

**SAINT  
THOMAS  
MORE  
CATHOLIC  
CHURCH**



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

✠ Spirituality  
✠ Tradition  
✠ Community

**Mass Schedule**

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

**Eucharistic Adoration**

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

**Reconciliation (Confession)**

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

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**Rev. Karl Bauer, Senior Priest**  
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**The Nativity of Our Lord (Christmas)**  
**December 25, 2016**

**Pastor's Column**

*Rev. Michael Ratajczak*  
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michaelr@stmoside.org

**Come Home for Christmas**

We hear much about "coming home" for the holidays. My Christmas greetings and prayers for you and yours are contained in these words from Fr. Henri Nouwen:

***Coming Home***

*There are two realities to which you must cling. First, God has promised that you will receive the love you have been searching for.*

*And second, God is faithful to that promise. So stop wandering around. Instead, come home and trust that God will bring you what you need. Your whole life you have been running about, seeking the love you desire. Now it is time to end that search. Trust that God will give you that all-fulfilling love and will give it in a human way.*

*Before you die, God will offer you the deepest satisfaction you can desire. Just stop running and start trusting and receiving.*

*Home is where you are truly safe. It is where you can receive what you desire. You need human hands to hold you there so that you don't run away again. But when you come home and stay home, you will find the love that will bring rest to your heart.*

Many of us have found our way home. Many of us continue to search. The Faith Community of St. Thomas More is here for all of us.

As Pastor, I pledge that I will do all that I can to ensure that our Parish will be a place and a people where you are truly safe; where you can share your story in trust; where, with other seekers, you will find human hands to hold you so that you don't run away again.

For those of us who are here every week, we have found rest for our hearts. This Christmas, we give thanks to God!

For those of us who are guests this weekend and do not have a faith community, and you are looking for a home, please come back again and again!

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**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!**



*Pastor's Column (continued from page 1)*

If you feel the call to belong to a Faith Community, but are not sure how to go about it, feel free to give me a call or set up an appointment. I would welcome an opportunity to chat with you.

Come home for Christmas!

Merry Christmas to you and yours!

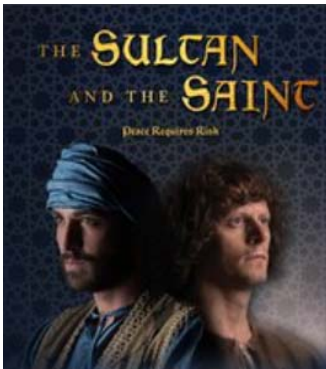
*Fr. Mike*

## Blood Drive Results

Thank you to St. Thomas More for doing an excellent job for your blood drive. 36 donors presented and 33 units were collected, each with the potential to save 3 lives.

Once again, thank you for giving The Gift of Life in the most critical time of the year.

—Sincerely, Hilda Ance, American Red Cross



## The Sultan and The Saint

**Movie screening, Saturday,  
January 7, 7:00pm  
Parish Center Upper Level  
Refreshments at 6:30pm**

With the rise of new forms of extremism across the Middle East and North Africa, Christians and Muslims around the world are facing a media narrative that pits both communities against one another.

St. Thomas More is excited to be partnering with the North County Islam Foundation to show a film that will serve as a counter-narrative to inspire Muslims, Christians, and others to take risks for peace and greater understanding.

In 1219, in the midst of the disastrous Fifth Crusade, Francis crossed enemy lines to gain an audience with al-Kamil, the Sultan of Egypt. Francis, who opposed the warfare, hoped to bring about peace by converting the Sultan to Christianity.

He didn't succeed, but came away from the peaceful encounter with revolutionary ideas that called for Christians to live harmoniously with Muslims. Thus began a relationship between the two that lasted the rest of their lives, each man risking his life to promote peace between their faiths.

This newly created documentary has been produced by Unity Productions Foundation and is narrated by Jeremy Irons.

For further information, please contact either Sr. Maureen Brown, our Pastoral Associate, at 760-758-4100 x131 or Regina Aulisio, our Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs Parish Liaison, at 760-295-5530, or Issam Lagrichi, North County Islam Foundation, at 760-681-0755.

Watch the trailer at [www.sultanandthesaintfilm.com](http://www.sultanandthesaintfilm.com).

To RSVP, visit [SultanSaintSanDiego.eventbrite.com](http://SultanSaintSanDiego.eventbrite.com).

## Welcome New Parishioners

**Alan & Lydia Clark  
Charles & Varinda Jinatongthai  
Terri Thornbury & Family**

## In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

**Donna Romens**, who died on December 21. Her memorial services will be out of town. Please keep her sisters, Karen Carrothers and Elaine Weiler, and her family in your prayers.

*May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

## Local Hospitals with Catholic Chaplains Available

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

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

## Retirement Fund for Religious

Help aging sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. "Each year the need to provide for our elderly (members) becomes more pressing, and we are ever more grateful for these providential funds," writes a religious sister about the financial assistance received from the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your donation helps provide necessities such as prescription medication and nursing care. Please give to those who have given a lifetime. You may return the envelopes any time during December. Thank you!

## 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](http://www.crs.org)) or Catholic Charities USA ([CatholicCharitiesUSA.org](http://CatholicCharitiesUSA.org)).

