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CHURCH

*"You wicked servant!
I forgave you your entire debt
because you begged me to.
Should you not have pity
on your fellow servant,
as I had pity on you?"
—Matthew 18:32-33*



*A Roman Catholic Parish
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- ✝ Spirituality
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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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**IGNITE High School Youth
Group Meets on Mondays**

See page 5 for details!

**Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 17, 2017**

Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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Faith Is... (Part Four)

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.

F. Mike

"As we journey through life's 'valley of tears,' our trials will burden our faith. Our Christian faith may be like a trickle of water in a stream during a drought or as abundant in the deepest lake. Without water, we will not survive; the same with 'faith.' If we lose all faith in our God, our spiritual life will perish and eternity in heaven will escape us." —*Nicholas Haproff*

"Faith is believing the most important thing is love. If you have heart, you have faith. Love is given to us to give to one another." —*Diane Pal*

"To me faith means joy and happiness. There is a strong attraction to the Church that I never could have imagined. It is helping shape my life for the better. I also love the truth that it provides for the challenging issues that we face in this world." —*Erik Acheff*

"Faith is 'the wind beneath my wings'. It guides my steps in daily life and gives me an anchor when the storms hit. 'Faith is the bird who feels the dawn and begins to sing while the night is still dark.' It implies action, and I think that is what my faith also does for me." —*Nancy Lansdowne*

"The mustard seed of faith is 'waiting.' Waiting is an important function. It gives you time to communicate with Jesus. It places you in a peaceful spirit. It helps you to adjust to God's timing and harmonies. It tests your faith. Too often we require instant reward. Waiting helps us to see other's needs and wants. Waiting can open our hearts to what God sees in the future. The future no matter how impossible becomes probable and possible. The more God can tune us to his desires the greater our faith and love for God becomes. The better we can see introspectively into others to see the God we love in others and for God to share his love with us. The 'me' must diminish so he can grow in our hearts. Waiting is very important, and it all comes from a mustard seed of Faith. Remember, God's timing is always perfect!" —*Jerry Peralta*

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!



Health Update for Fr. Mike

During pre-op review, another test was required, so my surgery has been postponed. I hope to have a new date soon.

While waiting for surgery, I have continued to “navigate the ship” with presence at Parish meetings and keeping up with my appointment schedule.

I have not been presiding at Masses (which I miss greatly!) because of my inability to stand for any length of time, as well as my lack of balance (even with a cane).

My doctor indicates that I will be in the hospital for four or five days, and then in a rehab center for about the same amount of time. I will then continue my recuperation at home at the rectory.

The doctor said that it should take about six weeks for full recovery.

While this is happening, I will continue to “navigate the ship” from home.

Please continue to keep me in your prayers. I look forward to seeing you in Church soon! Thank you! —Fr. Mike

Congratulations, Tim & Lia Keane!

On Saturday, September 9, at Mission San Diego de Alcalá, seven men of our Diocese, with their wives, celebrated the Mass of Candidacy. In this Mass, these men were



accepted by the Diocese to move forward in preparation for Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate.

After their year of Aspirancy, they now begin four years of intense formation before their ordination as Permanent Deacons.

One of these seven men is our Parishioner, Tim Keane. His wife, Lia, will, as all the wives do, join in these years of formation.

After his ordination, Tim will be ministering in our Parish, joining Deacon Tom and Deacon John.

Please pray for Tim, Lia, and their family as they move forward in the years ahead! —Fr. Mike

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 **whether** 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.

Welcome New Parishioners

Clint & Gerilynne Bernatis & Family
Michael & Katherine Carriker
Michael & Helen Darlington & Family
Chantal Duisters
John & Cynthia Dyer & Family
Robert & Nicole Lang & Family
BG Markov & Judith Solecki & Family
Robert & Moriea Mosack & Family
James Pruitt

Announcing the Baptism of

Vivienne Elizabeth Morel
 on September 17



Our Christian community welcomes you with great joy!

Congratulations to

David & Theresa Berry
 who celebrated their 22nd anniversary of marriage on September 9.

Bob & Dot Petruzzo
 who celebrated their 69th anniversary of marriage on September 8.
May God continue to bless your marriage, and may you be an inspiration to other married couples.

Flower Donations

The Altar Flowers for this weekend were given by **Eileen Dragula** in memory of her husband, Alben Dragula.



