

**SAINT
THOMAS
MORE
CATHOLIC
CHURCH**

*"The kingdom of heaven is like
a treasure buried in a field..."
Matthew 13:44*



**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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**Restaurant Fundraiser at
Rosati's
Tuesday and Wednesday
August 1 and 2
See the flyer!**

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 30, 2017**

Pastor's Column

*Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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Toward a Global Spirituality

It has been reported that there is a species of fish that lives in the waters off the South American continent that has the ability, with its one set of eyes, to see in two directions—up and down—at the same time.

As it makes its way through the water, it simultaneously looks down into the murky depths and looks upward to the sunlight piercing the water's surface!

Looking in two opposite directions at the same time is, for the human, visually impossible; but attitudinally achievable. Indeed, looking in two directions at the same time is essentially necessary in developing a global spirituality.

As one begins to participate with others ecumenically and inter-religiously, as one begins to ask the other, "What do you believe?" "Why do you practice this ritual?" and "How does this doctrine have meaning for you?", then the very same questions will be asked of you.

If you do not have the answers, you know that you must quickly search for them. Thus, the quest for knowledge about the other denomination or the other religion automatically becomes a quest for knowledge of one's own religion, one's own denomination. The more that one looks outward, the more one will need to look inward. Living ecumenically and inter-religiously, one imitates that fish and looks in two different directions at the same time.

A global spirituality has its beginnings in the person's willingness to simply gain knowledge and information about others and about oneself. It is about looking for those values that we have in common as religious people. It is looking for the common meanings that lie beyond the words, rituals, and symbols found in our different religions.

One must be willing to live with seeming contradiction, confusion, and doubt. One must be willing to let go of quick answers and comfortable categories. One must not see "the other" as an object of conversion (bringing the other to my way of thinking or my structured belief system), but seeing the other as a fellow human being trekking up the same mountain to God, traversing a different path.

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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)

As we begin to reverence one another, as we speak each other's words, and as we participate in each other's rituals, we will begin to see and understand our own religion and denomination in fresh and revitalized ways.

Developing a spirituality that is global will allow individuals to live within their own creeds and ritual practices, while respecting those of the other. The spirituality becomes the connector, the link, and the space "in-between" where we find God in a newer and more intimate way. That "in-between" space is "the Beyond in Our Midst" where God is found. That "in-between" space may, indeed, even be God.

As we gather together in so many ways with family and friends, we are mindful that we are rich in our diversity. Even among our own immediate families, we are becoming ever more diverse—different ethnic, racial, religious backgrounds—as the family grows and marries.

Take advantage of all these differences. See them as opportunities to grow spiritually. Take time to get to know the other as a fellow human being, not an object of conversion. Let discussion of these various differences be bridges to bring us closer together. Whatever your religious backgrounds and beliefs, find God in the "in-between" places and spaces!

F. 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 shortly, 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

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.

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

**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 Parishioner

**Paul Cauthel & Marlene Hammer
Matthew & Rachel Morel & Family
Michael Venturella**

Announcing the Baptism of

Lexton Cardona Conte

on July 29

Our Christian community welcomes you with great joy!

**Flower Donations**

The Altar Flowers for this weekend were given by the **Erik & Marylu Acheff** in honor of their wedding.

**In Memoriam (correction)**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:



Ngoan The Tran (not Hung Tran), who died July 15. His Funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday, July 22. Please keep his family in your prayers.

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

Food for the Poor Appeal

Father Rich Lewandowski was at our Parish the weekend of July 8-9, to speak about the mission of **Food for the Poor**. He assists **Food for the Poor** in raising awareness and direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

Please be generous in supporting this appeal. Information (including an envelope) was included in the bulletin recently. You may return the envelope anytime during the month of July. Thank you!

STM \$crip News

Summer weekend Scrip schedule: every other weekend (next one is July 30) on the plaza, but still Monday-Friday in the Parish Office.

Do you shop on Amazon? Use Amazon Smile and raise money for STM while you shop! Click the link at www.stmoside.org/scrip.htm to get started.

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 to get started.

We appreciate your continued support for the Scrip program. For more information, visit www.stmoside.org/scrip.htm or contact the Scrip team at 760-758-4100 x150 or scrip@stmoside.org.