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

## Readings for the Week Ahead

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

**Sunday, December 25** (16)  
*The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)*  
Isaiah 52:7-10

Psalm 98:1-6

Hebrews 1:1-6

John 1:1-18

**Monday, December 26** (696)

*Stephen, first martyr*

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59

Psalm 31:3cd-4,6,8ab,16bc,17

Matthew 10:17-22

**Tuesday, December 27** (697)

*John, apostle, evangelist*

1 John 1:1-4

Psalm 97:1-2,5-6,11-12

John 20:1a,2-8

**Wednesday, December 28** (698)

*The Holy Innocents, martyrs*

1 John 1:5-2:2

Psalm 124:2-5,7cd-8

Matthew 2:13-18

**Thursday, December 29** (699)

*Thomas Becket, bishop, martyr*

2 Timothy 2:8-13; 3:10-12

Psalm 34:2-9

Matthew 16:24-27

**Friday, December 30** (17)

*The Holy Family of*

*Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

Sirach 3:2-6,12-14 or

Colossians 3:12-21

Psalm 128:1-5

Matthew 2:13-15,19-23

**Saturday, December 31** (204)

*The Seventh Day in the*

*Octave of the Nativity of the Lord*

1 John 2:18-21

Psalm 96:1-2,11-13

John 1:1-18

**Sunday, January 1** (18)

*Solemnity of Mary,*

*The Holy Mother of God*

Numbers 6:22-27

Psalm 67:2-3,5-6,8

Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 2:16-21

### Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 24, 4:00pm  
Pietro DeAngelis ☩

Saturday, December 24, 6:00pm  
Timothy John Wagner ☩

Saturday, December 24, 10:00pm  
Ann Buko ☩

Sunday, December 25, 8:30am  
Anna & Luigi Luce ☩

Sunday, December 25, 10:30am  
Ted Leeds ☩

Monday, December 26, 8:15am  
Juan Carlos Moreno ☩

Tuesday, December 27, 8:15am  
Xuan Pham ☩

Wednesday, December 28, 8:15am  
Lucy Viramontes

Thursday, December 29, 8:15am  
Russell Vincent Lannan ☩

Friday, December 30, 8:15am  
Mary Wallace ☩

Saturday, December 31, 5:00pm  
Judy Bayer ☩

Sunday, January 1, 8:30am  
Virginia Dunbar ☩

Sunday, January 1, 10:30am  
Helen Puzyski ☩

## 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

Patricia Barbour

Francie Barron

William Bartha

Clarice Bednarz

Taylor Bell

John Bennici

Regina Bentz

Lisa Berg

Roseanne Berg

The Bergeson &

Thompson Families

Mary Betz

Betty Jean Bielich

Zane Breier

Janet Brown

Anita Buerger

Amelia Buono

Shelby Campbell

Breanne Campos

Aria Cappeluti

Nanette Carey

Jorge Cartajena

Donald Cashmore

Anne Caywood

Ravy Chea

The Vaughn Clevenger

Family

Anne Cline

Carl & Dorothy

Coleman

James Coleman

Maria Colfer

Addie Colgan

Judy Colson

Karen Connell

Geoff Coolidge

Sandra Cracchiolo

Steven Cresencia

Lené Crowe

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

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

Dan Gilman

Wendy Gonzales' Dad

Rick Gonzalez

Lou Gordon

Loretta Graskemper

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

James Laguna

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

The McCoy Family

Paige McCoy

Jerry McEniry

Ann McGeary

The McGinley Family

Ann McMahan

Bob McWilliams

Joyce Meehan

Kalei Mendiola

Lorraine Micallef

Rita Mikridge

Steven Sr., Stevie, &

Noah Miller

Tom Miller

Phyllis Minaya

June Mitchell

Maria Molina

June Montgomery

Nancy Moore

Elizabeth Muehlbacher

Conrad Murphy

Eddie Murphy

Clay Murray

Margie Myers

Andrew Philip

Nacional

Angela Nacional

Melanie Nacional

Joe Nastasi

Nida Navarro

Richard Obsitnik

Gillian Ochoa

Kare O'Dell

Laura Paciorek Gloor

Katie Padilla

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

Pat Richart

Rita Ritchie

Ralda Rizke

Lily Robinson

Mateo Rodriguez

Maria Rogers

The Romens,

Carrothers, and

Weiler Families

The Russo Family

Rachel Sainc

Sam Sam

Cindy Sanelli

Lori Sanna

Rose Mary Saputo

Linda Schmidt

Grace Schweighofer

Joan Shea

Elizabeth Shirzad

Nick Soltau

Gilda Spiegl

Darek, Vanessa, &

Elba Spizewski

Don St. Pierre

Patricia St. Pierre

Joy Stanton

Sybil Staples

Mike Sterling

Laura Bernard Stover,

MD

Pete Sullivan

Pat Swanton

Julie Teare

Laura Thiele

Tommy & Ginger

Thompson

Maryann

## Social Ministries & Outreach

### Christmas Angels

A very Merry Christmas was celebrated by the families and children from Solutions for Change, Catholic Charities, Camp Pendleton, and Fraternity/Michaëlle House thanks to all who donated items and gift cards to the Christmas Angel Ministry.

Please remember your Crown gifts for Birth Choice are due back the weekend of January 7-8 for the Feast of the Epiphany

If you have any further questions, please contact Lisa Seufert at 760-716-0977 or [leprechaun81@sbccglobal.net](mailto:leprechaun81@sbccglobal.net).

