

SAINT  
THOMAS  
MORE  
CATHOLIC  
CHURCH

*"Therefore, I say to you,  
the kingdom of God will be  
taken away from you and  
given to a people  
that will produce its fruit."  
—Matthew 21:43*



*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-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time October 8, 2017

### Pastor's Column

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

#### The Charism of Permanence

From time to time I have the privilege of presiding over 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebrations. Each one is always a special moment for me, and I know it is for the family who celebrates.

These celebrations remind us that permanent commitments are possible. And not only are they possible, they are incredibly needed today. Maybe more so today than ever before!

As I lead in the celebration of the Eucharist with families celebrating 50 years of life and love, of joy and struggle, the message is shouted out in the silences of the Mass—"Yes, all the hard work and sacrifice was worth it! There is peace, stability, and security that has been created and given to this family because of our decision to be faithful to God and to one another. We have given a precious gift to our children and grandchildren that will make a difference in their lives. And there were no shortcuts to this gift! It simply took 50 years to create the gift!"

There are no easy routes and shortcuts with Gospel living. Jesus demonstrated that to us with the giving of his very life. If we want to hand on good gifts, real inheritance, to our children and grandchildren, it will cost us dearly. It will cost us in our efforts to be faithful and to be committed to the promises we make to each other.

There are many people in our world today who believe that lifetime commitments are not possible or that they are not needed.

Our Faith teaches us otherwise. Our God is the Faithful Lover. We are reminded of this over and over again in the Scriptures. God says through Moses and his prophets, "I am your God. You are my people and I shall be with you always."

The basis of our Faith is that God has chosen us, each and every one of us, to live in covenant with him. Our God is the God who never walks away from us, who is always there for us, no matter how many times we may walk away from him. The God who loves us unconditionally is the God who calls us each day to live in covenant with him.

As married persons, as vowed religious, as single people living and awaiting God's promises in our lives, we are called to be faithful to one another, day in and day out—as God is faithful with us.

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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.



*Pastor's Column* (continued from page 1)

The most needed charism in this new millennium, I believe, is the charism of permanence—the belief that we can make covenants with one another as God has made with us; that we can be faithful to one another, unconditionally, as God has been faithful to us—in life, until death, into eternity.

The most needed charism for this new millennium is the charism of permanence. As a People of Faith, let us imitate our God and give this gift to our families, friends, and world. This gift of permanence, for which we are willing to sacrifice until death, does bring peace, stability, and security to the next generation!

Can we, and with God's help, are we willing to say to those around us, as our God says to us, "I am your spouse, your lover, your friend, your parent, your sibling, your child, and you are my 'people.' I will ALWAYS be with you?"

Let us pray for each other as we continue to "permanitize" our relationships.

Fr. Mike

**Did You Know?**

The cost of water (landscape and domestic/drinking water) for the Parish Center, Church, and the rectory amounted to \$46,506.81 for FY 2017.

Your gift to the "Did You Know?" Campaign will help us balance our Operations Budget. Please remember that we now have two buildings plus the rectory to maintain. As we look forward to completing the Parish Offices, we will have a total of four buildings to maintain!

As we grow, our donations to St. Thomas More Parish need to increase as well. All that you do is very much appreciated!

**Health Update for Fr. Mike**

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's surgery was successful and he is on the road to recovery! So please keep him in prayer! If you would like to send him a card:

Rev. Richard Lewandowski  
59 Belgian Way  
Fitchburg, MA 01420

**Welcome New Parishioners**

**Martha Bergman  
Raymond & Elizabeth O'Toole**

**Announcing the Baptism of**

**Emsley Grace Brittsan**

on October 8



*Our Christian community welcomes you with great joy!*

**Congratulations to**

**Doug & Laura D'Agrose**

who celebrate their 31st anniversary of marriage on October 9.

**Frank & Mary DeFalco**

who celebrate their 40th anniversary of marriage on October 11.

*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 **Harriet Maldonado** in honor of her mother, Elizabeth Foerster, on her 109th birthday!