Readings for the Week Ahead

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

Sunday, July 30 (109)
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 3:5,7-12
Psalm 119:57,72,76-77,127-130
Romans 8:28-30
Matthew 13:44-52

Monday, July 31 (609)

Ignatius of Loyola, priest

1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Psalm 34:2-11

Luke 14:25-33

Tuesday, August 1 (610)

Alphonsus Liguori, bishop, doctor

Romans 8:1-4

Psalm 119:9-14

Matthew 5:13-19

Wednesday, August 2 (611)

Eusebius of Vercelli

Peter Julian Eymard, priest

1 John 5:1-5

Psalm 89:2-5,21-22,25,27

Matthew 5:1-12a

Thursday, August 3 (404)

Exodus 40:16-21,34-38

Psalm 84:3-6,8a-11

Matthew 13:47-53

Friday, August 4 (612)

John Mary Vianney, priest

Ezekiel 3:17-21

Psalm 117:1bc, 2

Matthew 9:35-10:1

Saturday, August 5 (406)

Dedication of the Basilica of

St. Mary Major

Leviticus 25:1,8-17

Psalm 67:2-3,5,7-8

Matthew 14:1-12

Sunday, August 6 (614)

Transfiguration of the Lord

Daniel 7:9-10,13-14

Psalm 97:1-2,5-6,9

2 Peter 1:16-19

Matthew 17:1-9

Mass Intentions
Saturday, July 29, 5:00pm Alfred & Elaine Barrack
Sunday, July 30, 8:30am Mike Bracci ☩
Sunday, July 30, 10:30am Giacinto Morelli ☩
Monday, July 31, 8:15am Bruce & Eileen Carey
Tuesday, August 1, 8:15am Meg McElliott ☩
Wednesday, August 2, 8:15am Henry Bych ☩
Thursday, August 3, 8:15am Louise Theisen ☩
Friday, August 4, 8:15am Valerie Finan ☩
Saturday, August 5, 5:00pm DeWayne Postulka ☩
Sunday, August 6, 8:30am Jack Gillen ☩
Sunday, August 6, 10:30am Joe Coccato ☩

