

"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." —Matthew 25:13



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

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

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St. Thomas More: A Parish For All Seasons!

Stewardship
Awareness/Renewal Month

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time November 12, 2017

Pastor's Column

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

Christian Stewardship:

"St. Thomas More: A Parish For All Seasons!"

We continue our journey through the month of November as we reflect upon Christian Stewardship, and reflect upon our Faith Community as a Parish for all seasons.

Christian Stewardship is a way of living, living as Disciples of the Lord Jesus. Thus Christian Stewardship is, simply put: Discipleship being faithful to Jesus and to one another.

This weekend, at all our Eucharistic Celebrations, Michael and Lia Haubert and family will share their "witness talk" about their journey with the Lord Jesus. They focus, especially, upon what attracted them to our Faith Community of St. Thomas More and motivates their active participation in our Parish.

Our Stewardship Theme, "A Parish For All Seasons," reminds us of our interconnectedness, the web of relationship and community that gives meaning to life through the various movements of our lives.

Michael and Lia and family, thank you for being with us this weekend in this very special way!

I share with you a prayer that I would encourage you to pray as a household sometime this week:

Give thanks to the Lord, our God, who has created all life. God's love is forever.

Open our eyes to the joys and gifts to be learned and shared from all the seasons of life.

Open our eyes that we may know your love at each moment of our lives.

Thank you, God, for children who are curious, unafraid, and infectiously joyful, who are trusting receivers of God's grace.

We thank and praise you, God, for children.

Thank you, Lord, for the young who demonstrate courage and hope as they begin new adventures; for their fresh ideas and their energies.

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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)

We thank and praise you, God, for the young.

For those in the middle years of life, we give thanks, dear Lord, for steady hands and hearts that guide the young and offer their experience to us all.

We thanks and praise you, God, for those in the middle years of life.

For those grown up and grown old, dear Lord, we celebrate your special gift.

We give thanks for joys seen only through the eyes of those who are wise in their age and whose stories of life lived can enrich all our lives.

We give thanks and praise, dear Lord, for those who have grown old.

Guide our lives, Lord, so that in each stage of life we recognize and cherish the joys and sorrows, the strengths and weaknesses, and the special presence of your Spirit—not only in our own season of life, but in the lives of each other, young or old or in between.

Dear God, we give you praise and thanksgiving for all the seasons of life, and we ask that you open our eyes that we may see the unique gift of each person's life, created out of your love.

Your love, God, enfolds us all!



—Sarah Hipps, retired/educator/chaplain, Presbyterian Church, USA

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 Parishioner

Steven Bourdow Helen Coletti Benjamin & Kim Timpauer & Family Virgilio Urbaztondo

Announcing the Baptism of

Kezia Noelle Spencer Madelyn Grace Kegler



on November 12

Our Christian community welcomes you with great joy!

Congratulations to

Bill & Jan Wilczynski

who celebrated their 30th anniversary of marriage on November 7.

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:



Carole Dillon, who died November 2. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, November 28, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Her vigil service will be on Monday, November 27, at 7:00pm at St. Thomas More. Please keep her husband, Joe, and her family in your

prayers.

Frank Thompson, who died November 2. His funeral arrangements are pending. He is a former Parishioner who had been living in Texas. Please keep his family in your prayers.

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

Collection for National Needs

The month of November has been designated for the Collection for National Needs, which supports the Black and Indian Missions, the Catholic Home Missions, the Catholic Communications Campaign, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, and the Catholic University of America. The envelopes that were attached to the bulletin recently may be returned any time this month. Thank you!

