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THOMAS
MORE
CATHOLIC
CHURCH**

*"Take what is yours and go. ...
Are you envious because
I am generous?"
—Matthew 20:14-15*



**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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**TREASURES 2017
Mega Flea Market**

**Saturday, October 14
7:30am-12:30pm**

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 24, 2017**

Pastor's Column

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

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

"It's too bad that there are limits on our language, because I feel like God's understanding of faith is bigger than our words can capture, even if our hearts can feel it. But words have a power and they may have limited our view of faith.

Think of faith in the context of the other theological virtues: love and hope. Each of these latter two have both a noun and a verb form; we can both feel hope and love and we can do hope and love.

Faith, for our language, is only a noun. But I don't think it is for God. I believe that we 'faith' all the time. When we stop texting on our phone and talk to the woman next to us who is trying to initiate a conversation. When we see someone with hazard lights on and we stop to see if they need help. When prayers beyond words are leaping in our hearts because of the amazing sunset... Whenever we act in a way that connects us to God, others, and creation in an intentional way, we are 'faithing.'" —*Maureen Day*

"Faith to me is believing that God has our back! When I look around me, I see flowers that are so beautifully intricate, mountains so majestic, children so beautiful, people so loving and caring...

None of that is possible without the hand of God. The blessings bestowed on me are so amazing. When I have doubts all I need do is count them one by one and see that God has my back!" —*Henny Jocelyn*

"Faith is 'Fear knocked on the door, Faith answered...and nobody was there.' I wish it was that easy...I think a lot of very faithful people throughout history have been afraid, but have taken the right step toward God in spite of their fears. 'A faith that works means I have to put action into my beliefs.' Just a couple of thoughts I've learned through my 12-step program." —*Barbara Ruiterman*

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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)

"For me, faith is summed up in the words of the Divine Mercy Icon: 'Jesus, I trust in You.' Every morning and evening I see this image and say, 'Jesus, I trust in You, thank you for another day of life.' It gives me great comfort.

After the death of my husband, Dave, I have a stronger faith... I have given my mind and heart to the Lord. Every day, I become more calm and at ease with myself and others. I remember that Jesus loves me, knows my every move and mood, and will never abandon me. Therefore through my suffering and loss, I hope to be stronger and an example to others." —*Stella Leué*

Health Update for Fr. Mike

Still waiting for my new surgery date.

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

Natural Disaster Relief Efforts

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>

Check:

St. Thomas More, with memo Harvey

If you would like to contribute to efforts to help victims of the earthquake in Mexico, the hurricane in the Caribbean, or the hurricane in Florida, Catholic Relief Services is coordinating assistance.

Online or Mobile:

www.crs.org

Check:

St. Thomas More, with memo CRS and, if you wish, specify earthquake, Caribbean, or Florida

Thank you!

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

Sandra Taylor & Family

Congratulations to

Ron & Grace Hoffmann

who celebrated their 62nd anniversary of marriage on September 23.

Ralph & Ginny Michna

who celebrated their 47th anniversary of marriage on September 26.

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 **Ron & Grace Hoffmann** in honor of their anniversary.

**In Memoriam**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Joseph R. Petersen, who died September 9. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday, September 25, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. 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.

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

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 24 (133)

*Twenty-Fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

Isaiah 55:6-9

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

Philippians 1:20c-24,27a

Matthew 20:1-16a

Monday, September 25 (449)

Ezra 1:1-6

Psalms 126:1-6

Luke 8:16-18

Tuesday, September 26 (644)

Cosmas and Damian, martyrs

Wisdom 3:1-9

Psalms 126:1bc-6

Matthew 10:28-33

Wednesday, September 27 (645)

Vincent de Paul, priest

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Psalms 112:1bc-9

Matthew 9:35-38

Thursday, September 28 (646)

*Wenceslaus, martyr; Lawrence Ruiz
and companions, martyrs*

1 Peter 3:14-17

Psalms 126:1-6

Matthew 10:34-39

Friday, September 29 (647)

*Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael,
archangels*

Daniel 7:9-10,13-14 or

Revelation 12:7-12ab

Psalms 138:1-5

John 1:47-51

Saturday, September 30 (454)