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

Changa Aguilera	Luke Guenst	Laura Paciorek Gloor
Ernie Aichele	Eusan Hallahan	Katie Padilla
William Alcala	Charlene Hammonds	Ethan Palm
Mary Alexander	Dwayne Hammonds	Cynthia Pearson
Carrie Autrey	Colleen Hanna	Kaili Pearson
Joshua Avery	The Harker Family	Salina Pearson
Addison Abigail Aviña	Dorothy Harrison	Elisa Petrie
Rosemary Ballard	Michelle Harrison & Family	Merri Phelps
Jose Luis Barbosa	Barbara Hatem	Roxanne Pietila
Patricia Barbour	Vanessa Hayes	Helen Pingtella
Francie Barron	LaNay Hazzard	Delilah Plasterer
Fr. Karl Bauer	Matthew Henry & Family	Perry Postulka
Colleen Bechtold	Barry Henwood	The Joe Prokop Family
Clarice Bednarz	Lilian Hills	Bernie Ptak
Taylor Bell	Lisa Hodges	Barbara Ramm
John Bennici	Rich Hodges	Jenni Richard
Regina Bentz	Georgia Ann Hodina	Evelyn Richards
Lisa Berg	The Hoefner Family	Rita Ritchie
Roseanne Berg	Samara Hook	Joel Rivera
Betty Jean Bielich	Susan Hori	Ralda Rizke
Pieter Boets & Family	Katherine Jacobs	Lily Robinson
Zane Breier	Jacqueline Johnson	Mateo Rodriguez
Janet Brown	Sue Johnston	Maria Rogers
Anita Buerger	Laura Kater	Paul Roofener
Amelia Buono	Dottie Kearney	The Russo Family
Roger & Pat Burkardt	Connor Kerzie	Rachel Sainc
Shelby Campbell	Peggy Kiernan	Cindy Sanelli
Breanne Campos	Debbie Kinney	Lori Sanna
Aria Cappeluti	Cathy Kleinschmidt	Rose Mary Saputo
Nanette Carey	Mark Kneisel	John Schmidt
Polly Carroll	Dewey Kolbo	Linda Schmidt
Jorge Cartajena	Tony Korwin & Kathleen Aviña	Grace Schweighofer
Donald Cashmore	Helen Kuhn	Doreen Schwynoch
Anne Caywood	Lorene Kundert	Joan Shea
Ravy Chea	Lillian Lachance	Teresa Sheehey
Della Clarke	The Lamelin Family	Elizabeth Shirzad
The Vaughn Clevenger Family	Ashley LaMothe & Family	Barb Slabaugh
Anne Cline	Pauline Lapre's sister	Cinda Smits
James Coleman	Justine	Nick Soltau
Maria Colfer	Brandon LeBlanc	Steve Soule
Addie Colgan	Susan Lee	Gilda Spiegel
Clara Collins	Jake Lefferdink	Darek, Vanessa, & Elba Spizewski
Judy Colson	Aleah Leon	Don St. Pierre
Karen Connell	Ashley Load	Patricia St. Pierre
Geoff Coolidge	Cassandra & Lauren Loretto	Joy Stanton
Roger Cote	Jack Lucarelli	Sybil Staples
JoAnn Coules	The Maldonado Family	Mike Sterling
Sandra Cracchiolo	The Maldonado Trejo Family	Betty Stewart
Steven Cresencia	Paige Mansell	Laura Bernard Stover, MD
Lené Crowe	Gloria Maupin	Pete Sullivan
Karen Flaharty Daley	Colleen McCall	Pat Swanton
Beverly de Gelder	Virginia McConnell	Laura Thiele
Velia Deal & Family	Paige McCoy	Frank Thompson
Paul Del Vecchio	Gina McDermott	Tommy & Ginger Thompson
Hugo Delgado, Jr.	Jerry McEniry	Carol Thomson
Cassandra D'Ercole	Ann McGeary	Maryann Tien
Cecilia DeSimone	The McGinley Family	Sarah Tillinghast
Lydia deVilleneuve	Bob McWilliams	William Tompson
Carole Dillon	Joyce Meehan	Stephen Toth, Jr.
Elizabeth Doherty's Aunt Jackie	Kalei Mendiola	The Tran Family
Art & Dave Dossman	Rita Mikridge	Olivia Trejo
Steven Douglas	Steven Sr., Stevie, & Noah Miller	The Trejo/Beltran Family
Tyler Drake	Tom Miller	The Trejo/Maldonado/Uribe Family
Jerome Elbacha	Harold Miller, Jr.	Martin Vertson
Arthur Eral	Phyllis Minaya	Lucy Viramontes
Carolyn Erickson Ey	June Mitchell	Vanessa Vitiello
Rebecca Eyer	Maria Molina	Wilson Wanner
Victoria Lopez Fenton	June Montgomery	Kevin Watson-Graff
The Fiore Family	Nancy Moore	Jerry Wechsler
Fr. James Flanagan	Ryan Moquin	Elaine Weiler
Mary Fleming	Catherine Moroz	Mona Weir
Ryan Flum	Ronald Moroz	Rylee West
Ernie Folliis	Elizabeth Muehlbacher	Gerri Wilmott & Family
Eugene Franciscus	Conrad Murphy	Marti Wing
The Greg French Family	Michele Murphy	John Woodard
Brian Frink	Clay Murray	The Xavier Family
Jim Gallagher	Margie Myers	Patricia Zavala
The Joe Garcia Family	Andrew Philip Nacional	Jeanne Zeltner
Kathy Gardner	Angela Nacional	
Joan Gay	Melanie Nacional	
Alyssa Gerhard	Nida Navarro	
Dan Gilman	Richard Obsitnik	
Betty Golden Brown & the Golden Family	Gillian Ochoa	
Wendy Gonzales' Dad	Kare O'Dell	
Rick Gonzalez		
The Gonzalez Family		
Lou Gordon		
Joe Gritt		

