

"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." —Matthew 22:21



A Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of San Diego

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Mass Schedule

Saturday at 5:00pm Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am Monday-Friday at 8:15am

Eucharistic AdorationEvery Day, 7:00am-7:00pm

Reconciliation (Confession) Saturday, 3:30-4:30pm and by appointment

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Diocesan Service of Common Prayer Celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation

Sunday, October 29, 3:00pm Immaculata Catholic Church University of San Diego

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 22, 2017

Pastor's Column

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

The Obvious

A story was once told about Sherlock Holmes and his faithful friend, Dr. Watson:

Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson went on a camping trip. After a good meal and a bottle of wine they lay down in their tent for the night and went to sleep.

Some hours later, Holmes awoke and nudged his faithful friend awake. "Watson, look up at the sky and tell me what you see."

Watson replied, "I see millions and millions of stars."

"What does that tell you?" Holmes questioned.

Watson pondered for a minute. "Astronomically, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. Astrologically, I observe Saturn is in Leo. Logically, I deduce that the time is approximately a quarter past three. Theologically, I can see that God is all-powerful and that we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically, I suspect that we will have a beautiful day tomorrow."

"Is that all?" Holmes asked. "Yes," Watson replied. "Why, am I missing something?"

Holmes was quiet for a moment, then spoke: "Watson, you nut head. Someone has stolen the tent!"

The point of this story is, I believe, well made. As we make our journey of life, we collect all kinds of information and we live and operate within many "ologies."

Do these "ologies" help us to see reality or do we get so caught up in them that we find ourselves missing the obvious?

I pray this day: "Dear God, you are the God of the obvious. Help me to take the plank of 'ologies' out of my eye, before I complain about the speck in my brother's or sister's eye. Give me the eyes and ears of faith to see and hear the obvious in the world around me.

I ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen"



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.



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 sixeight 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

Update from Fr. Rich Lewandowski

Thank you...thank you...to my fellow parishioners at my West Coast Parish.

To all who so kindly sent "get well" cards and messages...
To all who remembered me in their prayers...

Thank you, very much. My surgery went well, and I'm on the mend. Look forward to being with you soon.

God bless, Fr. Rich

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 Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (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.

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

Welcome New Parishioners

Farigal & Ashley Kieley & Family

Congratulations to

Mario & Diana Diaz

who celebrate their 30th anniversary of marriage on October 24.

May God continue to bless your marriage, and may you be an inspiration to other married couples.

In Memoriam

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:



Richard Clarke, who died October 14. His Funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday, October 20, at St. Thomas More. Please keep his family in your prayers.

Alexander Sergio Ochoa, who died recently. His celeberation of life was held on October 21. Please keep his father, Sergio Ochoa, his sister, Karlena, and his fmaily in your prayers.

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

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Questions? Contact Lorraine Doering at lorrained@stmoside.org

STM \$crip News

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

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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.

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

Readinas for the Week Ahead

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

Sunday, October 22 (145) Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Isaiah 45:1,4-6 Psalm 96:1,3-5,7-10 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b Matthew 22:15-21

Monday, October 23 (664) John of Capistrano, priest 2 Corinthians 5:14-20 Psalm 16:1b-2a,5,7-8,11 Luke 9:57-62

Tuesday, October 24 (665) Anthony Mary Claret, bishop Isaiah 52:7-10 Psalm 96:1-3,7-8,10 Mark 1:14-20

Wednesday, October 25 (475) Romans 6:12-18 Psalm 124:1-8

Luke 12:39-48

Thursday, October 26 (476) Romans 6:19-23

Psalm 1:1-4,6 Luke 12:49-53

Friday, October 27 (477) Romans 7:18-25a Psalm 119:60,68,76-77,93-94

Luke 12:54-59

Saturday, October 28 (666)

Simon and Jude, apostles Ephesians 2:19-22 Psalm 19:2-5 Luke 6:12-16

Sunday, October 29 (148) Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Exodus 22:20-26 Psalm 18:2-4.47.51 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10 Matthew 22:34-40

