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*"Which of the two did
his father's will?"
Matthew 21:31*



*A Roman Catholic Parish
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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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TREASURES 2017 Mega Flea Market

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

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 1, 2017

Pastor's Column

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

Faith Is... (Part Six)

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.

Fr. Mike

"To have faith is to trust yourself to the water. When you swim you don't grab hold of the water, because if you do you will sink and drown. Instead you relax, and float." —Alan Watts



"Faith is the bird that feels the light when the dawn is still dark."

—Rabindranath Tagore

"Faith is not the knowledge of what the mystery of the Universe is, but the conviction that there is a mystery, and that it is greater than us."

—Rabbi David Wolpe

"Faith is the energy to keep putting one foot in front of the other and helping you to do the best you can, one day at a time, when everything seems wrong, worthless, useless, and life has no meaning.

Because of faith you know that sooner or later, you will walk out of that nightmare, and life will have meaning again. And each time that you experience that nightmare, you become stronger and you become more patient, because you know that the nightmare will end, and you know, in your gut you really know, that the Light will once again reappear." —Rev. Michael Ratajczak

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

I have been diagnosed with stenosis and scoliosis, and have been waiting for a date for surgery (a fusion) which was scheduled for September 12.

In my “pre-op” tests, they were not happy with my EKG, so I had an echo-cardiogram and then saw a cardiologist. It was determined that I have A-FIB. It was decided, though, that we could move forward with the spinal fusion and deal with the A-FIB after the surgery.

I now have been given a new date for surgery—November 9. They are aware that I am ready for the surgery at any time, in the event of any cancellations.

While waiting for surgery, I am continuing 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 for the surgery I will be in the hospital for four or five days, and then in a rehabilitation facility 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 prayers. I look forward to seeing you back in Church as soon as healing allows! Thank you!

—Fr. Mike

Prayers, Please, for Fr. Rich Lewandowski

Fr. Rich will be having surgery the first week of October. It will be an Incisional Hernia Repair. He has been plagued with intestinal problems for a number of years dating back to when he experienced a ruptured colon.

So please keep him in prayer! If you would like to send him a card:

Rev. Richard Lewandowski
59 Belgian Way
Fitchburg, MA 01420

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.

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

Welcome New Parishioners

**Charlotte Cavataio
John & Leila Dimaandal
Jarrett & Anna Isabel Powers & Family**

Congratulations to

Michael & Carla Potts

who celebrated their 25th anniversary of marriage on September 26.

Rory & Stacey Griffin

who celebrated their 28th anniversary of marriage on September 30.

Mike & Deirdre Green

who celebrate their 24th anniversary of marriage on October 2.

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 **Rick & Natalie Padilla** in memory of her father, Max Cardona.



In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Peter Walter Dowling, who died September 24. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday, October 2, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep his family in your prayers.

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

Votive Candles at our Marian Shrine

Our candles for the month of October were sponsored by Marge Morrill. Our candles for the month of November will be sponsored by Mary Tucker.

The cost of sponsoring the candles for a month is \$200. If you would like to sponsor a month, either by yourself or with someone else, please check with Henny in the Parish Office. The next available month is April 2018.

Your support of this effort is greatly appreciated!

STM \$crip News

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

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

Do you shop at other online locations? Try Giving Assistant and raise money for STM while you shop! Click the link at www.stmoside.org/scrip.htm to get started.

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

Readings for the Week Ahead

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

Sunday, 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

Monday, October 2 (650)

The Holy Guardian Angels

Exodus 23:20-23

Psalms 91:1-6, 10-11

Matthew 18:1-5, 10

Tuesday, October 3 (456)

Zachariah 8:20-23

Psalms 87:1-7

Luke 9:51-56

Wednesday, October 4 (651)

Francis of Assisi, religious

Galatians 6:14-18

Psalms 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11

Matthew 11:25-30

Thursday, October 5 (458)

Francis Xavier Seelos, priest

Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12

Psalms 19:8-11

Luke 10:1-12

Friday, October 6 (652)

Bruno, priest;

Marie Rose Durocher, virgin

Philippians 3:8-14

Psalms 1:1-4, 6

Luke 9:57-62

Saturday, October 7 (460)

Our Lady of the Rosary

Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29

Psalms 69:33-37

Luke 10:17-24

Sunday, October 8 (139)

*Twenty-Seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalms 80:9, 12-16, 19-20

