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MORE
CATHOLIC
CHURCH**

*"Get behind me, Satan!
You are an obstacle to me.
You are thinking not as God does,
but as human beings do."
Matthew 16:23*



*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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Women's Guild
Standing Room Only Event
Spirited Seniors
Ice Cream Social
See page 5 for details!

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 3, 2017

Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak
760-758-4100 x100
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Faith Is... (Part Two)

About eight months ago, I asked Parishioners to share with me what faith meant to them. I received many responses. For the next few weeks, I will share with you what they shared with me.

"Faith is strength...I don't know where I would be without the strength that God has given me during Bernie's illness and passing. It has helped me in countless ways—too numerous to list with all the things a person has to do to survive and live. And I am grateful to God each and every day—and I tell God so!

Yes, my faith in God has been my strength." —Jo Lanzrath

"Faith is a superlative of hope...An intrinsic belief in a Divine Being...the unwavering belief that a preordained sense of accomplishment will, and must, ultimately prevail over certainty, distrust, failure, and evil." —Art Spafford, Jr.

"My faith means that I accept, although I may not understand, that God has given me many afflictions as well as gifts. Therefore, despite the pain of afflictions, God has special jobs for me to do with my gifts. God knows. I do not understand. But I accept. Someday, when I am with God in heaven, God may choose to explain the pain to me.



Meanwhile, as the speaker on Immaculate Heart Radio said, some of us may suffer more in reparation for the sins of the world. And we can offer up this suffering to the Lord. So I pray: Dear Lord, please accept my sufferings, which are, in truth, nothing compared to the suffering of others. Please help me maximize the gifts You have given me in service to You and for Your glory. Amen." —Kathleen Aviña

"Faith is like my internal compass. It keeps me pointed in the right direction. And on a personal note, the hard part is to keep looking at it!" —Matt Perun

F. Mike

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!



Considering Becoming Catholic?

Are you searching for

- A deeper relationship with God?
- A sense of belonging in a faith community?
- A greater fulfillment of your mission in life?

“Inquiry” is the first step in the RCIA process: a ministry that welcomes those who would like to explore IF full membership in the Catholic Church through Baptism or a Profession of Faith (if validly baptized in another Christian tradition), Confirmation, and Eucharist is God’s call in your life.

For details, contact Kathleen Bell, RCIA Coordinator, at 760-809-6526 or 80bell80@gmail.com.

Votive Candles at Our Marian Shrine

Our candles for the month of September were sponsored by Teresa Shaffer. Our candles for the month of October will be sponsored by Marge Morrill.

The cost of sponsoring the candles for a month is \$200.

If you would like to sponsor a month, either by yourself or with someone else, please check with Henny in the Parish Office. The next available month is April 2018.

Your support of this effort is greatly appreciated!

St. Francis and St. Thomas More Offertory Envelopes

Any St. Francis Offertory Envelopes given to the offertory collection at St. Thomas More will be returned to St. Francis.

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Update on Sr. Annette

Sr. Annette asked me to thank everyone who has sent her cards and prayerful support in the last several weeks! She is overwhelmed by the outreach from so many of you and is most grateful!

The decision has been made that Sr. Annette will live at our Provincial house permanently, where she has been staying for the last two months, and where she will continue to receive the physical help she needs. She will also be surrounded by her many friends in community, and since it is the “hub” of our Province, there will be many opportunities for social and spiritual activities. All of our Province gatherings occur there, so she will be able to visit with many sisters coming in for various meetings and activities.

The hardest part for her in this transition is that she loves our Parish and will dearly miss being with us!

She welcomes any of you to come for lunch and a visit!

Sr. Annette Bower
Carondelet Center
11999 Chalon Road
Los Angeles, CA 90049
310-889-2100

—Sr. Maureen Brown, csj

Welcome New Parishioners

Nixenia De Haro

Jeffrey & Kelly Kegler & Family

Galen & Lena Landis & Family

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

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to Support STM from Your Smartphone...**



Search Give+ Mobile at the App Store or Google Play

stmoside.org/images/cc/giveplusmobileoverview.pdf
for a quick guide

Questions? Contact Lorraine Doering at lorrained@stmoside.org

STM \$crip News

Buy Scrip gift cards after Masses on the weekend on the plaza, or Monday-Friday in the Parish Office, and a percentage of each card is returned to the Parish. You may also purchase Scrip online—visit www.stmoside.org/scrip.htm for more info.

