

**SAINT
THOMAS
MORE
CATHOLIC
CHURCH**

*"Lord, when did we see you
hungry or thirsty or a stranger or
naked or ill or in prison,
and not minister to your needs?"*
—Matthew 25:44



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

Parish Town Hall Meeting
Wednesday, November 29
7:00pm
See page 8 for more details.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
November 26, 2017

Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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"What Kind of King Is He?"

We gather together this weekend to celebrate the Eucharist on the Feast of Christ the King. Jesus is our King. We are his servants.

But what kind of King is he? The answer to that question will determine what kind of servants we are called to be.

As we read the Scriptures, we see that Jesus' Kingship is not of the kind we see, or have seen, in our world. His is a contradiction to power, status, position, and privilege. Do we dare be called his servants?

The playwright, Eugene Ionesco, once said,

*The human comedy doesn't attract me enough.
I am not entirely of this world...I am from elsewhere.
And it is worth finding this elsewhere beyond the walls.
But where is it?*

How do we go beyond the walls that this world builds? Is the *"elsewhere"* worth searching for? Jesus says, *"Yes, it is."* He helps us in the search, and makes the search worthwhile. He gives meaning to all of life, meaning that the world is not able to give.

Philip Yancey, in his book, *The Jesus I Never Knew*, describes how Jesus leads us to the Kingdom in the midst of this world:

I feel convicted by this quality of Jesus every time I get involved in a cause I strongly believe in. How easy it is to join the politics of polarization, to find myself shouting across the picket lines at the 'enemy' on the other side. How hard it is to remember that the kingdom of God calls me to love the woman who has just emerged from the abortion clinic (and, yes, even her doctor), the promiscuous person who is dying of AIDS, the wealthy landowner who is exploiting God's creation. If I cannot show love to such people, then I must question whether I have truly understood Jesus' gospel.

A political movement by nature draws lines, makes distinctions, pronounces judgment; in contrast, Jesus' love cuts across lines, transcends distinctions, and

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Our Church is a House of Prayer for all People!

Our Church and Blessed Sacrament Chapel are open
7:00am-7:00pm, every day.

The door on the left side of our main doors
remains unlocked.

Please enter and exit through that door.
You are always welcome!

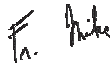


Pastor's Column *(continued from page 1)*

dispenses grace. Regardless of the merits of a given issue—whether a pro-life lobby out of the Right or a peace and justice lobby out of the Left—political movements risk pulling onto themselves the mantle of power that smothers love. From Jesus I learn that, whatever activism I get involved in, it must not drive out love and humility, or otherwise I betray the kingdom of heaven.

As we honor our King, let us not betray him. Let us be a people of love and humility in all situations, not a people of power, a people of domination. Let us never draw lines, make distinctions, or pronounce judgments.

As his servants, we allow him to lead us to the elsewhere, beyond the walls of this world!


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!

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.

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.

Welcome New Parishioner

Frank & Joyce Cerimele

In Memoriam

Please pray for the repose of the souls 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 Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, February 10, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. He is a former Parishioner who had been living in Texas. Please keep his family in your prayers. Please also see below.

Marilyn Fredette, who died November 18. Her funeral services will be in Massachusetts. Please keep her son, Deacon John Fredette, and the entire Fredette family in your prayers.

Jerry Peralta, who died November 18. His funeral arrangements are pending. Please keep his family in your prayers.

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

Frank Thompson and St. Bonaventure Mission

Our ministry to St. Bonaventure Mission was initiated many years ago by former Parishioner Frank Thompson, who, even after he moved out of the area, continued to support our annual clothing and blanket drive. Frank died on November 2, and in lieu of flowers, asked that donations in his memory be made to St. Bonaventure Indian Mission and School, Navarre Blvd., Thoreau, NM 87329 or www.stbonaventuremission.org. Thank you!

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.

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

Readings for the Week Ahead

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

Sunday, November 26 (160)

*Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe*

Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17

Psalm 23:1-6

1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28

Matthew 25:31-46

Monday, November 27 (503)

Daniel 1:1-6,8-20

Daniel 3:52-56 (Psalm)

Luke 21:1-4

Tuesday, November 28 (504)

Daniel 2:31-45

Daniel 3:57-61 (Psalm)

Luke 21:5-11

Wednesday, November 29 (505)

Daniel 5:1-6,13-14,16-17,23-28

Daniel 3:62-67 (Psalm)

Luke 21:12-19

Thursday, November 30 (684)

Andrew, apostle

Romans 10:9-18

Psalm 19:8-11

Matthew 4:18-22

Friday, December 1 (507)

Daniel 7:2-14

Daniel 3:75-81 (Psalm)