In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Frances Schloetter, who died September 7. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday, September 18, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Joseph R. Petersen, who died September 9. His Funeral Mass arrangements are pending. Please keep his family in your prayers

Dennis McNabb, who died September 1. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, September 29, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep his family in your prayers

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

STM Scrip 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 17 (130)
*Twenty-fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

Sirach 27:30-28:9
Psalm 103:1-4,9-12

Romans 14:7-9

Matthew 18:21-35

Monday, September 18 (443)

1 Timothy 2:1-8

Psalm 28:2,7-9

Luke 7:1-10

Tuesday, September 19 (642)

Januarius, bishop, martyr

Hebrews 10:32-36

Psalm 126:1bc-6

John 12:24-26

Wednesday, September 20 (642A)

Andrew Kim Tae-gõn,

Paul Chõng Ha-sang, and

companions, martyrs

Wisdom 3:1-9 or Romans 8:31b-39

Psalm 126:1bc-6

Luke 9:23-26

Thursday, September 21 (643)

Matthew, apostle, evangelist

Ephesians 4:1-7,11-13

Psalm 19:2-5

Matthew 9:9-13

Friday, September 22 (447)

1 Timothy 6:2c-12

Psalm 49:6-10,17-20

Luke 8:1-3

Saturday, September 23 (448)

St. Pius of Pietrelcina

1 Timothy 6:13-16

Psalm 100:1-5

Luke 8:4-15

Sunday, September 24 (133)

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55:6-9

Psalm 145:2-3,8-9,17-18

Philippians 1:20c-24,27a

Matthew 20:1-16a

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

Lou Gordon

George & Liz Gritt

Luke Guenst

Susan Hallahan

Tomo Hamasaki

Charlene Hammonds

Dwayne Hammonds

The Harker Family

Dorothy Harrison

Michelle Harrison &

Family

Barbara Hatem

Vanessa Hayes

LaNay Hazzard

The Hennenhoefner

Family

Matthew Henry &

Family

Sunshine Hernandez &

Family

Lilian Hills

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

JoAnne 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

The McNabb Family

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

Nacional

Angela Nacional

McLanie 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

The Petersen Family

Elisa Petrie

Merri Phelps

Roxanne Pietila

Helen Pingtella

Delilah Plasterer

Perry Postulka

The Joe Prokop Family

Bernie Ptk

Barbara Ramm

Fr. Mike Ratajczak

Jenni Richard

Evelyn Richards

Pat Richart

Rita Ritchie

Joel Rivera

Ralda Rizke

Lily Robinson

Mateo Rodriguez

Chuck & Maria Rogers

Paul Roofener

Donna Rubio

The Russo Family

Rachel Sainc

Cindy Sanelli

Lori Sanna

Rose Mary Saputo

The Schloetter Family

Linda Schmidt

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

Sarah Tillinghast

William Tompson

Social Ministries & Outreach

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 you 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 recently destroyed by fire. They were not at home when this happened, so all are safe, including their pets, which were rescued by the firefighters.

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!

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

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 Diocesan 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, visit <http://stmoside.org/images/CC/MensRetreat2017.pdf> or 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

Women's Guild News

If God is all you have, you have all you need.

Was that not a spectacular program at our first meeting of the year! What a way to kick off the new year! Standing Room Only gave a spectacular show for close to 120 attendees, followed by a delicious meal of spinach and mushroom stuffed chicken, potatoes, and carrots provided by Village Café of Carlsbad. For dessert we were served chocolate and white cake. It was a great ending to a special day. Lots of hard work went into preparing for this day—long hours preparing the room and décor, taking reservations, arranging the luncheon menu, etc. Judy Smith and Patty Remington did an excellent job of putting this show together. Many thanks to these two special ladies and all the other Women's Guild helpers who were behind the scenes to make a special day for all.

Our upcoming October meeting is already planned. The guest speaker is from Co-Existing with Wildlife, who will talk to us about our friends of nature here on Earth, another gift from God. There will be more information on the luncheon and next month's meeting in next week's column.

If you haven't paid for your membership yet, you can do that at the October meeting, or there are forms in box 35 in the Parish Office. Have a great week!

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

Catholic Widows and Widowers of North County

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

*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.