Jerome, priest, doctor

Zechariah 2:5-9,14-15a

Jeremiah 31:10-13 (Psalm)

Luke 9:43b-45

Sunday, October 1 (136)

Twenty-Sixth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 18:25-28

Psalms 25:4-9

Philippians 2:1-11

Matthew 21:28-32

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 23, 5:00pm
Nicholas Angelucci Sr. ☩

Sunday, September 24, 8:30am
Emilio & Restituta Cicchini ☩

Sunday, September 24, 10:30am
Marie C. Fallone ☩

Monday, September 25, 8:15am
Bill Bartha ☩

Tuesday, September 26, 8:15am
Communion Service

Wednesday, September 27, 8:15am
Communion Service

Thursday September 28, 8:15am
Communion Service

Friday, September 29, 8:15am
Communion Service

Saturday, September 30, 5:00pm
Dante Tusei ☩

Sunday, October 1, 8:30am
Margaret Budzyn ☩

Sunday, October 1, 10:30am
Anthony Azpeitia ☩

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 Aviaña
Bob Baker
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
Tawnya Brady
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 Hennenhoefer
Family
Matthew Henry &
Family
Sunshine Hernandez &
Family
Lilian Hills
Georgia Ann Hodina
Samara Hook
Susan Hori
Claudia Iocabelli
Courtney Jackman
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 Aviaña
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
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 Muchlbacher
Conrad Murphy
Michele Murphy
Clay Murray
Margie Myers
Andrew Philip
Nacional
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
The Petersen Family
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
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
Stephen Toth, Jr.
Olivia Trejo
The Trejo/Beltran
Family
The Trejo/Maldonado/
Uribe Family
Wayne Twilliger
Bob Ulrich
Martin Vertson
Lucy Viramontes
Vanessa Vitiello
Wilson Wanner
Kevin Watson-Graff
Jim Watters
Jerry Wechsler
Elaine Weiler
Mona Weir
Rylee West
Linda Willingham
Gerri Willmott &
Family
John Woodard
The Xavier Family
Patricia Zavala
Jeanne Zeltner

Calendar Highlights

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

Sep 23-24 Brother Benno's Toiletries
Drive
Sep 24 Liturgy of the Word for
Children at 8:30am and
10:30am Masses
Sep 24 REACH Classes at Church
Sep 26 Reader Workshop Part 1
Oct 1 Liturgy of the Word for
Children at 8:30am and
10:30am Masses
Oct 1 Wine Tasting 101
Oct 10 Reader Workshop Part 2
Oct 13-15 Annual Men's Retreat
Oct 14 Treasures Rummage Sale
Oct 15 New Member Luncheon
Oct 25 Reader Workshop Part 3
Oct 28 Side by Side 5K Benefitting
Life Perspectives
Oct 29 Knights of Columbus
Breakfast
Oct 29 Diocesan Service of
Common Prayer
Celebration the 500th
Anniversary of the
Reformation
Nov 1 All Saints Day—Masses at
8:15am and 7:00pm
Nov 2 All Souls Day—Masses at
8:15am and 7:00pm
Nov 4-30 Stewardship Awareness
Month
Dec 1 Mission Vista High School
Choirs Concert
Dec 16 Cookie Exchange Party

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

Deployed Military

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

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

Social Ministries & Outreach

Brother Benno's Toiletries, "Clean" Underwear, and Diaper Drive

This weekend is it! Look for Deacon Tom's truck before all the Masses. Please be generous as always. Your continued kindness to those in need is wonderful.

St. Bonaventure Indian Mission Clothing Drive

It's getting closer! The first weekend in November is our annual clothing drive to help the Navajo serviced by the Mission. All the clothing will be given away FREE to those in dire need (last year about 1,300 people). Please go through your closet for good, lightly used clothing, shoes (no heels please), and blankets. The climate runs from below freezing to over 100 and there is need for the entire range of clothing and from infant to senior citizen. Any questions, 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!



Join the Effort!