### Do YOU Recycle?

The youth of the Parish have started 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. Be sure to deposit your eligible drink containers in the blue recycling bins on the plaza after Masses. 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 Bennos's | St. Bonaventure Mission

Thank you for your generous support over the past years...It means so much to so many in need. On their behalf, we wish you and yours a very merry and blessed Christmas and a wonderful New Year. —*Deacon Tom*

### 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](http://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](http://www.stmoside.org/scrip.htm) or contact the Scrip team at 760-758-4100 x150 or [scrip@stmoside.org](mailto:scrip@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](mailto:80bell80@gmail.com).

## Marriage & Family Life

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



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

**Natural Family Planning**—Struggling to conceive but nothing is happening? Or doctors tell you IVF is your only hope? Want to space children naturally and effectively? Come listen to a free Introductory Presentation of the Creighton Model FertilityCare system. Every third Thursday of the month. Next presentation: Thursday, January 19, 7:00pm, St. Thomas More, Parish Center Upper Level. Please RSVP with Beth at 619-630-8086 or [beth@veritasfertilitycare.com](mailto:beth@veritasfertilitycare.com).

**Relationship Skills Workshops**—Deacon John and Debbie Fredette 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 January 10 (no meetings on December 27 or January 3) is *Forgiveness and Repair*. There is no pre-registration or fee. For more information call Deacon John at 760-758-4100 x104

**Bishops' Letter on Marriage**—Effects of cohabitation: "Social science research, however, finds that cohabitation has no positive effects on a marriage. In some cases, cohabitation can in fact harm a couple's chances for a stable marriage. More importantly, though, cohabitation involves the serious sin of fornication. It does not conform to God's plan for marriage and is always wrong and objectively sinful." To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

**Marriage Moments**— "In the beginning was the Word" (John 1:1). And the Word was made flesh. Words count. They structure our relationship with each other. They are a promise, a sign of love. What is the first (or best) word you will say to your beloved today? By Susan Vogt, [www.SusanVogt.net](http://www.SusanVogt.net).

**Parenting Pointers**— "Thus the total number of generations was..." (Mt 1:17). Christmas is here. How many generations of your family will be present during your holidays? Listen to each other's stories. Learn about the past and future. By Susan Vogt, [www.SusanVogt.net](http://www.SusanVogt.net).

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

### Rosary

A communal Rosary is prayed after every weekday Mass (Monday-Friday) in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Please join us!





## 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

Our Christmas Raffle was brought to a close last Sunday with the drawing of the cash prizes with Fr. Mike choosing the lucky winners from a container loaded with ticket stubs! The winning ticket holders for \$200, \$300, and \$500 were Richard and Siggie Ogan, Barbara Gilbert, and Pam Hubbard, who were at first surprised and unbelieving, then very, very happy. Congratulations to you and thanks to all who generously participated. We were able to realize a net profit (for the Mortgage/Building Completion Fund) of over \$2,800!

The new year is almost upon us. Our January 9 meeting features our Chinese Auction, which is lots of fun...provided you bring some items you may not have used (or slightly used in good condition) for the auction. In fact, it is not too early to RSVP that you will be coming. Contact Patty Remington at 760-805-6935 or cprem@pacbell.net. February 25 is the date of our Tea...chaired by Maureen Tutino and Mary Dahlberg. They are busy planning a wonderful Saturday again and invite you to decorate your table and bring your friends. If you would like to be involved in the planning, please contact Maureen Tutino or Mary Dahlberg, co-chairs.

May you have a Blessed Christmas and a Peaceful New Year!

—Kathy Gerhard, president

### 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](http://www.cwwnc.com) or the bulletin board in the Parish Center Lower Level for our calendar of events including theatre, bowling, bocce ball, dining out, hiking, and more more! RSVPs are required. For more information call 760-758-4100 x100.

### Gala Cookie Exchange Results

The Grand Finale Event of the 2016 Gala, the Christmas Cookie Exchange, was a huge success! A multitude of Christmas cookies, combined with hot chocolate, coffee, and our famous STM fellowship, made this event the perfect finale to our Gala events this year. Many, many thanks to Ava and Robin Ratajczak for all they did to make this happen! Thanks also to Sondra and Dave Parks, Rebecca Eyer, and Sr. Maureen Brown for decorating and joining in the food and fun!

## Pictorial Directories Ready for Pickup!

Thank you to all who had your photos taken! Our beautiful new Pictorial Directories are here, and are ready for distribution as follows:



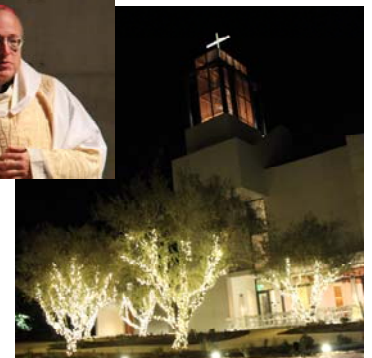
1. In the Parish Office between 8:30am and 4:00pm resuming January 3.
2. Directories are labeled and free to all Parishioners who had their pictures taken during the Lifetouch sessions at STM.
3. There is a \$10 charge for those who submitted photos or did not participate in the photo sessions.
4. Directory distribution tables will NOT be on the plaza the weekends of Christmas and New Year.

If you have questions, please contact:  
Kim Wright, 760-518-8465, [kimw@stmoside.org](mailto:kimw@stmoside.org)

## 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](http://www.stmoside.org).

You may also contact Chris Smith at 760-758-4100 x120 or [chris@stmoside.org](mailto:chris@stmoside.org)

# Liturgy & Music *Worship God*

Douglas Lynn  
Director of Liturgy & Music  
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And this will be a sign for you:  
you will find an infant  
wrapped in swaddling clothes  
and lying in a manger.