**In Memoriam**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:



**Carol Filippi**, who died September 28. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, October 18, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Her vigil service is pending. Please keep her family in your prayers.

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

**Considering Becoming Catholic?**

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](mailto:80bell80@gmail.com).

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

We appreciate your continued support for the Scrip program. **For more information, visit [www.stmoside.org/scrip.htm](http://www.stmoside.org/scrip.htm) or contact the Scrip team at 760-758-4100 x150 or [scrip@stmoside.org](mailto:scrip@stmoside.org).**

## Readings for the Week Ahead

Sunday Year A; Weekday Year I  
Readings online at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org).

**Sunday, October 8** (139)

*Twenty-Seventh Sunday  
in Ordinary Time*

Isaiah 5:1-7

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

Philippians 4:6-9

Matthew 21:33-43

**Monday, October 9** (655)

*Denis, bishop and martyr, and  
companions, martyrs;  
John Leonardi, priest*

2 Corinthians 6:4-10

Psalm 126:lbc-6

Matthew 5:13-16

**Tuesday, October 10** (462)

Jonah 3:1-10

Psalm 130:1-4,7-8

Luke 10:38-42

**Wednesday, October 11** (655A)

*John XXIII, pope*

Ezekiel 34:11-16

Psalm 23:1-3a,4-6

John 21:15-17

**Thursday, October 12** (464)

Malachi 3:13-20b

Psalm 1:1-4,6

Luke 11:5-13

**Friday, October 13** (465)

Joel 1:13-15;2:1-2

Psalm 9:2-3,6-8,9,16

Luke 11:15-28

**Saturday, October 14** (466)

*Callistus I, pope, martyr*

Joel 4:12-21

Psalm 97:1-2,5-6,11-12

Luke 11:27-28

**Sunday, October 15** (142)

*Twenty-Eighth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time*

Isaiah 25:6-10a

Psalm 23:1-6

Philippians 4:12-14,19-20

Matthew 22:1-14

## 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  
David Blecki  
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  
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  
Jerome Elbacha  
Arthur Eral  
Carolyn Erickson Ey  
Victoria Lopez Fenton  
The Fiore Family  
The Filippi 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  
Courtney Jackman  
Katherine Jacobs  
Randy Jett  
Jacqueline Johnson  
Laura Kater  
Dottie Kearney  
Connor Kerzie  
Peggy Kiernan  
Debbie Kinney  
Cathy Kleinschmidt  
Mark Keisel  
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  
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 McGearry  
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  
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 Spiegel  
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. &  
Family  
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 Waters  
Jerry Wechsler  
Elaine Weiler  
Mona Weir  
Rylee West  
Linda Willingham  
Gerri Wilmott &  
Family  
John Woodard  
The Xavier Family  
Patricia Zavala  
Jeanne Zeltner

## Calendar Highlights

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

Oct 8	Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30 am Masses
Oct 8	REACH Classes at Church
Oct 9	Women's Guild Luncheon
Oct 9	IGNITE High School Youth Group
Oct 10	Reader Workshop Part 2
Oct 13-15	Men's Retreat
Oct 14	Treasures Rummage Sale
Oct 15	Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
Oct 15	Blood Drive
Oct 15	New Member Luncheon
Oct 16	Christmas Angel Ministry Planning Meeting
Oct 17	Presentation on <i>The Joy of Love: San Diego Synod on the Family</i>
Oct 22	Women's Guild Bake Sale
Oct 25	Reader Workshop Part 3
Oct 28	Side by Side 5K Benefitting Life Perspectives
Oct 29	Knights of Columbus Breakfast
Oct 29	Women's Guild Quilter's Treasure Fair
Oct 29	Diocesan Service of Common Prayer Celebrating 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

## 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

## Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 7, 5:00pm  
Fr. Joe Di Stefano ☩

Sunday, October 8, 8:30am  
Jerry Ratajczak ☩

Sunday, October 8, 10:30am  
Joe Goodwin ☩

Monday, October 9, 8:15am  
Peggy Chambers ☩

Tuesday, October 10, 8:15am  
Jack Gillen ☩

Wednesday, October 11, 8:15am  
Wayne Bowling ☩

Thursday October 12, 8:15am  
Candilaria Moncello ☩

Friday, October 13, 8:15am  
John McGregor ☩

Saturday, October 14, 5:00pm  
Robert Brownell ☩

Sunday, October 15, 8:30am  
Antonia Cugini ☩

Sunday, October 15, 10:30am  
Robert Butler ☩



## 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, October 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](mailto:thomasgoeltz@aol.com) or 760-727-8442.

