

SAINT
THOMAS
MORE
CATHOLIC
CHURCH

Our Church is a House of Prayer for all People!

Our Church and Blessed Sacrament Chapel are open
7:00am-7:00pm, seven days a week.
The door on the left side of our main doors remains unlocked.
Please enter and exit through that door.
You are always welcome!



**A Roman Catholic Parish
in the Diocese of San Diego**

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Mass Schedule

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

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Day, 7:00am-7:00pm

Reconciliation (Confession)

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

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First Sunday of Advent November 27, 2016

Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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Advent Awakening

"Advent is a time for rousing. Human beings are shaken to the very depths, so that they may wake up to the truth of themselves. The primary condition for a fruitful and rewarding Advent is a renunciation, a surrender...a shattering awakening; that is the necessary preliminary. Life only begins when the whole framework is shaken."

—Alfred Delp

As we reflect upon our lives, and as we remember those tragic events—the sudden death of a loved one, an unexpected illness, financial failure, divorce, or betrayal—we know the truth of these words.

When we are shaken to our roots, when we need to "put it all together" one more time, we then experience our fragility and we see life once again, as for the first time.

When we surrender to this reality, we then begin to really live and take hold of life.

In the Gospel today, as we begin this Season of Advent, we hear Jesus say to us: "**Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come.**"

"The time," whatever that event may be, will come upon us, and shake us to our roots, maybe for the first time, maybe for the second, third, or fourth time. Advent is meant to be a season in which we are to prepare ourselves in faith so that we continue to trust in God as we go through what we know we could not go through without God.

The only constant is life is change. All is transitory and imperfect. We are a people waiting for the return of the Lord. One day we will die and will have to give all back to God.

Advent, with the help of the Scriptures, offers an opportunity to reflect upon these realities.

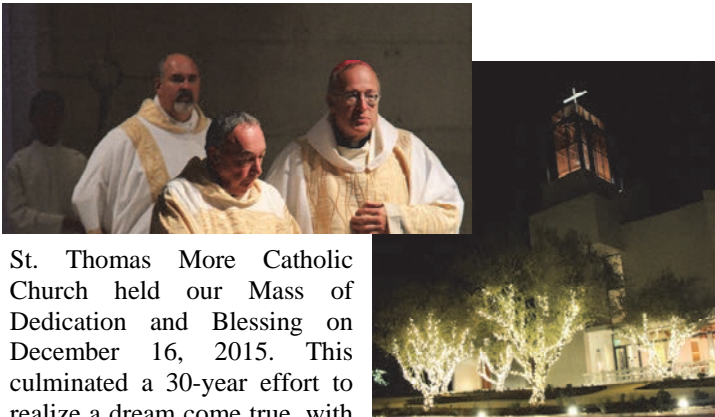
Our present culture rallies against such thinking. These days before Christmas we "medicate" ourselves with parties, food, drink, gifts, and continuous busy-ness; and we do so relentlessly, more than during any other time of year.

It is a challenge, but let us attempt to infuse this Season with Advent reflection. May this be a time in which we do not run away from life, but a time in which we more fully embrace it, with all of its beauty, but also with all of its tragedy and pain.

May Advent shake us to our roots, once again!

F. Mike

Dedication DVD Celebrates Our 30-Year History and Our Dedication Anniversary!



St. Thomas More Catholic Church held our Mass of Dedication and Blessing on December 16, 2015. This culminated a 30-year effort to realize a dream come true, with a beautiful liturgy, followed by a fabulous reception! Our Dedication DVD covers our 30-year history, as well as special parts of the Mass and the reception.

This is a special keepsake that all will want to have! The intro and outro are narrated by Doug D'Agrosa and Linda Brault, who both served for multiple years as chairpersons of our Pastoral Council during those 30 years. This DVD has photos of our progress as we journeyed from the beginning in 1985 up to the present and the Year of Mercy as one of the eight Pilgrim Churches in the Diocese of San Diego.

The DVD is about 53 minutes long. It is beautifully done by Thom Hiatt of Faith in Marketing! Thanks to all who helped over all the years and also in preparation for this special day and year!

DVDs are available for \$20 each on the plaza before or after all Masses, as well as in the Parish Office during working hours and online at our website, www.stmoside.org.

You may also contact Chris Smith at 760-758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org

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!

