SUPPORT

- ☐ ☐ ☐ General Support
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Kitchen Manager
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Table Linen Ministry

DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

- ☐ ☐ ☐ Annual Catholic Appeal
- ☐ ☐ ☐ New Construction
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Parish Membership
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Publicity/Public Relations
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Scrip Sales
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Stewardship
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Towers of Faith
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Vehicle Donations
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Welcome Ministry

FINANCE COUNCIL

- ☐ ☐ ☐ Committee Chairpersons

Name(s):

Phone:

Email:



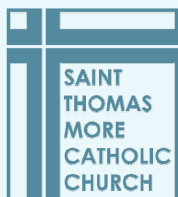


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Thanksgiving Dinner at St. Thomas More



*Our Parish family will be hosting a Thanksgiving Dinner
on Thursday, November 24, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.*

We would love to have you share this holiday with us!

*The traditional dinner dishes (all of the hot dishes and cranberry
sauce) will be provided, although if you would like to bring an
appetizer or a dessert, it will be welcomed. We serve the Dinner in
family style, so please return this form to the Parish office as soon as
possible, so we can plan for seating.*

*For more information, or to RSVP, please call Henny at the Parish
Office, 760-758-4100 x100.*

*I/we will be attending the Thanksgiving Dinner
at St. Thomas More on November 24.*

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

(street)

(city)

(zip code)









Phone number: _____

Number of people attending: _____

*A free-will offering will be taken at the Dinner.
Any donations will go to St. Thomas More Parish.*



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Bringing the Celebration Home

Fourth Annual Advent Workshop

Saturday, November 26, at 3:00pm ~ Parish Center Lower Level

It may still be warm outside, but Advent is just around the corner! Join us for our Fourth Annual Advent Workshop on Saturday, November 26, at 3:00pm. We'll be making a Twelve Days of Christmas Countdown that you can use to celebrate the days between Christmas and Epiphany!

This event is perfect for families and friends of all ages, and a great opportunity to bring the liturgical season into your home.



To register: stop by the table on the plaza this weekend OR contact Jen Frost at jenf@stmoside.org. Cost is \$10 per set. **You must pre-register for this event!**



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2016 SAN DIEGO DIOCESAN SYNOD

GENERAL ASSEMBLY PROPOSALS WITH OBJECTIVES



- I. Witness to Both the Beauty and Realism of the Catholic Vision of Marriage and Family Life
- II. Form a Culture of Invitation and Hospitality to Unmarried Couples
- III. Welcome, Nurture, and Form Children
- IV. Provide Authentic Pastoral Support for Those Who Are Divorced
- V. Bring Depth to Family Life

Challenge I – Witness to Both the Beauty and Realism of the Catholic Vision of Marriage and Family Life

Three Proposals in Order of Priority

I-A Create a parish environment that nurtures and celebrates marriage

1. Pastor to appoint a ministry **team** to implement marriage ministry objectives.
2. Celebrate marriage anniversaries regularly in the parish to include 1, 5 etc. and not just 25 and 50 years.
 - a. Send anniversary cards to parishioners
 - b. Celebrate World Marriage Day at both diocesan and parish level
 - c. Have longest marriage couple contest
 - d. Encourage parishes to have events to celebrate marriage and renewal of marriage not forgetting younger couples
 - e. Create parish experiences for couples such as retreats and socials for couples with children and without
 - f. Gather couples connected to a regular liturgy
3. Liturgy
 - a. Have deacons and priests preach about marriage
 - b. Make better use of the Prayer of the Faithful
 - c. Create more family friendly liturgies
4. Make creative use of the website

I-B Create married couples mentor groups at the parish and/or at deanery level

1. Create married couples support groups
2. Diocesan training for mentors
3. Acknowledge the struggles of marriage and family life
4. Develop networking between parishes to share resources
5. Engage military families
6. Develop parish marriage preparation follow-up, mentoring and sponsors.
 - Explore doing pre-cana possibly on the deanery level as well as celebrations

I-C Make education in faith for all ages more effective as the foundation for sacramental marriage

1. Provide on-going formation for priests regarding the sacrament of marriage
2. Have workshops for marriage renewal with cultural sensitivity
3. Diocese to provide training for parish ministry teams.
4. Make Catholic education more affordable through intense diocesan fundraising efforts
5. Inform and engage all Catholics in formation on marriage thru social media and the internet

6. Focus on Catholic teaching and specifically sacramental marriage
7. Use parish facilities for pre-school and after-school formation programs
8. Deacon couples teach about marriage
9. Provide education, materials & resources NFP and the Church's teaching on artificial contraception

Challenge II – Form a Culture of Invitation and Hospitality to Unmarried Couples

Three Proposals in Order of Priority

II-A Establish parish-based mentors to welcome and accompany young adult and couples into full participation of church life

1. Invite young adults to take on leadership and liturgical roles in parishes
2. Form groups of parish “ambassador couples” in deaneries and clusters to accompany couples through the process of preparing for marriage and afterwards
3. Invite “ambassador couples” who like to listen, are very personable, non-judgmental, confidential, and can share faith
4. Create a pilot program for parish based mentors/ambassador couples with diocesan support identifying proper resources, methodologies, and experiences
5. Expand social events such as *Theology on Tap*, *Catholic Sports*, and other experiences for couples
6. Expand small group faith formation such as nights of reflection, adoration, praise and worship, Bible studies, catechesis and other ways to engage young couples
7. Parish priests can be creative about hosting young adults/couples
8. Inform and invite Pastors to participate
9. Affirm that Pastors are among the most effective mentors of presence and welcome for each parish

