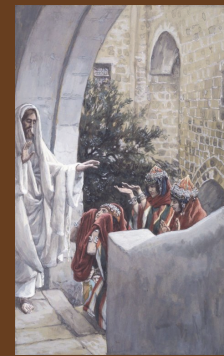


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*O woman, great is your faith!  
—Matthew 15:28*



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Saturday at 5:00pm  
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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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**Welcome to Our New  
Youth Advocate  
Tilly Rudolph!**  
Check the flyer for details.

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 20, 2017**

**Pastor's Column**

Rev. Michael Ratajczak  
760-758-4100 x100  
michaelr@stmoside.org

**Walking in the Shoes of a Muslim...Think about It!**

*Several months ago Imam Taha Hassane came to St. Thomas More along with the Almustafa's, the Syrian refugee family that our Parish is sponsoring. They attended the 10:30am Mass and Imam Taha spoke to the assembly at that Mass.*

*After this event, I received an email from one of our Parishioners, Francis Rushford, whom I feel has captured the essence of the "Islamic Situation" today.*

*He very succinctly talks about what Muslims need to do and what we "Established Americans" need to do.*

*Please take time to read his email and my response.*

Dear Fr. Mike,

I think what you are doing to bridge the gap with the Muslim Community in San Diego is a great thing. I have spent many years since the 9/11 attacks reading and trying to understand the terrorists and the religion they use. We have a clash of civilizations and we need to try and bridge that gap. That term makes people uneasy, but it is a clash of culture, religion and even language. There is no separation of Church and state; Islam is a way of life. Our pluralistic secular society is in many ways anathema to the civilization we are trying to bridge. If we ignore our differences, we will overly rely on similarities that are not really the same.

I am one of 357 people that survived at Cantor Fitzgerald at the World Trade Center, where 712 of my work colleagues were killed on 9/11. I have spent years reading all that I could get my hands on to try and understand the motivation. I have read all of the holy books of Islam. I have various historical books on Islam and the Middle East, and it is clear that we in the West have to recognize that we have different cultures, religions, politics, and way of life that those people that are Muslim and live in the Middle East and Southwest Asia.

Too many people looked at the title of the book, *Clash of Civilizations* and decided by its title it was calling for war and it is quite the opposite. We need to find a way to peace and we need to stop the recruitment of terrorists and we can only do that by starting to build bridges.

It will have to be the Muslims themselves that end this sectarian violence in a similar manner. We can be supportive and work to understand how we can help, but what we

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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)*

cannot do is to expect wholesale adoption of our civilization and its values. We have to respect that there will be great differences, but that we have to strive for peace and understanding and at times that will cause great discomfort for peoples on both sides of the divide. We cannot make excuses for terrorists when they act and we must not blame ourselves as part of any solution.

This is not about the Crusades that the Muslims won. This is about the belief that extremism will eventually get the fanatics what they want and we need to be strong in the face of such extremism.

I do not think that many of my fellow parishioners understand the courage it has taken for these people to come to our Church and stand with us and what it means. It means they are showing great courage because many of the fanatics will see their actions as those of apostates and that they should be harmed.

This is a long road and it will take many years, and I am not sure that in our life- times we will get there, but there has to be a start. I commend you for your work.

*Here is my response to Francis Rushford*

Dear Francis,

Thank you so much for your kind and very insightful e-mail. You have touched the very heart of the problem as well as the way to begin to find solutions.

I agree that this will take more than our life-times, and I agree that the members of the Islamic Community are the ones who need to stand and be counted, and work for ways in which Muslims can live in America without feeling that they are abandoning their faith.

Imam Taha often uses this line "I am just an immigrant who has fallen in love with America."

I truly believe that the vast majority of Muslims who come to the United States want what is offered here in the USA. They appreciate the freedoms, and the quality of life that can be had.

Muslim Scholars of the Koran are working diligently to bring new interpretations and understandings of how to still be faithful to the teachings of the Koran and to live in the United States without feeling that they are being disloyal to their faith.