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

Welcome New Parishioners

Nicholas & Stacy Stats & Family

Congratulations to

Tony Korwin & Kathleen Aviña

who celebrated their 22nd anniversary of marriage on Nov. 23.

May God continue to bless your marriage, and may you be an inspiration to other married couples.

Advent Reconciliation Services at Local Parishes

Date	Time	Parish
Mon, Nov. 28	7:00pm	St. Margaret, Oceanside
Wed, Nov. 30	7:00pm	St. Patrick, Carlsbad
Mon, Dec. 5	6:30pm	Mary, Star of the Sea, Oceanside
Tue, Dec. 6	12:00pm	St. Francis, Vista
Tue, Dec. 6	6:30pm	St. Francis, Vista
Wed, Dec. 7	7:00pm	St. John, Encinitas
Sun, Dec. 11	4:00pm	St. Thomas More, Oceanside
Tue, Dec. 13	7:00pm	Nativity, Rancho Santa Fe
Wed, Dec. 14	7:00pm	St. Elizabeth Seton, Carlsbad
Thu, Dec. 15	1:00pm	Mission San Luis Rey, Oceanside
Thu, Dec. 15	7:00pm	Mission San Luis Rey, Oceanside
Mon, Dec. 19	6:30pm	St. Mark, San Marcos
Tue, Dec. 20	6:30pm	St. James, Solana Beach
Wed, Dec. 21	6:30pm	St. Mark, San Marcos
Thu, Dec. 22	10:30am	St. Peter, Fallbrook
Thu, Dec. 22	6:00pm	St. Peter, Fallbrook

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.

Our Church—Do You Know?

Outdoor speakers are now functioning on the plaza and in the area near the main restrooms to the west of the main doors. Additional restrooms are on the northeast corner behind the choir area.

An AED is located on the west side of the Reconciliation Room.

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.

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).

Readings for the Week Ahead

Sunday Year A; Weekday Year I
Readings online at www.usccb.org.

Sunday, November 27 (1)

First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm 122:1-9

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:37-44

Monday, November 28 (175)

Isaiah 4:2-6

Psalm 122:1-9

Matthew 8:5-11

Tuesday, November 29 (176)

Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17

Luke 10:21-24

Wednesday, November 30 (684)

Andrew, apostle

Romans 10:9-18

Psalm 19:8-11

Matthew 4:18-22

Thursday, December 1 (178)

Isaiah 26:1-6

Psalm 118:1,8-9,19-21,25-27a

Matthew 7:21,24-27

Friday, December 2 (179)

Isaiah 29:17-24

Psalm 27:1,4,13-14

Matthew 9:27-31

Saturday, December 3 (180)

Francis Xavier, priest

Isaiah 30:19-21,23-26

Psalm 147:1-6

Matthew 9:35-10:1,5a,6-8

Sunday, December 4 (4)

Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17

Romans 15:4-9

Matthew 3:1-12

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 Aviña

Bob Baker

Rosemary Ballard

Jose Luis Barbosa

Eliza, Isaías, 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

Bill Bryson

Anita Buerger

Amelia Buono

The Butler Family

The Cababa Family

Shelby Campbell

Breanne Campos

Aria Cappeluti

Nanette Carey

Jorge Cartajena

Donald Cashmore

Anne Caywood

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 Guent

Susan Hallahan

Colleen Hanna

The Harker Family

Dorothy Harrison

Michelle Harrison &

Family

Barbara Hatem

LaNay Hazzard

Barry Henwood

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

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

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

Elisa Petrie

Merri Phelps

Helen Pingtella

Delilah Plasterer

Perry Postulka

The Joe Prokop Family

Bernie Ptak

Barbara Ramm

Randy Reznicek

Jenni Richard

Evelyn Richards

Rita Ritchie

Ralda Rizke

Lily Robinson

Bea Rocha

Maria Rogers

The Rudolph Family

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

Sybil Staples

Mike Sterling

Laura Bernard Stover,

MD

Pete Sullivan

Pat Swanton

Steve Tandy

Julie Teare

Laura Thiele

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 27	First Sunday of Advent
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 11	Advent Communal Reconciliation Service— 4:00pm
Dec 12	Women's Guild Luncheon
Dec 13-14	Restaurant Fundraiser at Nucci's in Vista