Luke 2:12 (Christmas Eve)

And the Word became flesh  
and made his dwelling among us.

John 1:14 (Christmas Day)

## MERRY CHRISTMAS!

The traditional French carol, “Angels We Have Heard on High,” tells the shepherd’s story as recorded in Luke—the angelic chorus, the trip to Bethlehem, the meeting with Mary and Joseph, and the adoration of the baby Jesus.

Luke 2:17-20 goes on to tell of the reaction of the shepherds after they had been to Bethlehem’s manger. They spread the word, and all who heard were amazed at what the shepherds said. Then, they went back to their fields, “glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen” (Lk 2:20).

I pray that this Christmas season—each and every one of those infamous 12 days—may be full of joy for you and yours, that your season may be bright with blessings from God. And that you will go out, and proclaim the glad tidings to all you meet!

Merry Christmas to one and all!

—Douglas

Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly singing o’er the plains  
And the mountains in reply  
Echo back their joyous strains.

*Gloria, in excelsis Deo!*

Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
Say what may the tidings be  
Which inspire your heavenly song.

*Gloria, in excelsis Deo!*

Come to Bethlehem and see  
Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee,  
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.

*Gloria, in excelsis Deo!*

See him in a manger laid  
Whom the choirs of angels praise;  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,  
While our hearts in love we raise.

*Gloria, in excelsis Deo!*

### Upcoming Music



**JANUARY 1**  
**Mary, the Holy**  
**Mother of God**

**Octave of**  
**Christmas**



**5:00pm**

Praise Team

**8:30am**

Capella Choir

**10:30am**

Tower Bells



Thanks to the  
entire Art and  
Environment  
Team for the  
beautiful  
Christmas  
decorations!

Do you like  
the Christmas  
flowers?  
Consider a  
donation in  
the flower  
envelope!



## Twelfth Night Choral Festival

*Our Annual Celebration of Carols and Choirs*

Faith Lutheran Church, Vista  
First Presbyterian Church, Oceanside  
Mission San Luis Rey Catholic Church  
St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church  
St. Thomas More Catholic Church  
Unitarian Fellowship of San Dieguito

**Sunday, January 8 | 6:00pm**

at St. Thomas More Catholic Church

# Faith Formation

*Teach and Live the Gospel*

Matt Franklin  
Youth Advocate

760-758-4100 x161; mattf@stmoside.org

Debbie Fredette  
Director of Faith Formation

760-758-4100 x110; debbief@stmoside.org

## Family Faith Formation

**REACH Returns on January 8!**

**Start the New Year Off Right!**

**Enroll Your Child in Faith Formation for 2017!**

Classes are available for ages 3-Adult

Contact Debbie in the Faith Formation Office for Info

## Sacrament Prep News



**Saturday, January 14**, is an M3 event for **Year 1 and Year 2 Confirmation classes and their families**. Join us for 5:00pm Mass and a potluck following on the Parish Center Lower Level.



**Sunday, January 22, 12:30pm**, is a **Eucharist Parent Meeting** for parents with a child in their second year of Sacrament preparation. Meet on the Parish Center Upper Level.

## Adult Confirmation Preparation Begins Jan 8!

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 at [debbief@stmoside.org](mailto:debbief@stmoside.org) to discuss registering for the classes.

## STM Youth "Living Nativity"



Many thanks to all the Parish families who came out to support St. Thomas More's Youth Ministry in their production of the "Living Nativity".

A big thanks to John Arguello & Sons for set design and Rebecca Eyer for all the wonderful refreshments!

## The Ark Nursery



The ARK will be closed for Christmas and New Years and will reopen January 8 at the 10:30am Mass for children up to 5 years of age. Contact Lia Keane at [liak@stmoside.org](mailto:liak@stmoside.org) for more information or to buy an ARK card.

## 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** will break for Christmas and New Years. We will be back on **January 11 9:00-11:00am**

**Thursday Evening Bible Study** Continues On **January 12 | 7:00-8:30pm** for childcare please RSVP to [debbief@stmoside.org](mailto:debbief@stmoside.org) prior to the evening of the study.

## Relationship Skills Workshop



**Tuesday evenings, 7:00-8:30pm**

**Come Find Out about "The Third Option"**

The next session will be held **January 10** on the **Parish Center Lower Level**.

**No need to register, and there is no cost to attend.**

## Sunday Missals Are Almost Gone!

Sunday Missals for the new liturgical year are now available. The books are just \$5 and are available for purchase in the Parish Office during the week or at the Parish information table after all the weekend Masses. They will sell out fast, so do not wait. Get yours today!

## Merry Christmas from Tommy's Café!



Tommy's Café will re-open for business on **January 8** after the Sunday Masses to allow our teens to be with their families. **Thanks for Your Support in 2016!**

## Youth Ministry



**No EDGE on Christmas or New Year's Day**

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**Ignite returns January 4**



**Mondays from 7:00-10:00pm**

Contact Matt Franklin at [mattf@stmoside.org](mailto:mattf@stmoside.org)



# Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

Chris Smith  
Director of Stewardship & Development  
chriss@stmoside.org; 758-4100 x120

## Collection for Week of December 17/18, 2016

Number of Registered Households	1,239
Offertory	\$9,723.27
Offertory (Loose Collection)	\$1,072.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,795.27</b>

## Mortgage/Building Completion Fund Income

November 2016

Mortgage Offering Collected	\$42,734.75
Mortgage Payment Due	\$44,806.21
Payment toward Parish Reserves *	\$0.00
<b>Mortgage Payment Overage/(Shortfall)</b>	<b>(\$2,071.46)</b>

Memorial Items toward Building Completion Fund \$3,700.00

Please continue to support the  
Mortgage/Building Completion Fund!