Calendar Highlights

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

Jul 30	Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
Jul 30	Pastor's Dinner 3 at Rectory
Aug 1-2	Restaurant Fundraiser at Rosati's in Vista
Aug 3	Breakfast with the King after 8:15am Mass
Aug 3	IGNITE High School Youth Group
Aug 15-16	Restaurant Fundraiser at Nucci's in Vista
Sep 5,6,7	Music Ministry Rehearsals resume
Sep 11	Women's Guild Luncheon with entertainment by <i>Standing Room Only</i>
Sep 12	Spirited Seniors Ice Cream Social
Oct 1	Wine Tasting 101
Oct 14	Treasures Rummage Sale
Oct 15	New Member Luncheon
Oct 29	Diocesan Service of Common Prayer
	Celebration the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation
Nov 4-30	Stewardship Awareness Month
Dec 16	Cookie Exchange Party

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

Deployed Military

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

Gunnery Sgt. Fernando Andrade, Jr.
Lt. Devon Czarzasty
Major Branden M. Felker, USAF
ET1 Patrick G. Felker, USN
Grant Fischer
1st Lt. Eric Galamay
MSGT Steve Gallegos, USMC
Sgt. Alex Garcia
Adolfo Granados, MD, US Navy
PFC Samuel Haro, US Army
Cpl Caleb Lemons, USMC
PFC Cody Madere
Jordan Millikan
1st Lt. Jennifer Mozzetta
Jeremiah Gabriel Nelson, USAF
Thomas Kevin Nelson, US Navy
Fireman Griffin Joseph Ochoa, US Navy
Pvt. 2 Jess Phillips, US Army
Nicole Rieger CTR2, US Navy
Sr. Airman Robert Spear, USAF
Sgt. Charles Watts, USMC
MGY SGT Paul Weisinger

Social Ministries & Outreach

Update on Our Syrian Refugee Family

Visit the webpage for more details—www.stmoside.org/OurSyrianFamily. For more information, contact Lisa at Lisaattardo@yahoo.com.

St. Bonaventure Indian Mission Clothing Drive

Been cleaning and noticing how many items of clothing are out of size, out of style, or outgrown? Funny how kids outgrow clothes before they are worn out. Funny how those midwestern winter coats you were saving in case you moved back...10 years ago...are still gathering dust in the closet. Give these items a new life...Set them aside for STM's annual clothing drive for the Navajo. In the beginning of November we collect much needed clothing, blankets, and shoes (no heels please) for some of the poorest in our wealthy nation. The Mission serves about 100 square miles of the big reservation in New Mexico where these items are much needed. For more information or how to help, contact Deacon Tom at thomasgoeltz@aol.com or 760-727-8442.

Brother Benno's

Got those shampoos, soaps, tooth brushes, etc., from your hotel rooms during your vacation? Now what are you going to do with them? It seemed like a good idea to take them at the time but on returning home, your own brands seem preferable, and now you are stuck...but don't want to just throw them away. We can help. Coming up in September (watch bulletin for specific date), STM will be collecting toiletries for **Brother Benno's**. The small sizes are just right for hygiene packs for the homeless. Larger sizes are great for their rehab houses or their Oceanside facility. We will also be collecting diapers (all sizes including adult) which are desperately needed. Questions? Contact Deacon Tom at thomasgoeltz@aol.com or 760-727-8442.

Help Feed the Hungry

Pope Francis reminds us: "You pray for the hungry. Then you feed them. That's how prayer works."

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

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



Rosary

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



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 or Estelle Eral at estelle.eral@gmail.com.

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



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.

Anyone seeking the service of a Licensed Mental Health Professional affiliated with the San Diego Diocesan Mental Health Ministry Network can visit: eTherapyFinder.com/osm. Then, click on "Find Affiliated Therapists."

Therapists interested in affiliating with the San Diego diocesan Mental Health Ministry Network may visit eTherapyFinder.com and click on "CLINICIANS CLICK HERE" to register for a free profile. Once the profile has been acknowledged by eTherapyFinder.com (usually within one or two business days) visit eTherapyFinder.com/osm to view and accept the diocesan pledge.

Jail/Detention Ministry

Jesus said, "I was in prison and you visited me. What you did for the least of these you did for me." To volunteer and bring the gifts of presence, compassion, hope, and love to those in prison, call Rita McCarthy at 760-758-4100 x100. For more information, visit www.diocese-sdiego.org/restore, where you will find information on not only visiting those in prison, but ways to provide support for victims or their families and ways to get involved with victim/offender mediation and reconciliation.