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, September 3 (124)

*Twenty-second Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

Jeremiah 20:7-9

Psalms 63:2-6, 8-9

Romans 12:1-2

Matthew 16:21-27

Monday, September 4 (431)

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Psalms 96:1, 3-5, 11-13

Luke 4:16-30

Tuesday, September 5 (432)

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11

Psalms 27:1, 4, 13-14

Luke 4:31-37

Wednesday, September 6 (433)

Colossians 1:1-8

Psalms 52:10-11

Luke 4:38-44

Thursday, September 7 (434)

Colossians 1:9-14

Psalms 98:2-6

Luke 5:1-11

Friday, September 8 (636)

*The Nativity of the
Blessed Virgin Mary*

Micah 5:1-4a or Romans 8:28-30

Psalms 13:6abc

Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23

Saturday, September 9 (436)

Peter Claver, priest, religious

Colossians 1:21-23

Psalms 54:3-4, 6, 8

Luke 6:1-5

Sunday, September 10 (127)

*Twenty-third Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

Ezekiel 33:7-9

Psalms 95:1-2, 6-9

Romans 13:8-10

Matthew 18:15-20

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

Rosemary Ballard

Jose Luis Barbosa

Patricia Barbour

Francie Barron

Fr. Karl Bauer

Colleen Bechtold

Clarice Bednarz

Taylor Bell

John Bennici

Regina Bentz

Lisa Berg

Roseanne Berg

Betty Jean Bielich

Zane Breier

Janet Brown

John Bruzas, Jr.

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

The Cutaneo & Curci

Families

Karen Flaharty Daley

Beverly de Gelder

Velia Deal & Family

Paul Del Vecchio

Hugo Delgado, Jr.