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 21, 5:00pm Fiorina Tusei

Sunday, October 22, 8:30am Francis & Dorothy Lair &

Sunday, October 22, 10:30am Randy Reznicek &

Monday, October 23, 8:15am Bernie Lanzrath &

Tuesday, October 24, 8:15am Joan Stringer & Anna Mae Stringer &

Wednesday, October 25, 8:15am Leonardo Petruzzella 🏗

Thursday, October 26, 8:15am Francis Pothier &

Friday, October 27, 8:15am Roger Sullivan 🕈

Saturday, October 28, 5:00pm Leo Grassilli 🕏

Sunday, October 29, 8:30am Patricia Segars &

Sunday, October 29, 10:30am Luis Trejo 🕆

Prayer List (Call 760-758-4100 x102 to add a name for four weeks.)

Changa Aguilera Ernie Aichele Mary Alexander Carrie Autrey Joshua Avery Addison Abigail Aviña 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 Clarke Family 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

Elizabeth Doherty's Aunt Jackie Art & Dave Dossman Steven Douglas The Dowling Family Jerome Elbacha Arthur Eral Carolyn Erickson Ey Victoria Lopez Fenton The Filippi Family The Fiore Family Fr. James Flanagan Mary Fleming Rvan Flum Ernie Follis Eugene Franciscus The Greg French Family

Lydia deVillenueve Carole Dillon

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 Matthew Henry & Family Sunshine Hernandez &

Family Lilian Hills Georgia Ann Hodina Samara Hook Susan Hori Courtney Jackman Katherine Jacobs Kristin Jacobson Randy Jett Jacqueline Johnson Sue Johnston Laura Kater Dottie Kearnev

Connor Kerzie
Peggy Kiernan
Debbie Kinney
Cathy Kleinschmidt
Mark Kneisel Dewey Kolbo Tony Korwin &

Kathleen Aviña 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 Larry Manquero Paige Mansell Gloria Maupin Colleen McCall

Virginia McConnell Paige McCoy Gina McDermott Jerry McEniry Ann McGeary The McGinley Family Bob McWilliams

Joyce Meehan Kalei Mendiola Kalei Mendiola Rita Mikridge Steven Sr., Stevie, & Noah Miller Tom Miller Harold Miller, Jr. Phyllis Minaya June Mitchell

Maria Molina June Montgomery June Montgomery
Nancy Moore
Ryan Moquin
Elizabeth Muehlbacher
Conrad Murphy
Hope Murphy
Michele Murphy
Clay Murray Clay Murray

Margie Myers Andrew Philip Nacional Angela Nacional Melanie Nacional Nida Navarro

Richard Obsitnik The Ochoa Family Gillian Ochoa Kare O'Dell Isaiah Ornelas &

Trinity Coles Laura Paciorek Gloor Ethan Palm Cynthia Pearson Kaili Pearson Salina Pearson Jerry Peralta Elisa Petrie Merri Phelps Roxanne Pietila Helen Pingtella Delilah Plasterer Perry Postulka The Joe Prokop Family Bernie Ptak Barbara Ramm Fr. Mike Ratajczak Jenni Richard Evelyn Richards Rita Ritchie Joel Rivera Ralda Rizke Lilv Robinson Mateo Rodriguez Chuck & Maria Rogers Paul Roofener Dick & Pauline Rossmaessler

The Russo Family Rachel Sainc The Sampair Family Cindy Sanelli Lori Sanna Rose Mary Saputo 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. & Family Olivia Trejo The Trejo/Beltran Family
The Trejo/Maldonado/
Uribe Family

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 Wilmott &

Family John Woodard The Xavier Family Patricia Zavala Jeanne Zeltner

Calendar Highlights

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

Oct 21-22	Women's Guild Bake Sale
Oct 22	Liturgy of the Word for
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0	10:30am Masses
Oct 22	REACH Classes at Church
Oct 25	Reader Workshop Part 3
Oct 28	Side by Side 5K Benefitting
	Life Perspectives
Oct 28-29	Women's Guild Quilters'
	Treasure Fair
Oct 29	Liturgy of the Word for
	Children at 8:30am and
	10:30am Masses
Oct 29	Knights of Columbus
	Breakfast
Oct 29	Diocesan Service of
	Common Prayer
	Celebrating the 500th
	Anniversary of the
	Reformation
Oct 30	Life-Sized Clue for Middle
	and High Schoolers
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 3	Family Movie Night
Nov 7-8	Restaurant Fundraiser at
1107 7 0	Rosati's
Nov 4-30	Stewardship Awareness
1101 1 30	Month
Nov 12	Veteran's Appreciation
110V 12	Breakfast
Nov 13	
	Internet Safety Presentation
Nov 18	Women's Guild Game Day
Nov 21-22	Restaurant Fundraiser at
D 1	Nucci's
Dec 1	Mission Vista High School
	Choirs Concert
Dec 16	Cookie Exchange Party