Treasures 2017 Flea Market

Sign up today to contribute your:

✓ TIME ✓ TALENT ✓ TREASURES

**Saturday, October 14
7:30am-12:30pm**

**Help
Donate
Shop**

For more information, contact John Murphy at 760-497-6117 or john.murphy8801@gmail.com or visit www.stmoside.org/treasures.

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: 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.

New Member Luncheon—October 15

All new Parishioners who have joined us since last April are invited to our New Member Luncheon on Sunday, October 15, from 12:00-1:30pm in the Parish Center Lower Level. Invitations have been sent, and we look forward to meeting you. IF you were unable to attend the last luncheon, you are welcome to attend this one. Children are welcome and childcare is also provided for those interested. PLEASE RSVP to let us know whether or not you will attend by contacting 760-758-4100 x154 or parishoffice@stmoside.org by October 8 so that we may adequately prepare as your hosts. For further information, contact Valerie Thompson at 760-630-1703 or valgene2@cox.net.

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 continues on Saturday mornings 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

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

The second Sunday of each month is our General meeting and Potluck at 2:00pm—usually at St. Margaret Parish Center in Oceanside. The fourth Sunday is our Communal Mass at various Catholic churches in North County. Check our website www.cwwnc.com or the bulletin board in the Parish Center Lower Level for our calendar of events each month. RSVPs are required. For more information, call Carol at 760-726-0533.

Last Chance to Sign Up for...

Superb Wine Tasting 101 on Sunday, October 1

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

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



Coming up in December...

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

Join us on Mondays at 6:30pm for food, fellowship, and our first conversation about prayer!

IGNITE! September 2017 Calendar

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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WHICH LENS: GRATITUDE OR LAMENT?

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CAN YOU HELP?

Seasonal Décor Coordinator

to coordinate
the installation
of décor and
flowers for
Advent,
Christmas,
Lent, and
Easter.

It's not as hard
as it sounds!

Upcoming Music



OCTOBER 1
26th Sunday in
Ordinary Time



5:00pm

Cappella Choir

8:30am

Sanctuary Choir

10:30am

Tower Bells

Imagine checking our news feed one morning and finding it had nothing tragic to report. How would news agencies fill their space? If the news did not involve suffering, would we consider it worth our time to keep reading or listening?

We have been conditioned to expect more stories of violence than of goodness, and to assume the worst about each other. Likewise, there are more psalms of lament in the psalter than any other type. Is that because there are more reasons to complain than to be grateful? Or is it the lens through which we are choosing to filter life's events? The Book of Psalms has much to teach us about seeing with eyes of confident and hopeful gratitude, even in our darkest moments.

October 1 | Psalm 25 Even as we dare to remind God in this psalm of the enduring covenant promise to love us compassionately, faithfully, and unconditionally, we struggle to believe that God's love can really redeem the most hopeless situation. Can fragile marriages, broken by infidelity, be healed? Can embattled political forces, enflamed by derogatory rhetoric, be united? Can peace be negotiated after years of gruesome and terrorizing war? If we remember God's mercy, we can dare to view these situations through the lens of hope. This psalm of lament assures us that it is never too late to ask God for forgiveness, which is given to us the moment we return to God. However, because we remember God's mercy, we are also challenged to offer forgiveness just as freely to others.

October 8 | Psalm 80 Since the vine symbolizes God's people, this psalm can be read as a communal lament teaching us how to pray during national disaster. Even as fear and injustice seem to be winning, we are urged to view such unfortunate

circumstances through lens of love. Once again, we presumptuously retell the story of God's care for us throughout all of human history in order to stress God's responsibility to care for us today. In the midst of terrible distress, we cling to a God, who has never let us down. Embraced in God's loving care, we are, in turn, called back to the faithful love we promised to God.

October 15 | Psalm 23 The only difference between this psalm of confidence and a psalm of lament is that it emphasizes how God can and will protect us. It reflects the assurance of one who has known real danger, but has also experienced the security of God's love. It can be witnessed in the lives of wise grandparent figures who encountered many personal challenges: were married during the Great Depression; sent sons off to fight in World War II; wrestled with job loss and financial insecurity; buried children and spouses. Today these people are facing the daily battle of aging bodies. Those who have learned how to age gracefully, reflect an inner peace built on a long history of walking with God through many storms. They can see the future through the lens of confident trust.