Social Ministries & Outreach

Christmas Angels

Thank you to all who are participating in the annual Christmas Angel Ministry. We still have a few Camp Pendleton families that need sponsoring. Please see a representative at the table on the plaza for details. Also, thank you to those who have returned their ornament items already. We still have a couple weeks until the deadline, so if you have selected an ornament please remember to bring your items back to the plaza or Parish Office before December 1. If you are short on time during this busy season, remember there are also ornaments for Scrip gift cards that benefit both our Parish from your purchase, as well as the charities we support! Solutions for Change is in need of all sizes of **new** pajamas for its intake facility—remember them as you are out doing your Black Friday doorbuster shopping. If you have any further questions about Christmas Angels, or would like to know how you can become a steward in this Ministry, please contact Lisa Seufert at leprechaun81@sbcglobal.net or 760-716-0977.

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.

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.

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.

Brother Benno's

A special heartfelt thanks to all who brought pies for Thanksgiving! Your kindness and generosity brought a touch of holiday cheer to many homeless and poor who have so little. Thank you again and God Bless! —*Deacon Tom*

Looking for a Way to Be Involved?

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

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.



Marriage Encounter—Do you have a good marriage but want a little jumpstart? Would you and your spouse like to rediscover and reconnect with each other? Then we invite you to attend a Marriage Encounter Weekend. Weekends take place in San Diego and other Southern California locations throughout the year. For more information, visit www.wwme.org or contact Eddie and Sheila Murphy at 760-295-0008.

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, December 15, 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 29 is *Speaking the Truth in Love*. There is no pre-registration or fee. For more information call Deacon John at 760-758-4100 x104

Bishops' Letter on Marriage—Between a Man and a Woman: “Jesus teaches that marriage is between a man and a woman. ‘Have you not read that from the beginning the Creator made them male and female...For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh’ (Mt 19:4-6).” <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

Marriage Moments—Feast then famine. It’s a paradox of USA and Christian church calendars that the feast of Thanksgiving is quickly followed by Advent—a season of waiting and preparation. Our culture hurries Christmas by trying to get us to fill Advent with buying and busyness. Don’t let yourself be robbed of this holy time of reflection. Simplify. www.SusanVogt.net.

Parenting Pointers—Your Thanksgiving meal is probably over, but you may have leftovers. May it prompt you to reflect on your abundance. Consult your family about one way during Advent that you can use extras around your home (food, toys, tools...) to ease the lives of those who don’t have as much. 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

Game Day, sponsored by the Women's Guild, was a resounding success on Saturday, November 19, thanks to all generous guests who attended (84) and the hard work of co-chairs Marcy Bernier and Trish Feeley! As expected, it was hours of fun, great food and prizes. Special thanks also go to Richard Bernier, Jerry Black, and Richard Ogan, who did the manly heavy-duty stuff for us. There were several others who pitched in from kitchen helpers to set up and clean up, folks without whom the day would not have succeeded as it did. We made a profit of \$2,450 which will go into the pot for STM's Mortgage/Building Completion Fund.

We never stop at Women's Guild! The upcoming luncheon meeting is Monday, December 12 when we celebrate an American Advent, and hope you will volunteer to share your childhood or early years family memories of this wonderful season. You may contact Genevieve Green, Program Chair at 760-822-6605 with your ideas. Always a festive event for Women's Guild, be sure to put the date on your calendar and consider inviting a guest or two! Contact Patty Remington, Hospitality Chair, at cprem@pacbell.net or 760-805-6935 to reserve your spot(s).

As November draws to a close, Douglas Lynn said it best: "we begin the season of Advent, the beginning of our liturgical year and a time of expectation as we eagerly await the Incarnation of our Lord". May you have a blessed season! Happy Advent to All! —Kathy Gerhard, president

STM \$crip 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**

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 760-758-4100 x100.



The Gala team thanks YOU for your support in 2016 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

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.

**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



Therefore, stay awake!

Matthew 24:42

by Patricia Datchuck
Sánchez and Rafael
Sánchez Alonso,
from Celebration
November 2016,
with permission.

BRINGING FORTH THE CHRIST

Decades ago, a friend and mentor gave me what I then thought to be quite an unusual gift. As I look at it today, where it stands upon my bureau, the seven-inch brown wooden representation of an obviously pregnant Mary, head bowed, hands clasped in prayer, reminds me of the wisdom of its giver. This small figure represents who each of us is called to be, said my mentor of years ago, that is, believers who embody Jesus Christ and bring him forth into the world. Mary, in her humble cooperation with God, brought forth her Savior into the world; so are we to continue to do so for

one another. During this month, which is almost entirely given over to Advent, this special responsibility becomes all the more significant.