\* Mortgage Payment overage will be applied to Parish Reserves

## St. Francis and St. Thomas More Offertory Envelopes

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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

## Merry Christmas to All!



Our Christmas Angel Ministry exceeded expectations once again this year! It is fair to say that this ministry touches practically every person who worships at STM during the time our Christmas Angel tree is up. The combination of this ministry, along with our Scrip sales and generous participants, blesses MANY local families who otherwise would not have anything extra to make a beautiful Christmas like this possible.



Thanks to one and all! These pictures are from some of our Camp Pendleton families. In addition, STM provides for Catholic Charities, Solutions for Change, Fraternity and Michaelle Houses, and Birth Choice of San Marcos (Crown ornaments are now on the tree for infant needs to be delivered January 1). Below is my annual poem that I keep close by everywhere I go. It touches me deeply and my hope is that it will touch you as well. ~ Chris

Thanks to one and all!

~ Another Beginning ~

*I will not wish thee riches nor the glow of greatness,  
but that wherever thou go some weary heart shall  
gladden at they smile,  
or shadowed life know sunshine for a while.  
And so thy path shall be a track of light, like angels'  
footsteps passing through the night.*

—Words on a Church Wall in Upwaltham, England

*This is who we are and what we are  
about. As we celebrate the birth  
of Jesus, we continue to give thanks  
and share our God-given gifts  
in a myriad of ways!*



## 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  
for Memorial Garden  
(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

**Pipe Organ**—Our pipe organ is our  
“pipe dream”...but dream we must...  
donations of any amount toward the  
pipe organ will be accepted \$850,000

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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  
760-758-4100 x120 or [chriss@stmoside.org](mailto:chriss@stmoside.org)



## STM Vehicle Donation Program

Do you have a vehicle you want to donate?  
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**You get the tax deduction!**

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**As of December 20, we have netted \$67,102  
from this program. Thank you donors!**



**For more information, contact the Parish Office:  
760-758-4100 x100 or [parishoffice@stmoside.org](mailto:parishoffice@stmoside.org)**

## The Larger Church News

**The Glory of the Lord Shines upon You: Epiphanies in LGBT Lives**—January 6-8, 2017; Non-silent Retreat for Women and Men at The Jesuit Retreat Center of Los Altos, California; Fr. Michael Zampelli, SJ; Dr. Sheila Nelson; and, Mr. Gregory Dale Schultz. A weekend retreat for the LGBT community to relax and reflect on the mysteries of Incarnation and Epiphany... Information Contact: [reservations@jrclosaltos.org](mailto:reservations@jrclosaltos.org).

**Lutheran/Anglican/Roman Catholic “Day of Dialogue”**—Saturday, January 21, 9:30am-12:00noon, Diocesan Pastoral Center, 3888 Paducah Dr., San Diego. \$25 at the door or send check with name, address, phone number, and email to Msgr. Dennis Mikulanis, 17252 Bernardo Center Dr., San Diego, CA 92128.

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**Sunday TV Mass for the Homebound**—Every Sunday at 9:30am. XDTV Channel 49 (MyTV13) or [www.heartofthenation.org](http://www.heartofthenation.org).

**John Paul the Great Catholic University Master of Arts in Biblical Theology**—For more information, go to [www.jpccatholic.com](http://www.jpccatholic.com) or contact 858-653-6740 x1117.

**Detention Ministry Volunteers Needed**—Spend a couple hours per week or once per month to serve on a ministry team and pray, read scripture, and facilitate discussion with Catholic inmates. Information and Training Seminar scheduled for January 10. Visit [www.sdcatholic.org/restore](http://www.sdcatholic.org/restore) or contact 858-490-8375 or [jwalsh@sdccatholic.org](mailto:jwalsh@sdccatholic.org) for more information.

**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 Dunnichiff 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](http://www.mealswithlove.org) or call 888-495-5075.

## Young Adult Opportunities around the Diocese

For more information visit [www.yamsd.org](http://www.yamsd.org).

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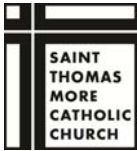
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St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church

St. Thomas More Catholic Church

Unitarian Fellowship of San Dieguito

## Sunday, January 8, 2017

### 6:00 p.m.

St. Thomas More Catholic Church

1450 South Melrose Drive, Oceanside

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# SAN DIEGO PREMIERE

Unity Productions Foundation in Partnership with St Thomas More Catholic Church and North County Islamic Foundation

Presents

## THE SULTAN AND THE SAINT

A docudrama film about Muslim-Christian Peacemaking  
Academy Award Winner Jeremy Irons