October 22 | Psalm 96 In the awe and wonder of this psalm, we, as a community, express our gratitude that God is in charge; and we publically proclaim that God is the only power on which we can ultimately depend. It is time to do a soul check to make sure our loyalty is to God. Are we serving God's justice, which brings true peace, or are we distracted by human power which tyrannizes? Do we let our boss bully us into a work schedule that threatens our health and family? Are we letting messages of fear convince us to take unchristian political stances? Is shock reality TV and news numbing us to the ways



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"Take what is yours and go. ...
Are you envious because I am
generous?"

Matthew 20:14-15

evil is infiltrating our culture? Through the lens of praise, we radically declare that God is the ultimate power; and our prayer begs this divine force to defeat the reign of chaos in our world.

October 29 | Psalm 18 Praying this psalm, we put on the lens of thanksgiving. Facing the fragility of life, we acknowledge our dependence on God for everything; and we thankfully embrace a God who fills our weakness with divine fortitude. Empowered by the strength of that divine love, we gratefully use our power to care for each other, especially the most vulnerable.

Suffering is an unavoidable reality, but we can choose the lens through which we filter it. We can live in the hope of God's healing forgiveness or harbor grudges and resentment. We can be embraced by God's love, or build protective walls. We can confidently walk with God through life's storms, or we can retreat into bitterness and anxiety. We can serve God's justice or contribute to the world's chaos. We can be empowered by God's strength to care for each other, or face the loneliness of self-reliance. Which lens will we choose—gratitude or lament?

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Reconciliation/First Communion News



The first of seven Sacrament Preparation Parent Meetings for children making their Sacraments of Reconciliation/Eucharist this year is **Today, 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.

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.

Monthly Family Fun Night—Friday 10/6

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
All proceeds support Youth Ministry

St. Thomas More ARK News



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

High School FOOD, FUN & FRIENDS

All teens grades 9-12
Welcome!

IGNITE High School Youth Group
will meet **Monday, September 25**
Parish Center Lower Level
6:30-8:30pm (dinner served)



Adult Faith Formation

Bible Study News

Convinced Life Is Too Busy for a Bible Study?

- Watch video sessions when you want to—from your own home—from anywhere you have Internet access
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Morning/Evening Bible Studies



Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come

Meets Wednesday mornings 9:00-11:00am on Parish Center Upper Level. Contact Patt Goeltz at pattg@stmoside.org for more information and to register.

ACTS: The Spread of the Kingdom

Meets Thursday evenings 7:00-9:00pm on Parish Center Lower Level. Contact Faith Formation office at debbief@stmoside.org for more information and to register.



Young Adult Bible Study



Young Adults in your twenties—Join us for **A Biblical Walk Through the Mass** continuing **Sunday, October 1, 7:00-8:30pm**. Contact Rory at roryg@stmoside.org and text **young-adult** to **84576** to receive updates about the classes and other YA events.

Embracing the Joy of Love: San Diego Synod on the Family

Join us **Tuesday, October 17, at 7:00pm** on the Parish Center Upper Level for a lively and informative presentation from parishioners and Synod attendees, Sheila McKinley and Maureen Day-Palermo. Sheila and Maureen will share topics and objectives focused on at the 2016 San Diego Synod on the Family, their personal perspectives on how this synod will affect our own families, how to take a pro-active role in any changes that result, and where we go from here as a parish and universal church.

Objectives From the San Diego Synod on the Family:

- Identify new ways to witness to the beauty and realism of married life which is exclusive, permanent, and fruitful
- Build a culture which lovingly invites and prepares men and women to accept ever more deeply in their lives, a robust embrace of marriage in its fullness
- Build pathways to enhancing the spiritual depth of family life in San Diego and Imperial Counties
- Minister caringly, effectively, and authentically to our brothers and sisters who have experienced divorce

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Collection for Week of September 12-18 Number of Registered Households: 1,249

Offertory	\$6,070.92
Offertory (Loose Collection)	\$1,058.00
Total	\$7,128.92

Mortgage/Building Completion Fund Income

August, 2017

Mortgage Offering Collected	\$40,733.75
Mortgage Offering (Special Collection)	<u>\$15,000.00</u>
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?