Philippians 4:6-9

Matthew 21:33-43

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 Avina

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

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

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

The Dowling Family

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 Guent

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

Randy Jett

Jacqueline Johnson

Sue Johnston

Laura Kater

Dottie Kearney

Connor Kerzie

Peggy Kiernan

Debbie Kinney

Cathy Kleinschmidt

Mark Kneisel

Dewey Kolbo

Tony Korwin &

Kathleen Avina

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

Fr. Rich Lewandowski

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

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

Hope Murphy

Michele Murphy

Clay Murray

Margie Myers

Andrew Philip

National

Angela Nacional

Melanie Nacional

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

Rita Ritchie

Joel Rivera

Ralda Rizke

Lily Robinson

Mateo Rodriguez

Chuck & Maria Rogers

Paul Roofener

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

Derek, 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. &

Social Ministries & Outreach

Attention Christmas Angels!

As we welcome October, it is time to begin preparations for our annual Christmas Angel Ministry. The holidays will be here before we know it, and there is great need for volunteers to assist in a variety of ways to help children and families within our community who are less fortunate. Please join us Monday evenings, October 2 and 16 at 7:00pm in the Parish Center Lower Level to find out how you can help out and earn your wings. If you have any further questions or are unable to attend the meetings and would like to assist in the ministry, please contact Lisa Seufert at 760-716-0977.

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.

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

This year's drive for toiletry, underwear and diapers was enthusiastically received by Brother Benno's. Your generosity and kindness were noted and appreciated. Thank you!!!

Prayer Garden

The Parish's Prayer Garden (north of the plaza) is available for praying the Rosary, the Stations of the Cross, or for personal prayer or meditation 24 hours a day.

Looking for a Way to Be Involved?

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



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

IGNITE High School Youth Group News

Join us on Mondays at 6:30pm for food, fellowship, and prayer!
Parish Center Lower Level.

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

Autumn is a second spring where every leaf is a flower.
—Albert Camus

Hello, I have returned from Washington, DC. I had a great time and glad to be back! No fall weather for me, the hurricane off the coast gave us hot and humid weather.

We are getting ready for our October meeting, which is on Monday, October 9, at 11:00am in the Parish Center Lower Level. We will catch up with board and committee reports postponed at our September meeting/luncheon and have another beautiful fall luncheon planned. Judy Smith, our VP of programs, has invited "Project Wildlife" to join us and tell us about living in today's world with our animal neighbors and friends. They will be bringing a barn owl named "UG" to entertain us. It will be not only informative but very interesting too.

If you plan to come to the luncheon/meeting, you must make a reservation. We need this for an accurate lunch count and to not over purchase food, which causes a loss of money for our end-of-year donation to the church. So please, please contact Patty at 760-805-6935 or cprem@pacbell.net, at least a week ahead of time. Thanks for your cooperation!

Any of you who have not paid your \$10 annual dues will be able to do so at the meeting at the sign in table.

Hope to see you there!

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

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

Four 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.



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.

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Liturgy & Music *Worship God*

Douglas Lynn
Director of Liturgy and Music
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THE REFORMATION: 500 YEARS LATER

Setting the course for Roman Catholic-Lutheran dialogue

by Biagio Mazza.

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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 8
27th Sunday in
Ordinary Time



5:00pm

Praise Team

8:30am

Cappella Choir

10:30am

Sanctuary Choir

The year 2017 commemorates the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, which coincides with Luther's posting of his 95 Theses on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany. On October 31, 1517, one of the most monumental days in Christian history, this public act set into action what is acknowledged as the beginning of reformations across Europe in the 16th century. Since then, divisions within Western Christianity have multiplied, creating a variety of Christian denominations that have consistently differed with one another as to what discipleship entails and how to carry out the mission and ministry of Jesus.

Acknowledging the scandal that such divisions created within Christianity, many efforts were made by various denominations to address the divisions. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, which is still actively celebrated each year on January 18-25, was established in 1908 by the Catholic Graymoor religious congregation to devote prayer and practical energy toward Christian unity. Each year, an international team of churches provide prayers and activities that the worldwide Christian churches can use for Christian unity. The World Council of Churches, established in 1948, is an organization "dedicated to the search for Christian Unity." This international fellowship of Christian churches, commit themselves to strive for Christian unity based on mutual encounter, dialogue, and collaboration.