When a Loved One Dies

*Call the Parish Office first, before you call the funeral home.
Call anytime, night or day! 760-758-4100 option 3*

Our Parish has a wonderful Bereavement Team that is available when a loved one dies. They are available to assist the family with many arrangements related to the funeral, which might include meeting with the family to pray, helping to plan the funeral, and providing bereavement support afterwards.

In addition, those who like to plan ahead may meet with a Bereavement Team member to pre-plan preferences and place them on record, which can be a great help for children or other family members when the time comes.

If you have any questions, contact Sr. Maureen at 760-758-4100 x131 or maureenb@stmoside.org.

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 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

"When all else fails, take a vacation." —Betty Williams

And we're off! to a great start with our annual Women's Guild Membership drive. There is not a representative on the plaza this weekend, but you can still join by returning your form and dues to the collection basket or to the Parish Office, (Box 35). Membership dues are still \$10, payable by check to St Thomas More Women's Guild or by cash. The 2017-18 membership directory will include your name when you sign up by September 1.

Join us! We need you! It's a great way to meet new friends, raise funds for the parish and have a great time! For specific questions on membership, please contact First Vice President, Membership, Barbara Brown Barreras at 760-639-0012.

Our first luncheon meeting will be on Monday, September 11. Our entertainment will be *Standing Room Only*, featuring Paul Del Vecchio and Wayne Smith. It was a smash hit last year! Due to high attendance last year, we will be selling tickets separately to this event. The cost of a ticket is \$20. Tickets will be on sale on the plaza the weekends of August 12-13, 19-20, and 26-27. Hope to see you there!

Have a heavenly summer and if possible take a vacation!

—Trish Feeley, St. Thomas More Women's Guild President

Catholic Widows and Widowers of North County

The second Sunday of each month is our General Meeting and Potluck at 2:00pm at St. Margaret Parish Center in Oceanside. On the fourth Sunday we meet for a communal Mass at various Catholic churches in North County. Check www.cwwnc.com or the bulletin board in the Parish Center Lower Level for our calendar of events including dining out, theater, bowling, bocce ball, hiking, and more! RSVPs are required. For more information call Carol at 760-726-0533.

Spirited Seniors Membership Drive Underway
Please join us!



You can still help!!!

2017 Gala Events continue with...

Superb Wine Tasting 101 on Sunday, October 1

\$50 per person (\$15 tax deductible) or
Premium Experience for \$100 per person

Christmas Cookie Exchange

on Saturday, December 16
\$20 each (\$10 tax deductible)

Sign up online at stmoside.org or on the Plaza after Masses

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

**For more information, please contact Chris Smith
at 760-758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org**

Jesus, Divine Redeemer and Master of the Universe Mosaic Update

Six 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 to
sponsor a panel.



Young Adult Ministry Activities

Visit www.yamsd.org for complete information on events for young adults, including our local chapter, North County Young Adults.

Also, search *Office of Young Adult Ministry* on Facebook.

Looking for a Way to Be Involved?

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



Liturgy & Music *Worship God*

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Upcoming Music



The choirs and ensembles of St. Thomas More's music ministry are on summer break from July 30 to September 3. This hiatus allows our musicians to sit with family and friends and to refresh the musical spirit that allows them to sing and play with vigor and deep spiritual commitment.

Music rehearsals resume after Labor Day. We will be back the weekend of September 16/17.

If you are interested in joining one of our choirs or ensembles in September, please contact Douglas (see above right).

The Scriptures for August have a repetitive theme echoing this month. Most of the scenes take place on or near a mountain, and we encounter both Elijah and Peter in several of the stories. There is a sense of both human and divine encounters of Christ, walking among his followers and forming tangible relationships with all peoples, thus revealing his true nature as Son of God and source of divine love.

August 6 brings glimpses and visions of the kingdom of God. Daniel received the image of "one like a Son of man (who) received dominion, glory, and kingship; all peoples, nations, and languages serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away, his kingship shall not be destroyed" (Dn 7:14).

Psalm 97 repeats this message: "The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth." This declaration is followed by the Transfiguration story. "Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother, John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Then, Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here" (Mt 17:1-4a).