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant?

The next time you see geese heading south for the winter flying along in a V formation, you might be interested in knowing what science has discovered about why they fly that way. It has been learned that as each bird flaps its wings, it creates an uplift for the bird immediately following. By flying in a V formation, the whole flock adds at least 71% greater flying range than if each bird flew on its own.

Christians who share a common direction and a sense of community can also get where they are going quicker and easier because they are traveling on the thrust and uplift of one another.



Whenever a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to go it alone, and quickly gets back into formation, to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird immediately in front. If we have as much sense as a goose, we will stay in formation with those who are headed the same way we are going.

When the lead goose gets tired, he rotates back in the wing and another goose flies point. It pays to take turns doing hard jobs with people at church or with geese flying south. The geese honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed. What do we say when we honk from behind?

Finally, when a goose gets sick, or is wounded by gun shot and falls out, two geese fall out of formation and follow him down to help and protect him. They stay with him until he is able to fly or until he is dead; and then they launch out on their own or with another formation to catch up with their original group.

The geese who helped each other shared. Sharing is both serving and giving. It's a part of our "stewardship."

We believe that it is the privilege of the Christian steward to dedicate what we have and what we are able to do to God. We commonly speak of time, talents, and possessions. How we use these is a choice we make that indicates the depth of our faith.

We can share our time by serving in the many various ministries at St. Thomas More. We can share our talent and our abilities by answering the call for help at different times of the year. We share our possessions as disciples of God's kingdom.

Just as the geese are always on a mission, so we too are called to always be on a mission. Our faith community is blessed with many faithful stewards! Thanks to each of you and welcome to our new parishioners who are ready to join us!

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When we add a little extra or give a little more
than what's expected, both the giver and
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Daily Mass Chapel

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

Listed above are items still available for adoption.

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

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

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The Larger Church News

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.

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.

“Always Our Children” 20th Anniversary Celebration Mass—Saturday, October 7, 11:00am, St. John the Evangelist Church, 1638 Polk Ave., San Diego 92103, commemorating the document issued in 1997 by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops for families of the LGBT community. Mass celebrated by Auxiliary Bishop John Dolan and Fr. Lucio Castillo, OMI.

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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United States Conference of Catholic Bishops—usccb.org.

Diocese of San Diego—sdcatholic.org.

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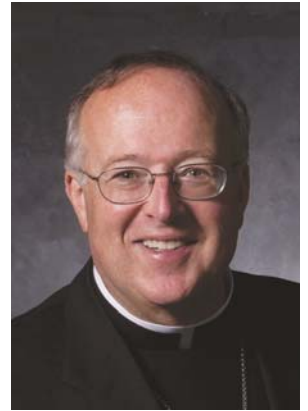
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Bishop McElroy: Attacks on Father James Martin Expose a Cancer within the U.S. Catholic Church