### Help Feed the Hungry

We encourage every STM family to donate one nonperishable food item each weekend when 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.

### Power in the Blood!

Plan to donate blood at STM on Sunday, October 15, 8:30am-2:30pm. To make your appointment, sign up after Masses or at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org), sponsor code: StThomasMore. 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](mailto:john.murphy8801@gmail.com) or visit [www.stmoside.org/treasures](http://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](mailto:vzlanaty@yahoo.com) or Estelle Eral at [estelle.eral@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.wmme-sandiego.org)

For more information, visit [www.sdcatholic.org](http://www.sdcatholic.org) Ministries/Marriage and Family Life or call Caleb and 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](mailto:MHMN@stmoside.org).

Anyone seeking the service of a Licensed Mental Health Professional affiliated with the San Diego Diocesan Mental Health Ministry Network can visit: [eTherapyFinder.com/osm](http://eTherapyFinder.com/osm). Then, click on "Find Affiliated Therapists."

Therapists interested in affiliating with the San Diego diocesan Mental Health Ministry Network may visit [eTherapyFinder.com](http://eTherapyFinder.com) and click on "CLINICIANS CLICK HERE" to register for a free profile. Once the profile has been acknowledged by [eTherapyFinder.com](http://eTherapyFinder.com) (usually within one or two business days) visit [eTherapyFinder.com/osm](http://eTherapyFinder.com/osm) to view and accept the diocesan pledge.

### New Member Luncheon—October 15

All new Parishioners who have registered at the Parish 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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

*Everything on earth has its special season*

It's time to reserve your spot at the Women's Guild Luncheon! Monday October 9, at 11:00am in the Parish Center Lower Level. Call Patty Remington, Hospitality Chair, at 760-805-6935 or [cprem@pacbell.net](mailto:cprem@pacbell.net) for a reservation. We need you to contact her so that she can order the right amount of food, so please don't forget!

The room for our October meeting will be beautifully decorated for fall, and we will celebrate with "Project Wildlife." Our visiting guest is "UG" the barn owl, a perfect guest for an October meeting! It will be informative and entertaining.

Mark your calendars for our upcoming fundraisers—the bake sale is on October 21-22, so be prepared if someone calls you and asks for a homemade goodie to donate. The Quilters will have their Small Quilt Item sale on the plaza on October 28-29.

Game Day will be on Saturday, November 18, this year. More information to follow in a future column.

If you haven't paid your membership dues yet, you can still do so at the sign in table. This will be the last chance to get your name in the directory. Please contact Barbara Barreras, First Vice President of Membership, with questions at 760-639-0012 or [blbrown1326@gmail.com](mailto:blbrown1326@gmail.com).

Hope to see you on Monday and have a great week!

—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](http://stmoside.org) or on the Plaza after Masses

For more information, please contact Chris Smith  
at 760-758-4100 x120 or [chriss@stmoside.org](mailto:chriss@stmoside.org)

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

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  
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### 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](http://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*

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## COMMEMORATING THE REFORMATION

On October 31, 2016, Pope Francis traveled to Lund, Sweden, to begin the yearlong commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. October 31, 2017 will mark 500 years since the day that Martin Luther, an Augustinian monk, disseminated his 95 theses to various church bishops and officials, symbolically represented by nailing them on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany. He asked for a debate on certain church issues that he felt were abuses contrary to the Gospel and Jesus' teachings.

As the center of much religious controversy, conflicts, and persecution over the centuries, Sweden seemed an appropriate place to pray together as Lutherans and Catholics commemorate the Reformation and the common path traveled together since the Lutheran-Catholic dialogue began during the Second Vatican Council.