STM Scrip News

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

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

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

Gillian Ochoa

The Ochoa Family Kare O'Dell

Trinity Coles Laura Paciorek Gloor

Rosalie Ruzicka Paite

Isaiah Ornelas &

Cynthia Pearson

Kaili Pearson

Salina Pearson

Ethan Palm

Readings for the Week Ahead

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

Sunday, November 12 (154) Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Wisdom 6:12-16 Psalm 63:2-8 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-13

Monday, November 13 (491) Frances Xavier Cabrini, virgin Wisdom 1:1-7 Psalm 139:1-10 Luke 17:1-6

Tuesday, November 14 (492) Wisdom 2:23–3:9 Psalm 34:2-,16-19

Luke 17:7-10 Wednesday, November 15 (675) Albert the Great, bishop, doctor Sirach 15:1-6

Psalm 119:9-14 Matthew 13:47-52

Thursday, November 16 (676)

Margaret of Scotland; Gertrude, virgin Isaiah 58:6-11 Psalm 112:1-9

John 15:9-17 Friday, November 17 (678) Elizabeth of Hungary, religious

1 John 3:14-18 Psalm 34:2-11 Luke 6:27-38

Saturday, November 18 (496) The Dedication of the Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul, apostles Rose Philippine Duchesne, virgin

Wisdom 18:14-16;19:6-9 Psalm 105:2-3,36-37,42-43 Luke 18:1-8

Sunday, November 19 (157) Thirty-Third Sunday

in Ordinary Time Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31 Psalm 128:1-5 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 Matthew 25:14-30

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 11, 5:00pm All the deceased members of the Lavelle & Tutino Families &

Sunday, November 12, 8:30am Emilio Restituta P

Sunday, November 12, 10:30am Arturo & Breanne Bernal

Monday, November 13, 8:15am Arlie Berry &

Tuesday, November 14, 8:15am Josephine De Coro T

Wednesday, November 15, 8:15am Fr. Cávana Wallace

Thursday, November 16, 8:15am Carolynne Rudolph &

Friday, November 17, 8:15am Jennifer Treat &

Saturday, November 18, 5:00pm Mike Bracci

Sunday, November 19, 8:30am Tom & Katie Padilla

Sunday, November 19, 10:30am Lisa Mogno Marino

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

Lou Gordon George & Liz Gritt Luke Guenst

Charlene Hammonds

Dwayne Hammonds

The Harker Family Dorothy Harrison Michelle Harrison &

Susan Hallahan

Family Barbara Hatem

Vanessa Hayes

LaNay Hazzard

Family Lilian Hills

Matthew Henry &

Susan Hori Courtney Jackman Katherine Jacobs

Jacqueline Johnson The Judy Mitchell

Peggy Kiernan Debbie Kinney Cathy Kleinschmidt Mark Kneisel

Dewey Kolbo Tony Korwin & Kathleen Aviña

Brandon LeBlanc

Susan Lee Jake Lefferdink

JoAnne Lesser

Ashley Load

Family Larry Manquero Paige Mansell

Paige McCoy Gina McDermott Jerry McEniry

Kalei Mendiola

Harold Miller, Jr. Phyllis Minaya June Mitchell

Maria Molina

Hope Murphy Michele Murphy

Clay Murray Margie Myers Andrew Philip

Nida Navarro Richard Obsitnik

Nacional Angela Nacional Melanie Nacional

Tom Miller

Aleah Leon

Kristin Jacobson

Family
Laura Kater
Dottie Kearney
Connor Kerzie

Tomo Hamasaki

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 Mary Bellantoni John Bennici Regina Bentz Lisa Berg Roseanne Berg David Blecki Barry Botsford Bily Botsford Lynda Brady Tawnya Brady Zane Breier Janet Brown Anita Buerger Amelia Buono Roger & Pat Burkardt Lynn Butcher Shelby Campbell Breanne Campos Aria Cappeluti Nanette Carey The Carroll & Cummings Families 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 Lydia deVillenueve The Dillon Family Judith & Joe DiMatteo Elizabeth Doherty's Aunt Jackie Art & Dave Dossman Steven Douglas Jerome Elbacha Arthur Eral Carolyn Erickson Ev Victoria Lopez Fenton The Filippi Family The Fiore Family Fr. James Flanagan Mary Fleming Ernie Follis Eugene Franciscus The Greg French Family
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