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, ÚS 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

Special All Souls Day Mass

There will be a special All Souls Day Mass on Thursday, November 2, at 7:00pm. Let us gather as a Parish community to remember our loved ones who have gone before us and now rest in the peace and joy of God's presence.

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.

Attention Christmas Angels!

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. If you have any questions or would like to assist in this ministry, please contact Lisa Seufert at 760-716-0977.

Ianite! Updates Corner

Ignite! Tomorrow—Monday, October 23, from 6:30-8:30pm: We will be discussing our next social justice issue: hunger. Come for dinner, games, fellowship, and a discussion on hunger in America and what we can do as Catholics. See you there and bring a friend!

Ignite! Recap: This past week we welcomed Eric VanMaarth and his wife Francie to talk about care for creation and our responsibility to creation as Catholics. We learned about how



different areas of our life (i.e., society. human rights, water, food, pollution, consumption, and more) are This interconnected. picture shows how we created a web with yarn connecting these different words. Thank you Eric for sharing your knowledge with us!

Coming Soon: Check out the Faith Formation page for a preview of our Halloween celebration plans for Ignite! on Monday, October 30, 6:30pm-8:30pm!! (Hint: it involves a bit of detective work!!)

—Tilly Rudolph

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 weekend: 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.wwme-sandiego.org

For more information, visit *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.

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.

Men's Fellowship Update

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.

Parish Events

Women's Guild News

You aspire to do great things? Begin with little ones
—St Augustine of Hippo 354-430

This weekend, October 21-22, before is our semi-annual bake sale. Anna Marie Martinet is our Bake Sale chair. Women's Guild members will be on the plaza offering everyone a delicious home baked goodie to take home. Thanks to everyone who contributed to make this fundraiser a success!

October 28-29 is our Small Item Quilt sale. What a perfect way to start on your Christmas shopping. Christmas will be only TWO months away! Our quilting ladies have been working hard to make this a success. Stop by the tables on the plaza and the Parish Center Upper Level, after or before Masses, and see all the beautiful handmade items that the quilting group has created. Siggie Ogan and Nancy Wozniak are our chairpersons for this event.

Monday, November 13 is the date of our next luncheon meeting. Our guest speaker will be Douglas Lynn from our music ministry here at STM. The title of November's program is "From Towers To Table, the Origin and Use of Handbells." Hope to see all of you there!

Game Day is Saturday, November 18, 10:00 am-3:00 pm. Vikki Ramey- is our chairperson for this event. Signup sheets will be passed around at the November 13 meeting for food, baskets, and card tables. We need everyone's help to make our fundraiser a success! This is a day of fun that includes playing games of your choice, snacks, lunch, dessert, door prizes, and opportunity baskets. Everyone is welcome—members, friends, and family. Tickets are \$20 and will be sold on the plaza for several weekends prior to the event. Watch for the flyer in an upcoming bulletin!

Peace Be with You,

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

Annual Veteran's Appreciation Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus are hosting the Third Annual Veteran's Appreciation Breakfast, on Sunday, November 12, 12:00-3:00pm. Please RSVP by Thursday, November 9, to https://stm.koc.veteransday.eventbrite.com, or contact the Parish Office.

Spirited Seniors Outing to Julian

The Spirited Seniors have arranged to spend a day in historic downtown Julian. On Thursday, November 9, we will depart from the STM main parking area at 9:15am and travel to Julian in a chartered luxury coach. The historic downtown is very compact, with everything within easy walking distance. We will explore the museum and quaint shops and enjoy lunch on our own at any of the many highly-rated eateries. We will depart Julian at 2:00pm and make a quick stop at the legendary Dudley's Bakery, depart at 3:00pm, and arrive back at our main parking area at about 4:45pm.