Most Rev. Robert W. McElroy

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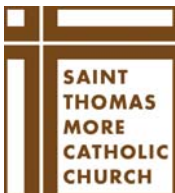
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Father James Martin is a distinguished Jesuit author who has spent his life building bridges within the Catholic Church and between the church and the wider world. He has been particularly effective in bringing the Gospel message to the millennial generation. When we survey the vast gulf that exists between young adults and the church in the United States, it is clear that there could be no more compelling missionary outreach for the future of Catholicism than the terrain that Father Martin has passionately and eloquently pursued over the past two decades. There are few evangelizers who have engaged that terrain with more heart and skill and devotion.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30 AM Mass/LOWC 8:30 AM RCIA (PCUL) 10:30 AM Mass/LOWC 12:00 PM Private Wine Tasting 101 (PCUL) 1:00 PM Wine Tasting 101 (PCUL) 4:00 PM Blessing of the Animals (Plaza) 4:15 PM Wine Tasting volunteer reception (PCUL) 7:00 PM Young Adult Bible Study (PCA)	2 8:15 AM Mass (DMC) 10:30 AM W.G. Board (PCCT) 3:00 PM Moms & Kids Play Date (OS) 6:30 PM High School Ignite (PCLL) 7:00 PM Christmas Angels (PCFL)	3 8:15 AM Mass (DMC) 9:00 AM Donuts and Coffee (PCUL) 7:00 PM Tower Bells (C) 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus (PCLL)	4 8:15 AM Mass (DMC) 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study Revelations (PCUL) 1:00 PM Spirited Senior Board (PCCT) 6:30 PM Praise Team (C) 7:00 PM Pastoral Council (PCFL)	5 8:15 AM Mass (DMC) 9:00 AM Donuts and Coffee (PCUL) 10:00 AM W.G. Quilters (PCLL) 1:00 PM Centering Prayer (DMC) 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir (C) 7:00 PM Adult Bible Study-Acts (PCLL) 9:00 PM Cappella Choir (C)	6 8:15 AM Mass (DMC) 9:00 AM Bulletin Stuffing (PCCT) 9:15 AM Communion Service (Brookdale @ Carlsbad) 6:00 PM Family Fun Night (PCUL)	7 6:45 AM iHunger (OS) 1:30 PM Tran Luong/Gio Pena Wedding 3:30 PM Reconciliation (RC) Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00 PM M3 (PCLL) 5:00 PM Mass (C)
8 Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30 AM Mass/LOWC 8:30 AM RCIA (PCUL) 10:20 AM Genesis (PCLL) 10:30 AM Mass/LOWC 12:00 PM Baptisms (C) 12:30 PM Parent Meeting (PCUL) 12:30 PM REACH (PCLL) 4:30 PM EDGE (PCUL) 4:30 PM REACH (PCLL) 5:30 PM Melkite Catholic Mass (DMC) 6:30 PM Post Confirmed (PCFL) 6:30 PM High School Year 2 (PCLL) 6:30 PM High School Year 1 (PCUL)	9 8:15 AM Mass (DMC) 11:00 AM W.G. Luncheon (PCLL) 6:30 PM High School Ignite (PCLL)	10 8:15 AM Mass (DMC) 9:00 AM Donuts and Coffee (PCUL) 4:00 PM Reader Workshop (PCLL) 7:00 PM Tower Bells (C) 7:00 PM Baptism Prep (PCFL)	11 8:15 AM Mass (DMC) 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study Revelations (PCUL) 4:00 PM Staff Meeting (PCCT) 6:30 PM Praise Team (C)	12 8:15 AM Mass (DMC) 9:00 AM Donuts and Coffee (PCUL) 9:15 AM Communion Service (Merrill Gardens) 1:00 PM Centering Prayer (DMC) 7:00 PM Adult Bible Study-Acts (PCLL) 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir (C) 9:00 PM Cappella Choir (C)	13 Men's Retreat at Green Oaks Ranch 8:15 AM Mass (DMC) 9:00 AM Bulletin Stuffing (PCCT) 9:00 AM Moms & Kids (PCUL)	14 Men's Retreat at Green Oaks Ranch 7:00 AM Treasures (Parking Lot) 9:30 AM Infant/Child CPR/AED (PCLL) 3:30 PM Reconciliation (RC) Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00 PM Mass (C)