In my mind, it is very similar to many Catholics who left predominantly Catholic Countries in which Church and State were very "tied together." Coming to the USA, they found a very secular country with a separation of Church and State, and they struggled as to how they could live together and still be faithful to their religion.

Christian (including Catholic) Scripture Scholars had to, and do continue, to revisit the Scriptures and to look at them differently in light of the American experience. This continues to this day.

The Old Testament, the New Testament, the Koran do not change, but how we understand their messages in light of our present realities does change.

Catholics are further along in this process. Muslims are just beginning. Our "job" is to support the Muslim Community in their efforts to make this transition.

We are all immigrants who have fallen in love with America!

Thank you Francis!

*F. Rushford*

**Welcome New Parishioners**

**Franklin & Patricia Nelson & Family**  
**Gary & Wendy Lewkovich & Family**

**Congratulations to**

**Bill & Theresa Goeltz**

who celebrated their 11th anniversary of marriage on August 19.

**Richard & Marcy Bernier**

who celebrate their 46th anniversary of marriage on August 23.

*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:



**Helen Kuhn**, who died August 12. Her Funeral Mass was celebrated on August 18. 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.*

**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 every Sunday from 9:00-10:20am on the Parish Center Upper Level, 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.

**STM Scrip News**

Summer weekend Scrip schedule: every other weekend 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](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).**

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

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**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, August 20** (118)  
*Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Isaiah 56:1,6-7  
Psalm 67:2-3,5-6,8  
Romans 11:13-15,29-32  
Matthew 15:21-28  
**Monday, August 21** (626)  
*Pius X, pope*  
1 Thessalonians 2:2b-8  
Psalm 89:2-5,21-22,25,27  
John 21:15-17  
**Tuesday, August 22** (627)  
*The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
Isaiah 9:1-6  
Psalm 113:1-8  
Luke 1:26-38

**Wednesday, August 23** (628)  
*Rose of Lima*  
2 Corinthians 10:17-11:2  
Psalm 148:1bc-2,11-13a,13c-14  
Matthew 13:44-46

**Thursday, August 24** (629)  
*Bartholomew, apostle*  
Revelation 21:9b-14  
Psalm 145:10-13,17-18  
John 1:45-51

**Friday, August 25** (630)  
*Louis of France*  
Isaiah 58:6-11  
112:1-9  
John 13:34

**Saturday, August 26** (424)  
Ruth 2:1-3,8-11;4:13-17  
Psalm 128:1-5  
Matthew 23:1-12

**Sunday, August 27** (121)  
*Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Isaiah 22:19-23  
Psalm 138:1-3,6,8  
Romans 11:33-36  
Matthew 16:13-20

Mass Intentions
Saturday, August 19, 5:00pm Ernesto Alena ☩
Sunday, August 20, 8:30am Bill & Theresa Goeltz
Sunday, August 20, 10:30am Nancy & Jerry Gayvert
Monday, August 21, 8:15am Martha Patton ☩
Tuesday, August 22, 8:15am Mary & Steve Monella ☩
Wednesday, August 23, 8:15am Marcy & Richard Bernier
Thursday, August 24, 8:15am Melanie Nacional
Friday, August 25, 8:15am Gus Leakakos ☩
Saturday, August 26, 5:00pm Bill Haynes ☩
Sunday, August 27, 8:30am Gerry Barton ☩
Sunday, August 27, 10:30am A. Frank Fallone ☩

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

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

## Calendar Highlights

More details at [www.stmoside.org](http://www.stmoside.org),  
Schedule and Calendar

Aug 20	Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
Aug 27	Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
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
Sep 26	Reader Workshop Part 1
Oct 1	Wine Tasting 101
Oct 10	Reader Workshop Part 2
Oct 14	Treasures Rummage Sale
Oct 15	New Member Luncheon
Oct 25	Reader Workshop Part 3
Oct 29	Diocesan Service of Common Prayer
Nov 4-30	Celebration the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation
Dec 16	Stewardship Awareness Month
	Cookie Exchange Party

Questions? Contact Henny at  
760-758-4100 x100  
[hennyj@stmoside.org](mailto: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

### Care of Our Common Home Workshop

The Diocesan Office of Social Ministry is offering a workshop on the encyclical *Laudato Si—The Care of Our Common Home* by Pope Francis. It is for all persons interested in protecting creation and preserving our environment. The workshop will take place on Saturday, September 16, 10:00-11:30am in the Parish Center Upper Level. All are welcome! Watch for more details.