\$25 for members, \$30 for non-members. Space is limited and reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Please put your reservation request and your check payable to "STM Spirited Seniors" in an envelope marked "Spirited Seniors Julian Trip" and return it to the offertory collection or Parish Office, Box 12. The deadline for reservations is noon Tuesday, October 31. For more information, contact Jim and Marilyn Day at 760-509-4545 or *jandmday@cox.net*.

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.

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.

IGNITE High School Youth Group News

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

Liturgy & Music Worship God

Douglas Lynn
Director of Liturgy and Music
douglasl@stmoside.org; 760-758-4100 x140

...ALL HOLY MEN AND WOMEN, PRAY FOR US

The "American Saints" — Part 1

There are eleven women and men considered "American Saints" by the Church in the United States, and we include them as part of the Litany of Saints.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, S.C. (Jan 4)

Elizabeth Ann Seton was the charming "belle of the ball" as a young woman in New York City. At the age of 19, she fell in love and married. Ten years later, Elizabeth was left a poor widow with five children to raise alone. Her love for the Eucharist led her to convert to Catholicism and founded the first order of religious women in America, the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph. She raised her children, lived the life of a sister, founded several schools, and is considered the founder of the Catholic School system in the US.

St. John Neumann, C.Ss.R. (Jan 5)

John Neumann knew he was called to be a priest, but his ordination was cancelled and never rescheduled due to an over-abundance of priests in Europe. He traveled from Bohemia to New York City to be ordained. He was one of 36 priests serving 200,000 Catholics, with a "parish" stretched from Lake Ontario throughout Pennsylvania, and the founder of the first diocesan Catholic School system.

St. Marianne Cope, O.S.F. (Jan 23)

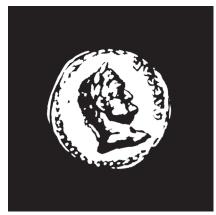
Marianne Cope grew up as an elder child in a large family, and worked in a factory after finishing the eighth grade. She joined the Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis a few years later, and began a whirlwind of leadership roles: twice as the novice mistress, and three times as the superior of St. Joseph's Hospital in Syracuse. Later, she volunteered to take care of the lepers in Molokai.

St. Katharine Drexel, S.B.S. (Mar 3)

When Katharine Drexel asked Pope Leo XIII to send more missionaries to Wyoming, he asked, "Why don't you become a missionary?" A young, wealthy, educated girl from Philadelphia, this was hardly the expected lifestyle for her, but she was raised in a devout family with a deep sympathy for the poor and gave up everything to found schools for African Americans in thirteen states and missions for Native Americans in sixteen states as a missionary.

St. Damien of Molokai, SS.CC. (May 10)

Damien de Veuster was born in Belgium to a farming



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family. He entered the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary at age 19. Damien's older brother, a priest in this congregation, had offered his service to the care of the lepers on the Molokai. When he fell ill and couldn't go, Damien volunteered to take his place at the mission in the leper colony where he built schools, churches, hospitals, and coffins. Later joined in his work by the Franciscan Sisters of Syracuse, led by St. Marianne Cope, he contracted the disease, but continued to serve until his death.

St. Junípero Serra, O.F.M. (Jul 1)

As a young man, Junípero Serra joined the Franciscan order in Spain and worked as a professor. When he was thirty-five, he suddenly began to yearn for the life of a missionary in the New World. He left everything behind and boarded a ship bound for Vera Cruz, Mexico. He founded 21 missions, and through his insistence and dedication was brought about the "Regulation" protecting Native Americans and the missions.

St. Kateri Tekakwitha (Jul 14)

Kateri Tekakwitha, the "Lily of the Mohawks," was orphaned at the age of four and raised by her uncle, the chief of the Mohawk village. When priests came to the village, Kateri was drawn by their teachings, and converted at the age of 19, heedless of the anger of her relatives. A missionary encouraged her to run away to Montreal, Canada, to practice her faith freely. She followed his advice, and lived a life of extreme prayer and penance, taking a vow of virginity.