IGNITE High School Youth Group News

Hope everyone enjoyed their Labor Day weekend and having some time off this past week! Check out the September calendar for IGNITE. Join us on Monday, September 18, at 6:30pm for food, fellowship, and our first conversation about prayer!

IGNITE! September 2017 Calendar

Sep 18 | 6:30-8:30pm | PRAYER PART II

What are some traditional ways to pray? We'll explore, discuss, and practice some traditional ways to pray together.

Sep 25 | 6:30-8:30pm | PRAYER PART III

There are many alternatives ways to pray. Come on by to learn more about and make our own prayer circles with special guest Nadia Horvath to close out our September series.

Sep 30 | 10:00am-12:00pm | Coffee & Company with Tilly

Saturday mornings mean two things: sleeping in and breakfast! Enjoy a late homemade breakfast, coffee, and company with Tilly and your fellow youth groupers. Location TBD.

Liturgy & Music *Worship God*

Douglas Lynn
Director of Liturgy and Music
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PARTICIPATION IN CHRIST: WORSHIP AND WORK

We're Still
Looking!

CAN YOU HELP?

Seasonal Décor Coordinator

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

It's not as hard
as it sounds!

Upcoming Music



SEPTEMBER 24
25th Sunday in
Ordinary Time



5:00pm

Sanctuary Choir

8:30am

Tower Bells

10:30am

Praise Team

Last week, we heard from the US Bishops about how our participation serves the liturgy. This week, we hear from the National Association of Pastoral Musicians.



When the Second Vatican Council, in the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy *Sacrosanctum Concilium* (SC), called believers to “fully conscious, and active participation in liturgical celebrations,” they clearly did not intend such participation to be limited to times of worship. Rather, the bishops in council saw “participation” as a way to describe the whole Christian life. This whole way of life coalesces in the Liturgy, while Liturgy gives us the strength and shows us the way to live the rest of our lives in full participation in Christ.

That participation in the mystery and ministry of Christ is described by five adjectives: full, conscious, active, internal, and external.

“Full” participation means complete, holding as much as possible, or having all distinguishing characteristics. Something that is “full” is not lacking anything. Most of us, most of the time, can’t give our full attention to anything or anyone, nor can we become fully involved in what we’re doing. There are always distractions, other things that need our attention, weaknesses, and personal failings to contend with. We need help to keep focused; we need others to fill up what is lacking in our own commitment to the task. When it comes to life in Christ, the same holds true, even for the Church. As Saint Paul reminds us, it is only in Christ that the Church and individual believers reach fullness, for the Father has given Christ “as head over all things

to the church, which is his body, the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way” (Ephesians 1:23). Our entry into Christ’s fullness comes through the sacraments—through the sacraments of initiation and especially through the Eucharist, which “draws the faithful into the compelling love of Christ and sets them on fire” (SC, 10).

“Conscious” participation in something means that we are fully aware of what we are doing and that we are aware that we’re the ones doing it. It’s something that we do with our mental faculties fully alert, something that we feel deeply about. It’s something that we’re committed to. The opposite of this form of participation in Liturgy, as in the rest of Christian life, is what Pope Pius XI called being “detached and silent spectators” (Apostolic constitution *Divini cultus* [December 20, 1928], IX). If we’re serious about being Christian and about worship, we can’t just stand on a street corner and watch the parade pass by.

“Active” participation means the deliberate involvement of our whole being in what is going on. It is far more than mere engagement of our voices in song and spoken prayer, far more than engagement in the “Catholic calisthenics” of standing, kneeling, and processing. It is even more than making sandwiches for the soup kitchen or collecting money for charitable causes. Certainly active participation involves these things, for we are incarnate beings: We are our bodies. But we are more than our bodies because we are also embodied spirits.

That is why “active” participation must be “internal” as well as “external.” In a way, these two final adjectives simply reinforce what the



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Matthew 18:32-33

other adjectives describe. Truly “full” participation is also “conscious”—it involves internal consciousness of what we’re doing and why we’re doing it. It also involves our intent to be fully committed to what we’re doing, whether in worship or in any other part of our lives as Christians. But “active” participation doesn’t stop somewhere behind our eyes or our hands; it requires external actions that show people who we are and enable us to put our beliefs into practice, whether at worship or in any other part of our lives as Christians.

The task of being Christian involves wholehearted commitment: full, conscious, active, internal, and external commitment. Sometimes it’s hard to make such a commitment; sometimes we fail miserably. But this is our goal and our challenge: to be fully united to Christ in returning to God the love that was first shown to us.

