

# SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH

*"We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene, as well as travelers from Rome, ... Cretans and Arabs, yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God."*  
Acts 2:9-11



## 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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## Pentecost Sunday June 4, 2017

### Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak  
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#### The Gift of the Holy Spirit

"When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were.

Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim" (Acts 2:1-4).

Our Catholic Church proclaims seven gifts of the Holy Spirit that help us to sustain the moral life. These are permanent dispositions that make us docile in following the promptings of the Holy Spirit: *Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord.*

In faith, as we accept the gifts of the Spirit, we begin to see effects in our lives. These effects then make changes for the better in our lives and in the world. The tradition of the Church lists twelve fruits of the Holy Spirit, perfections that the Holy Spirit forms in us as the first fruits of eternal glory: *Charity, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Generosity, Gentleness, Faithfulness, Modesty, Self-control, and Chastity* (Catechism of the Catholic Church #1830, #1831, #1832).

"Come, Holy Spirit, fill my heart with your holy gifts. Let my weakness be penetrated with your strength this very day that I may fulfill the duties of my state in life conscientiously, that I may do what is right and just. Let my charity be such as to offend no one and hurt no one's feelings; so generous as to pardon sincerely any wrong done to me. Assist me in all the trials of life, enlighten me in my ignorance, advise me in my doubts, strengthen my weakness, help me in all needs and embarrassment, protect me in temptations and console me in all afflictions. Graciously hear me, O Holy Spirit, and pour your light into my heart, my soul and my mind. Assist me to live a holy life and to grow in goodness and grace. Amen" (Samuel Cardinal Stritch).

On this Feast of Pentecost, may we each seek the gift of the Holy Spirit! Take time in prayer in these days of Pentecost to reflect upon the gifts and the fruits of the Holy Spirit.

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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, every day.

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)

In what area of your life are you in most need of the Spirit's help? Then beg the Spirit to touch you in that area of your life.

Allow God's great gift of the Holy Spirit to transform you!

*Fr. Mike*

**2017 Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA)**

Thank you to those who have already responded! A second letter is in the mail for those who have not yet responded. Our assessment is \$50,000—any contributions over that amount are returned to STM.

Visit [www.sdcatholic.org/ACA](http://www.sdcatholic.org/ACA). Choose to donate online to the Diocese.

Watch a video about the ACA: <https://tinyurl.com/haxkvpg>

**Father's Day Cards**

Pick up a card at the information table after Masses or in the Parish Office during the week to honor any fathers in your family and have them remembered during our Triduum of Masses on June 19-21.

**Special Easter Gift for the Mortgage/Building Completion Fund**

In the April 2 Parish bulletin I informed the Parish that, as of March 31, we were just a little over \$42,000 behind in our Mortgage payments for FY2017.

I was, and am, encouraging Parishioners to make a special gift to help us lessen that shortfall.

Envelopes were attached to the bulletin that week, and this far, we have received \$10,166. That is a good start!

Envelopes were also attached to the bulletin on Easter Sunday. Your special gift to the Mortgage/Building Completion Fund will be much appreciated. Thank you! —Fr. Mike

**Considering Becoming Catholic?**

If you know of someone who is considering joining the Church, NOW would be an excellent time to encourage them to "come and see." A new group is meeting two Sundays each month from 9:00-10:20am on the Parish Center Lower Level. This will become a weekly meeting in a few months, leading to initiation in the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil 2018.

Anyone interested should contact Kathleen Bell soon at 760-809-6526 or [80bell80@gmail.com](mailto:80bell80@gmail.com)

Everyone in RCIA has a sponsor who welcomes them into the St. Thomas More community and walks through the process with them as a guide. If you would like to be a sponsor and enrich your faith journey, please contact Kathleen right away.

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

**Welcome New Parishioners**

**Peter & Ashlee Brittsan & Family**

**Congratulations to**

**Tom & Katie Browne**

who celebrate their 47th anniversary of marriage on June 6.

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

**In Memoriam**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:



**Toni Keane**, who died May 29. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, June 9, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Her vigil service is pending. Please keep 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.

<b>Hospital</b>	<b>Chaplain's Office</b>
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

**Votive Candles at our Marian Shrine**

Our candles for the month of June were sponsored by Anita Spencer. Our candles for the month of July will be sponsored by Kevin & Lisa Seufert.

The cost of sponsoring the candles for a month is \$100.