Cassandra D'Ercole

Cecilia DeSimone

Lydia deVilleneuve

Carole Dillon

Elizabeth Doherty's

Aunt Jackie

Art & Dave Dossman

Steven Douglas

Tyler Drake

Jerome Elbacha

Arthur Eral

Carolyn Erickson Ey

Victoria Lopez Fenton

The Fiore Family

Fr. James Flanagan

Mary Fleming

Ryan Flum

Ernie Follis

Eugene Franciscus

The Greg French

Family

Brian Frink

Jim Gallagher

The Joe Garcia Family

Kathy Gardner

Joan Gay

Alyssa Gerhard

Dan Gilman

Betty Golden Brown &

the Golden Family

Wendy Gonzales' Dad

Rick Gonzalez

Matthew Gora

Lou Gordon

George & Liz Gritt

Luke Guent

Susan Hallahan

Tomo Hamasaki

Charlene Hammonds

Dwayne Hammonds

Colleen Hanna

The Harker Family

Dorothy Harrison

Michelle Harrison &

Family

Barbara Hatem

Vanessa Hayes

LaNay Hazzard

Matthew Henry &

Family

Sunshine Hernandez &

Family

Lilian Hills

Lisa Hodges

Rich Hodges

Georgia Ann Hodina

Samara Hook

Susan Hori

Claudia Iocabelli

Katherine Jacobs

Jacqueline Johnson

Sue Johnston

Laura Kater

Dottie Kearney

Connor Kerzie

Peggy Kiernan

Debbie Kinney

Cathy Kleinschmidt

Mark Kneisel

Dewey Kolbo

Tony Korwin &

Kathleen Aviña

The Kuhn Family

Lorene Kundert

Lillian Lachance

The Lamelin Family

Ashley LaMothe &

Family

Pauline Lapre's sister

Justine

Brandon LeBlanc

Susan Lee

Jake Lefferdink

Aleah Leon

Jo-Anne Lesser

Stella Leué

Ashley Load

Cassandra & Lauren

Loretto

Jack Lucarelli

The Maldonado Family

The Maldonado Trejo

Family

Paige Mansell

Gloria Maupin

Colleen McCall

Virginia McConnell

Paige McCoy

Gina McDermott

Jerry McEniry

Ann McGeary

The McGinley Family

Dennis McNabb

Bob McWilliams

Dorothy 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

National

Angela Nacional

Melanie Nacional

Kathy Najera

Nida Navarro

Richard Obsitnik

Gillian Ochoa

Kare O'Dell

Isaiah Ornelas &

Trinity Coles

Laura Paciorek Gloor

Ethan Palm

Cynthia Pearson

Kaili Pearson

Salina Pearson

Jerry Peralta

Elisa Petrie

Merri Phelps

Roxanne Pietila

Helen Pingtella

Delilah Plasterer

Perry Postulka

The Joe Prokop Family

Bernie Ptak

Barbara Ramm

Fr. Mike Ratajczak

Jenni Richard

Evelyn Richards

Pat Richart

Rita Ritchie

Joel Rivera

Ralda Rizke

Lily Robinson

Mateo Rodriguez

Maria Rogers

Paul Roofener

Donna Rubio

The Russo Family

Rachel Sainc

Cindy Sanelli

Lori Sanna

Rose Mary Saputo

John Schmidt

Linda Schmidt

Doreen Schwynoch

Joan Shea

Teresa Sheehey

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.

Social Ministries & Outreach

Care of Our Common Home Workshop

"Christians must realize that their responsibility within creation and their duty toward nature and the Creator are an essential part of their faith." —Pope Francis, *Laudato Si*.

Join fellow Parishioners on Saturday, September 16, 10:00-11:30am on the Parish Center Upper Level, to learn how you can join others in the care of creation and the environmental challenges we face today! For more information, contact Sr. Maureen at 760-758-4100 x131

Brother Benno's Toiletry/Diaper Drive

You know how nice it feels to get clean, put on NEW underwear and finish dressing. Some of the homeless and impoverished served by Brother Benno's will not have that pleasure without your generosity. Please be generous and on September 23-24 before all the Masses, fill Deacon Tom's truck with toiletries and NEW underwear. Also, please help with diapers (infant to adult). They are expensive and always in need. Any questions, please contact Deacon Tom at thomasgoeltz@aol.com or 760-727-8442.

St. Bonaventure Indian Mission Clothing Drive

It may seem premature, but it really is almost around the corner. Your lightly used clothing (infant to adult....summer, winter, or in between) and shoes (no heels please) along with clean blankets, are much needed by the Mission. The Mission serves about 100 square miles of the big reservation in New Mexico where some of the poorest in our country live. To clear up a recurring bit of misinformation, all the items of clothing and blankets donated are given away FREE to those in need on the first week in December. Please continue to be generous as you have been in the past. Any questions or concerns, contact Deacon Tom at 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. Items are now donated to Solutions for Change.

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

Parish Family's Home Destroyed by Fire

The home of the Sunshine Hernandez family was destroyed by fire last week. They were not at home when this happened, so all are safe, including their pets, which were rescued by the fire-fighters.

Debbie Fredette is coordinating the collection of gift cards and other ways to help them during this difficult time. If you would like to help, please contact Debbie at debbief@stmoside.org or 760-758-4100 x110 for details. Thank you!

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.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter—starts with the love you have for your spouse and helps you build, expand, and deepen that relationship. We invite all married couples to sign up for one of our upcoming weekends: September 22-24 or November 10-12 at the Courtyard Marriott in Rancho Bernardo. The weekend starts at 8:00pm on Friday and ends at 4:00pm on Sunday. Your meals and lodging are provided. There is a \$75 fee and a voluntary donation requested at the end of the weekend. Sign up today at www.wmme-sandiego.org

For more information, visit www.sdcatholic.org Ministries/Marriage and Family Life or call Caleb & Sheila McKinley at 858-245-1761.

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.

Hurricane Harvey Relief

If you would like to contribute to efforts to help victims of Hurricane Harvey, Catholic Charities is coordinating assistance.