Matthew Gora

Salina Pearson
Jerry Peralta
Merri Phelps
Roxanne Pietila
Delilah Plasterer
Perry Postulka
The Joe Prokop Family
Parnia Rtd. Family Sunshine Hernandez & Bernie Ptak Barbara Ramm Fr. Mike Ratajczak Georgia Ann Hodina Samara Hook Jenni Richard Evelyn Richards Rita Ritchie Joel Rivera Ralda Rizke Lily Robinson Mateo Rodriguez Chuck & Maria Rogers Paul Roofener Dick & Pauline Rossmaessler Rossmaessler
The Russo Family
Rachel Sainc
Cindy Sanelli
Lori Sanna
Rose Mary Saputo
Lani Schiller
Linda Schmidt Lorene Kundert Lillian Lachance The Lamelin Family Joan Shea Teresa Sheehey Elizabeth Shirzad Ashley LaMothe & Family
Pauline Lapre's sister
Justine Ellen Simonson Barb Slabaugh Cinda Smits Nick Soltau Steve Soule Gilda Spiegl Darek, Vanessa, & Elba Spizewski Elba Spizewski Don St. Pierre Patricia St. Pierre Stella Leué Fr. Rich Lewandowski Joy Stanton Sybil Staples Mike Sterling Cassandra & Lauren Loretto The Maldonado Family Betty Stewart The Maldonado Trejo Laura Bernard Stover, MD Pete Sullivan Pat Swanton
Laura Thiele
The Thompson Family
Tommy & Ginger Gloria Maupin Colleen McCall Virginia McConnell Thompson Sarah Tillinghast William Tompson Stephen Toth, Jr. & Ann McGeary
The McGinley Family
Bob McWilliams Family Olivia Trejo The Trejo/Beltran Rita Mikridge Steven Sr., Stevie, & Noah Miller Family The Trejo/Maldonado/ Uribe Family Wayne Twilliger Bob Ulrich Martin Vertson Lucy Viramontes Vanessa Vitiello Wilson Wanner Kevin Watson-Graff Name Montgomery
Nancy Moore
Ryan Moquin
Elizabeth Muehlbacher
Conrad Murphy Kevin Watson-Graf Jim Watters Jerry Wechsler Elaine Weiler Mona Weir Lee Welch Rylee West Linda Willingham Gerri Wilmott & Family Family John Woodard The Xavier Family Patricia Zavala Jeanne Zeltner

Calendar Highlights

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

Nov	Stewardship Awareness/ Renewal Month
Nov 12	Liturgy of the Word for
NOV 12	Children at 8:30am and
	10:30am Masses
Nov 12	
NOV 12	Veteran's Appreciation
N 12	Breakfast
Nov 13	Internet Safety Presentation
Nov 18	Women's Guild Game Day
Nov 19	Liturgy of the Word for
	Children at 8:30am and
	10:30am Masses
Nov 19	REACH Classes at Church
Nov 21-22	Restaurant Fundraiser at
	Nucci's
Nov 23	Thanksgiving Day—Mass
	at 9:00am
Nov 26	The Ark Nursery closed
Nov 29	Town Hall Meeting
Dec 1	Mission Vista High School
	Choirs Concert
Dec 8	Immaculate Conception of
	the Blessed Virgin Mary—
	Masses at 8:15am and
	7:00pm
Dec 10	Advent Reconciliation
	Service at 4:00pm
Dec 15	Parent Shopping Night
Dec 16	Cookie Exchange Party
Dec 19	Spirited Seniors Winter
	Luncheon
Dec 24	The Ark Nursery closed
Dec 31	The Ark Nursery closed
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Jan 7	12th Night Choir Festival
Jan 28	Greater San Diego Coterie
	presents Rhapsody in Blue

Questions? Contact Henny at 760-758-4100 x100

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 Col. Conrad Salinas, MD Sr. Airman Robert Spear, USAF Sgt. Charles Watts, USMC MGY SGT Paul Weisinger

Social Ministries & Outreach

Got Candy?

If you have extra candy from Halloween...or the kids have too much, please bring it to the Parish Office before November 20, and we will make arrangements to have it sent across the border to Casa de los Pobres for the orphans and poor in Tijuana. It will be distributed by the Sisters as special treats and Christmas sweets.

Thanksgiving Pies!

It's that time again...the time we celebrate our thankfulness by an annual feast. Some, however, have little with which to celebrate. Brother Benno's helps with its annual Thanksgiving Feast...turkey and all the trimmings for a few hundred. For years STM has been the sole provider of dessert. Please help with your pumpkin or apple pies. Bring them to the Parish Office between 8:00am and 12:00noon on Wednesday, November 22, the day before Thanksgiving. Thank you and God Bless!