If you would like to sponsor a month, please check with Henny in the Parish Office. The next available month is March 2018.

Your support of this effort is greatly appreciated!

**STM \$scrip News**

Do you attend the 5:00pm Mass? Can you spare 20 minutes after Mass? If so, the Scrip Ministry would like your help to sell Scrip. Please contact Andrea Sweeney at 626-824-7973 or [scrip@stmoside.org](mailto:scrip@stmoside.org). Volunteers for the other Masses are needed as well. Remember this Ministry supports our Church Operation Fund.

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.

Do you shop at other online locations? Try Giving Assistant 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).

## Readings for the Week Ahead

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

### Sunday, June 4 (63)

*Pentecost Sunday*

Acts 2:1-11

Psalm 104:1,24,29-31,34

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7,12-13

John 20:19-23

### Monday, June 5 (577)

*Boniface, bishop, martyr*

Acts 26:29-23

Psalm 117:1bc,2

John 10:11-16

### Tuesday, June 6 (578)

*Norbert, bishop*

Ezekiel 34:11-16

Psalm 23:1-3a,4-6

Luke 14:25-33

### Wednesday, June 7 (355)

Tobit 3:1-11a,16-17a

Psalm 25:2-5b,6,7bc,8-9

Mark 12:18-27

### Thursday, June 8 (356)

Tobit 6:10-11;7:1bcde,9-17;8:4-9a

Psalm 128:1-5

Mark 12:28-34

### Friday, June 9 (579)

*Ephrem, deacon, doctor*

Colossians 3:12-17

Psalm 37:3-6,30-31

Luke 6:43-45

### Saturday, June 10 (358)

Tobit 12:1,5-15,20

Tobit 13:2,6efgh,7-8 (Psalm)

Mark 12:38-44

### Sunday, June 11 (164)

*The Most Holy Trinity*

Exodus 34:4b-6,8-9

Daniel 3:52-56 (Psalm)

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

John 3:16-18

## 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

The Avina Family

Bob Baker

Rosemary Ballard

Jose Luis Barbosa

Patricia Barbour

Francie Barron

Fr. Karl Bauer

Clarice Bednarz

Taylor Bell

John Bennici

Regina Bentz

Lisa Berg

Roseanne Berg

Betty Jean Bielich

Case Binney

Pieter Boets & Family

Zane Breier

Janet Brown

Anita Buerger

Amelia Buono

Roger & Pat Burkardt

Shelby Campbell

Breanne Campos

Aria Cappeluti

Nanette Carey

Polly Carroll

Jorge Cartajena

Donald Cashmore

Anne Caywood

Ravy Chea

Della Clarke

The Vaughn Clevenger

Family

Anne Cline

James Coleman

Maria Colfer

Addie Colgan

Clara Collins

Judy Colson

Karen Connell

Geoff Coolidge

Roger Cote

Sandra Cracchiolo

Steven Cresencia

Lené Crowe

Karen Flaharty Daley

Beverly de Gelder

Velia Deal & Family

Paul Del Vecchio

Hugo Delgado, Jr.

Cassandra D'Ercole

The DeSantis Family

Cecilia DeSimone

David deVilleneuve

Carole Dillon

Elizabeth Doherty's

Aunt Jackie

Art & Dave Dossman

Steven Douglas

Tyler Drake

The Egan Family

Jerome Elbacha

Arthur Erat

Carolyn Erickson Ey

Victoria Lopez Fenton

The Fiore Family

Fr. James Flanagan

Mary Fleming

Ryan Flum

Ernie Follis

Eugene Franciscus

Brendan Frawley

The Greg French

Family

Brian Frink

Jim Gallagher

The Joe Garcia Family

Kathy Gardner

Joan Gay

Alyssa Gerhard

Dan Gilman

Betty Golden Brown &

the Golden Family

Wendy Gonzales' Dad

Rick Gonzalez

Lou Gordon

George Gritt

Luke Guenst

Susan Hallahan

Charlene Hammonds

Dwayne Hammonds

Colleen Hanna

The Harker Family

Dorothy Harrison

Michelle Harrison &

Family

Barbara Hatem

Vanessa Hayes

LaNay Hazzard

Matthew Henry &

Family

Barry Henwood

Lilian Hills

Lisa Hodges

Georgia Ann Hodina

Samara Hook

Susan Hori

Katherine Jacobs

Jacqueline Johnson

Sue Johnston

Laura Kater

The Keane & Baggett

& Headrick Families

Dottie Kearney

Connor Kerzie

Peggy Kiernan

Debbie Kinney

Mark Kneisel

Dewey Kolbo

Tony Korwin

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

Rita Mikridge

Steven Sr., Stevie, &

Noah Miller

Tom Miller

Harold Miller, Jr.