While individuals and organizations within the Catholic church prayed and worked for Christian unity, the institutional church remained rather hesitant and slow to move in the direction of promoting it. Often, Christian unity was understood to mean that other Christians would eventually recognize the error of their ways and join the Catholic church, the one and only true church. Only with Pope John XXIII and his call for a Vatican council to promote and work

towards Christian unity, did the Catholic church take seriously the work involved. *Unitatis Redintegratio*, the Second Vatican Council's Decree on Ecumenism, promulgated on November 21, 1964, was the first serious attempt by the Catholic church to address in a positive manner both ecumenical relationship and the need for dialogue.

Many ecumenical dialogue groups with various Christian denominations were formed during and after the council ended in 1965, to focus seriously on those things that unify us as Christians while actively working on the things that still separate us.

One of the most fruitful dialogue groups has been the Lutheran-Roman Catholic dialogue which for over 50 years has been actively engaged in working toward Christian unity. As we commemorate the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation, it is important to assess the progress resulting from this dialogue.

Besides the most significant agreement on justification between the Vatican and the Lutheran World Federation, in which both churches in 1999 acknowledged significant agreement on the issue of justification, many other important documents have been issued by the Lutheran-Roman Catholic dialogue since its beginning in 1964.

To commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, two very important documents have been issued to address the various topics still prevalent in the dialogue:

The Lutheran World Federation and the Vatican Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity issued *From Conflict to Communion, Lutheran-Catholic Common Commemoration of the Reformation in 2017* along with a guide to help facilitate study sessions using the document. Published in 2013, this document assesses where Lutherans



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Matthew 21:31

and Catholics are today in light of recent history of ecumenical dialogue. It also assesses how to best commemorate the Reformation in light of the positive work accomplished since the Second Vatican Council.

In 2015, the U.S. Bishops' Committee for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America issued *Declaration on the Way: Church, Ministry, and Eucharist*. This significant document articulates in detail 32 basic agreements between Lutherans and Catholics around three key issues: Church, Ministry, and Eucharist. The document also lists areas of "remaining differences" around these topics and suggests steps to move toward reconciliation.

Immersing ourselves in the immense and significant work of the Lutheran-Roman Catholic dialogue is an ideal way to educate ourselves on what Christian unity entails. It shows what can be accomplished if both sides are open to dialogue, leading to mutual understanding and respect. What better way to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation than to educate ourselves on the issues, to discuss them within our respective communities, and to reach out to the other, with whom we have so much in common.

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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Youth Advocate

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Debbie Fredette
Director of Faith Formation

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Family Faith Formation

Next R.E.A.CH Class is October 8

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!

Reconciliation/First Communion News



Our next Sacrament Preparation Parent Meeting for parents of children making their Sacraments of Reconciliation/Eucharist this year is **Sunday, October 8, 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 parent 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
Bring a snack to share. Drinks will be sold
All proceeds go to 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, October 2, 2017**
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
- Same cost—same workbook—same great video series!
- Contact Faith Formation to find out how to register for a study today!



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 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 19-25

Number of Registered Households	1,246
Offertory	\$13,465.80
Offertory (Loose Collection)	\$1,199.00
Total	\$14,664.80

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

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Mortgage/Building Completion Fund!

* Mortgage Payment overage will be applied to Parish Reserves

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This program is one way of helping the Parish raise the resources necessary to continue our campus build out and also help plan for our future needs (i.e., Tower of Faith participants). Gifts of this nature are beneficial and much appreciated by St. Thomas More!

For more information please contact:

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

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

A Christian Stewardship Prayer for October



Gracious and Loving God

We give you thanks
for this time of year;
a time of transformation
that reveals the awe-inspiring
gift of your creation.

Teach us how
to be good stewards
of all the gifts you have given us;
and show us how we may share
those gifts generously,
especially with those most
in need of your loving care.

Give us the strength
to be good stewards of the Gospel,
to love others as we love ourselves,
and to follow in your Son's footsteps,
until we find our way home to you.

We pray this through your Son, Jesus Christ,
Who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

—ICSC October 2017 e-newsletter (with permission)

Note: This, and all the monthly prayers from ICSC, are so meaningful. I encourage you to keep this out to read every day in October, as a reminder of the many gifts we have been given and continue to give thanks daily. —Chris

**For just as a body
without a spirit is dead,
so also,
faith without works is dead.**

—James 2:26

Memorial Item Donations Available

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**Bronze Sculpture for
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09/27/17

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
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The Larger Church News

Senior Citizen Prom—Thursday, October 12, 3:00-6:00pm, Cathedral Catholic High School, 5555 Del Mar Heights Rd., Del Mar. For those 65 and older; includes appetizers, drinks, live music, and dancing! Sponsored by the National Honor Society of Cathedral Catholic High School. RSVP to 858-523-4000 x1117 by October 5.