Luke 21:29-33

Saturday, December 2 (508)

Daniel 7:15-27

Daniel 3:82-87 (Psalm)

Luke 21:34-36

Sunday, December 3 (2)

First Sunday of Advent, Year B

Isaiah 63:16b-17,19b;64:2-7

Psalm 80:2-3,15-16,18-19

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:33-37

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

Changa Aguilera
Ernie Aichele
Mary Alexander
Carrie Autrey
Joshua Avery
Addison Abigail Avina
Bob Baker
Rosemary Ballard
Jose Luis Barbosa
Patricia Barbour
Francie Barron
Fr. Karl Bauer
Colleen Bechtold
Clarice Bednarz
Taylor Bell
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 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
The Dillon Family
Judith & Joe DiMatteo
Elizabeth Doherty's
Aunt Jackie
Art & Dave Dossman
Steven Douglas
Jerome Elbacha
Arthur Eral
Carolyn Erickson Ey
Victoria Lopez Fenton
The Fiore Family
Fr. James Flanagan
Mary Fleming
Ernie Follis
Eugene Franciscus
The Fredette Family
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
Matthew Gora
Lou Gordon
George & Liz Gritt
Luke Guent

Susan Hallahan
Tomo Hamasaki
Charlene Hammonds
Dwayne Hammonds
The Harker Family
Dorothy Harrison
Michelle Harrison &
Family
Barbara Hatem
Vanessa Hayes
LaNay Hazzard
Matthew Henry &
Family
Sunshine Hernandez &
Family
Lilian Hills
Georgia Ann Hodina
Samara Hook
Susan Hori
Courtney Jackman
Katherine Jacobs
Kristin Jacobson
Jacqueline Johnson
Sue Johnston
The Judy Mitchell
Family
Laura Kater
Dottie Kearney
Connor Kerzie
Peggy Kiernan
Debbie Kinney
Cathy Kleinschmidt
Mark Kneisel
Dewey Kolbo
Tony Korwin &
Kathleen Avina
Lorene Kundert
Lillian Lachance
The Lamelin Family
Ashley LaMothe &
Family
Pauline Lapre's sister
Justine
Brandon LeBlanc
Susan Lee
Jake Lefferdink
Aleah Leon
JoAnne Lesser
Stella Leué
Fr. Rich Lewandowski
Ashley Load
Cassandra & Lauren
Loretto
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
Rita Mikridge
Steven Sr., Stevie, &
Noah Miller
Tom Miller
Harold Miller, Jr.
Phyllis Minaya
June Mitchell
Camille Mitkevich
Maria Molina
June Montgomery
Nancy Moore
Ryan Moquin
Elizabeth Muehlbacher
Conrad Murphy
Hope Murphy
Michele Murphy
Phyllis Murphy
Clay Murray
Margie Myers
Andrew Philip
Nacional
Angela Nacional
Melanie Nacional
Nida Navarro
Richard Obsitnik
Gillian Ochoa
The Ochoa Family

Kare O'Dell
Isaiah Ornelas &
Trinity Coles
Laura Paciorek Gloor
Rosalie Ruzicka Paite
Ethan Palm
Cynthia Pearson
Kaili Pearson
Salina Pearson
The Peralta Family
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
Brigit Rossi
Roberta Rossi
Dick & Pauline
Rossmaessler
The Russo Family
Rachel Sainc
Cindy Sanelli
Lori Sanna
Rose Mary Saputo
Calixto Papa
Sarmiento
Lani Schiller
Linda Schmidt
Joan Shea
Teresa Sheehy
Elizabeth Shirzad
Ellen Simonson
Barb Slabaugh
Cinda Smits
Nick Soltau
Steve Soule
Gilda Spiegl
Darek, Vanessa, &
Elba Spizewski
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
The Thompson Family
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 Watters
Jerry Wechsler
Elaine Weiler
Mona Weir
Lee Welch
Rylee West
Linda Willingham
Gerri Wilmoit &
Family
John Woodard
The Xavier Family
Patricia Zavala
Jeanne Zeltner

Calendar Highlights

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

Nov 26	Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
Nov 26	The Ark Nursery closed
Nov 28	Know Your Rights Seminar
Nov 29	Parish Town Hall Meeting
Dec 1	Mission Vista High School Choirs Concert
Dec 3	Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
Dec 8	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary— Masses at 8:15am and 7:00pm
Dec 10	Coastal Roots Farm Tour
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 24	Christmas Eve— Masses at 4:00pm, 6:00pm, and 10:00pm Caroling at 9:30pm
Dec 25	Christmas Day— Mass at 9:30am
Dec 31	The Ark Nursery closed
Dec 31	Mary, Mother of God— Mass at 5:00pm