Phyllis Minaya

June Mitchell

Maria Molina

June Montgomery

Nancy Moore

Ryan Moquin

Elizabeth Muehlbacher

Conrad Murphy

Michele Murphy

Clay Murray

Margie Myers

Andrew Philip

Nacional

Angela Nacional

Melanie Nacional

Nida Navarro

Richard Obsitnik

Gillian Ochoa

Kare O'Dell

Laura Paciorek Gloor

Katie Padilla

Ethan Palm

Cynthia Pearson

Kaili Pearson

Salina Pearson

Elisa Petrie

Merri Phelps

Aurora Piere

Roxanne Pietila

Helen Pingtella

Delilah Plasterer

Perry Postulka

The Joe Prokop Family

Bernie Ptak

Barbara Ramm

Jenni Richard

Evelyn Richards

Rita Ritchie

Joel Rivera

Ralda Rizke

Lily Robinson

Mateo Rodriguez

Maria Rogers

The Russo Family

Rachel Sainc

Cindy Sanelli

Lori Sanna

Rose Mary Saputo

Linda Schmidt

Grace Schweighofer

Doreen Schwynoch

Joan Shea

Teresa Sheehy

Elizabeth Shirzad

Barb Slabaugh

Cinda Smits

Nick Soltau

Steve Soule

Gilda Spiegl

Darek, Vanessa, &

Elba Spizewski

Don St. Pierre

Patricia St. Pierre

Joy Stanton

Sybil Staples

Mike Sterling

Betty Stewart

Laura Bernard Stover,

MD

Pete Sullivan

Pat Swanton

Laura Thiele

Frank Thompson

Tommy & Ginger

Thompson

Maryann Tien

Sarah Tillinghast

William Tompson

Stephen Toth, Jr.

Olivia Trejo

The Trejo/Beltran

Family

The Trejo/Maldonado/

Uribe Family

The Velardi &

DeFalco Families

Martin Vertson

## Social Ministries & Outreach

### Our Syrian Refugee Family

Watch for the June edition of the diocesan newspaper, *The Southern Cross*, for an exclusive article about our outreach to this family and the plight of so many refugees and what can be done for them.

For more information, contact Lisa Attardo at 760-884-7863 or [lisaattardo@yahoo.com](mailto:lisaattardo@yahoo.com), or Sr. Maureen Brown at 760-758-4100 x131 or [maureenb@stmoside.org](mailto:maureenb@stmoside.org)

### St. Bonaventure Indian Mission

Got kids growing like weeds and out growing their clothes? How about you—does your wardrobe need thinning out? Got extra blankets because the kids have graduated and are moving on? Every year in November, STM conducts a clothing and blanket drive for the Navajo being serviced by St. Bonaventure. It is the only dedicated drive to help some of the poorest in our great country. If you can help, please set aside good used clothing, shoes (no heels please), and blankets so that we can help those in need. Any questions or comments, contact Deacon Tom at [thomasgoeltz@aol.com](mailto:thomasgoeltz@aol.com) or 760-727-8442. Thank you for your generosity!

### Brother Benno's

At the end of summer, STM conducts a toiletry (and diaper) drive to help the poor and homeless here in North County. Did you know that **Brother Benno's** serves more poor in our area than any other agency? In doing so, they can use our help. If you collect toiletries from hotels on your summer travels and then can't figure out why, Brother B's can use them...they fit nicely in the hygiene pack they give to the homeless. Larger sized items can be used in their several recovery houses, or donated to the poor, or used at the main center where showers and clothing are available to the homeless. As for diapers, they are always in need and are expensive (including those for incontinent adults). Please help. Any questions, contact Deacon Tom at [thomasgoeltz@aol.com](mailto:thomasgoeltz@aol.com) or 760-727-8442. Thank you!

### Help Feed the Hungry

We encourage every STM family to donate one nonperishable food item each weekend when they come to Mass. Note that Gatorade and other sweetened beverages are not recommended.

Together we can help feed the hungry in our local community.

### STM Mental Health Ministry Network

STM is a member of the San Diego Mental Health Ministry Network (MHMN) 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 or [MHMN@stmoside.org](mailto:MHMN@stmoside.org).