Pope Francis' willingness to reach out to Lutherans is a manifestation of the progress that Lutherans and Catholics have made in attempting to admit mistakes on both sides and seek reconciliation and unity. In his homily at the ecumenical prayer service at the Lutheran Cathedral in Lund, as well as the joint statement made on this same occasion, Francis states that:

We too must look with love and honesty at our past, recognizing error and seeking forgiveness, for God alone is our judge. ... With this new look at the past, we do not claim to realize an impracticable correction of what took place, but "to tell that history differently."<sup>1</sup>

Francis also acknowledges that Martin Luther and the Reformation helped all Christians see and understand the central role that Scripture has in the life of the church. He goes on to say that the Lutheran-Catholic dialogue has benefitted greatly from the close and shared reading of the Scriptures, leading both parties to move forward since the dialogue began in 1964. One of those significant steps occurred in 1999, when Lutherans and Catholics issued the Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification. Francis specifically refers to this

### Moving from conflict to communion

in his homily:

With the concept "*by grace alone*", [Luther] reminds us that God always takes the initiative, prior to any human response, even as [God] seeks to awaken that response. The doctrine of justification thus expresses the essence of human existence before God.

The joint statement issued at Lund emphasized the reality that in the process of over 50 years of dialogue we have learned to grow in mutual understanding and trust of one another. We are no longer strangers to one another and "have learned that what unites us is greater than what divides us."

Such a relationship enables us to move from conflict to communion. This shift is reflected in the title of the document jointly issued in 2013 by the Lutheran World Federation and the Vatican Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity. *From Conflict to Communion*<sup>2</sup> commemorates the Reformation and gives guidance on what local churches can do to move forward.

The document analyzes the current state of affairs in the Lutheran-Catholic dialogue, along with the historical and theological issues that flowed both from the Reformation, and the Catholic response to it. It lists five ecumenical imperatives that will greatly aid the commemoration of the Reformation as well as continued fruitful dialogue:

- ❖ Catholics and Lutherans should always begin from the perspective of unity and not from the point of view of division in order to strengthen what is held in common even though the differences are more easily seen and experienced (#239).
- ❖ Lutherans and Catholics must let themselves continuously be transformed by the encounter with the other and by the mutual witness of faith (#240).
- ❖ Catholics and Lutherans should again commit themselves to seek visible unity, to elaborate together what this means in concrete steps, and to strive repeatedly toward this goal (#241).



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"Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit.

Matthew 21:43

❖ Lutherans and Catholics should jointly rediscover the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ for our time (#242).

❖ Catholics and Lutherans should witness together to the mercy of God in proclamation and service to the world (#243).

Taking these ecumenical imperatives as starting points and guideposts along the continued route of dialogue leads to mutual trust, understanding, and respect. This path, guided by the Spirit, would lead us from conflict to communion. With Francis, let us strive to learn from our past, so that we can tell our stories differently and enter into the communion for which Jesus prayed and for which we continually yearn.

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### Upcoming Music



**OCTOBER 15**

**5:00pm | Tower Bells**

**8:30am | Praise Team**

**10:30am | Cantor and Assembly**

<sup>1</sup> w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2016/documents/papafrancesco\_20161031\_omelia-svezia-lund.html.

<sup>2</sup> www.lutheranworld.org/sites/default/files/FromConflicttoCommunion.pdf

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## Family Faith Formation

### Today is a R.E.A.CH Sunday

**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



Sunday, October 8, at 12:30pm on the Parish Center Upper Level is a Sacrament Preparation Parent Meeting for parents of children making their Sacraments of Reconciliation/Eucharist this year. Parents, you are asked to attend this meeting and have your child and their siblings attend the 12:30pm session of REACH.

### Baptism News



Why not schedule your Baptismal appointment today before the arrival of your little one? Contact the Faith Formation Office [debbief@stmoside.org](mailto:debbief@stmoside.org) for more information. Our next Baptism Preparation class for Parents/Godparents is Tuesday, October 10, at 7:00pm. Call to register before the evening of class.