There are so many people and places in our world where the presence of Christ is difficult if not impossible to detect; those are the people and the places who beg for our active and positive intervention. A kind word, a service rendered, a deliberate act of love can transform an empty void into a source of God's presence. Bringing Jesus to birth in every person and place is to acknowledge that God is already present there but, perhaps, not so perceptibly. Through our positive and purposeful efforts, we might draw attention to the God who awaits discovery and rejoice in our recognition and acknowledgment of that great and graced gift.

A special season within the liturgical year, Advent speaks to the heart of who we are, pilgrims on the way, companions on the journey, fellow explorers, always making our way toward God, yet also a people in waiting and hope, knowing that our journey will end only when God intends that it will. Until then, we join together in passionate anticipation of what God has in store.

Our word advent, derived from the Latin *adventus*, means coming and calls to mind the Greek word *parousia*. Scholars agree that during the fourth and fifth centuries in Spain and Gaul, Advent was a season set apart for the preparation of catechumens who would be baptized on the feast of the Epiphany. During this special period of preparation, the faithful devoted 40 days to penance. However, by the sixth century C.E., Christians in Rome had come to associate Advent with the coming of Christ, not so much in his first coming through his humble birth in Bethlehem, but in his second coming at the end of time and as judge of all the world. Only in the Middle Ages was Advent explicitly celebrated in remembrance of Christ's first appearance at Christmas and in anticipation of Jesus' future coming in glory.

In order to celebrate these two elements of remembrance and anticipation, Advent's first two Sundays focus on Christ's final appearance among humankind, while the last two Sundays draw

scripture themes for December

attention to Jesus' first appearance. In remembering one appearance, we prepare worthily for the other yet to come.

As the first season in the liturgical year, Advent engages believers in a process of growth and is intended to be a transformational experience. As Henri Nouwen (*Eternal Seasons*, Ave Maria Press, Notre Dame, IN: 2007) has explained, the liturgical year, beginning with Advent, engages believers to hear and acquiesce to an entirely different rhythm. It is a journey from *chronos*, the chronological world of clocks and calendars, to *kairos*, time viewed as opportunity or encounter. *Kairos* is the fullness of time, that time made sacred and full by Jesus Christ; it is a time for welcoming in the Christ and allowing him to come to birth in us and in our world.

Therefore, while some may be caught up with shopping, parties, gifts, and decorations, Advent believers appreciate, enjoy and then see beyond the secular accoutrements of the season and find joy and hope in the Christ who is being revealed among us. He is Son of God, Lord of All, Hope of the Hopeless, Joy of the Sorrowing, Healer of Hearts, Lover of Sinners, and Forgiver of All. This is the God, the Christ whom we are to bring forth to the world, as Mary did. Therefore, this Advent, as we strike the careful balance between remembering and anticipation, let us be ever mindful that "Advent offers the opportunity to deepen my memory of God's great deeds in time and sets me free to look forward with courage to the fulfillment of time by him who came and is still to come" (Henri Nouwen, *The Genesee Diary: Report from a Trappist Monastery*, Doubleday, New York, NY: 1989).

Come, Lord Jesus!

Sing in the Choir for Christmas?

Rehearsals are Thursday evenings
7:00-8:00pm

Upcoming Music

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DECEMBER 4
2nd Sunday of
Advent

✕

5:00pm

Cappella Choir

8:30am

Tower Bells

10:30am

Sanctuary Choir

✕

DECEMBER 8
Immaculate
Conception of Mary

✕

7:00pm

Sanctuary Choir

Faith Formation

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Family Faith Formation

Our Next REACH Sunday is December 4!

Is Your Child Enrolled in Faith Formation?

Classes are available for ages 3-Adult

Contact Debbie in the Faith Formation Office for More Info

Sacrament Prep News



Sunday, December 4, 12:30pm is a
Reconciliation/Eucharist Parent Meeting
for parents with a child in their
second year of Sacrament preparation.
Meet on the Parish Center Upper Level.



Saturday, December 10, 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.

Adult Confirmation Preparation

Are you an adult (19 years or older) who would like to prepare
for the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2017?