## Marriage & Family Life

**Moms & Kids**—Are you a mom with infant through school age children wanting to meet other moms in our Parish? Want to find a great way to meet friends for both you and your children? Join our dynamic and energetic Moms and Kids ministry! We have park play dates twice a 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).

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

**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, June 15, 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).

### Calling All 2017 Graduates!

The Parish Family of St. Thomas More desires to recognize the achievements of those among us who are graduating this year. Graduations may be from grade school, middle school, high school, certificate programs, college, and beyond.

If you happen to be one of these graduates, please visit [www.stmoside.org/graduates](http://www.stmoside.org/graduates), respond to the email, or call 760-758-4100 x159 by June 20 with your name and the institution from which you have graduated. We will be compiling a list that will be published in the bulletin the weekend of June 24-25. You will be remembered in prayer at all three liturgies on that weekend.

Know that your Parish Family is proud of your accomplishments, and that we will continue to support you in all your future endeavors. —Rev. Michael Ratajczak, Pastor



### Catholic Widows and Widowers of North County

On the second Sunday of each month we meet for a general meeting and potluck at various areas in North County. 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 on the Parish Center Lower Level for our calendar of events! RSVPs are required. For more info. call Carol Kope at 760-726-0533.

### Heartnotes

Adult CPR/AED classes will be held on Wednesday, June 7, at 7:00pm and on Saturday, June 17, at 9:30am. The fee is \$37 per person for the first family member and \$27 for additional members. Certification by the American Red Cross is valid for two years. The class takes approximately 3-1/2 hours. Please register by contacting [drphilg@cox.net](mailto:drphilg@cox.net) or 760-732-1414.



## Parish Events

### Men's Fellowship Update

iHunger is on break over the summer and will return in September with an engaging new program on Saturday mornings called "Be a Man! Becoming the Man God Created You to Be" by Fr. Larry Richards. We will continue to have breakfast off-site on the first weekend of each month throughout the summer. We hope you can join us!

To stay informed of what's going on with iHunger via SMS text messages, text **iHunger** to **84576** or email Deacon John at [johnf@stmoside.org](mailto:johnf@stmoside.org) to have your email added to the iHunger distribution group or get more information.

Do 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? If so text **iThirst** to **84576** to stay connected with what's going on.

### Women's Guild News

Thank you Women's Guild for your support of Judy Smith for 2nd Vice President—Programs and Michele DePies for Treasurer for the coming year. We now have a full slate of officers who will be installed Saturday, June 10, at 11:00 am at Shadowridge Golf Club. See you there!

Winners of the quilt raffle will be drawn, and a delicious lunch will be served. You will also have an opportunity to renew your Women's Guild membership for just \$10. This is the event where we present Fr. Mike with the hard-earned proceeds of our year of fundraising for St. Thomas More's Mortgage/Building Completion Fund. Please make every effort to attend. There is a table on the plaza after each Mass this weekend and next for you to sign up (the cost is \$25). It's a great way to wish everyone a fantastic summer and to look forward to a new year in September.

By now you would have received your quilt raffle tickets in the mail. Hint—if you use address labels to save yourself from having to complete each ticket by hand, be sure to trim the edges of the label to align with the ticket stub. Much appreciated by those opening envelopes and depositing the tickets in the drawing basket! (Stubs must all be uniform in size to be eligible for drawing.)

Many thanks to all Women's Guild members for your support and encouragement these past two years. I have found being president to be a rewarding and enriching experience. May God bless you all! —*Kathy Gerhard, president*

### Spirited Seniors Luau

The Spirited Seniors are hosting a catered Hawaiian Luau dinner on Thursday June 15, 5:30-7:30pm, in the Parish Center Lower Level, with entertainment by the Ocean Hills Hawaiian Troupe. Hawaiian attire is encouraged, but not required. The cost is \$20 for members and \$22 for non-members. Please put your reservation request and your check payable to "STM Spirited Seniors" in an envelope marked "Spirited Seniors Luau" and return it to the offertory collection or Parish Office, Box 12. The deadline for reservations is noon Monday, June 12. For more information, contact Jim and Marilyn Day at 760-509-4545 or [jandmday@cox.net](mailto:jandmday@cox.net)



**THANK YOU!!!**

*The 2017 Gala team has presented Fr. Mike with \$44,000 for the Parish.  
We thank all who contributed to this successful event!*