### Update on Our Syrian Refugee Family

One of our wonderful Parish quilters, Siggie Ogan, donated some quilts to our refugee family. The stack of quilts is almost as tall as their youngest daughter, Limar!

The family continues to adjust to their new life. From the funds donated by our Parishioners, the dad, Husam, is being tutored in English. He is making wonderful progress and hopes to be able to find an accounting job soon! The mom, Douha, is also beginning to learn to speak and to write in English by taking classes once a week at a local learning center.

They are most grateful for our ongoing support and Husam sends “peace to all friends at the Church.”

Visit the webpage for more details—[www.stmoside.org/OurSyrianFamly](http://www.stmoside.org/OurSyrianFamly).



### Brother Benno's Toiletry Drive

Please mark the date of September 23-24 for our annual toiletry and diaper drive for those served by Brother Benno's. They provide assistance to the homeless, the poor, and the addicted. In doing so, they can use your help. You know the soaps, shampoos, etc., that you took from your vacation hotels? They are great for hygiene boxes for the homeless (along with toothbrushes, combs, feminine hygiene items, etc.). Larger sized soaps, etc., can be used at their center, rehab houses, and to distribute to the poor. We are also seeking diapers for infants, toddlers, and adults. Please be generous! Look for Deacon Tom's truck in the parking lot before all the Masses.

### St. Bonaventure Indian Mission Clothing Drive

While it is still a little way off, we have set the date for the clothing drive for November 4-5. The Mission serves the Navajo on about 100 square miles of the big reservation. Ours is the only dedicated drive for the Mission and each year 800 to 1,300 poor receive free clothing due to your generosity. As the new school year is about to start, perhaps there are some gently used clothes and shoes (no heels please) that have been outgrown by the kids. Infant and adult clothes are needed too. Please set aside any slightly used shoes, clothes, blankets, etc., and help us. Any questions, contact Deacon Tom at [thomasgoeltz@aol.com](mailto:thomasgoeltz@aol.com) or 760-727-8442.

### 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.

## 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.



### 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).

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](http://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](http://eTherapyFinder.com) and click on “CLINICIANS CLICK HERE” to register for a free profile. Once the profile has been acknowledged by [eTherapyFinder.com](http://eTherapyFinder.com) (usually within one or two business days) visit [eTherapyFinder.com/osm](http://eTherapyFinder.com/osm) to view and accept the diocesan pledge.

### Missionary Cooperative Appeal

The Emiliani Project is an apostolate in the Diocese of San Diego started by three military veterans from Southern California after their service in the US military.

The mission of the Emiliani Project is to protect, nurture and educate abandoned children so that they are able to live healthy and fulfilling lives, from childhood through early adulthood. This is achieved by ensuring that all of the children's needs are met, including: a place to live, nutritious meals, formal education, medical care, counseling and a loving environment.

Their first project is underway in Medellin, Colombia. They were fortunate to have partnered with Gente Unida, led by Father Jorge Villalobos of the Archdiocese of Medellin, where they have begun the construction of a 160 bed orphanage including a new school.

Deacon Charles Navarrete, co-founder, who recently returned from Colombia will be here to present the victories and struggles of The Emiliani Project's missionary work next weekend.



## 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

*Summer is a state of mind --Unknown*

Mission Statement of the St Thomas More Women's Guild: To promote social interaction in our parish family, complement the spirituality of our members and to raise funds for the goals of the Parish.

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 more information, contact First Vice President, Membership, Barbara Brown Barreras, 760-639-0012.

Still need to join or renew? Never fear, this weekend there will be a member on the plaza at the Women's Guild table to take your membership form. The membership dues, payable by check to St. Thomas More Women's Guild or by cash, are still \$10. If you miss paying on the plaza this weekend, you can return your membership form and dues to the offertory collection or to the Parish Office (Box 35). The 2017-18 membership directory will include your name when you sign up by September 1st.