Classes begin Sunday, January 8, at 7:00pm
and will be held twice a month through May.

Please contact Debbie in the Faith Formation office
to discuss registering for the 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
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Adult Faith Formation

Bible Study News



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**Wednesday Morning
Bible Study Continues**
November 30
9:00-11:00am

**Thursday Evening
Bible Study Continues**
December 1
7:00-8:30pm

For childcare please RSVP to
debbief@stmoside.org prior to study

Relationship Skills Workshop



Tuesday evenings, 7:00-8:30pm

Come Find Out About "The Third Option"

The next session will be held November 29 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
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Contributions for the weekend of November 19-20 will be included in next weekend's report. Thank you!

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, scan the code at right with your smartphone or visit www.stmoside.org, then click on Donations, then Online Giving.



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2016 YEAR-END CHECKLIST

Got Deductions?



- † **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
In Everything Stewards Give Thanks**



Every November, the United States celebrates a great national holiday: Thanksgiving. Canada celebrates a similar feast in October. Although the origins of the US festivity are somewhat historically murky, it's evident that some of the earliest immigrants to America celebrated this day as an expression of gratitude to God for bringing a healthy harvest

which would ensure their colony's survival through the winter. In those days, it was the most primal kind of thankfulness:

You have spared our lives, O Lord, and we are grateful!

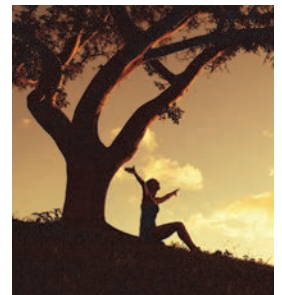
Over the years, Thanksgiving in the U.S. has become a national expression of gratitude, but sometimes it veers into the area of cliché, and often it strays away from the source of our gifts.

Television hosts will remind us we should be thankful for all the "stuff" we have, including some non-tangible items like freedom, but to whom are we grateful? In some circles, it's unfashionable to mention that it is God, the source of life and goodness, to whom we owe our deep, humble sense of appreciation.

The faith of the Christian steward, on the other hand, proclaims gratitude to God as its wellspring and cornerstone. The Christian steward is aware of thankfulness to God twelve months of the year, not just in November, and the steward knows, as St. Ignatius of Loyola taught us, that we "find God in all things."

Therefore, we find reason to thank God in all things—for health of mind and body, for our families, our livelihoods, our successes, and the gifts of education, intelligence, and freedom that make our lives full and rewarding.

We also thank God for the embarrassing moments of our lives, for the sorrows, disappointments, even the mistakes, because we know that God was present in each of those moments, ready to teach us and to guide us. The Christian steward can go deep in prayer and thank God for lessons learned in times of trouble as well as in times of bounty.



Gratitude, for the Christian steward, is not just given in times of plenty, but also in times of sadness and deprivation. Perhaps the challenge for stewards during November is to be a source of reminder to those around them that thanksgiving is a fundamental lifetime habit, rendered to the God of mercy and plenty.

—partially excerpted, ICSC November 2016, E-bulletin (with permission)

**The God of all is present in all situations.
As Christian Stewards, we give thanks to God
all year long, not just in November.**

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

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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

Sing Me Home, A Concert with Tony Alonso and Jeanne Cotter—Saturday, December 10, 7:00pm, St. John the Evangelist Church, 1001 Encinitas Blvd, Encinitas. For more information, contact julie.marnar@yahoo.com.

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

John Paul the Great Catholic University Master of Arts in Biblical Theology—For more information, go to www.jpccatholic.com or contact 858-653-6740 x1117.

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 Dunncliff at 760-796-6020.

Young Adult Opportunities around the Diocese

For more information, visit www.yamsd.org.
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For North County Young Adult Meetups text **STYM** to **84567** or
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Wednesday, December 21

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Lunch—12:00-1:30pm

Parish Center, Lower Level

\$20 members, \$22 non members

Catered by Bobby's Hideaway Cafe



Please complete the registration form, Place it in an envelope marked "Spirited Seniors Winter Luncheon" and return it to the offertory collection or the Parish Office, Box 12, by 12:00noon on December 13.
For more information, contact Jim and Marilyn Day at 760-509-4545 or jandmday@cox.net.