January 7, 2017 6:30PM  
Reception Followed by Film

St Thomas More Catholic Church  
1450 S Melrose Drive  
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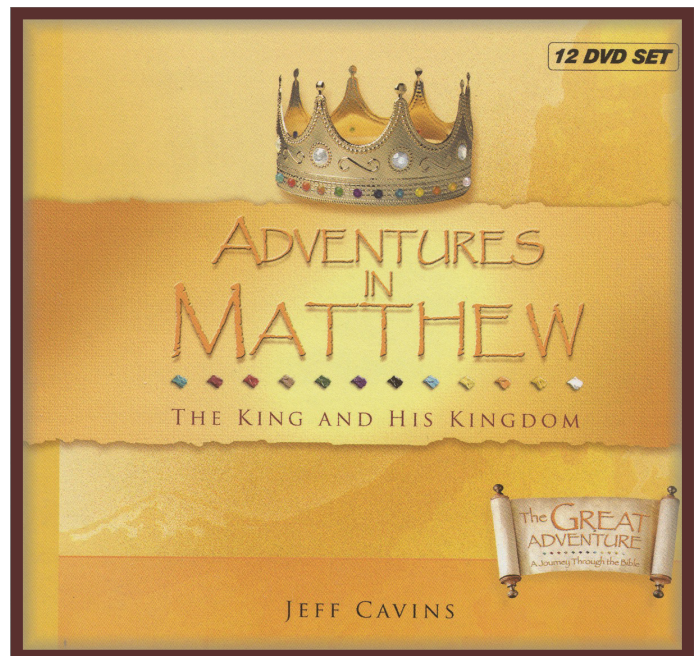
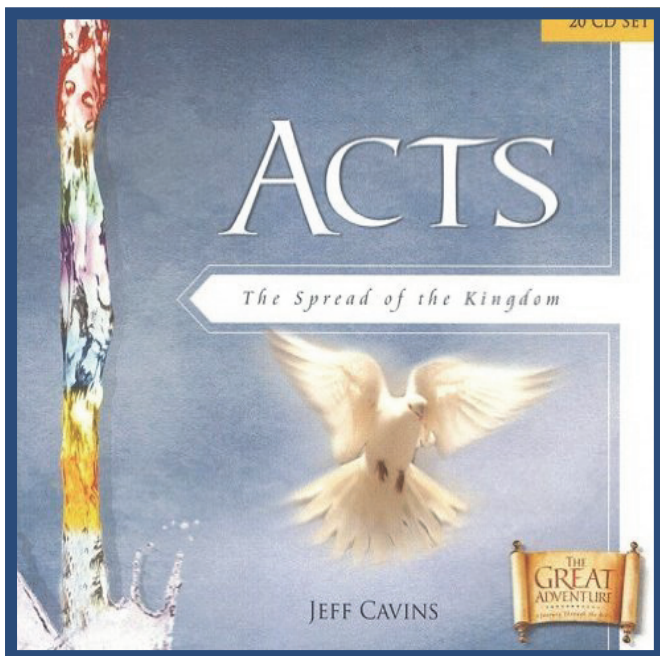


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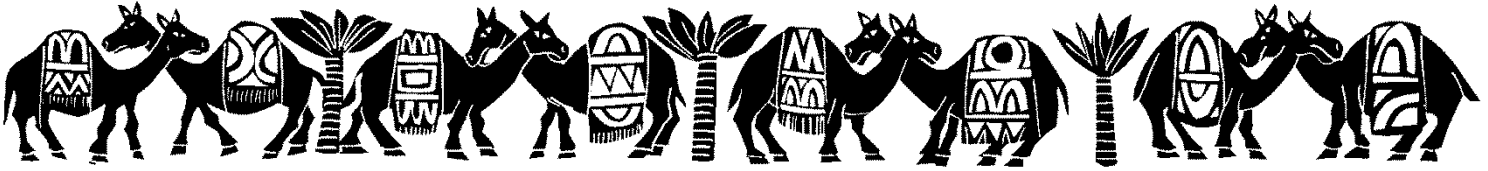
### Bible Studies Resume!