Also on the plaza this weekend you may purchase tickets for our first luncheon/stage show on September 11. The cost of the tickets is \$20 and seats are limited. You may also purchase tickets by submitting your money and form to the offertory collection or the Parish Office, and your tickets will be waiting for you at a Will-Call table at the event on September 11. The entertainment will be *Standing Room Only*, featuring Paul Del Vecchio and Wayne Smith. It was a smash hit last year! Hope to see you there!

I hope you have a great summer!

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

### Catholic Widows and Widowers of North County

Join us Sunday, August 27, for our monthly communal Mass at 11:30am at St. Elizabeth Seton in Carlsbad. Sunday, September 10, 2:00pm is our annual picnic at Aviara Community Park in Carlsbad. Then, Sunday, September 24, is our monthly communal Mass at 10:30am at St. John the Evangelist in Encinitas. Check [www.cwwnc.com](http://www.cwwnc.com) or the bulletin board in the Parish Center Lower Level for our calendar of events. RSVPs are required. For more information call Carol at 760-726-0533.



*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](http://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](mailto:chriss@stmoside.org)

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

Five 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.



### Young Adult Ministry Activities

Visit [www.yamsd.org](http://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.

### Spirited Seniors Ice Cream Social

The Spirited Seniors are sponsoring the Sixth Annual FREE ICE CREAM SOCIAL on Tuesday September 12 for members and prospective members who are 50 years and older. Don't miss your chance to take part in this free event! Place your reservation request, including your name(s), phone number, and whether you need a non-dairy alternative in an envelope addressed to "Spirited Seniors" in the offertory collection or Box 12 in the Parish Office. The deadline for reservations is noon on Tuesday, September 5. If you have questions, or wish to register by phone or email, contact Jim and Marilyn Day at 760-509-4545 or [jandmday@cox.net](mailto:jandmday@cox.net).

# Liturgy & Music *Worship God*

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

## WHY SINGERS MAKE GOOD LAWYERS

I haven't sung in a choir in over 20 years. Between a full-time job and parenting two young sons, regular rehearsal just isn't in the cards. But there isn't a day that goes by that I don't miss singing in a group, yearn for my days working to hold a difficult harmony or figure out a tricky rhythmic pattern, and enjoying the camaraderie that comes from the heady mixture of shared purpose and joyous delight that is collective musicianship.

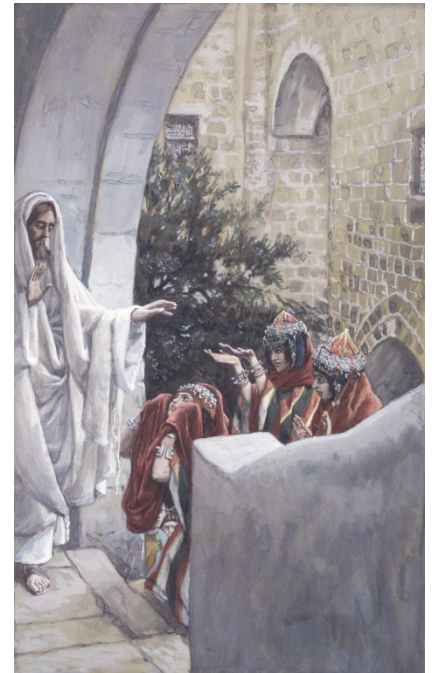
While I studied music in high school and college, I ended up a patent lawyer, and now I work in a law school. It may seem counterintuitive to say that the most valuable training I received for being a lawyer was my musical training, but it is absolutely true. Lawyers are, at their very core, analytical thinkers, and the work lawyers do is mostly done in teams. A lawyer and a client, a lawyer and her colleagues, a lawyer and a judge are all working together to try to bring order to chaos, to try to separate wheat from chaff. The best training I ever got for that sort of work was singing with other people.