In each of these Scriptures, the mountains provide backdrop for the encounter with the holy One. We are reminded that the divine power of love can transcend this entire universe. Not only does the Lord have capacity to love all peoples, he was also aware he had to do more than just act with love, he had to become love. When we act with love, we are human; but, when we become love itself, we spark the divine flame bestowed upon us from the "Ancient One." God does,

the Psalms of August

indeed, reign as love transforms our relationships. Let us listen to the voice of the beloved One, with whom God is well pleased, and be transformed by divine love.

On August 13, we find ourselves back on a mountain. Elijah is trying to get some clarity by listening for the voice of God. There was a strong wind, an earthquake, and a fire, all holding the capacity of destroying life itself. God was not present there. Holding still, Elijah trusted God would speak. He listened. In the quiet whispering sound, he knew he was encountering God. We, too, are called to face our fears of this earth with courage and to be still and listen to the voice of God always with us. The psalmist invites us to contemplate on this voice. It is a gentle voice that speaks kindness and truth, justice and peace. In the Gospel, it is the gentle and trustworthy voice of Jesus, calming Peter's fears and giving him courage to get out of the boat. Called to get out of the boat, we, too, hear Jesus' voice, to take courage and not be afraid. We are called to trust the gentle voice speaking out for kindness and truth, justice and peace.

"O God, let all the nations praise you!" Psalm 67 is sung/recited August 20. As I recently heard those words resounding in one of the eucharistic prayers for reconciliation, I felt God's calling us (the church) to witness to our faith. In this time when there is such fear of others, this reminder to unite with one another in praise of God, whom all nations adore, is a much needed message.

The Canaanite woman depicted in the Gospel is willing to take a risk. She is a foreigner, an immigrant, an outsider. It is socially acceptable for Jesus just to pass her by, but he hears her plea, as she reaches out in faith. She believes in the power of divine love and recognizes Jesus' healing



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"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field..."

Matthew 13:44

powers. Jesus sees the presence of love as this mother begs him to heal her daughter. The God of all peoples intervenes and saves her daughter. Where is God calling us to recognize the cry of another and to put our own faith in action?

"Lord your love is eternal; do not forsake the works of your hands" (Psalm 138). A forever kind of love is what God desires with us. Unconditional love is given by the very God who formed us. We see this powerful, relational love exemplified as Jesus asks his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They suggest Elijah and also John the Baptist. Peter having enough personal experiences with Jesus, is able to see who he really is, the "Anointed One," the Christ. Peter recognizes this reality because he has been the recipient of divine love in action. Once again, Jesus sees Peter's potential and entrusts him with the keys to the kingdom.

As we see our present-day Peter, Pope Francis, speaking out and encouraging us to break down walls and barriers that keep divine love from spreading to all of God's people, may we never forsake the work of God's hands. May we be a source of divine love to all peoples.

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

Debbie Fredette
Director of Faith Formation
760-758-4100 x110; debbief@stmoside.org

Family Faith Formation

REACH Is Out for the Summer

Make faith an important part of your family's life!
Contact Debbie in the Faith Formation office for a registration packet or for more information on how to sign up.

Sacrament Prep News

Reconciliation/First Communion/Confirmation



Preparation for these Sacraments is a two-year process and begins in the 1st and 9th grades. Contact Debbie at debbief@stmoside.org to enroll in our Faith Formation program today for classes beginning in September.

Confirmation Year 1 & Year 2 Meetings

Parents and teens registered for Confirmation classes are asked to attend **one** of the following meetings **prior** to Confirmation classes beginning on September 10. Year 1 meetings are August 3 and August 14 at 7:00pm. Year 2 meetings are August 1 at 7:00pm, August 6 and August 27 at 12:00pm.

Breakfast with the King Wednesdays

Start your day with Daily Mass and a nourishing cereal breakfast with friends who love the Lord! Talk about the Scriptures, Fr. Mike Schmidt's and Mark Hart's latest YouTube release, and much, much more! Join us Wednesday morning, August 2, at 8:15am. No cost to attend!

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



St. Thomas More ARK News



St. Thomas More's Nursery, the **ARK**, will be closed for the summer. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Lia at liak@stmoside.org.

Youth Ministry



Specialty Coffee/Homemade Cinnamon Rolls/Donuts/Bagels/Juices. Come check out Tommy's Café after Sunday Masses and Support Youth Ministry at our Parish. **High School Baristas Needed for Sundays!** Contact Debbie about getting involved.