### Internet Safety Training for the Family

**Want to know how to talk to your kids about Internet Safety?** Join us on Monday evening, November 13, 7:00pm, for a family friendly (fifth grade thru adult) presentation by Jon Moffat from Cyber Education Services.

**Bring your family and your phones to the event!**

### 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](mailto: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 9**  
**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](mailto: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](mailto: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 15, 7:00-8:30pm**. Contact Rory at [roryg@stmoside.org](mailto: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



# Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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## Collection for Week of September 26-October 2

Number of Registered Households	1,250
Offertory	\$12,341.07
Offertory (Loose Collection)	\$1,170.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,511.07</b>

## Mortgage/Building Completion Fund Income

September 2017

Mortgage Offering Collected	\$34,083.25
Mortgage Offering (Special Collection)	\$ 0.00
Mortgage Offering (Total for September)	\$34,083.25
Mortgage Payment Due	\$44,806.21
Payment toward Parish Reserves*	\$ 0.00
<b>Mortgage Payment Overage/(Shortfall)</b>	<b>(\$10,722.96)</b>

Memorial Items toward Building Completion Fund \$410.00

Please continue to support the  
Mortgage/Building Completion Fund!

\* Mortgage Payment overage will be applied to Parish Reserves

## "Did You Know " Collection September 2017

\$523.00

## Restaurant Fundraisers September 2017

Nucci's	\$223.81
Rosati's	\$343.28
Chili's	\$200.00

## PLANNED GIVING AND OUR LEGACY A WAY TO GIVE ~ A WAY TO RECEIVE



## DESIGNATED BANK ACCOUNTS, STOCKS, WILLS, LIVING TRUSTS, LIFE INSURANCE, MUTUAL FUNDS, REAL ESTATE, STM ENDOWMENT WITH CATHOLIC COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF SAN DIEGO (CCFSD)

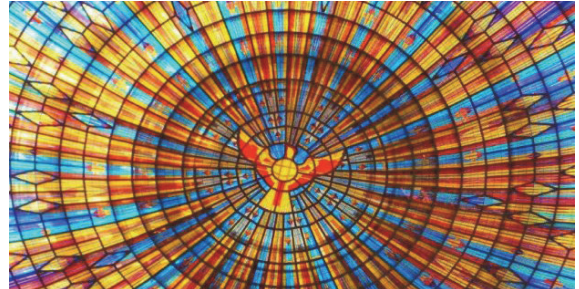
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This program is one way of helping the Parish raise the resources necessary to continue our campus build out and also help plan for our future needs (i.e., Tower of Faith participants). Gifts of this nature are beneficial and much appreciated by St.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

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## Life as Disciples and Stewards Who Evangelize



I have been greatly influenced by the wisdom of Bishop Sylvester Ryan, bishop emeritus of Monterey, California, who often reminds us that stewardship and evangelization are two sides of the same coin. That coin is discipleship.

People who are aware of their call to grow as disciples is a life-giving and dynamic process. It can also be challenging, as is the call itself. Jesus' way is one that places demands upon us, and yet, as the United States bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship notes, it is also a way of joy and a life filled with meaning.

Let us briefly explore these three interrelated calls:

**Discipleship:** While we are drawn into Christ's Body through the waters of baptism, many of us grow into a living relationship with Christ over many years. Once that relationship has been ignited, or re-ignited, people's lives are shaped by their faith and desire to grow in love of God and all that we believe as Christians. This process of ongoing conversion takes place within the community of faith.

We have the opportunity to create an environment in which those of us who are already on the journey of discipleship recognize their call to reach out to others, building bridges to living faith.

**Stewardship:** We are Christian stewards because we are followers of Jesus Christ. As the bishops' pastoral indicates clearly, **"Stewardship is an expression of discipleship with the power to change how we understand and live out our lives."** Through our lives as stewards, we embrace Christ's self-giving, sacrificial way of life.

**Evangelization:** When we are in love, we cannot help but share that love with others. That is the essence of evangelization. We share the love of God as good stewards of our faith, and our sharing has the potential to draw others into a new or deeper relationship with God in Jesus Christ, as disciples and stewards.