II-B Form a diocesan task force to establish best practices on support for couples preparing for marriage

1. Evaluate current marriage prep programs, and explore what they would like to see in future marriage prep experiences
2. Analyze data of local demographics for young adults and those not married in the church
3. Explore best practices of marriage support
4. Explore what is working best in some ecclesial movements such as *Couples for Christ* and others
5. Explore what is working in other churches
6. Create a welcome package
7. Training on how to teach good relationship skills

II-C Foster a culture of inclusion for couples in all stages of their relationship

1. Accompany couples to a deeper experience of Christian marriage
2. Explore the hope of celebrating marriage in the Catholic Church

Challenge III – Welcome, Nurture, and Form Children

Three Proposals in Order of Priority

III-A Create experiences and resources that educate and evangelize children and their families in the Faith

1. Establish a Diocesan Task Force to investigate and distill “best practices” for children’s ministry and parish involvement
 - a. Visit Deaneries to train lay leaders in these new strategies, leaving ample room for the particularities of each parish community
 - b. These child centered practices should touch all aspects of parish life, including social, sacramental, liturgical, education, service, and retreats

2. Survey desires and needs of children and families. (Parish level)
 - a. Through Faith formation
 - b. After Mass
 - c. Via social media
 - d. Diocesan–Tap into existing resources

III-B Create Parish small groups to cultivate Faith and relationships among families

1. Need to be Christ-centered and sociable; Faith should be gently guided according to the formation of the group.
 - a. Sociality and Faith within small groups are not mutually exclusive.
2. Parish Guidance
 - a. Groups by ages of children
 - b. Fun, Faith and Fellowship.
 - c. Facilitator
 - i. designated volunteer, sponsor family
3. Priest or deacon to visit small groups on an annual basis
4. Outcomes: Experiential, relational, catechesis/evangelization
 - a. Experiential/catechesis and evangelization: age appropriate faith based catechetical activities
 - b. Relational: supporting the formation of relationships outside of the parish context

III-C Identify and minister to families who are alone, isolated or on the margins in our parish communities

1. Survey to identify a specific groups within the parish boundaries
 - a. Examples of constituencies
 - b. Military realities which impact mobility, brevity of time in parish and one parent bringing child/children when one spouse is on deployment
 - c. Immigrants and refugees
 - d. Complexities with different stages in life such as divorced, widowed and single parent
 - e. Social justice concerns in witnessing to those on the margins of society in a parish
2. Establish a welcoming/hospitality committee within each parish
 - a. Identify families/existing ministries to facilitate
3. Create community partnerships and liaisons
 - a. Outside agencies should refer Catholics to parish and parish should refer parishioners to available agencies (mutual referral)

Challenge IV – Provide Authentic Pastoral Support for those who are Divorced

Three Proposals in Order of Priority

IV-A Create a culture of support for those in all stages of separation and divorce

1. Provide support regarding grief, pain, and loss
2. Incorporate sensitivity to cultural and generational differentiations
3. Include all in community, Catholic and non-Catholic
4. Utilize existing resources and make available to parishes
5. Formalize a parish-based mentoring program
6. Provide education, based on canon law, on the annulment process and remarriage
7. Find creative ways to reach out to divorced Catholics who are away from the church

IV-B Reconfigure the Marriage and Family Office to include a director focusing on all stages of separation and divorce

1. Recruit, convene, and direct a working group to develop elements of a parish-based diocesan ministry
2. Implement the process developed by the working group to bring the divorce ministry to parishes
3. Provide guidance on the annulment process in collaboration with the Tribunal.
4. Serve the separated, divorced, and remarried populations

IV-C Provide formation in the areas of conscience formation and the Internal Forum, not only to implement the pathway to sacramental participation outlined in the *Joy of Love* but even more fundamentally to illuminate a core element of Christian discipleship itself

1. Provide forums on conscience formation for pastoral leadership: priests, deacons, religious, and lay leaders
2. Evaluate current programs of faith formation for children, youth, and adults regarding conscience formation
3. Identify and develop resources including print, web-based, video, and other media on conscience formation
4. Incorporate catechesis on external forum and internal forum in programs of adult faith formation

Challenge V – Bring Depth to Family Life

Three Proposals in Order of Priority

V-A Create a diocesan office for family spirituality

1. Provide marriage preparation and ongoing support of marriage as a vocation
2. Develop resources for parishes to minister to families (i.e divorced, single-parent, widowed, deployed, deported, special needs, multigenerational households, LGBT)
3. Develop resources for family activities to promote family unity/solidarity
4. Publish a handbook of resources for family prayer and spirituality for the home
5. Sponsor days of prayer and retreats for couples, families and festivals of faith for children at an annual diocesan “open house”
6. Identify, screen and train spiritual directors for Catholics through the Diocesan Institute
7. Identify counselors who appreciate and value the faith dimension of Catholic families

V-B Create a parish culture of faith which welcomes and fosters family participation in prayer and liturgy

1. Invite “Family” participation
2. Greeting, mentoring new families and struggling families
3. Attempt to use the prayer of the Mass to invite children to understand what is going on and make them feel welcome and engage
4. Provide childcare- Masses and parish activities
5. Connect cultural expressions to teachings of the church
6. Acknowledge, celebrate and bless significant life events
7. Connect religious education programs to Mass schedule

V-C Establish local centers to support family spiritual life

- Coordinate within deaneries to identify and provide spaces and services to spiritually support families (i.e. counseling, retreats, and a variety of prayer experiences)