Wed, January 11 | 9:00am

Thursday, January 12 | 7:00pm



# January 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <b>Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Mass (C) <b>10:30 AM</b> Mass (C)	<b>2</b> <b>Parish Office Closed</b> <b>8:15 AM</b> Mass (DMC) <b>3:00 PM</b> Moms & Kids Play Date (OS) <b>7:00 PM</b> THRIVE Young Adult Gathering (OS)	<b>3</b> <b>8:15 AM</b> Mass (DMC) <b>9:00 AM</b> Donuts and Coffee (PCLL) <b>7:00 PM</b> Tower Bells (C) <b>7:00 PM</b> Knights of Columbus (PCLL)	<b>4</b> <b>8:15 AM</b> Mass (DMC) <b>1:30 PM</b> Spirited Seniors (PCCT) <b>6:30 PM</b> Praise Team (C) <b>6:30 PM</b> High School Ignite (PCLL)	<b>5</b> <b>8:15 AM</b> Mass (DMC) <b>9:00 AM</b> Donuts and Coffee (PCLL) <b>10:00 AM</b> WG Quilters (PCLL) <b>1:00 PM</b> Centering Prayer (DMC) <b>7:00 PM</b> Sanctuary & Cappella Choirs (C)	<b>6</b> <b>8:15 AM</b> Mass (DMC) <b>9:00 AM</b> Bulletin Stuffing (PCCT)	<b>7</b> <b>6:45 AM</b> iHunger (OS) <b>3:00 PM</b> Baptisms (C) <b>3:00 PM</b> RCIA (PCCT) <b>3:30 PM</b> Reconciliation (RC) <b>Epiphany of the Lord</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> Mass (C) <b>7:00 PM</b> Movie-The Sultan & the Saint (PCLL)
<b>8</b> <b>Epiphany of the Lord</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Mass/LOWC (C) <b>10:20 AM</b> REACH (PCLL) <b>10:30 AM</b> Mass/LOWC (C) <b>12:00 PM</b> Baptisms (C) <b>12:30 PM</b> REACH (PCLL) <b>2:00 PM</b> Basic Catechist Course (PCLL) <b>4:30 PM</b> Edge (PCLL) <b>6:00 PM</b> 12th Night Choral Festival (C) <b>6:30 PM</b> REACH/HS Post Confirmed (DMC) <b>7:00 PM</b> Adult Confirm. Prep (PCFL)	<b>9</b> <b>8:15 AM</b> Mass (DMC) <b>11:00 AM</b> Women's Guild Luncheon (PCLL) <b>7:00 PM</b> THRIVE Young Adult Gathering (OS)	<b>10</b> <b>8:15 AM</b> Mass (DMC) <b>9:00 AM</b> Donuts and Coffee (PCLL) <b>7:00 PM</b> Baptism Prep (PCFL) <b>7:00 PM</b> Tower Bells (C) <b>7:00 PM</b> Relationship Workshop (PCLL)	<b>11</b> <b>8:15 AM</b> Mass (DMC) <b>9:00 AM</b> Adult Bible Study-ACTS (PCLL) <b>3:00 PM</b> Staff Christmas Dinner (OS) <b>6:30 PM</b> High School Ignite (PCLL) <b>6:30 PM</b> Praise Team (C)	<b>12</b> <b>8:15 AM</b> Mass (DMC) <b>9:00 AM</b> Donuts and Coffee (PCLL) <b>1:00 PM</b> Centering Prayer (DMC) <b>6:00 PM</b> Adult Bible Study-Matthew (PCLL) <b>7:00 PM</b> Sanctuary & Cappella Choirs (C)	<b>13</b> <b>8:15 AM</b> Mass (DMC) <b>9:00 AM</b> Bulletin Stuffing (PCCT) <b>9:00 AM</b> Moms and Kids (PCLL)	<b>14</b> <b>6:45 AM</b> iHunger (PCLL) <b>3:00 PM</b> RCIA (PCCT) <b>3:30 PM</b> Reconciliation (RC) <b>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> Mass (C) <b>6:00 PM</b> M3 (PCLL)
<b>Key</b> C-Church BSC-Blessed Sacrament Chapel DMC-Daily Mass Chapel RC-Reconciliation Chapel MR-Music Room OS-Off Site PCA-Parish Center Ark PCCT-Parish Center Conf. Table PCLL-Parish Center Lower Level PCUL-Parish Center Upper Level PCFL-Parish Center Front Lobby PCS-Parish Center Stage						

<b>15</b> <b>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Mass/LOWC (C) <b>10:30 AM</b> Mass/LOWC (C) <b>4:30 PM</b> Edge (PCLL)	<b>16</b> <b>8:15 AM</b> Mass (DMC) <b>3:00 PM</b> Moms & Kids Play Date (OS) <b>7:00 PM</b> THRIVE Young Adult Gathering (OS)	<b>17</b> <b>8:15 AM</b> Mass (DMC) <b>9:00 AM</b> Donuts and Coffee (PCLL) <b>7:00 PM</b> Relationship Workshop (PCLL) <b>7:00 PM</b> Tower Bells(C)	<b>18</b> <b>8:15 AM</b> Mass (DMC) <b>9:00 AM</b> Adult Bible Study-ACTS (PCLL) <b>12:00 PM</b> Social Justice (PCCT) <b>6:30 PM</b> Praise Team (C) <b>6:30 PM</b> High School Ignite (PCLL)	<b>19</b> <b>8:15 AM</b> Mass (DMC) <b>9:00 AM</b> Donuts and Coffee (PCLL) <b>10:00 AM</b> WG Quilters (PCLL) <b>1:00 PM</b> Centering Prayer (DMC) <b>6:00 PM</b> Adult Bible Study-Matthew (PCLL) <b>7:00 PM</b> Sanctuary & Cappella Choirs (C) <b>7:00 PM</b> Creighton (PCLL)	<b>20</b> <b>8:15 AM</b> Mass (DMC) <b>9:00 AM</b> Bulletin Stuffing (PCCT) <b>9:00 AM</b> Moms and Kids (PCLL) <b>6:00 PM</b> K of C Dinner & Meeting (PCLL)	<b>21</b> <b>6:45 AM</b> iHunger (PCLL) <b>3:00 PM</b> RCIA (PCCT) <b>3:30 PM</b> Reconciliation (RC)  <b>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> Mass (C)
<b>22</b> <b>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Mass/LOWC (C) <b>10:20 AM</b> REACH (PCLL) <b>10:30 AM</b> Mass/LOWC (C) <b>12:30 PM</b> REACH Parent Meeting (PCLL) <b>12:30 PM</b> REACH (PCLL) <b>2:00 PM</b> Basic Catechist Course (PCLL) <b>4:30 PM</b> Edge (PCLL) <b>6:30 PM</b> REACH/HS Post Confirmed (DMC) <b>7:00 PM</b> Adult Confirm. Prep (PCFL)	<b>23</b> <b>8:15 AM</b> Mass (DMC) <b>7:00 PM</b> THRIVE Young Adult Gathering (OS) <b>7:00 PM</b> Mental Health Ministry Network (PCFL)	<b>24</b> <b>8:15 AM</b> Mass (DMC) <b>9:00 AM</b> Donuts and Coffee (PCLL) <b>7:00 PM</b> Tower Bells (C)	<b>25</b> <b>8:15 AM</b> Mass (DMC) <b>9:00 AM</b> Adult Bible Study-ACTS (PCLL) <b>6:30 PM</b> High School Ignite (PCLL) <b>6:30 PM</b> Praise Team (C) <b>7:00 PM</b> Finance Council (PCFL)	<b>26</b> <b>8:15 AM</b> Mass (DMC) <b>9:00 AM</b> Donuts and Coffee (PCLL) <b>1:00 PM</b> Centering Prayer (DMC) <b>6:00 PM</b> Adult Bible Study-Matthew (PCLL) <b>7:00 PM</b> Sanctuary & Cappella Choirs (C)	<b>27</b> <b>8:15 AM</b> Mass (DMC) <b>9:00 AM</b> Bulletin Stuffing (PCCT) <b>9:00 AM</b> Moms and Kids (PCLL)	<b>28</b> <b>6:45 AM</b> iHunger (PCLL) <b>8:30 AM</b> Liturgy Committee (MR) <b>3:00 PM</b> RCIA (PCCT) <b>3:30 PM</b> Reconciliation (RC)  <b>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> Mass/KofC Corporate Comm. (C)
<b>29</b> <b>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> K of C Breakfast (PCLL) <b>8:30 AM</b> Mass/LOWC (C) <b>10:30 AM</b> Mass/LOWC (C) <b>12:30 PM</b> Role of the Pastor (PCUL) <b>2:00 PM</b> Responding to a medical emergency without CPR (PCLL) <b>4:30 PM</b> Edge (PCLL)	<b>30</b> <b>8:15 AM</b> Mass (DMC) <b>7:00 PM</b> THRIVE Young Adult Gathering (OS)	<b>31</b> <b>8:15 AM</b> Mass (DMC) <b>9:00 AM</b> Donuts and Coffee (PCLL) <b>10:00 AM</b> Legacy Planning Seminar (PCLL) <b>6:30 PM</b> Legacy Planning Seminar (PCLL) <b>7:00 PM</b> Tower Bells (C)	<div> <b>St. Thomas More Catholic Church</b>  <b>1450 South Melrose Drive</b>  <b>Oceanside, CA 92056</b>  <b>(760) 758-4100</b>  <a href="http://www.stmoside.org">www.stmoside.org</a> </div> <div> <b>For daily updated calendar go to the website under</b>  <b><u>Schedule and Events/Event Calendar/Full Calendar</u></b> </div>			