Franciscan School of Theology Open House—Thursday, October 12, 5:30-7:30pm, 4050 Mission Ave., Oceanside. Call 760-587-1800 for more information.

Mater Dei Catholic High School Open House—Sunday, October 22, 10:00am-1:00pm. Visit materdeicatholic.org for more information.

Side-by-Side 5k Benefiting Life Perspectives—Saturday, October 28, 10:00am, De Anza Cove, San Diego. Visit sidebyside5k.com for more information.

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.

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>.

Support Group for Separated and Divorced—Sundays at 9:15am, 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.

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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.

24/7 Catholic Television on EWTN—Also, Sunday Mass is broadcast at 9:00am every Sunday.

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

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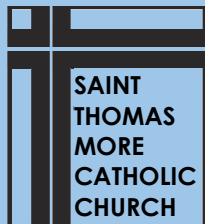
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In the Rosary, with its sequence of prayers and mysteries, we contemplate the Gospel in company with the Blessed Virgin Mary.

As St. John Paul II wrote in 2002, “Through the Rosary the faithful receive abundant grace, as though from the very hands of the Mother of the Redeemer” (*Rosarium Virginis Mariae*, 1).



Options?

A Communal Rosary in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Monday–Friday, following Daily Mass

Marian Shrine

7:00am–7:00pm, in the Church

An Outdoor Rosary

anytime, in the Prayer Garden or on the Labyrinth

Anywhere

anytime, just you and Mary, or with a larger group

Information on how to pray the Rosary is available in the Parish Office.

TREASURES 2017

FLEA MARKET

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

7:30am-12:30pm



Do you have the time?

Join the Effort

We appreciate your help under this year's
TREASURES tents and Plant Pavilion

In our own
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Drop off your
donations Friday,
Oct 13, 4pm to 8pm
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of the many
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in this year's

**Plant
Pavilion**



We wear many hats

Thurs and Fri- Drive your truck or SUV to collect
donated plants from local nurseries

Fri Oct 13- 4pm to 8pm Help unload, sort and
price items

Sat, Oct 14, Organize, display, price,
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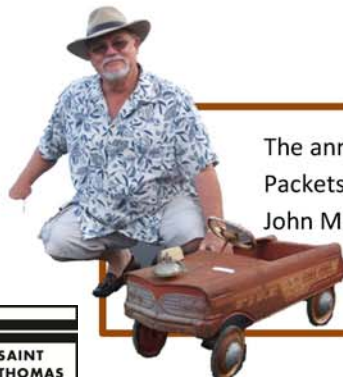


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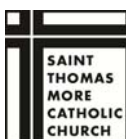


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Auxiliary Bishop John Dolan



Father Lucio Castillo, OMI

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- Always Our Children (AOC)

Auxiliary Bishop John Dolan and Fr. Lucio Castillo, OMI, will preside at a special Mass commemorating the pastoral document “Always Our Children” released 20 years ago by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. This document “is an outstretched hand...to parents and other family members, offering them a fresh look at the grace present in family life and the unfailing mercy of Christ our Lord” (AOC). This is an opportunity for us to gather and journey together in faith and hope as we support, care, and love each other.

When Saturday, October 7th
11:00am

Where St. John the Evangelist Church
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Treasures: Flea Market

When: Friday, October 13 from 4:00pm-8:00pm and Saturday, October 14th from 7:30am-12:30pm

Where: STM Parking Lot

What: on Friday, you will be helping to sort different items that will be sold in the market on Saturday, you will be helping out with the flea market!



If interested, please directly contact: John Murphy || (760) 497-6117

FAMILY FUN NIGHT: DANCE PARTY

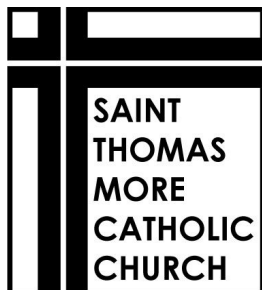


When: Friday, October 6 from 6:00pm-9:30pm

Where: Parish Center upper Level

What: Tommy's Cafe will be open during the Dance Party. You will be helping serve refreshments. We will also need help with our photo booth and other activities happening during the night.

If interested, please directly contact: Tilly Rudolph ||
tillyr@stmoside.org || (760) 758-4100 X161



You are welcome to any & all parts of these events. Please inform John or Tilly of the hours you are able to work.

For any further questions, please contact Tilly:
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