Keeping this interrelationship in mind as we develop stewardship processes and initiatives helps us lead the people we serve to a joy-filled, meaningful way of life.

—partially excerpted, by Leisa Anslinger, author and co-founder of  
Catholic Strengths and Engagement Community (CSEC)  
—ICSC October 2017 e-newsletter (with permission)

**Christian Stewardship is not a program.  
It is a way of life.**

## Memorial Item Donations Available

### Jesus on the Road to Emmaus

Bronze Sculpture for  
Daily Mass Chapel \$30,000

## Memorial Item Donations Partial

### Jesus, Divine Redeemer and

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

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## The Larger Church News

**Young Catholic Professionals Executive Speaker Series**—Tuesday, October 10, 7:00pm, University of San Diego Salomon Hall. Focused on creating community, fostering spirituality, and living out a Catholic identity in the professional world. For more information, please contact Ryan Hagelin at [ryan.hagelin@ycpsandiego.org](mailto:ryan.hagelin@ycpsandiego.org).

**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.

**Parish Mission by Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, “The Dynamic Deacon”**—October 22, 6:00-8:00pm, October 23-26, 9:00-10:00am or 7:00-8:30pm., San Rafael Catholic Church, 17252 Bernardo Center Dr., Rancho Bernardo, 92128. For more information, visit <http://tinyurl.com/ya8uhxwe>.

**Mater Dei Catholic High School Open House**—Sunday, October 22, 10:00am-1:00pm. Visit [materdeicatholic.org](http://materdeicatholic.org) for more information.

**Bishop Barron’s Word on Fire Parish Evangelization Training**—Wednesday, October 25, 9:00am-2:30pm, Diocesan Pastoral Center, 3888 Paducah Dr., San Diego 92117. Registration required. For more information, contact Lisa Vaca at [lvaca@sdccatholic.org](mailto:lvaca@sdccatholic.org).

**Side-by-Side 5k Benefiting Life Perspectives**—Saturday, October 28, 10:00am, De Anza Cove, San Diego. Visit [sidebyside5k.com](http://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.msjc.net/lgbtretreat](http://www.msjc.net/lgbtretreat) for more information.

**Lutheran, Anglican, and Roman Catholic Bishops Lead a Service of Common Prayer and Music Commemorating the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation**—Sunday, October 29, 3:00pm, Immaculata at University of San Diego.

## St. Francis Church News

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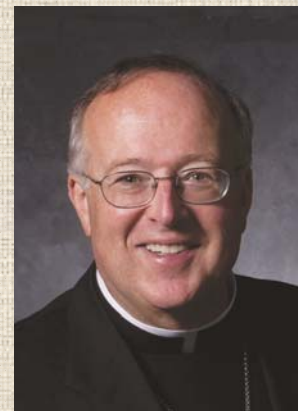
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*Respect Life Month*

# A Sacred Mission in American Public Life

Most Rev. Robert W. McElroy



The month of October is “Respect Life Month” and, while our respect for life as disciples of Jesus Christ ranges from euthanasia to the death penalty to global poverty, the issue of abortion must always demand pivotal attention in American society today. This profound obligation to sustain our attention to abortion flows from the gravity of the taking of innocent human life, which is at the core of every direct abortion and from the continuing refusal of the United States to enact the most elementary legal protections for unborn children. This year, as we celebrate “Respect Life Month,” there are two distinct bases for hope that our nation will address the question of abortion in our nation.

The first reason for hope is the continuing widespread understanding within American culture that abortion is morally wrong. Even though more than four decades have passed since the *Roe v. Wade* decision destroyed legal protections for the unborn, the majority of Americans still instinctively understand that an unborn child is a human person and that, in abortion, a human life is ended. And this perception is widespread among young adults, despite the barrage of propaganda which denies the humanity of preborn children and proposes that the suffering of pregnant mothers totally eclipses the personhood of their children.