From group singing I learned how to concentrate completely on my own body and mind, while still staying connected enough with a team to work together seamlessly. I learned to take turns taking the lead, to let each member of the group shine at the right time, for the betterment of the whole. I learned how to find joy in really hard work, and to take great pleasure in the small successes as well as the big ones. I learned how to find layers of meaning in small changes, how to analyze a work of creativity, and how to analyze it so much as to make it lose its context. Every one of these skills are ones I have taken with me through my entire professional life.

I didn't just get teamwork skills and analytical training from my choir experiences—I also learned how to learn and how to teach. There's a reason that among my very few teachers with whom I still keep in touch are my junior high choir director and my voice teacher. Watching them work with me one-on-one and as part of a group of rowdy kids gave me example to follow when dealing with students of every age and in every subject. My time as their student made me a better student overall, and definitely made me a better teacher.

The only place I sing anymore is in my synagogue, and I am so grateful to have that experience. But I am looking forward to someday getting back to one of the most formative experiences of my life, and once again finding a group of people with whom I can make music.

—Marsha Nagorsky is  
Associate Dean for Communications at  
the University of Chicago Law School.



The Canaanite's Daughter (La Chananéenne)  
James Tissot (1836-1902)

"O woman, great is your faith!"

Matthew 15:28

### 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).

## CAN YOU HELP?

### Seasonal Décor Coordinator

The Liturgy Committee seeks a volunteer to coordinate the installation of seasonal décor and flowers for Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter.

#### Duties include

- Coordination of volunteers to install, maintain, and remove/store décor and flowers before, during, and after liturgical seasons
- Recruitment of volunteers through announcements
- Ordering of flowers and other needed items

#### Contact

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Douglas Lynn, Director of Liturgy and Music, douglasl@stmoside.org



# Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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

## Family Faith Formation

### REACH Classes Begin September 10

**Make faith an important part of your family's life!**  
Contact the Faith Formation office today to register your child.  
Classes for children ages 3 through high school are available.

## 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](mailto:debbief@stmoside.org) to enroll. The first of seven Sacrament Prep Parent Meetings for children making their Reconciliation/Eucharist this year is Sunday, September 24, at 12:30pm on the Parish Center Upper Level. Parents, please plan to be at this meeting and have your child and their siblings attend the 12:30pm session of REACH on these seven meeting dates.

### Confirmation Year 1 & Year 2 Meetings

Families whose teens are enrolling in First or Second Year Confirmation classes for 2017/2018 Faith Formation year, must attend a scheduled information meeting **prior** to the start of Confirmation classes beginning on Sunday, September 10. This final meeting for Confirmation registration is August 27 at 12:00pm. This meeting will be held on the Parish Center Lower Level and last approximately 1 hour. Please plan to bring all registration paperwork with you to the meeting. For more information please contact Debbie at [debbief@stmoside.org](mailto:debbief@stmoside.org).

## Baptism



Why not schedule your Baptismal appointment today before the arrival of your little one? Please contact the Faith Formation Office [debbief@stmoside.org](mailto:debbief@stmoside.org) for more information. Our next Baptism Preparation class for Parents/Godparents is Tuesday, September 12, at 7:00pm. Please call to register before the evening of class.

## 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 Tilly at [tillyr@stmoside.org](mailto:tillyr@stmoside.org) 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](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.

### 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](mailto: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—the Mass is the center of our Faith. We celebrate it. We know all the responses. We know all the gestures. But do we know what it all means? Join us for **A Biblical Walk Through the Mass** on Sundays beginning September 10 from 7:00-8:30pm for five sessions. Contact Rory at [roryg@stmoside.org](mailto:roryg@stmoside.org) or text **young-adult** to 84576 to sign up.

## St. Thomas More ARK News



St. Thomas More's Nursery, the **ARK**, will reopen for the 10:30am Mass on September 10. For more information on volunteering or purchasing your ARK card, please contact Lia at [liak@stmoside.org](mailto:liak@stmoside.org).

## High School

**IGNITE Youth Group will be meeting on Wed, August 23  
6:30-8:30pm (dinner served)  
Parish Center Lower Level**

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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 760-758-4100 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?**

## Our Vocation: Responding to Christ's Call

We all have a vocation. But as Catholics, we often use the word "vocation" narrowly, speaking of vocation to the priesthood or religious life, especially when we speak with children and teens about discerning their vocation.