Next week—Part 2

Upcoming Music

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OCTOBER 29 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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5:00pm

Cantor Assembly

8:30am

Sanctuary Choir

10:30am

Tower Bells

All Saints and All Souls | November 1 and 2 | Masses at 8:15am and 7:00pm

Faith Formation

each and Live the Gospel Tilly Rudolph Youth Advocate 760-758-4100 x161: tillvr@stmoside.org

Debbie Fredette Director of Faith Formation 760-758-4100 x110; debbief@stmoside.org

Family Faith Formation

Today is a REACH 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, November 5, 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.

Confirmation News

Our next M3 (Mass/Meal/Message) is scheduled for Saturday, November 4, beginning with the 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.

Family Movie Night



Wear your converse and join us for Family Movie Night on Friday, November 3, 6:30pm on the Parish Center Upper Level. Bring your lawn chair/blanket and a snack to share. We will have beverages, candy, and popcorn for purchase. Proceeds support STM Youth Ministry.

Internet Safety Training for the Family



How Do I Keep My Child Safe When They Know More about **Today's Technology than I Do?**

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

St. Thomas More ARK News



The ARK, is now open during the 10:30am Mass on Sundays! For more info 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!

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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 on Sunday, October 29, 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.

Youth Ministry



An Event for Middle and High **Schoolers**

Monday, October 30, at 7:00pm. Join us for dinner and a game

Life-Sized Clue!

Check out STM Ignite or contact Tilly at tillyr@stmoside.org For more information.

High School

FOOD, FUN & FRIENDS All teens grades 9-12 Welcome!

IGNITE High School Youth Group will meet Monday, October 23, Parish Center Lower Level 6:30-8:30pm (dinner served)



Stewardship & Development Serve God's People

Chris Smith Director of Stewardship & Development

Collection for Week of October 10-16	
Number of Registered Households	1,248
Offertory	\$8,702.92
Offertory (Loose Collection)	\$1,244.50
Total	\$9,947.42

Mortgage/Building Completion Fund Income September 2017

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
Mortgage Payment Overage/(Shortfall)	(\$10,722.96)
	

Memorial Items toward Building Completion Fund \$410.00

> Please continue to support the Mortgage/Building Completion Fund!

Got Deductions? 2017 YEAR-END CHECKLIST



- BE SURE TO COMPLETE all gifts by December 31 to qualify for tax savings on this year's tax return. Advance planning with the Parish Office is essential, since the Parish Office will be closed after Friday, December 22, at 4:00pm and will reopen on Tuesday, January 2, 2018.
- Donations received at the Saturday, December 30, 2017, Vigil Mass and Sunday, December 31, Masses will be counted toward the 2017 tax year.
- Envelopes POSTMARKED by Sunday, December 31, 2017, will be counted toward the 2017 tax year.
- Annual Catholic Appeal ~ Parishioners with a balance due on their pledges made to this year's ACA are requested to conclude payments by December 31, 2017. (Tithing families, know that your tithe covers your ACA contribution.)
- Keep all gift receipts and acknowledgment letters, especially for gifts of \$250 or more.
- Stock Donations can be made at: www.sdcatholic.org, Giving, Stock Donations. Legal Name/Parish Name: Pastor of Saint Thomas More Catholic Parish, Tax ID# 27-3936812.

October ~ Month of the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary

As we continue our faith journey during this month of October, we are very much aware of the power of praying the Holy Rosary. More and more miracles are attributed to this devotion. We know that the Blessed Virgin Mary was the first Christian steward, having said "Yes" to God at



a very young age. Her journey is humbling and inspiring.

The piece below is worth sharing and you can find out more on St. Joseph's Abbey website: http://www.spencerabbey.org



October is the month traditionally dedicated to the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary. What consolation the Rosarv brings. Remembering the mysteries of Christ's life and Our Lady's life, we repeat Hail Mary after Hail Mary. Indeed, the mysteries of the Holy Rosary- joyful, sorrowful, glorious, and luminous, are the mysteries of our own lives as well. As we pray the Rosary, we beg Our Lady to draw us

closer to him who is our Light. We remember seeing parents and grandparents so often praying their rosaries, "telling their beads," as some referred to this devotion. We remember that for many saints the Rosary was an indispensable part of their daily prayer.