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Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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Family Faith Formation

No REACH Classes This Sunday!
Next Class is Sunday, September 24

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

Call the Faith Formation office today to register your child and while you're at it, make a difference in other children's lives by signing up to be a catechist. Classes for children ages three through high school are available. Come join the fun!

Confirmation News

Our first M3 (Mass/Meal/Message) is scheduled for Saturday, October 7, beginning with 5:00pm Mass, followed by a family potluck, and an inspiring talk. All Year 1 and Year 2 families are asked to attend to fulfill Confirmation requirements.

Reconciliation/First Communion News



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.

Family Fun Night—Friday, October 6



Join Us for a Family Dance Party!

Parish Center Upper Level | 6:30-9:00pm

Family-Friendly Event for All Ages

Bring Your Own Adult—No Drop Offs

Music Spun by DJ David Contreras

Friday, October 6 All proceeds support Youth Ministry

St. Thomas More ARK News



The Wait Is Over! St. Thomas More's Nursery, the **ARK**, is now open for business at the 10:30am Mass on **Sundays!** 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. All children ages 0-5 welcome!

Youth Ministry



Coffee / Tea / Homemade Cinnamon Rolls / Donuts / Bagels / Juices and Much, Much More. By eating at Tommy's Café after the Sunday Masses, you are Supporting Youth Ministry at our Parish.

Support Tommy's Café!

Adult Faith Formation

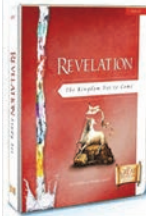
Bible Study News

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- Contact Faith Formation to find out how to register for a study today!



Fall Morning Bible Study



Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come

meet this Wednesday, September 20

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. The cost of the study is \$35 and includes workbook.

Fall Evening Bible Study

ACTS: The Spread of the Kingdom

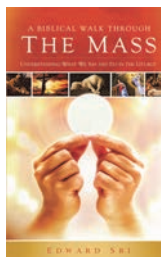
Meets this Thursday, September 21,

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. Cost of the study is \$35 and includes workbook.



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 **Sunday, September 17, 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.

High School

FOOD, FUN & FRIENDS

IGNITE Youth Group will be meeting on Monday, Sep 18 6:30-8:30pm (dinner served) Parish Center Lower Level All teens grades 9-12 Welcome!



Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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

Collection for Week of September 5-11

Number of Registered Households	1,251
Offertory	\$18,818.17
Offertory (Loose Collection)	\$1,068.00
Total	\$19,886.17

Mortgage/Building Completion Fund Income

August 2017

Mortgage Offering Collected	\$40,733.75
Mortgage Offering (Special Collection)	\$15,000.00
Mortgage Offering (Total for July)	\$55,733.75
Mortgage Payment Due	\$44,806.21
Payment toward Parish Reserves*	\$0.00
Mortgage Payment Overage/(Shortfall)	(\$4,072.46)

Memorial Items toward Building Completion Fund \$690.00

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.

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

September: A Recommitment to Stewardship

Summer's end brings with it nostalgia for carefree days, long nights, lazy weekend afternoons, road trips, and family reunions.

But in our Parishes, autumn brings a burst of new life that makes September feel almost like spring.



Why? For the Christian

Steward, fall brings a renewed sense of commitment. Literally, many of us make our commitment of time and resources to our Parish during September or soon after. Renewed calls for sign-ups are issued, and kids are everywhere—in our Catholic schools and in our faith formation programs.

If you were away from the Parish this summer—either through neglect, travel, and visits to other Parishes—now is the time to get reacquainted. Our Parish is our primary faith community, where we build relationships based on our shared values and shared sacramental life. September is a wonderful way to come “home” to that faith community.

Take a moment to reflect on some things which will draw you closer to our faith community during September:

- † Spend time with people you may not have seen due to summer travels, and “meet and greet” any newcomers you spot. It is up to each of us to keep up the true sense of welcome to all who worship with us!
- † Make sure you are familiar with STM's Faith Formation programs for children of all ages, as well as adult bible study groups in the morning and evening, Centering Prayer and Men's group meetings and upcoming retreat!
- † Take inventory of your financial giving. Did you miss the Parish offertory during the summer months? Consider online giving, or automatic withdrawal, so that your year-round Christian Stewardship helps provide the Parish with a stable income. We are a business under the cross, which simply means that we have to pay for electricity, water, building maintenance, etc. just as we all do at our homes!
- † Make Sunday Mass your top weekend priority, ahead of sports, school activities, or other temptations. See you there!