The root of the word "vocation," is "vocare," which means, "to call." When considered in this light, discerning one's vocation is about hearing and responding to the call of the Lord with our lives.

Certainly, a life vocation must be discerned prayerfully, yet there is more to consider. The U.S. bishops, in their pastoral letter, *Stewardship: A Disciple's Response*, speak of vocation as the way in which each is called to hear and to respond to God's Will as a disciple:

*Refracted through the prisms of countless individual vocations, this way of life embodies and expresses the one mission of Christ: to do God's will, to proclaim the Good News of salvation, to heal the afflicted, to care for one's sisters and brothers, to give life—life to the full—as Jesus did (SDR, 14).*

Each of us must continually discern how we will hear and respond to Christ's call within the life vocation that is ours, and each will do so differently, in response to our individual gifts and blessings. **"Every person should walk unhesitatingly according to his own personal gifts and duties in the path of a living faith which arouses hope and works through charity"** (LG, 41).

As disciples of Jesus Christ, each of us has something to contribute. Each will do so by stewarding his or her gifts and talents, resources, time, and presence—within the faith community and beyond it—at home, work or school, the local city or town, and the world.

We are all called to prayerfully discern, with God's grace, the call of God in our lives and to respond to it in our daily decisions and actions. As the bishops' letter offered: **"Following Jesus is the work of a lifetime. At every step forward, one is challenged to go further in accepting and loving God's will"** (SDR, 15).

—partially excerpted, *ICSC Catholic Stewardship*  
August 2017 e-bulletin (with permission)

We are blessed with many faithful stewards at STM. Even so, at times we're not sure how we can help with any of our listed ministerial needs. Please read the bulletin, pages 4-10, each week to see if there is some new way you can help.

Check our monthly four-square insert for immediate needs, or call or email me at the contact information listed above! —Chris

*It is never too late to make a difference.  
Life is not a dress rehearsal.*



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*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)



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## The Larger Church News

**Cruisin' to Cabo Drawing from Brother Benno Auxiliary**—\$20 for a chance to win a cruise for two to Cabo October 7-14. To purchase a chance and for details, contact Vikki Ramey at 760-803-6267 before August 22 or visit <http://tinyurl.com/yagehnyu>.

**Aflame with the Spirit—SCRC Catholic Renewal Convention**—September 1-3, Anaheim Convention Center. Visit [scrc.org](http://scrc.org) for more information.

**Fr. Joe's Village Ladies Guild Annual Membership Luncheon**—Monday, September 11, 11:00am, St. Gregory the Great Parish, 11451 Blue Cypress Dr., San Diego, 92131. For more information, contact Margie Mills at 858-271-7410 or [margie.r.mills@gmail.com](mailto:margie.r.mills@gmail.com).

**Retrouvaille: a Lifeline for Couples with Troubled Marriages**—a program designed to help struggling marriages regain their health. Next weekend retreat is September 8-10. For more information and to register, contact 951-259-9474 or [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org)

**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](http://www.msjc.net/lgbtretreat) for more information.

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**The Vatican**—[w2.vatican.va](http://w2.vatican.va).

**United States Conference of Catholic Bishops**—[usccb.org](http://usccb.org).

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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.jpcatholic.com](http://www.jpcatholic.com) or contact 858-653-6740 x1117.

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# Welcome to Our New Youth Advocate!

We are very excited to announce the recent hiring of Matilda Rudolph as our new Parish Youth Advocate! "Tilly" is a life-long Vista resident and St. Thomas More Parishioner, an IGNITE High School Youth Group alumni, a graduate of Loyola Marymount, and most recently, a member of the Jesuit Volunteer Corps where she spent a year teaching at a Catholic high school in Baltimore, MD. Please join us on Sunday, August 27, following the 10:30am Mass for a reception on the plaza to welcome Tilly.



## IGNITE: High School Youth Group and More!

IGNITE will be held every Monday evening from 6:30-8:00pm beginning Monday, September 11. Why weekly? Why the invitation to a group of kids who are already overly committed? Bear with me...