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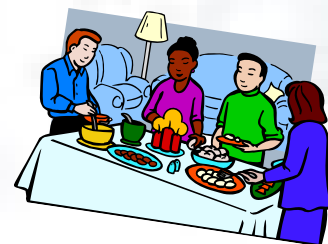
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Are you shopping for Christmas presents for Christmas Angels, family, or friends? Stop by the SCRIP table to purchase gift cards, and support our Parish as you shop!

Contact Andrea Sweeney or Lisa Seufert:
(760) 216-6389 or (760) 732-5965
scrip@stmoside.org

Christmas Angels



Would you like to be an angel this season? Collect and distribute gifts to children in need from Solutions for Change, Catholic Charities, Camp Pendleton, and Birth Choice.

Contact Lisa Seufert:
(760) 732-5965
leprechaun81@sbcglobal.net

Baptismal Banners



Can you cut felt? Do you like to be crafty? This is a ministry that you can do from home. It is a special gift for those children being baptized here at St. Thomas More.

Contact Henny Jocelyn:
(760) 758-4100 x100
hennyj@stmoside.org

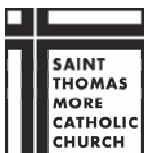
Solutions for Change



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:
(760) 643-0872
[kleahy12@cox.net](mailto:k Leahy12@cox.net)

For other ministries with immediate needs, go to www.stmoside.org and click on Get Involved/Parish Ministries, then I'm Ready to Help Now or scan the QR Code.



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December 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p align="center">St. Thomas More Catholic Church 1450 South Melrose Drive Oceanside, CA 92056 (760) 758-4100 www.stmoside.org</p> <p><u>For daily updated calendar go to the website under</u> <u>Schedule and Events/Event Calendar/Full Calendar</u></p>				<p align="center">1</p> <p>8:15A Mass (DMC) 9:00A Donuts and Coffee (PCUL) 10:00A Women's Guild Quilters (PCLL) 1:00P Centering Prayer (DMC) 6:00P Adult Bible Study-Matthew (PCLL) 7:00P Sanctuary Choir (C) 9:00P Cappella Choir (C)</p>	<p align="center">2</p> <p>8:15A Mass (DMC) 9:00A Bulletin Stuffing (PCCT) 7:00P CSU San Marcos Wind Ensemble (C)</p>	<p align="center">3</p> <p>6:45A iHunger (OS) 3:00P RCIA (PCCT) 3:30P Reconciliation (RC)</p> <p align="center">Second Sunday of Advent 5:00P Mass/K of C Corp. Comm. (C)</p>
<p align="center">4</p> <p>Second Sunday of Advent 8:30A Mass/LOWC (C) 10:20A REACH (PCLL) 10:30A Mass/LOWC(C) 12:30P R/E Parent Meeting (PCUL) 12:30P REACH (PCLL) 2:00P Basic Catechist Course (PCLL) 4:30P Edge (PCUL) 6:30P REACH/High School Post Confirmed (PCLL)</p>	<p align="center">5</p> <p>8:15A Mass (DMC) 3:00P Moms & Kids Play Date (OS) 7:00P THRIVE Young Adult Gathering (OS)</p>	<p align="center">6</p> <p>8:15A Mass (DMC) 9:00A Donuts and Coffee (PCUL) 7:00P Tower Bells (C) 7:00P Knights of Columbus (PCLL)</p>	<p align="center">7</p> <p>8:15A Mass (DMC) 9:00A Adult Bible Study-ACTS (PCUL) 1:30P Spirited Seniors (PCCT) 6:30P High School Ignite (PCUL) 6:30P Praise Team (C)</p>	<p align="center">8</p> <p>Immaculate Conception 8:15A Mass (DMC) 9:00A Donuts and Coffee (PCUL) 1:00P Centering Prayer (DMC) 7:00P Mass</p>	<p align="center">9</p> <p>8:15A Mass (DMC) 9:00A Bulletin Stuffing (PCCT) 9:00A Moms and Kids (PCUL) 7:00P Mission Vista High School Choral Concert (C)</p>	<p align="center">10</p> <p>6:45A iHunger (PCLL) 9:00A Christmas Angel Sorting (PCLL) 3:00P RCIA (PCCT) 3:30P Reconciliation (RC)</p> <p align="center">Third Sunday of Advent 5:00P Mass (C) 6:00P M3 (PCLL)</p>
<div> <div> <p>Key</p> <p>C-Church</p> <p>BSC-Blessed Sacrament Chapel</p> <p>DMC-Daily Mass Chapel</p> <p>RC-Reconciliation Chapel</p> <p>MR-Music Room</p> <p>OS-Off Site</p> <p>PCA-Parish Center Ark</p> <p>PCCT-Parish Center Conf. Table</p> <p>PCLL-Parish Center Lower Level</p> <p>PCUL-Parish Center Upper Level</p> <p>PCFL-Parish Center Front Lobby</p> <p>PCS-Parish Center Stage</p> </div> <div> </div> </div>						