In his biography of Pope Francis, Austen Ivreigh recounts then Cardinal Bergoglio's experience of praying with Saint John Paul:

One afternoon I went to pray the Holy Rosary that the Holy Father was leading. He was in front of us on his knees. With the Holy Father's back to me, I entered into prayer. In the middle of the prayer, I became distracted looking at the pope, and time began to fade away. I began to imagine the young priest, the seminarian, the poet, the worker, the child from Wadowice in exactly the same posture as he was now, praying Hail Mary after Hail Mary. His witness struck me. I felt this man, chosen to guide the Church, was the summation of a path trod together with his Mother in heaven, a path that began in his childhood. And I suddenly realized the weight of the words spoken by the Mother of Guadalupe to Saint Juan Diego, "Do not be afraid. Am I not your mother?" I grasped the presence of Mary in the pope's life. His witness did not get lost in memory. From that time onward I have prayed the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary every day.

> - Excerpts from The Great Reformer: Francis and the Making of a Radical Pope, Austen Ivreigh, p.275

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.

^{*} Mortgage Payment overage will be applied to Parish Reserves

Memorial Item Donations Available

Jesus on the Road to Emmaus Bronze Sculpture for

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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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For more information, contact the Parish Office: 760-758-4100 x100 or parishoffice@stmoside.org

The Larger Church News

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 Bernarodo, 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* for more information.

Young Catholic Professionals Networking Happy Hour—Tuesday, October 24, McGregor's Gill and Ale House, San Diego. 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.

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@sdcatholic.org*.

J Serra Catholic High School Events—Open house on October 26, and more. Visit *www.jserra.org* for details.

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

Explorer Day: Is God Calling You to Become a Priest?—Saturday, November 4, 8:30am-3:30pm. For more information or to register, contact Fr. Mike Ratajcak at michaelr@stmoside.org or Fr. Lauro Minimo at lmini mo@sdcatholic.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 *inadlerphd@gmail.com* or 750-814-8604.

Pilgrimage in the Footsteps of St. Paul—April 25-May5, 2018, with Fr. Ron Kelso. Brochures available in the Parish Office.

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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.

John Paul the Great Catholic University Master of Arts in Biblical Theology—For more information, go to www.jpcatholic.com or contact 858-653-6740 x1117.

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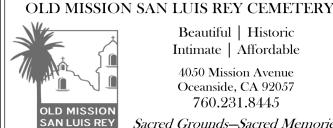




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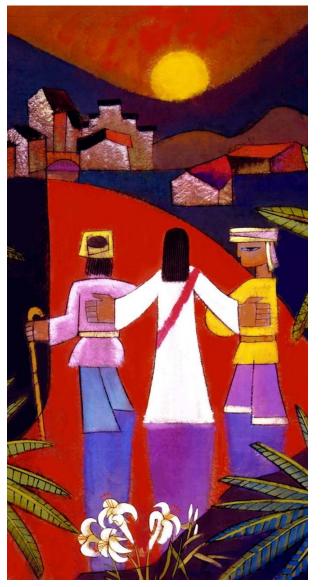
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Sunday, October 29, 3:00pm The Immaculata Catholic Church

on the campus of the University of San Diego

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Bishops from all three traditions will be participating.

Bishop Robert McElroy will preach.

St. Thomas More's Music Ministry will lead the music.

There is designated parking and a light reception will follow.

Please join us in this time of mutual encouragement and devotion to God.