**If you weren't able to sign up to attend,  
you can still support the effort by  
making a monetary donation or...**

**Reserve your spot for one of three choices for the  
Pastor's Dinner at the Rectory  
Sunday, July 16, Sunday, July 23, or Sunday, July 30  
3:00-7:00pm ★ 20 people at each dinner  
\$150/per person (\$75 tax deductible)  
Waiting list only now—contact Chris Smith**

**Sign up for superb Wine Tasting 101 on October 1!  
\$50 per person (\$15 tax deductible) or  
Premium Experience for \$100 per person**

**Sign up for the Christmas Cookie Exchange  
on Saturday, December 16  
\$20 each (\$10 tax deductible)**

**Sign up online at [stmoside.org](http://stmoside.org) or on the Plaza after Masses**

*For more information, please contact Chris Smith  
at 760-758-4100 x120 or [chriss@stmoside.org](mailto:chriss@stmoside.org)*

### Jesus, Divine Redeemer and Master of the Universe Mosaic Update

Seven of the 54 panels of the mosaic are still available for sponsorship at \$5,000/panel.

Once all of the panels have been sponsored, we will be able to begin the restoration of the mosaic and its placement outdoors in our Memorial Garden.

Please contact Chris Smith for details: 760-758-4100 x120 or [chriss@stmoside.org](mailto:chriss@stmoside.org) to sponsor a panel.



### Looking for a Way to Be Involved?

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



# Liturgy & Music

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



"We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene, as well as travelers from Rome, ... Cretans and Arabs, yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God."

Acts 2:9-11

by Patricia Datchuck  
Sánchez and Rafael  
Sánchez Alonso,  
from Celebration  
June 2017,  
with permission.

there present heard them speak of the "mighty acts of God" (Acts). To bring home and affirm this message, we might rephrase Luke's "roll call" of the nations (Parthians, Medes, Elamites, etc.) to read: "We are Libyans, Syrians, Yemenites, Somalis, Sudanese, Iraqis, and Iranians. We are Russians, Mexicans, South Africans, Congolese, Canadians, Chinese, Americans..." No one people, no one country or creed has a monopoly on the Spirit. Indeed, this same Spirit inspires different people with different gifts (1 Corinthians), but our shared mission, as the Johannine Jesus has affirmed, is one and the same: peace and forgiveness, not suspicion, segregation, and hate.

Peace, forgiveness, and love! Would that these words touch our minds and hearts. Would that we take these words seriously and allow the Spirit of Jesus to penetrate to the depths of who we are so as to transform smallness into magnanimity. If only we would allow, the presence and power of the Holy Spirit can accomplish what seems to be more and more impossible. If we allow, the elusive peace that humans cannot seem to establish, can be given to us by God. But we, in faith and good will, must appropriate it, cultivate and preserve it and do our level best not to get in the way so that the Spirit can work through us.

In addition to the gift of the Spirit, the risen Jesus has also invited his disciples to share in the loving relationship which he knows and shares with God and the Spirit. We are never without companionship, support, and encouragement because our triune God dwells within each of us. In celebrating the Most Holy Trinity (June 11), we revel in the assurance that God relates to us as Father/Mother, as Brother/Mentor, and as Spirit/Advocate and Defender. How can this be? John assures us that this relationship from which we draw life and breath is due to nothing other than the love of God who gave Jesus in the incarnation and gave Jesus up to death on a cross so that we might more fully know and be known fully by God.

Inspired by the Spirit and rooted in a loving relationship with our triune God, we, as Jesus' disciples, are also nourished and sustained by him. Jesus' gift of his very self in the Eucharist is food for us

## AN EMBARRASSMENT OF RICHES

### scripture themes for June

sinner on life's journey (June 18). Unlike any other food, which is assimilated into the one who eats, the Eucharist is not assimilated by us. Rather, we, by our eating of Jesus' body and blood, are assimilated into him. Fed by Jesus, we become one with him, beloved of God, children of God and heirs of the reign of God, here and forever. Those who are thus assimilated into Christ have both the privilege and responsibility to daily become more and more like him in the way we live and love, in how we make friends and do business, in the causes we support, and in how we vote. The more we are assimilated into Christ, the more effective and authentic will be our witness to the world. That witness rightly begins at the celebration of the Eucharist. When we approach to receive the sacrament, the Eucharistic ministers say "The body of Christ" ... "The blood of Christ," to which we respond "Amen." Our "Amen" expresses our acceptance and affirmation of Christ our Lord and Savior. But our "Amen" also voices our acceptance and affirmation of the body of Christ which is the church. That "Amen" affirms our rootedness in the believing community and our willingness to be both salt and light, yeast and truth for the whole human community.