<p style="text-align: right;">11</p> <p>Third Sunday of Advent 7:00A Blood Drive (PCUL) 8:30A Mass/LOWC (C) 9:00A K of C Breakfast (PCLL) 10:30A Mass (C) 4:00P Communal Reconciliation Service (C) 4:30P Edge (PCUL)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">12</p> <p>Our Lady of Guadalupe 8:15A Mass (DMC) 11:00A Women's Guild Luncheon (PCLL) 6:30P XLT (PCUL)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">13</p> <p>8:15A Mass (DMC) 9:00A Donuts and Coffee (PCUL) 7:00P Tower Bells (C) 7:00P Relationship Workshop (PCLL) 7:00P Baptism Prep (PCFL)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">14</p> <p>8:15A Mass (DMC) 9:00A Adult Bible Study-ACTS (PCUL) 4:00P Staff Meeting (PCCT) 6:30P Praise Team (C) 6:30P High School Ignite (PCUL)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">15</p> <p>8:15A Mass (DMC) 9:00A Donuts and Coffee (PCUL) 10:00A Women's Guild Quilters (PCLL) 1:00P Centering Prayer (DMC) 6:00P Adult Bible Study-Matthew (PCLL) 7:00P Creighton Model Intro (PCUL) 7:00P Finance Council (PCFL) 7:00P Sanctuary Choir (C) 9:00P Cappella Choir (C)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">16</p> <p>8:15A Mass (DMC) 9:00A Bulletin Stuffing (PCCT) 9:00A Moms and Kids (PCUL) 4:00P Catholic Charities Gathering (PCLL)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">17</p> <p>6:45A iHunger (PCLL) 10:00A Cookie Exchange (PCLL) 3:00P RCIA (PCCT) 3:30P Reconciliation (RC)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Fourth Sunday of Advent 5:00P Mass (C)</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">18</p> <p>Fourth Sunday of Advent 8:30A Mass/LOWC (C) 10:20A REACH (PCLL) 10:30A Mass/LOWC(C) 12:30P REACH (PCLL) 4:30P Edge (PCUL) 5:00P Living Nativity (PCUL) 6:30P REACH/High School Post Confirmed (PCLL)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">19</p> <p>8:15A Mass (DMC) 3:00P Moms & Kids Play Date (OS) 7:00P THRIVE Young Adult Gathering (OS)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">20</p> <p>8:15A Mass (DMC) 9:00A Donuts and Coffee (PCUL) 7:00P Relationship Workshop (PCLL) 7:00P Tower Bells (C)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">21</p> <p>8:15A Mass (DMC) 12:00P Spirited Senior Winter Lunch (PCLL) 12:00P Social Justice (PCUL) 6:30P High School Ignite (PCUL) 6:30P Praise Team (C)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">22</p> <p>8:15A Mass (DMC) 9:00A Donuts and Coffee (PCUL) 1:00P Centering Prayer (DMC) 7:00P Sanctuary Choir (C) 9:00P Cappella Choir (C)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">23</p> <p>Parish Office Closed 8:15A Mass (DMC) 9:00A Bulletin Stuffing (PCCT)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">24</p> <p>Christmas Eve 4:00P Mass (C) 6:00P Mass (C) 10:00P Mass(C)</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">25</p> <p>Christmas 8:30A Mass (C) 10:30A Mass (C)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">26</p> <p>Parish Office Closed 8:15A Mass (DMC)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">27</p> <p>Parish Office Closed 8:15A Mass (DMC)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">28</p> <p>Parish Office Closed 8:15A Mass (DMC)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">29</p> <p>Parish Office Closed 8:15A Mass (DMC)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">30</p> <p>Parish Office Closed 8:15A Mass (DMC) 9:00A Bulletin Stuffing (PCCT)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">31</p> <p>3:00P RCIA (PCCT) 3:30P Reconciliation (RC)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mary, The Holy Mother of God 5:00P Mass (C)</p>