Attention Christmas Angels!

The Christmas Angel Tree has arrived! Please stop by the back of church or on the plaza to select an ornament or two to help children and families in our community during the upcoming Holiday season. Please see a representative on the plaza for any questions or to sign up to "Adopt" a Camp Pendleton family in need. Any further questions regarding the ministry or to see how you may volunteer, please contact Lisa Seufert at 760-716-0977.

Care for Creation Team Update

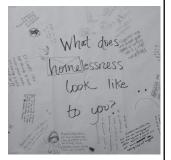
On Sunday, December 10, St Thomas More's Care for Creation Team will be going to Coastal Roots Farm, a local community farm that integrates biblical insights, traditional Jewish spirituality, and agricultural practices. Join us as we learn about how faith, food, agriculture, and the Earth intersect! To RSVP or for more information, please contact Eric van Maarth at <code>ericv@stmoside.org</code>.

Ignite! Updates Corner

Ignite! Recap: This past Monday we talked about homelessness. After sharing a meal together, we played a few games, and ended our night in a lengthy reflection and discussion on the meaning of home, what homelessness looks like to each of us, and what we can do about this. Pictured here are some examples of our reflecting—they are hanging in my office if anyone wants a closer look! I'm excited to keep talking and brainstorming a service project for us all to create together!

Ignite! Tomorrow: See you **Monday, November 13,** 6:00-7:00pm for games and dinner on the Parish Center Lower Level! We will then be going to the Internet





Safety Training Presentation together in the Parish Center Upper Level at 7:00pm! All are welcome! —*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 weekends: January 26-28 and March 9-11. 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.

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.

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.

St. Bonaventure Clothing Drive

Many thanks for your generous response to this year's clothing drive. Thanks to you, a truck chock full of good used clothing, shoes, and blankets has been received by the Mission for distribution to their needy early next month. Your kindness to some of the poorest in our nation will surely be rewarded in heaven. Thanks also to STM's Knights for providing the muscle to load the truck. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

—Deacon Tom

Parish Events

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.

Knights of Columbus Christmas Items Sales

Visit the table on the plaza after Masses for details on buying items or donating items to our troops!

Women's Guild News

I want to thank you, Lord, for life and all that's in it. Thank you for the day and for the hour, and the minute. —Maya Angelou

Wow, October is over! What a successful month for the Women's Guild—we started off with a great meeting and dove right into our Bake Sale and Quilter's Treasure Sale. Thanks to all who baked, sewed, served, assisted, sold, and presented. Everyone did an awesome job to make our Guild shine! Keep it up ladies!

So, are we done yet? Oh no, there is more excitement coming up! Our next meeting is on November 13. We will be visited by Douglas Lynn, our Director of Liturgy and Music. The title of his talk is "From Tower to Table: the Origin and Use of Handbells." It should be informative and very interesting. Don't miss it!

If you plan on coming to the luncheon, please, please, RSVP to Patty Remington, *remingpatty@gmail.com* or 760-805-6935. We need an RSVP. We don't want anyone going home hungry!

The grand finale in November for the Women's Guild, is Game Day on November 18 at 11:00am in the Parish Center Lower Level. This is a fun day of playing games with snacks and food included. In addition, there will be baskets to bid on and door prizes. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased on the plaza or at the November meeting. Vikki Ramey, *vramey826@sbcglobal.net* or 760-803-6267, and Mary Vernaci, *sew-mjk@att.net* or 760-727-2318, are co-chairing this event. If you need a particular-sized table to accommodate your guests, contact one of them, and they will arrange it. They still need some help with food and gift baskets, gift cards, or donations of items that could be made into a basket. Signup sheets will go around at the November meeting. Please be generous, and many thanks in advance!

November is a month of many blessings! Be Happy!

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

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.

Coming Up in December...

Christmas Cookie Exchange

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.

Advent Candles and Calendars

Advent is coming! Ready the way of the Lord! Advent Items on Sale after all November Masses.