<p style="text-align: right;">15</p> <p>Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Blood Drive Men's Retreat at Green Oaks Ranch 7:00 AM Blood Drive (PCUL) 8:30 AM Mass/LOWC 8:30 AM RCIA (PCUL) 10:30 AM Mass/LOWC 12:00 PM New Member Reception (PCLL) 7:00 PM Young Adult Bible Study (PCA)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">16</p> <p>8:15 AM Mass (DMC) 3:00 PM Moms & Kids Play Date (OS) 6:30 PM High School Ignite (PCLL) 7:00 PM Christmas Angels (PCFL)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">17</p> <p>Restaurant Fundraiser at Nucci's in Vista 8:15 AM Mass (DMC) 9:00 AM Donuts and Coffee (PCUL) 7:00 PM Family Synod Presentation (PCLL) 7:00 PM Tower Bells (C) 7:00 PM Family Synod Presentation (PCLL)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">18</p> <p>Restaurant Fundraiser at Nucci's in Vista 8:15 AM Mass (DMC) 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study Revelations (PCUL) 12:30 PM Social Justice (PCCT) 6:30 PM Praise Team (C) 7:00 PM Development Council (PCFL)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">19</p> <p>8:15 AM Mass (DMC) 9:00 AM Donuts and Coffee (PCUL) 10:00 AM W.G. Quilters (PCLL) 1:00 PM Centering Prayer (DMC) 7:00 PM NFP Intro Session (PCFL) 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir (C) 7:00 PM Adult Bible Study-Acts (PCLL) 9:00 PM Cappella Choir (C)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">20</p> <p>8:15 AM Mass (DMC) 9:00 AM Bulletin Stuffing (PCCT) 9:00 AM Moms & Kids (PCUL)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">21</p> <p>Women's Guild Bake Sale 6:45 AM iHunger (PCLL) 3:30 PM Reconciliation (RC)</p> <p>Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00 PM Mass/KofC Corp. Comm. (C) 6:00 PM The American Italian Club of Vista Halloween Party (PCUL)</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">22</p> <p>Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Women's Guild Bake Sale 8:30 AM Mass/LOWC 8:30 AM RCIA (PCUL) 10:20 AM Genesis (PCLL) 10:30 AM Mass/LOWC 12:30 PM REACH (PCLL) 4:30 PM REACH (PCLL) 4:30 PM EDGE (PCUL) 6:30 PM High School Year 1 (PCUL) 6:30 PM High School Year 2 (PCLL) 6:30 PM Post Confirmed (PCFL)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">23</p> <p>8:15 AM Mass (DMC) 6:30 PM High School Ignite (PCLL) 7:00 PM Mental Health Ministry Network (PCFL)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">24</p> <p>8:15 AM Mass (DMC) 9:00 AM Donuts and Coffee (PCUL) 7:00 PM Tower Bells (C)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">25</p> <p>8:15 AM Mass (DMC) 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study Revelations (PCUL) 4:00 PM Reader Workshop (PCLL) 6:30 PM Praise Team (C)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">26</p> <p>8:15 AM Mass (DMC) 9:00 AM Donuts and Coffee (PCUL) 1:00 PM Centering Prayer (DMC) 7:00 PM Adult Bible Study-Acts (PCLL) 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir (C) 9:00 PM Cappella Choir (C)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">27</p> <p>8:15 AM Mass (DMC) 9:00 AM Bulletin Stuffing (PCCT) 9:00 AM Moms & Kids (PCUL)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">28</p> <p>Women's Guild Quilt Sale 6:45 AM iHunger (PCLL) 3:30 PM Reconciliation (RC)</p> <p>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00 PM Mass (C)</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">29</p> <p>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Quilt Sale 8:30 AM Mass/LOWC 8:30 AM K of C Breakfast (PCLL) 8:30 AM RCIA (PCUL) 10:30 AM Mass/LOWC 3:00 PM Service of Common Prayer (The Immaculata) 7:00 PM Young Adult Bible Study (PCA)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">30</p> <p>8:15 AM Mass (DMC) 6:30 PM High School Ignite (PCLL)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">31</p> <p>8:15 AM Mass (DMC) 9:00 AM Donuts and Coffee (PCUL) 7:00 PM Tower Bells (C)</p>	<p>Key C-Church BSC-Blessed Sacrament Chapel DMC-Daily Mass Chapel RC-Reconciliation Chapel MR-Music Room OS-Off Site PCA-Parish Center Ark PCCT-Parish Center Conf. Table PCLL-Parish Center Lower Level PCUL-Parish Center Upper Level PCFL-Parish Center Front Lobby PCS-Parish Center Stage</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">St. Thomas More Catholic Church 1450 South Melrose Drive Oceanside, CA 92056 (760) 758-4100 www.stmoside.org For daily updated calendar go to the website under <u>Schedule and Events/Event Calendar/Full Calendar</u></p>	