I would like to share a statistic with you that I found utterly astounding and unnerving: Did you know that nearly 80 percent of cradle Catholics are no longer practicing Catholics by the age of 23?

Research shows that our youth leave the Church because they have not had a personal encounter with Christ and his love. Period! That's the answer! Does our Church feel like a community of Christ's love to you and your family, or is it a place you visit once a week out of obligation?

St. Thomas More is committed to you and your kids and we want to help you mentor our Catholic faith to your kids through community, music, and fun activities! With IGNITE there are no textbooks involved. This is not an extension of school. This is about your child coming to church and experiencing God's love through community building

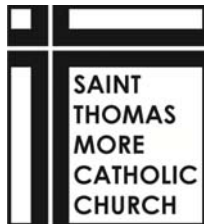
and friendships. Our goal is for your child to want to be at Youth Group and Mass. We want your child to feel missed when they cannot attend. Won't you please partner with me in making this happen? Please consider encouraging your child to attend IGNITE Youth Group?

Faith Formation at St. Thomas More also offers Sacramental Preparation and Post-Confirmed Bible Study twice a month on Sunday evenings, from 6:30-8:30pm beginning September 10. Registration is happening now, so if you haven't already, please consider enrolling your teen today. If you have already enrolled your child, thank you for making faith formation a priority for your family.

For further information, please feel free to contact me in the Faith Formation office at 760-758-4100 x110 or at [debbief@stmoside.org](mailto:debbief@stmoside.org). I look forward to hearing from you.

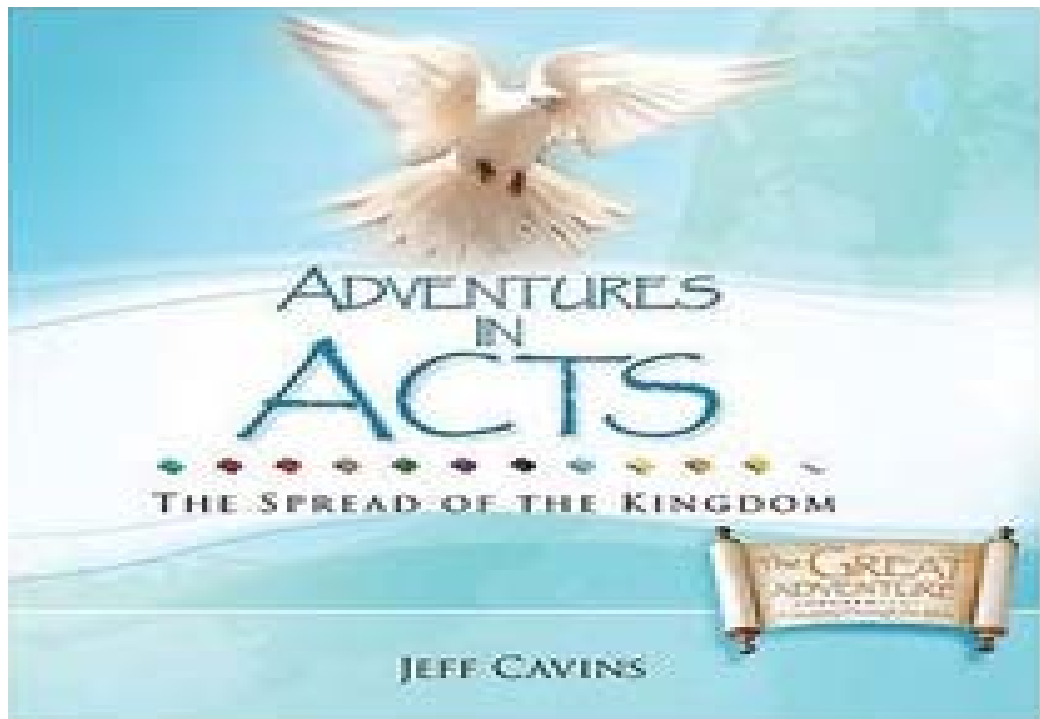
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