12 inch taper candle sets: \$12 3x6 inch pillar candle sets: \$35

Daily Calendars: \$3 to \$5

To place an order by email, send your requests to Davis Berry at *davisb@stmoside.org* or to Tilly Rudolph at *tillyr@stmoside.org* All email orders will be available on or before Sunday, December 3.



Liturgy & Music Worship God

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

ON THE PLAZA YOU WILL FIND...

When Stewardship meets Liturgy

CAN YOU HELP?

Seasonal Décor Coordinator

to organize
the installation
of décor and
flowers for
Advent and
Christmas.

It's not as hard as it sounds!

Contact Douglas at douglasl@stm oside.org

Upcoming Music

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NOVEMBER 19 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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5:00pm

Cantor & Assembly

8:30am

Cantor & Assembly

10:30am

Praise Team

Perhaps the six most dreaded words of the Mass, the introduction to the announcements can instill, for some, a sense of trepidation. Questions form: "Will I be out of here in two minutes...or is it going to be five minutes?" "Will I get caught in the parking lot?" "Will I make it to my breakfast/brunch/dinner reservation on time?!"

we mark Stewardship Awareness/Renewal month, announcements can be seen in a different light—to concretely demonstrate this Parish's commitment to Stewardship as well as to offer tangible opportunities to give our time, talent, and treasure in pursuit of the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ for this time and this place.

In Matthew 25:35, Jesus calls us to give food and drink to the hungry and thirsty, to welcome the stranger, to clothe the naked, to care for the sick, and to visit the prisoner.

Last weekend's announcements challenged us to "Matthew 25:35" ministry to the Camp Pendleton families, to the Navajo Nation through St. Bonaventure Mission in

New Mexico, to the children at Casa de Los Pobres in Tijuana, to the North County Food Bank, and to our deployed military and their families.

In Matthew 18:20, Jesus reminds, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in the midst of them."

Last weekend's announcements called us to "Matthew 18:20" fellowship in Christ through the Fathers and Sons outing and the Women's Guild Game Day.

As is often the case, our final announcement was a call to prayer, one of the most important things we do as a Parish, to pray for our beloved dead.

Every single announcement last weekend was a Stewardship opportunity. Period.

My prayer is that we listen each week to discern how we can advantage of these opportunities to offer our time, talent, and treasure in service to the mission and ministry of Christ in our midst.

And maybe make that reservation fifteen minutes later than usual to lessen the stress?



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Matthew 25:13



St. Thomas More's Sanctuary Choir joined with singers from Lutheran, Episcopal, and Roman Catholic churches to sing for a Service of Common Prayer celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation on October 29 at the Immaculata Church at the University of San Diego.



Faith Formation

each and Live the Gospel

Tilly Rudolph
Youth Advocate
760-758-4100 x161; tillyr@stmoside.org

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

Family Faith Formation

The Next REACH Sunday is Nov 19

Make faith an important part of your whole family's life! Call the Faith Formation office today to register your child. Classes for children ages three through high school are available. Come join the fun! debbief@stmoside.org

First Reconciliation|Eucharist News Advent Communal Reconciliation Service

Children who have been preparing to make their Sacrament of Reconciliation are asked to attend the Advent Communal Reconciliation Service on **Sunday**, **December 10**, at 4:00pm. Parents, please have your child to the church no later than 3:45pm. The children will be sitting as a class for the service. The next Parent Meeting for children receiving their First Communion will be on Sunday, January 21, at 12:30pm.

Confirmation News

Our next M3 (Mass/Meal/Message) is scheduled for Saturday, December 2, beginning with the 5:00pm Mass, followed by a family potluck and an engaging talk by **Cy Kellet, host of Catholic Answers Radio**. **All** Year 1 and Year 2 families are asked to attend to fulfill Confirmation requirements.

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 this Monday, November 13, 7:00pm, for a free *family friendly* (fifth grade-adult) presentation by Jon Moffat from Cyber Education Services. Bring your family and your phones!

Parent's Shopping Night Out



Looking for an evening to get all your Christmas shopping done without the kids? STM teens are here to help! We will offer babysitting on **Friday, December 15,** from 6:00 -9:00pm on the Parish Center Lower Level for a reasonable fee. All proceeds go to support Youth Ministry. Watch for more details soon!