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Sr. Angela Therese Meram, IHM	2 Sr. Mary Leonita Metoyer, RSM	3 Sr. Bertha Maria Meza, SJS	4 Sr. C. Rose Miles, SFCC	5 Sr. Theresa Monroe, RSCJ	6 Sr. Sanjuana Mora, CVI	7 Sr. Margaret Mullany, RSM
8 Sr. Dolores Munoz, HMSS	9 Sr. Nora Murphy, OP	10 Sr. Margaret Murray, CSJ	11 Sr. Ancilla Murray, OCD	12 Sr. Carolyn Nguyen, OCD	13 Sr. Rosemary Nicholson, RJM	14 Sr. Pio Maria Nihombere, MC
15 Sr. Sheila Novak, SDS	16 Sr. Ma. Esther Nunez, SJS	17 Sr. Anne O'Connor, CSN	18 Sr. LaVern Olberding, OSF	19 Sr. Bernadette Oliva, RJM	20 Sr. Francisca Olvera, OLVM	21 Sr. Brigida Ornelas, SJS
22 Sr. Carol Pack, SSS	23 Sr. M. Gabriele Paz Y Puente Rodriguez, MC	24 Sr. Maria Louisa Pelayo, SJS	25 Sr. M. Carmelita Perez Carrillo, MC	26 Sr. Fernanda Pesqueira, TM	27 Sr. M. Genevieve Pistacchio, CSN	28 Sr. Rosa Erlinda Pocasangre, HMSS
29 Sr. Mary Potter, RSM	30 Sr. Leticia Ramirez, SJS	31 Sr. Norma Alicia Reyes, HCJS				

Please join us in praying for the women religious who serve in the Diocese of San Diego. They have been assigned to days of the year in alphabetical order.

Daily Prayer For Priests

O Jesus,
 I pray for your faithful and fervent priests;
 For your unfaithful and tepid priests;
 For your priests laboring at home or
 abroad in distant mission fields.
 For your tempted priests;
 For your lonely and desolate priests;
 For your young priests;
 For your dying priests;
 For the souls of your priests in Purgatory.
 But above all, I recommend to you
 the priests dearest to me:
 The priest who baptized me;
 The priests who absolved me from my sins;
 The priests at whose Masses I assisted and who gave me
 Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion;
 The priests who taught and instructed me;
 All the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way
 (especially.....).
 O Jesus, keep them all close to your heart,
 And bless them abundantly in time and in Eternity.
 Amen *By St. Therese of Lisieux*

Pray for Priests and Vocations

"Now we ask you to respect those who work hard
 among you. ...Hold them in the highest regard in love
 because of their work." (1 Thess. 5:12, 13, NIV)

Daily Prayer for Vocations

Jesus, Lord of the harvest, Look with love on this
 portion of your vineyard.
 Bless the Diocese of San Diego with more priests to
 shepherd your people,
 Priests with hearts like your own.
 Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Pope Francis	2 Bishop Robert McElroy	3 Bishop John Dolan	4 Bishop Robert Brom	5 Bishop Gilbert Chavez	6 Rev. Msgr. Anthony Giesing	7 Rev. Carl Gismondi, FSSP
8 Rev. William Gold	9 Rev. Gerardo Gomez Zapien	10 Rev. José Goopio, SVD	11 Rev. John Gorman	12 Rev. John Grace, OSA	13 Rev. John Gubbins	14 Rev. Michael Guinan, OFM
15 Rev. Manuel Gutierrez Del Toro	16 Rev. Craig Haider	17 Rev. Brian Hayes	18 Rev. William Headley, CSSp	19 Rev. Ronald Hebert	20 Rev. Scott Herrera	21 Rev. Alfredo Heyrosa
22 Rev. Michael Higgins, TOR	23 Rev. Kilian Holland	24 Rev. Hak Jun Hong	25 Rev. Richard Hopkins	26 Rev. Edward Horning	27 Rev. John Howard, CJM	28 Rev. Barnabas Hughes, OFM
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