Online or Mobile:

<https://app.mobilecause.com/vf/CCUSADISASTER>

Mail or Phone:

Catholic Charities of the
Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston,
2900 Louisiana St., Houston, TX 77006
718-874-6654

For more information:

catholiccharities.org/catholic-charities-hurricane-harvey-updates

Parish Events

Men's Fellowship Update

The annual Men's Retreat for the "Everyday Guy" will be held October 13-15 at Green Oaks Ranch in Vista. This year we are featuring four regular guys from the Parish giving talks on "Becoming the Best You Can Be" by relating their own experiences in various roles. Cy Kellett, the host of *Catholic Answers Live* will be the MC of this retreat. To get more information or to register, contact Deacon John Fredette 760-758-4100 x104

iHunger returns to Saturday mornings starting September 9 at 6:45am with an engaging new program called *Be a Man! Becoming the Man God Created You to Be* by Fr. Larry Richards. The morning starts with breakfast in the Parish Center Lower Level. We have breakfast off-site on the first weekend of each month all year round. We hope you can join us! No registration necessary!

To stay informed of what's going on with iHunger via text messages, text **iHunger to 84576** or email Deacon John at johnf@stmoside.org to have your email added to the iHunger distribution group.

iThirst: Are you thirsty for some occasional fellowship over a beer at a local micro-brewery 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

*Your talent is God's gift to you.
What you do with it is your gift back to God.
—Leo Buscaglia*

Our gratitude is extended to each of you who has renewed her membership or who has joined us for the very first time. We also thank those who have a reservation for our September 11 luncheon and entertainment spectacular, *Standing Room Only*, featuring Paul Del Vecchio and Wayne Smith. If tickets are still available, you may check on reserving a spot for you, your spouse, and friends through Tuesday, September 5, by contacting the Parish Office. Tickets are \$20 each. This encore presentation, straight from Hollywood, is a show that you don't want to miss!

You may still renew your Women's Guild membership. It is never too late to join.

Dues are \$10 for the year. Membership forms are available in Box 35 in the Parish Office or you may contact First Vice President/Membership Barbara Brown Barreras at 760-639-0012. We have many outstanding activities and events planned for the 2017-2018 year. We don't want you to miss out! Do watch the bulletin for our upcoming October events!

Enjoy your Labor Day Weekend that pays tribute to the contributions and achievements of American workers since 1894!

Always blessings —*Henrietta Black, secretary*

Catholic Widows and Widowers of North County

Sunday, September 10, 2:00pm is our annual picnic at Aviara Community Park in Carlsbad. Sunday, September 24, is our monthly communal Mass at 10:30am at St. John the Evangelist in Encinitas. Check 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 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

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 to
sponsor a panel.



Spirit Seniors Ice Cream Social

If you haven't yet reserved your place in the Spirited Seniors' sixth annual **FREE ICE CREAM SOCIAL** on Tuesday, September 12, please let us know if you plan to attend. This event is free to members and prospective members aged 50 and above. We want to have plenty of ice cream and a lactose-free alternative. 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.

Reporting Sexual Abuse

Complaints about sexual abuse by a member of the clergy or by a Parish or Catholic school employee or volunteer can be made by contacting Lisa Petronis, 858-490-8353 or at www.sdcatholic.org.

Liturgy & Music *Worship God*

Douglas Lynn
Director of Liturgy and Music
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A TIME FOR LEARNING AND GROWING

by
Katy Beedle Rice.
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I have always loved September and the excitement of going back to school. As a child, my mother would take my older brother and me to our local supermarket to pick out school supplies: pencils, pens, scissors, a ruler, binders, and lots of lined paper. At home, I would take special care in labeling each of the larger items with my full name and then placing everything in my brand new backpack. Now, I am a mother with three children of my own to take school shopping.

These past few years I had the privilege of joining in the fun as I pursued a graduate degree in pastoral studies. Each semester I'd gleefully shop for my books and sometimes even pick up a new binder, a fancy set of pens, and crisp, loose-leaf paper to fill with all the great thoughts I was destined to have.

This year, when the children head back to their classrooms, I'll stay home. But never fear, "mother church," in her wisdom, has given all of her children a time for learning and growing in the faith. In the liturgical calendar, we know it under the name of "Ordinary Time." This time (between our great feasts of Christmas and Easter and before we embrace the practice of preparation in Advent and Lent) is far from mundane, however. This is a time of journeying and expansion. Just as the children in our communities and families embrace learning anew, we are called to join them and the psalms of September point the way.