Order SCRIP before you shop!

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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Bible Study News

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Morning/Evening Adult Bible Studies



Ephesians: Discover Your Inheritance will begin Wednesday, January 17, 9:00-11:00am on the Parish Center Upper Level. Contact Patt Goeltz at pattg@stmoside.org for more information and to register. Please register by December 13 to receive your workbook in time for the first session. Cost is \$25 for 8 weeks.

ACTS: The Spread of the Kingdom Meets Thursday evenings 7:00-9:00pm on the 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 *Catholicism: Journey to the Heart of Faith* with Bishop Robert Baron two Sundays a month from 7:00-8:30pm. Contact Rory at *roryg@stmoside* and text **young-adult** to 84576 to receive updates about the classes and other Young Adult events.

Youth Ministry



Teens, are you looking for additional ways to complete service hours? Ask Tilly how!

- Tommy's Café
- Parents Shopping and Date Night Out
- M3 and Family Fun Night Set Up
- Angel Tree
- Christmas Cards for the Troops
- Bother Benno's Saturday Food Line

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IGNITE High School Youth Group meets on Monday evenings on the Parish Center Lower Level 6:30-8:30pm (dinner served)



Stewardship & Development Serve God's People

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Collection for Week of October 31-November 6

Number of Registered Households	1,248
Offertory	\$22,181.17
Offertory (Loose Collection)	\$1,172.00
Total	\$23,353.17

Mortgage/Building Completion Fund Income October 2017

Mortgage Payment Overage/(Shortfall)	(\$10,229.21)
Payment toward Parish Reserves*	\$10,229.21
Mortgage Payment Due	\$44,806.21
Mortgage Offering (Total for October)	\$55,035.42
Mortgage Offering (Special Collection)	\$0.00
Mortgage Offering Collected	\$55,035.42

Memorial Items toward Building Completion Fund \$10.360.00

Please continue to support the Mortgage/Building Completion Fund!

"Did You Know?" Collection October 2017 \$4,995.00

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.

"St. Thomas More: A Parish For All Seasons" In God, we live and move and have our being! —Acts 17:28

This weekend we are excited to welcome the Haubert family, Michael, Lia, Tessa (12 yrs.) and Finn (7 yrs.) as our lay witness presenters at all of our Masses. This lively family has been with us for six years and have already made a positive impact on our Parish!

Their ministerial journey with STM includes Lia's involvement with Moms and Kids, teaching 3rd/4th grade REACH class, and teaching Baptism class. Michael works as



a one-on-one assistant during REACH, teaches Baptism class, has been a sponsor for RCIA, chairman of our Parish Campout for the past three years, has participated in "That Man Is You," as well as being a member of the Knights of Columbus!

Many thanks to Michael and Lia for sharing their personal journey with us this weekend! Yours is an inspiring story and we are very grateful to you for so freely giving of your time and talent to touch all of our lives.

Our Parish is not only comprised of many young families, but also many singles, married couples, and families spanning all age ranges. Part of the joy that accompanies being active in ministries is that we all have a chance to cross paths throughout the year and interact with one another in a multitude of ways. We all recognize the words, "Where two or more are gathered . . ."

God's grace and peace to you and all of our faithful stewards as we journey through our Stewardship Awareness/Renewal month!

Consider this about sharing . . .

- If we give what is left over, the church neither feeds us spiritually, or anyone else.
- If we give "dues," the church will not be not more than a "club" to us.
- If sentimental preservation of the past is our reason, then the church will be like a museum.
- If we give out of obligation, we will always resent what we have to do.

However . . .

- If we give out of compassion for those whose needs are greater than ours, our needs will seem so much smaller.
- If we are thankful, the church will reflect the measure of our gratitude.
- If love leads us to selfless giving, the church will become the place where we discover the joy of Christ's presence.

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For more information please contact: Chris Smith at 760-758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org

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Memorial Item Donations Available

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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*

STM Vehicle Donation Program

Do you have a vehicle you want to donate?
Call us, and we'll have it picked up operational or not!

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We can accept vehicles without current registration and can file for replacement title if it has been lost.

As of September 29, we have netted \$71,922 from this program. Thank you donors!