When this responsibility becomes burdensome or seems an impossible undertaking, we can look to the experience of those who have gone before us in faith. As Jeremiah shares his woes and worries with us on June 25, he is also careful to remind us that even in the depths of his misery, "The Lord is with me, like a mighty champion...sing to the Lord, praise the Lord." Lest we think our Creator is not paying attention as we labor and suffer, Matthew will assure us that God, who may seem distant and silent, is so attentive that every hair on our head is known to God. Moreover, God keeps careful account of every sparrow and how often each lights upon the ground. "So, do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows!"

"I do believe, help my unbelief" (Mark 9:24).

### Upcoming Music



### JUNE 11 The Most Holy Trinity



5:00pm

Tower Bells

8:30am

Sanctuary Choir

10:30am

Praise Team

# Faith Formation

*Teach and Live the Gospel*

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## Family Faith Formation

### REACH Is Out for the Summer

**Make faith an important part of your family's life!**

Registration packets for another fun-filled

Faith Formation year are due back now!

Classes are available for ages 3-Adult. Contact Debbie in the Faith Formation office for information on how to sign up.

## Sacrament Prep News



Welcome Bishop McElroy and Congratulations to our Confirmation Candidates who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend at the 10:30am Mass!

First Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, June 18, at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses. First Communion Rehearsal is Friday, June 16, at 6:00pm for 8:30am Mass participants and 7:00pm for 10:30am Mass participants.

Help is needed by Art & Environment to hang First Communion banners in the church prior to the weekend Masses on Friday, June 16. For offers to help, please contact Debbie at [debbief@stmoside.org](mailto:debbief@stmoside.org) or Kathy at [kaciero@hotmail.com](mailto:kaciero@hotmail.com).

## Register Today for VBS

**Register today for Vacation Bible School!**

Sign up forms are available in the Parish Office and online at [www.stmoside.org](http://www.stmoside.org).

Spots are limited and fill quickly!

Parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles, we need you to help make this an amazing week for our kids. Are you interested in volunteering for the week? Contact Debbie in the Faith Formation Office to find out how.



**June 19-23**

## Youth Ministry

### Steubenville Conference

for Teens Grades 9-12

**July 7-9**



## High School

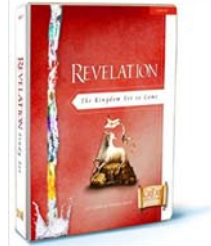
**IGNITE Youth Group**  
Wed, June 7, 6:30-8:30pm  
Parish Center Upper Level

## FOOD, FUN & FRIENDS



## Adult Faith Formation

### Fall Bible Study



Join us for 11 sessions of  
**Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come**  
beginning Wednesday, September 13  
9:00-11:00am

**Parish Center Upper Level**  
Contact the Faith Formation office or Patt Goeltz at [pattg@stmoside.org](mailto:pattg@stmoside.org) for more information and to register. Cost to attend is \$35. Register by September 1 to receive workbook in time for first session.

## Breakfast with the King Wednesdays

Start your day in the presence of the Greatest King with Daily Mass and a nourishing cereal breakfast with friends who love the Lord! Talk about the Scriptures of the day, watch Fr. Mike Schmidt's and Mark Hart's latest YouTube release, and much, much more! Beginning Wednesday mornings, June 28 at 8:15am. No cost to attend!



Families Welcome!  
Children under 12 must be accompanied by parent or teen sibling over 16.

## Young Adult Bible Study Forming Now



Contact Rory at  
[roryg@stmoside](mailto:roryg@stmoside) to sign up.

Young Men and Women, ages 23-35, are invited to register today for **Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible** beginning Sunday, June 25, 7:00-9:00pm. This bible study will meet twice a month for 8 sessions.

## St. Thomas More ARK News



St. Thomas More's Nursery, the **ARK** will be closed for the summer. We will reopen again in September. If you would like more information or would like to volunteer to help, please contact Lia at [liak@stmoside.org](mailto:liak@stmoside.org).



# Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

Chris Smith  
Director of Stewardship & Development  
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## Collection for Week of May 23-29, 2017

Number of Registered Households	1,244
Offertory	\$8,053.30
Offertory (Loose Collection)	\$1,383.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,436.30</b>

## Mortgage/Building Completion Fund Income

April, 2017

Mortgage Offering Collected	\$37,247.50
Mortgage Offering (Special Collection)	\$9,413.00
Mortgage Offering (Total for April)	\$46,660.50
Mortgage Payment Due	\$44,806.21
Payment toward Parish Reserves*	\$1,854.28
<b>Mortgage Payment Overage/(Shortfall)</b>	<b>\$1,854.28</b>

Memorial Items toward Building Completion Fund \$340.00

Please continue to support the  
Mortgage/Building Completion Fund!

\* Mortgage Payment overage will be applied to Parish Reserves

## PLANNED GIVING AND OUR LEGACY A WAY TO GIVE ~ A WAY TO RECEIVE



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Planned Giving is a generic term that covers the many ways an individual can give to a charity while, in many cases avoiding taxes. A few examples of Planned Giving are: Wills, Living Trusts, Designated Beneficiary Accounts, Stocks, Life Insurance, Mutual Funds, STM Endowment with CCFSD, and Real Estate.

This program is one way of helping the Parish raise the resources necessary to continue our campus build out and also help plan for our future needs (i.e., Tower of Faith participants). Gifts of this nature are beneficial and much appreciated by St. Thomas More!

**For more information please contact:**

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

**Do two or more members of your family know where to  
locate your Will, Living Trust and/or Health Directive?**

## Christian Stewards Call ~ Come Holy Spirit

Our parish celebrates **Pentecost** as a family. We experience the emotions of a family whenever our members are hurt, in need, are celebrating, giving thanks, or returning their gifts to God in service to others.

Today, we all join in a birthday celebration, the birthday of our Roman Catholic Church. We are reminded today that Jesus sends us, the disciples, just as he was sent. We remember the way he led and renew ourselves this day to be more like he was.



*"Jesus as a Model..."*

*This is the Jesus who from the very beginning of his public ministry gathered a group of disciples to minister with him. He taught, formed, and instilled in them a sense of mission. Jesus, the collaborative leader, sent the disciples in pairs into ministry even before they were perfectly formed. He was there to receive them when they returned from their missionary journeys, and he helped them to reflect on their successes and failures.*

*Jesus was the secure collaborative leader who could return to his Father and could leave his disciples to continue the mission, even though they were far from completely formed. Jesus knew that they had the Holy Spirit to guide them and lead them."*

—Collaboration: Uniting Our Gifts in Ministry,  
Loughlan Sofield, ST and Carroll Juliano, SHCJ

This concept of service and ministry began with Pentecost Sunday so very long ago. Based on the teachings of Jesus, we are called to give in a way where both givers and receivers are changed.

The celebration on Pentecost gives a context to all our efforts in Christian Stewardship. In fact, many Parishes throughout the country have their Stewardship commitment of Time and Talent on this day every year to commemorate the gifts of the Holy Spirit that we all receive and our disciple's response to give in return.

Since today is the Church's birthday, and we are all called to the celebration, consider the gifts you will bring: your time, your talent and treasure.

Come Holy Spirit and continue to guide us on our journey!

**What we are is God's gift to us.  
What we make of ourselves is our gift to God.**



## 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

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(15) 7 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

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and can file for replacement title if it has been lost.



**As of May 22, we have netted \$70,422  
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

**By Design—A Sexual Integrity Workshop for Young Women**—Saturday, June 10, 9:00am-3:00pm, Birth Choice of San Marcos, 277 S. Rancho Santa Fe Rd., Suite S, San Marcos. RSVP to <http://birthchoice.net/donate/events>.

**Discover Your Purpose in Life with Jesse Romero**—Wednesday, June 21, 7:00-9:00pm (English) or Thursday, June 22, 7:00-9:00pm (Spanish), St. Francis of Assisi Church, Vista. Come and spend a few rounds in God's gym with your brother in Christ and spiritual fitness trainer, Jesse Romero, and learn to live your Catholic faith! \$5 donation.

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**Father Joe's Villages Debuts Film Portraying Journey to Overcome Homelessness**—Golden Globe-nominated animation studio partnered with Father Joe's to depict an important story of hope. Visit [my.neighbor.org/wesee](http://my.neighbor.org/wesee) to watch the animated film.