# 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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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Pope Francis	2 Bishop Robert McElroy	3 Bishop Robert Brom	4 Bishop Gilbert Chavez	5 Rev. William Mooney	6 Rev. Cecilio Moraga	7 Rev. Alfredo Moreno
8 Rev. Jorge Moreno	9 Rev. Patrick Mulcahy	10 Rev. Msgr. Patrick Mullarkey	11 Very Rev. Kevin Mullins, OSA	12 Rev. José Luis Muro	13 Rev. Michael Murphy	14 Rev. Patrick Murphy
15 Rev. John Bosco Musinguzi	16 Rev. Peter Navarra	17 Rev. Harry Neely, OSA	18 Rev. John Nesbitt	19 Rev. Augustine Obasi	20 Rev. Emmanuel Ochigbo	21. Rev. Dennis O'Connor
22 Rev. Raymond O'Donnell	23 Rev. Agustin Opalalic	24 Rev. Bruce Orsborn	25 Rev. Michael Ortiz	26 Rev. Msgr. Jeremiah O'Sullivan	27 Rev. Ronald Pachence	28 Rev. Richard Pagano
29 Rev. Msgr. Francis Pattison	30 Rev. Stephanos Pedrano, OSB	31 Rev. Richard Perozich				

## Pray for Women Religious

January 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Sr. C. Rose Miles, SFCC	<b>2</b> Sr. Theresa Monroe, RSCJ	<b>3</b> Sr. Sanjuana Mora, CVI	<b>4</b> Sr. Margaret Mullany, RSM	<b>5</b> Sr. Dolores Munoz, HMSS	<b>6</b> Sr. Nora Murphy, OP	<b>7</b> Sr. Margaret Murray, CSJ
<b>8</b> Sr. Ancilla Murray, OCD	<b>9</b> Sr. Carolyn Nguyen, OCD	<b>10</b> Sr. Rosemary Nicholson, RJM	<b>11</b> Sr. Pio Maria Nihombere, MC	<b>12</b> Sr. Sheila Novak, SDS	<b>13</b> Sr. Ma. Esther Nunez, SJS	<b>14</b> Sr. Anne O'Connor, CSN
<b>15</b> Sr. LaVern Olberding, OSF	<b>16</b> Sr. Bernadette Oliva, RJM	<b>17</b> Sr. Francisca Olvera, OLVM	<b>18</b> Sr. Brigida Ornelas, SJS	<b>19</b> Sr. Carol Pack, SSS	<b>20</b> Sr. M. Gabriele Paz Y Puente Rodriguez, MC	<b>21</b> Sr. Maria Louisa Pelayo, SJS
<b>22</b> Sr. M. Carmelita Perez Carrillo, MC	<b>23</b> Sr. Fernanda Pesqueira, TM	<b>24</b> Sr. M. Genevieve Pistacchio, CSN	<b>25</b> Sr. Rosa Erlinda Pocasangre, HMSS	<b>26</b> Sr. Mary Potter, RSM	<b>27</b> Sr. Leticia Ramirez, SJS	<b>28</b> Sr. Norma Alicia Reyes, HCJS
<b>29</b> Sr. Celia Robledo, OLC	<b>30</b> Sr. Angelina Robles Larios, HCJS	<b>31</b> Sr. Virginia Rodee, RSCJ				

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.