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

St. Francis Church News

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St. Francis School is our Parish School!—Families from St. Thomas More are extended the same benefits and rewards as St. Francis Parishioners, including:

- Parishioner priority for enrollment at St. Francis School,
- Equal tuition rates,
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- Fundraising support.

The Larger Church News

Thanksgiving Meal for the Needy at St. Francis—Thursday, November 23, St. Francis of Assisi Parish, 525 W. Vista Way, Vista. Donations to this effort can be mailed to St. Francis Parish Office, Attention Soup Kitchen Thanksgiving Dinner. Please help. For more information, contact Mike Pritchard, Soup Kitchen Ministry, 760-630-9575.

Centering Prayer and the 11th Step—Saturday, December 9, 10:00am-5:00pm, St. Brigid Parish, 4735 Cass St., Pacific Beach. If you are in a 12-Step Program and are interested in deepening your practice of the 11th step, centering prayer is a simple, easy to learn, silent prayer. To register for this event contact *Kdowns2@san.rr.com*. There is no cost to this event.

Retrovaille: A Lifeline for Married Couples—A program to help struggling marriages regain their health. For more information about upcoming weekends for couples, contact 951-259-9474 or visit *HelpOurMarriage.com*.

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.

Pilgrimage in the Footsteps of St. Paul—April 25-May 5, 2018, with Fr. Ron Kelso. Brochures available in the Parish Office.



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 or RelevantRadio.com—Sunday Mass is broadcast at 7:00pm on Saturdays and 7:00am and 6:00pm on Sundays, plus a wide variety of programming.

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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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Palomar College Religious Studies Program—For more information, visit https://www2.palomar.edu/pages/religiousstudies.

Presentations and Retreats at Mission San Luis Rey Retreat Center—visit *www.sanluisrey.org* for a lineup of activities this summer, including weekly presentations on varied topics, cooking class, and retreats.

Bridging Communities: The Interreligious Peacebuilding Certificate (USD Kroc School)—For more info, contact Sarah Pike at 619-260-7663 or *SPike@ sandiego.edu*.

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Our 3-Year Endeavor to Complete the Build-out of Our Parish

(January 2018-December 2020)

Pou Are Invited!

Wednesday, November 29, 7:00pm Parish Center Lower Level



As we celebrate Stewardship Awareness/Renewal Month, our theme has been, "St. Thomas More: A Parish For All Seasons."

This month we are happy to announce that our Parish is moving into a new season of its life as we continue on our journey of faith.

It is time to move forward and to continue our Parish Build-out with the completion of our Parish Offices and the creation of our Memorial Garden.

You are invited to a Town Hall Meeting in which all the details of "our new season" will be presented and discussed.

Come hear...see this new endeavor...join the effort.

"In God, we live and move and have our being!" (Acts 17:28)

Rev. Michael Ratajczak

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Director of Stewardship and Development

In order to properly accommodate all who will be coming, please RSVP to Henny at $760-758-4100 \times 100$ or parishoffice@stmoside.org with your names, contact information, and whether you need babysitting services for your children

Start Your ADVENT

off with Candle Making!

Join us on the Parish Center Upper Level on Saturday, December 2, at 1:00pm to make your own ADVENT candles!!!



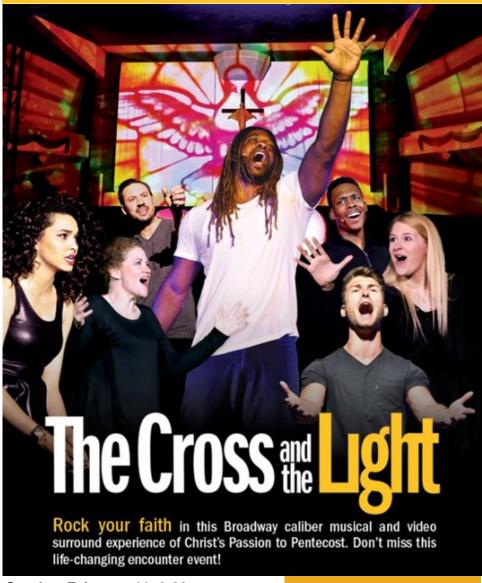
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