—Partially excerpted from ICSC September 2017 e-bulletin (with permission)

*The future is in the hands of those
who can give tomorrow's generation
valid reason to live and hope.*

—Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, SJ

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
for Memorial Garden \$5,000/each
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Priests' Concelebration Vestments
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Pew Seating for the Church
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Daily Mass Chapel and Choir Chairs
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Altar Server Albs
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“pipe dream”...but dream we must...
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pipe organ will be accepted \$850,000

07/31/17

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

The Larger Church News

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.

Support Group for Separated and Divorced—Sundays at 9:15am starting September 24, St. Elizabeth Seton Church, Parish Center, lower lot, Carlsbad. For more information, contact Jan Nadler, Ph.D. at jnadlerphd@gmail.com or 750-814-8604.

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.msje.net/lgbtretreat for more information.

Christopher West: Our Bodies Proclaim the Gospel Workshop—Saturday, September 30, 9:00am-4:00pm, Journey Community Church, 8363 Center Dr., La Mesa. Christopher West is a well-known expert on St. John Paul II's *Theology of the Body*. For more information, visit journeycommunitychurch.com/WEST.

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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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.

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Contact Lia Keane:
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Hospitality Ministry



Are you willing to share your smile at Mass? Our numbers have grown since being in our new church, and we need more of our friendly stewards to welcome everyone to STM before and after the liturgy. Date selections are available.

Contact Joyce Meehan:
760-758-4100 x100
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St. Bonaventure Indian Mission



"Lord, when did we see you naked and fail to clothe you?" Our annual clothing drive to help the Navajo Mission is November 5-6. Please collect and bring your serviceable used clothing, blankets, and footwear (no heels) to the STM parking lot.

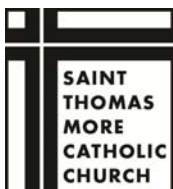
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Heartnotes Special Edition

September 2017



Congratulations to members of St. Thomas More Catholic Church who became certified in CPR in June.

Theresa Goeltz	Henny Jocelyn	Mike Jocelyn
Thomas Padilla	Katherine Padilla	Mike McCreary
Wilma Rolland	Barb Byrum	Eugene Gemperline
Juli Meyers	Moe Gilbert	Carolee Ziegman
Kathy Spellings	Tom Meyers	

Fall 2017 CPR Class Schedule

Adult CPR/AED	Saturday, September 23	9:30am
	Wednesday, September 27	2:00pm
	Wednesday, September 27	7:00pm
	Wednesday, November 8	7:00pm
	Saturday, November 11	9:30am
Infant/Child CPR/AED	Saturday, October 14	9:30am

All classes are held on the Parish Center Lower Level.

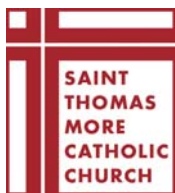
When you have received this training you, become a valuable community resource at work, at school and in your neighborhood. Note: approximately 80 percent of life-threatening events occur in a family setting. Every household member should be able to come to the aid of every other.

We are implementing a new fee schedule that will make it easier for those who do not need official American Red Cross CPR certification but who simply appreciate the importance of this valuable skill. Everyone will receive the same information so that should someone later require proof of having taken a class we can then obtain a certificate, which currently costs \$19 and is valid for two years .

With certification the cost is \$40 per person; the fee without a certificate is \$20. A family needs only one First Aid/CPR manual, the cost of which is \$10. Thus the cost of the second and subsequent household members is reduced by that amount. A family of four, none of whom needs a certificate, would pay a total of only \$50.

Auditing a class: Doing CPR is physically taxing, and it's no surprise that some persons consider themselves unable to perform chest compressions. There is **NO FEE** for persons who simply observe a class and do not use the materials that need to be replaced after each session. Most of the class time is spent in learning how to **anticipate and recognize** an emergency, how to notify emergency services, and what to do while awaiting their arrival. That knowledge can be lifesaving.

To register for a class or for more information, contact
Dr. Phil Goscinski, Medical Director of St. Thomas More CPR Program,
at dr.philg@cox.net or 760-732-1414



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