For more information, please contact the Roman Catholic Diocese of San Diego's Office for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs at www.sdcatholic.org



Knights of Columbus Breakfast

Sunday, October 29
Parish Center Lower Level
9:00-10:30am



Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage, Hash Browns, Fruit, Coffee/Juice



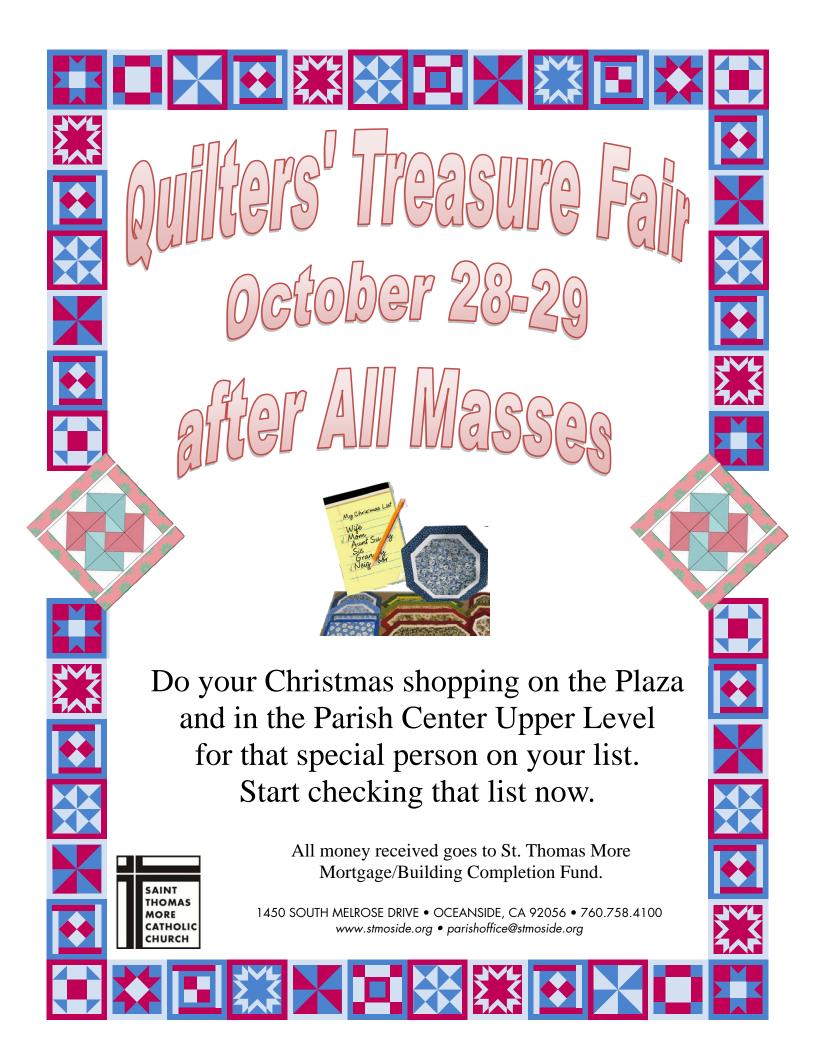


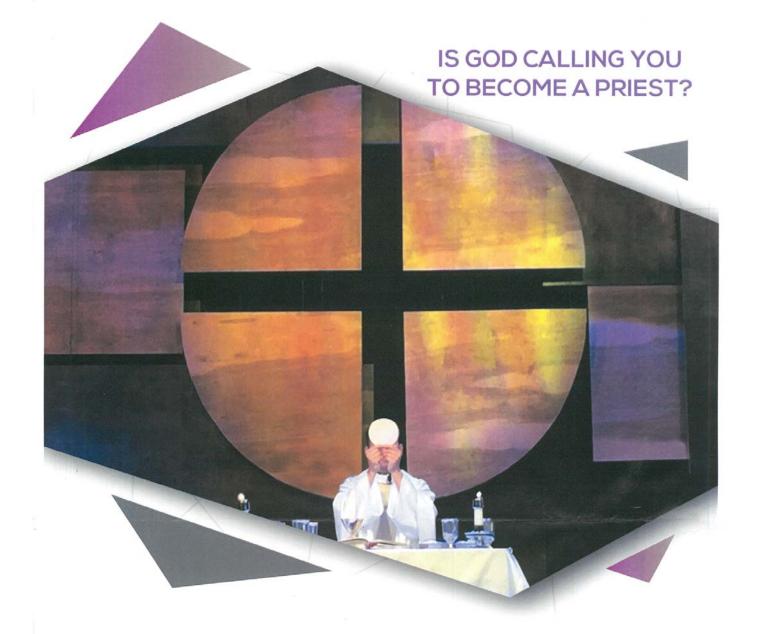
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