Daily Prayer For Priests

O Jesus,
 I pray for your faithful and fervent priests;
 For your unfaithful and tepid priests;
 For your priests laboring at home or
 abroad in distant mission fields.
 For your tempted priests;
 For your lonely and desolate priests;
 For your young priests;
 For your dying priests;
 For the souls of your priests in Purgatory.
 But above all, I recommend to you
 the priests dearest to me:
 The priest who baptized me;
 The priests who absolved me from my sins;
 The priests at whose Masses I assisted and who gave me
 Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion;
 The priests who taught and instructed me;
 All the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way
 (especially.....).
 O Jesus, keep them all close to your heart,
 And bless them abundantly in time and in Eternity.
 Amen *By St. Therese of Lisieux*

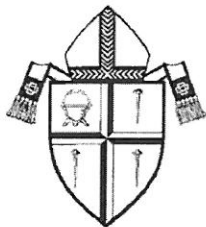
Pray for Priests and Vocations

"Now we ask you to respect those who work hard
 among you. ...Hold them in the highest regard in love
 because of their work." (1 Thess. 5:12, 13, NIV)

Daily Prayer for Vocations

Jesus, Lord of the harvest, Look with love on this
 portion of your vineyard.
 Bless the Diocese of San Diego with more priests to
 shepherd your people,
 Priests with hearts like your own.
 Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

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December 2016						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Pope Francis	2 Bishop Robert McElroy	3 Bishop Robert Brom
4 Bishop Gilbert Chavez	5 Rev. Fernando Maldonado Rosales	6 Rev. Reynaldo Manahan	7 Rev. Eduardo Manalac, SRC	8 Rev. Elmer Mandac	9 Rev. Herman Manuel, SVD	10 Rev. Victor Maristela
11 Rev. Ramón Marrufo	12 Rev. Joseph Masar	13 Rev. Devadhasan Masillamony	14 Rev. Federico Masutti, FSSP	15 Rev. Basil Mattingly, OSB	16 Rev. Anthony May	17 Rev. Stephen McCall
18 Rev. Scott McColl	19 Rev. Michael McFadden, OSA	20 Rev. Peter McGuine	21 Rev. Edward McNulty	22 Rev. Edward McGuinness	23 Rev. Carlos Medina	24 Rev. Mark Menegatti, OSA
25 Rev. Christopher Merris	26 Rev. Vincent Mesi, OFM	27 Very Rev. Msgr. Dennis Mikulanis	28 Rev. Joseph Miller, SVD	29 Rev. Lauro Minimo	30 Rev. Duncan Monohan	31 Rev. Melchisedech Monreal

Pray for Women Religious

December 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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.				1 Sr. Mary Kiely, OSF	2 Sr. M. Bosco Kim, MC	3 Sr. Justina Kim, OCD
4 Sr. Joan Kowalski, OP	5 Sr. Helen Louise Lacey, CSJ	6 Sr. Ingrid Honore Lallande, CSJ	7 Sr. Shaun Marie Larkin, SBL	8 Sr. Cecile Ley, RSM	9 Sr. Carmel Lohan, RSM	10 Sr. Elizabeth (Mel) Loomis, SHCJ
11 Sr. Aurora Lopez Ornelas, SJS	12 Sr. Demetria Lopez, CVI	13 Sr. Demetria Lopez, CVI	14 Sr. Jeanette Lucinio, SP	15 Sr. Eva Lujano, SJS	16 Sr. Linda Lutz, CHS	17 Sr. Christina MacLean, SMSM
18 Sr. Soledad Madrio, MC	19 Sr. Ann Lorraine Mahlmeister, CSJ	20 Sr. Janet Marich, FDC	21 Sr. Maria Marin Gonzales, CSC	22 Sr. Briana Martinez, OCD	23 Sr. Alexandra Matti, DMI	24 Sr. E. Aileen McCombs, SFCC
25 Sr. Marie McCormack, CSN	26 Sr. Rosanne McGrath, RSM	27 Sr. Maria de la Paz Mejia, CVI	28 Sr. Natalia Mejia, RJM	29 Sr. Angela Therese Meram, IHM	30 Sr. Mary Leonita Metoyer, RSM	31 Sr. Bertha Maria Meza, SJS