**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.

**Franciscan School of Theology in Affiliation with the University of San Diego**—For more information, go to [www.fst.edu](http://www.fst.edu) or contact 760-547-1800 x204

**Orphan Ministry**—Do you want to help orphans who need to feel the love of a family and learn about Jesus, all without having to travel? Host an orphan this summer for a few weeks and change a life forever! You can be a turning point in an overlooked life. You don't need special skills. Read bios and see waiting kids here: [www.nhfc.org](http://www.nhfc.org). For any questions or support, email Maggie at [thedevelins@cox.net](mailto:thedevelins@cox.net)

**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 year of service to those in need. The emphasis of the program is service, community, and prayer. Volunteer possibilities include teaching or nursing, working in homeless shelters, clinics, and social service agencies in urban and rural settings throughout the United States and Guyana. Room, board, medical insurance, and a small stipend are provided. Loan deferments are available. For more information, contact Janet Gray at 215-641-5535 or [www.mercyvolunteers.org](http://www.mercyvolunteers.org).

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# RCIA Thank You



***This weekend, the 2017 RCIA Class of St. Thomas More "Neophyte Graduates," formerly your "candidates and catechumens," baptized and confirmed at our beautiful Easter Vigil, will close our program.***

*With abundant gratitude and love, we would like to recognize the community of STM, and those individuals who made our program so very special! Every member of our group is excited to be a part of this amazing community, in large part due to those who gave their time to help us grow as Catholics!*

*Thank you to Deacon John, Jim and Marilyn Day, Jim McGinty, Sr. Maureen Brown, Mario Diaz, David Berry, John Carroll, and Adela Franco for being our catechists. As teachers, you each brought unique experiences and methods to our group discussions.*

*Thank you to Bill Harper, Chris Keogh, Eddie and Sheila Murphy, Kelly Parsons, Lance and Pina Shaw, Laura Hawkins, Linh McHenry, Sherryl Gollhofer, and Sue Lyon for being our loving sponsors, for supporting and encouraging us, and for giving us your time, talent, and treasure. We'd also like to thank Rory Griffin for being a frequent contributor to our RCIA classes in the beginning stages.*



*To our catechists and sponsors--you are a beautiful gift to our faith community! You gave each of us a warm, loving welcome to the Church. You made us feel special, wanted and cherished--as individuals reaching up to Catholicism--and as a group who became a family, with such a strong bond and admiration for each other. The Holy Spirit works through each of you in such incredible ways--and we hope you can see that in the Gifts of the Holy Spirit you have inspired in all of us! We also want to recognize the families of those individuals who cared for us--thank you for giving up Saturday afternoons in support of our faith journey!*

*To the Praise team--David, Kathy and Joleen--thank you so much for the gift of music at our retreat and your friendship/fellowship. The retreat was such a special day for each of us, and we are thankful to you for bringing your time, talent, and treasure to it.*

*To Kathleen Bell and Jim McGinty--as we grew, you were the proudest, fiercest, and most devoted parents to your diverse band of little "lambs." We appreciate your knowledge and willingness to answer even our toughest questions, support us through some tough times, and to keep us motivated and focused on the Holy Spirit's gifts throughout the process. You were the true drivers of the program, and we can't thank you enough for your commitment to a well-executed, organized, and perhaps most importantly--inspirational RCIA process.*

*To Father Mike and Deacon John--you welcomed each of us to this Parish in such a wonderful way. We are fortunate to have the dynamic gifts of the Holy Spirit that you share with us. Each of us was touched by the personal and loving natures of your homilies, and your dedication to us at both church events and in the community.*

*And to the entire faith community of St. Thomas More, thank you for your warm welcome to the Parish. We all feel so welcomed, so loved, and so excited to contribute our own Time, Talent, and Treasure to this faith community!*

*With Love--*

*Amy and Jaret Shaffer, Ann Yorke, Dana Hottell, Elizabeth Keogh, Jamie Melsheimer, Kathleen and John Badeaux, Kristin Jenkins, and Oscar Toledo*





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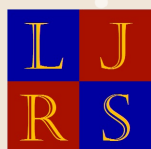


Inspired by the San Diego Museum of Art's installation of genre, landscape, and devotional paintings, and led by music director Douglas Lynn, La Jolla Renaissance Singers presents works by masters of the choral art highlighting favorite Renaissance themes—exuberant revelry, sacred praise and devotion, beautiful nature, and, of course, capricious love.

**Sunday, June 11, 2017, 7:00 p.m.**

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