On the **22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time** the psalmist sings, "My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God." This thirst is not a comfortable metaphor, but a physical ache involving pining flesh and dehydration "like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water." One can

The Psalms of September

only grow in faith if one desires to. All teachers know that learning requires collaboration. The best teaching in the world will make no difference if the student does not desire the learning being offered. And, so it is with us, the first step in growing in our faith is to be in touch with the thirst deep within us that only the Lord can quench. For it is only in fully experiencing this thirst that we shall be satisfied.

On the **23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time** the psalmist tells of a time when human (not spiritual) thirst was satisfied—in the desert at Massah and Meribah. The Israelites had followed Moses into freedom from Egypt, but still needed to be formed as a people after God's own heart before entering into the promised land. Their time of learning and growing lasted for 40 years and was not without its trials. Early in their journey, the people began to grumble against Moses because of their human thirst. Not yet trusting in the One who had brought them out of Egypt by splitting the Red Sea in two, they asked, "Why then did you bring us up out of Egypt? To have us die of thirst with our children and our livestock?" (Exodus 17:3). And, though God told Moses to use his staff to produce water from a rock to satisfy the people's thirst, their hearts remained hardened. Only with a thirst for knowledge and an open heart can we grow in God's love. They are the necessary preconditions for learning, and only once they are fulfilled can we encounter the true source of wisdom, pointed to in the last two Sundays of the month—emulating God.

"The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion," the psalmist proclaims on the **24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**. This description of God is



Rétire-toi Satan, by James Tissot (1836-1902)

"Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

Matthew 16:23

how we are also called to be. When asked how many times we are to forgive in this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus replies, "not seven times but seventy-seven times," a symbolic number meaning infinitely. The only way it is possible to extend this forgiveness to others is if we have received it ourselves and have truly experienced the God who has removed our sins from us "as far as the east is from the west."

The inclusivity of God's love and mercy is made clear on the **25th Sunday in Ordinary Time** when the psalmist states, "The Lord is near to all who call upon him." Our God's generosity is not dealt out according to merit or human justice as the workers in the vineyard in the Gospel discover. God's mercy and love are bestowed upon all people in abundance beyond our human understanding. This is the abundance and mercy we are called to imitate. This is the way of love into which we are to grow.

In this month of September, as school bells ring throughout many of our communities, may we also return to the school of love and learn from the wisdom of the psalms about the wonder of our God.

Upcoming Music



Music rehearsals
resume this week.



TOWER BELLS
Tuesday
7:00pm

PRaise TEAM
Wednesday
6:30pm

SANCTUARY
CHOIR
Thursday
7:00pm



We'll be back
at Mass the
weekend of
September 16/17.

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

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 Next Week! Sunday, September 10

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

Call the Faith Formation office today to register your child and while you are at it, sign up to help in their class. Classes for children ages three through high school are available. Come join the fun!

Sacrament Prep News

Preparation for these Sacraments is a two-year process and begins in the 1st and 9th grades. Contact Debbie at debbief@stmoside.org

Reconciliation/First Communion/Confirmation



The first of seven Sacrament Preparation Parent Meetings for children making their Sacraments of Reconciliation/Eucharist this year is Sunday, September 24, at 12:30pm on the Parish Center Upper Level. Parents, you are asked to attend this meeting and have your child and their siblings attend the 12:30pm session of REACH on these seven meeting dates.

Baptism



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 Baptism Preparation class for Parents and Godparents is Tuesday, September 12, at 7:00pm. Please call to register before the evening of class.

Family Fun Night October 6—See Flyer!

Youth Ministry



Meet Tilly Rudolph

High School

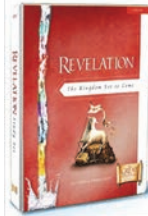
FOOD, FUN & FRIENDS

IGNITE Youth Group will be meeting on Monday, Sept 11 6:30-8:30pm (dinner served) Parish Center Lower Level All teens grades 9-12 Welcome!



Adult Faith Formation

Fall Morning Bible Study



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.

Fall Evening Bible Study

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 Fredette at debbief@stmoside.org
for more information and to register.



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 REACH Sundays beginning September 10 from 7:00-8:30pm for five sessions. Contact Rory at roryg@stmoside.org and text **young-adult** to **84576** to receive updates about the class.

St. Thomas More ARK News



St. Thomas More's Nursery, the **ARK**, will reopen for business at the 10:30am Mass on **September 10**. For more information on volunteering in the ARK or purchasing your ARK card for just \$3 a visit, please contact Lia at liak@stmoside.org.