Support Tommy's Café!

Adult Faith Formation

Fall Morning 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 for more information and to register. Cost to attend is \$35. Register by September 1 to receive workbook in time for first session.

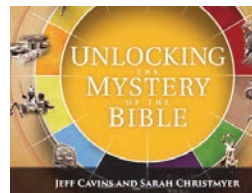
Fall Evening Bible Study

Join Us for 20 sessions of
ACTS: The Spread of the Kingdom
beginning Thursday, September 14,
7:00-9:00pm, Parish Center Lower Level
Contact the Faith Formation office or
Debbie at debbief@stmoside.org
for more information and to register.

Cost to attend is \$35. Register by
September 1 to receive workbook in time
for the first session.



Young Adult Bible Study



Young Adults in your twenties—
Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible
will meet Sundays from 7:00-8:30pm
for the next 4 weeks. Contact Rory at
roryg@stmoside.org or text **young-adult**
to 84576 to sign up.

Baptism Preparation



Why not schedule your Baptismal appointment today before the arrival of your little one? Please contact the Faith Formation Office debbief@stmoside.org for more information. Our next Parent/Godparent class is Tuesday, August 8, at 7:00pm. Please call to register for the class.

High School

IGNITE Youth Group will
be meeting on Wed, August 2
6:30-8:30pm (dinner served)
Parish Center Lower Level

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Collection for Week of July 18-24, 2017

Number of Registered Households	1,243
Offertory	\$15,027.55
Offertory (Loose Collection)	\$1,284.00
Total	\$16,311.55

Collection for Week of July 11-17, 2017

Number of Registered Households	1,243
Offertory	\$6,512.03
Offertory (Loose Collection)	\$1,267.00
Total	\$7,779.03

Mortgage/Building Completion Fund Income

June 2017

Mortgage Offering Collected	\$33,951.00
Mortgage Offering (Special Collection)	<u>\$23,225.00</u>
Mortgage Offering (Total for June)	\$57,516.00
Mortgage Payment Due	\$44,806.21
Payment toward Parish Reserves*	\$0.00
Mortgage Payment Overage/(Shortfall)	(\$12,709.79)

Memorial Items toward Building Completion Fund \$8,065.00

Please continue to support the
Mortgage/Building Completion Fund!

* Mortgage Payment overage will be applied to Parish Reserves

TOWERS OF FAITH

Future Support & Legacy Planning Options

Towers of Faith is a movement that has arisen due to the vision, leadership, and generosity of several of our Parishioners. We stress that this is about the love and thought behind the gift, and not about the gift amount.

These individuals (*several anonymous*) have included STM in their estate planning. This helps to ensure their ongoing support and a legacy for our Parish. *Towers of Faith* is a valuable portion of our future support.



Examples of the various future planning vehicles are:
**Designated Beneficiary Accounts, Wills, Living Trusts,
Life Insurance, Stocks and Bonds, Real Estate, and
STM Endowment with CCFSD
(Catholic Community Foundation of San Diego)**

Parishioners who have already included STM in their estate plans are *Towers of Faith* participants. If you are interested, please contact us. Your participation is most welcome and appreciated!

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

Christian Stewardship Reflection

Those of you who have read this bulletin page over the years, know that St. Teresa of Calcutta and her writings and work have had a marked impression on my life.

The following piece from "A Simple Path" is a favorite and I try to share it at least once a year.

A sign on the wall of the children's home in Calcutta that reads:



TAKE TIME TO THINK
TAKE TIME TO PRAY
TAKE TIME TO LAUGH

IT IS THE SOURCE OF POWER
IT IS THE GREATEST POWER ON EARTH
IT IS THE MUSIC OF THE SOUL

TAKE TIME TO PLAY
TAKE TIME TO LOVE AND BE LOVED
TAKE TIME TO GIVE

IT IS THE SECRET OF PERPETUAL YOUTH
IT IS GOD'S GIVEN PRIVILEGE
IT IS TOO SHORT A DAY TO BE SELFISH

TAKE TIME TO READ
TAKE TIME TO BE FRIENDLY
TAKE TIME TO WORK

IT IS THE FOUNTAIN OF WISDOM
IT IS THE ROAD TO HAPPINESS
IT IS THE PRICE OF SUCCESS

TAKE TIME TO DO CHARITY
IT IS THE KEY TO HEAVEN

Prayer in action is love, and love in action is service. Try to give unconditionally whatever a person needs in the moment. The point is to do something, however small, and show you care through your actions by giving your time.