The second reason for hope in the United States today on the issue of abortion is that we have a president and a Congressional majority who are willing to enact specific legal prohibitions on abortion. For states like California, which are unwilling to pass even parental notification laws and bans on late-term abortions, federal legislation in these areas offers the only realistic hope on the horizon for establishing the most basic thresholds of support for the life of unborn children. We should support efforts to move vigorously in enacting national statutes that will begin to redress the legal imbalance which reigns in states like California, where it is impossible even to buy true health insurance policies which do not include abortion for any cause, including gender and eugenic selection. This is a moment ripe for progress on these issues, and we should call upon our federal legislators for action and reform.

Deeper progress on the issue of abortion will require sustained conversation within American society which connects the existing moral consensus that abortion is morally wrong with the understanding that it is at the very core of the role of law to protect innocent human life. Only in this way will it be possible to move beyond the unsupportable position that one objects to abortion as the taking of human life but refuses to accept the role of civil law in protecting that human life. Such a conversation must be extremely sensitive to the often excruciating suffering of pregnant women in heartrending situations, and to the need for a discerning pathway for the specific legal sanctions by which society seeks to protect preborn children. But our movement toward the protection of the unborn in American society must be robust and sustained. And we must all be willing to witness to this call of Catholic discipleship, even in moments when it is deeply uncomfortable to publicly attest to this important principle of our faith.





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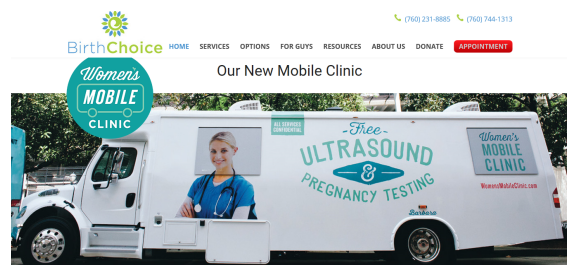
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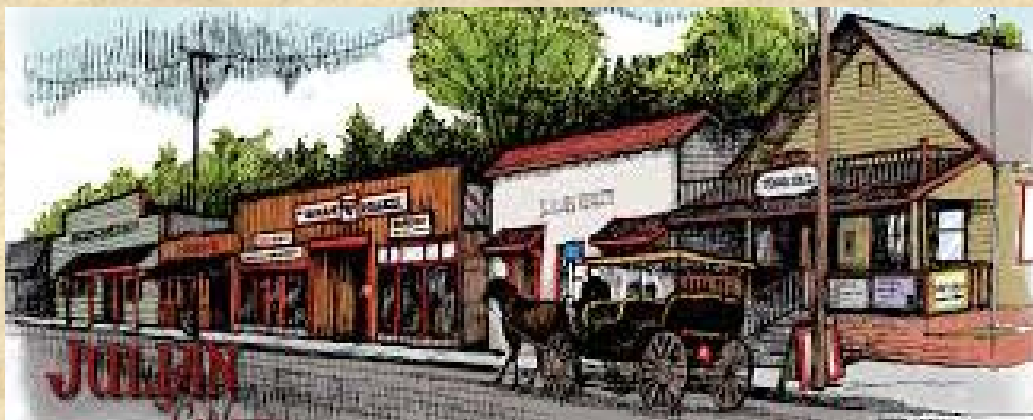


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## A Day in Historic Downtown Julian

### Thursday, November 9



Transportation by chartered luxury coach

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Meet at main parking lot at St. Thomas More  
Boarding begins at 9:00am  
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Return Trip: Depart Julian area at 3:00pm; Arrive at St. Thomas More at approximately 4:45pm

Spend a day in historic downtown Julian. We will travel in a chartered luxury coach to the very center of the historic downtown area. Once there, we can explore numerous quaint shops and restaurants which are within easy walking distance. Lunch will be on our own, from a choice of highly-rated eateries. Last time we visited, there were no McFranchises, just simple home cooking, at a good price. And yes, some/many/most/all of them serve Julian's namesake apple pie!

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Please complete the registration form and a check payable to "STM Spirited Seniors."

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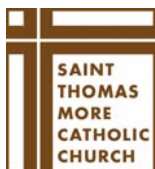


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