Thanks to everyone who came out to Ignite this past week! There will be no Ignite this upcoming week due to the holiday.

Starting September 11, **IGNITE** will be meeting on Mondays from 6:30-8:30pm on the Parish Center Lower Level. By popular demand, during the month of September, we will be focusing on better understanding prayer during Youth Group. We will be discussing your own definitions of prayer and even explore some alternative ways to pray!

Come on by for dinner, games and fellowship, and a message starting Monday September 11. Be on the lookout for the September & October calendar in next week's bulletin. See you Monday!

Stewardship & Development

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Collection for Week of August 22-28, 2017

Number of Registered Households	1,246
Offertory	\$7,079.88
Offertory (Loose Collection)	\$1,233.00
Total	\$8,312.88

Mortgage/Building Completion Fund Income

July, 2017

Mortgage Offering Collected	\$37,422.25
Mortgage Offering (Special Collection)	<u>\$0.00</u>
Mortgage Offering (Total for July)	\$37,422.25
Mortgage Payment Due	\$44,806.21
Payment toward Parish Reserves*	\$0.00
Mortgage Payment Overage/(Shortfall)	(\$ 7,383.96)

Memorial Items toward Building Completion Fund \$5,910.00

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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.

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

A Christian Stewardship Prayer for September



Lord Jesus Christ,

As we begin to shift from summer schedules
to autumn demands,
teach us to recognize you,
and help us follow you amidst our busy life.

Open the Scriptures to us...
that we may know you, see you, hear you—
in the voices of friends and family,
in the ministries of our parish,
in the proclamation of the Word,
and in the Breaking of the Bread.

Teach us to be good stewards,
that we may use your gifts wisely
and care for all those you place in our path.

Encourage us, when we are overwhelmed.
Strengthen us, when we are frightened.
Challenge our complacency.

Help us make this new season a time
of spiritual renewal, hope, and action
to proclaim the Gospel
in our words and in our deeds.

For the kingdom and the power
and the glory are yours,
now and forever.

Amen.

—ICSC September 2017 e-newsletter (with permission)

*As summer draws to a close, let us face
the fall with renewed spirit and give thanks
for our blessings great and small.*

Memorial Item Donations Available

Jesus on the Road to Emmaus

Bronze Sculpture for
Daily Mass Chapel \$30,000

Parish Offices

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Memorial Item Donations Partial

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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.

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The Larger Church News

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.

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.

Luncheon to Benefit Las Posada Men's Shelter—Friday, September 22, 11:30am-3:00pm, The Crossings Golf Course, 5800 The Crossings Dr., Carlsbad. For more information, visit friendsoflaposada.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 for more information.

Rolling the Stone Away: Generations of Love & Justice—October 31-November 2, Marriott St. Louis Airport. A conference for LGBTQIA saints and prophets—generations past and present to honor our history and empower our future. For more information, visit <https://rollingthestoneaway.org>

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The Vatican—w2.vatican.va.

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops—usccb.org.

Diocese of San Diego—sdcatholic.org.

24/7 Catholic Radio on AM 1000—Also, Sunday Mass is broadcast at 9:00am every Sunday.

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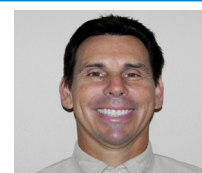


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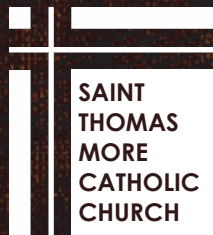
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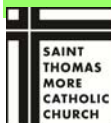
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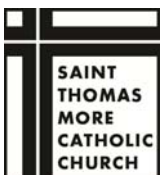
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Tues. Sept. 5th & Wed. Sept. 6th, 2017

**Join us for Lunch or Dinner and
20% of your purchase of food &
soft drinks will be donated to
the St. Thomas More Catholic Church.**

**Come out for good food, good company and
support St. Thomas More Catholic Church.
Helping never tasted so good!**



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**Open 11am - 9pm Sun. - Thurs. & 11am - 10pm Fri. - Sat.
Lunch ~ Dinner ~ Dine-In or Take-out**