Sometimes this may mean doing something physical (such as we do in our homes for the sick and dying) or sometimes it may mean offering spiritual support for the shut-ins (those isolated and lonely in their homes).

If an ill person wants medicine, then give him medicine; if he needs comfort, then comfort him. We are all God's children so it is important to share God's gifts!

***In this life we cannot do great things.
We can only do small things with great love.
—St. Teresa of Calcutta***

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) 6 available

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

Pew Seating for the Church \$300/each
(1,000) 692 available

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

Altar Server Albs \$125/each
(15) 7 available

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“pipe dream”...but dream we must...
donations of any amount toward the
pipe organ will be accepted \$850,000

07/10/17

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

Listed above are items still available for adoption.

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

For more information or to adopt an item, contact Chris Smith
760-758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org



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from this program. Thank you donors!**



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

The Larger Church News

After-Abortion Healing Retreat for Catholic Women (or Catholic-friendly)—July 28-30, Diocesan Pastoral Center, 3888 Paducah Dr., San Diego. For information/registration contact Rosemary Benefield at 858-581-3022 or www.RachelsHope.org.

Summer Presentations and Retreats at Mission San Luis Rey Retreat Center—visit www.sanluisrey.org for a lineup of activities this summer, including weekly presentations on varied topics, cooking class, and retreats.

Celebrate St. Ignatius Day with the Jesuit Community!—Monday, July 31, 6:00pm (Mass), 7:00pm (Dinner and Program), Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, 1770 Kearney Ave., San Diego, 92113, to celebrate 100 years of Jesuit ministry, the launch of a new province (Jesuits West) and the inauguration of a Center for Ignatian Spirituality. Cost: the gift of your presence! RSVP: Fr. John Auther, SJ, at jauthersj@olgdsd.org or 619-233-3838 x214.

Elevate Conference from Immaculate Heart Radio—Saturday, August 19, San Diego. For more information, visit www.ihradio.com/elevate.

All Are Welcome: The Way You Are—October 27-29, a retreat for LGBT persons and their allies, Sisters of Charity Retreat Center, Cincinnati, OH. Visit www.msjc.net/lgbtretreat for more information.

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The Vatican—w2.vatican.va.

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops—usccb.org.

Diocese of San Diego—sdcatholic.org.

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 to watch the animated film.

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

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

St. Francis Church News

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Parking Lot Rummage Sale—Saturday, August 5, 8:00am-12:00noon. Do you have items to sell? Participate in the sale by renting a space for \$30 or two spaces for \$50. (Rental fee will help pay for our new parking lot. YOU keep the proceeds from the stuff you sell. Sorry, no food sales.) Sellers will need to fill out a form to reserve a space and pay their fee at the parish office no later than August 3. Spaces are limited. Contact Carleen Hunter at vistahunters@sbcglobal.net or 760-726-1053 for more information.



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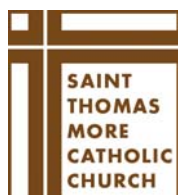
SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION



Confirmation 2019 (Year 1) and 2018 (Year 2) Parents and Teens, please attend **ONE** of the Confirmation Information meetings scheduled below. Each meeting will be held on the Parish Center Lower Level, last approximately one hour, and will be used to explain the Confirmation process at St. Thomas More. Please make sure to attend the meeting specific to your Confirmation class (Year 1 or Year 2). **Attendance at one of these meetings is mandatory for official enrollment in our Confirmation program.** If you have not yet registered for Confirmation, please contact the Faith Formation Office. All paperwork and payments will be accepted at any of the meetings. Please contact Debbie at debbief@stmoside.org if you have any questions and/or would like more information.

August 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7:00pm Year 2	2	3 7:00pm Year 1	4	5
6 12:00pm Year 2	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 7:00pm Year 1	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 12:00pm Year 2	28	29	30	31		



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