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Jan 1	Mary, Mother of God— Mass at 9:30am
Jan 7	12th Night Choir Festival
Jan 28	Greater San Diego Coterie presents Rhapsody in Blue

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 25, 5:00pm
Vicente Magtibay ☩

Sunday, November 26, 8:30am
Pat Hannon ☩

Sunday, November 26, 10:30am
Anna Camerota ☩

Monday, November 27, 8:15am
Bill Carrothers ☩

Tuesday, November 28, 8:15am
J.C. Gonzalez ☩

Wednesday, November 29, 8:15am
Lorraine Kauffman ☩

Thursday, November 30, 8:15am
Stephen Samhammer ☩

Friday, December 1, 8:15am
Marge Egan ☩

Saturday, December 2, 5:00pm
Armida Midge Hanson ☩

Sunday, December 3, 8:30am
Bill Nelson

Sunday, December 3, 10:30am
Lisa Magno Marino ☩

Social Ministries & Outreach

Know Your Rights Seminar

On Tuesday evening, November 28, at 6:00pm in the Parish Center Lower Level, there will be a meeting to further understand the rights that undocumented people do have in our country.

This meeting is for those of us who have volunteered to be on Rapid Response Teams and Accompaniment Teams, but it is also good information for everyone to understand the facts around this important and distressing issue. Please join us to learn, to ask questions, and to support! For more information, contact Sr. Maureen at maureenb@stmoside.org.

Update on the Almustafas, Our Syrian Refugee Family

During this thanksgiving time, we thank God that the Almustafas are doing well in their new country! They are deeply grateful to us for our ongoing support emotionally, spiritually and financially. They were very touched that we included their son, Mohammad, in our All Souls Day Mass. We sent his candle and a copy of the worship aid to them with an explanation of what All Souls Day means to us.

They are especially grateful that, due to the generosity of our Parishioners, the cost of the airline tickets for them to travel to America were paid in full this past month. We continue to provide them with gift cards each month. Our goal was to help them become financially independent in one year. With their hard work and our help, that goal will be met!

The family is very busy! The younger children, Limar and Mays are in grammar school and doing well. The older girls, Ahlam and Esraa are working for Urban Core and taking college classes. Mom, Douha, is also taking classes. Dad, Husam, continues to study English with the tutor we are providing, taking odd jobs, and chauffeuring his family! Our goal continues to be to help him find an accounting position as soon as he is able to do so. For more information, contact Lisa and Patrick Attardo at lisaattardo@yahoo.com

Ignite! Updates Corner

Ignite Tomorrow: Youth Group tomorrow, 6:30-8:30pm! Stop on by for homemade dinner, games, fellowship, and a brainstorming activity on what service project we want to start working on.

Calling College Students/Young Adults: If you are interested in working in ministry with our high school students, please contact me at tillyr@stmoside.org. I'm putting together some fun events over Christmas break and I'd love your help!

Prayer of Generosity:

This is one of my favorite prayers! I thought I'd share it in the spirit of reflecting upon all we have and for which we are grateful, even after Thanksgiving:

*Lord, teach me to be generous;
to serve you as you deserve,
to give and not to count the costs,
to fight and not to heed the wounds,
to toil and not to seek for rest,
to labor and not to ask for reward
save that I know I am doing your will.
—Ignatius of Loyola*

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.wmme-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.

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 ericv@stmoside.org.

Attention Christmas Angels!

Thank you to everyone who have started their Christmas shopping and have already brought goodies for the children and families in need! There are still a few Camp Pendleton Military families that need sponsoring. We have various size families to fit your budget! Please see a Christmas Angel representative on the plaza or contact Lisa Seufert at 760-716-0977 or leprechaun81@sbcglobal.net for details.

Parish Events

Women's Guild News

*How beautifully leaves grow old,
how full of light and color are their last days.*
—John Burroughs

Game Day was a success! We thank all who donated and hope to see you all next year! What a fun day of meeting our friends and family, playing games, eating, and winning!

The Christmas Raffle mailing was mailed on November 16. Three winning tickets will be picked on December 17 after the 10:30am Mass on the plaza. Your participation and generosity is very much appreciated. Please keep an eye on your mailbox.

Our next luncheon meeting is Monday, December 11, when we celebrate with a delicious Advent luncheon and seasonal music to get us in the mood for the Advent and Christmas seasons. Kathy Santy, our pianist at STM, and Judy Smith, VP of Women's Guild programs, will play beautiful music for us at the luncheon. Always a festive event for Women's Guild, be sure to set the date on your calendar and consider inviting a guest or two. Please bring a nonperishable item or canned food to donate to the STM shopping cart, any extra teaspoons that you may have to donate to the luncheon supplies, and remember your RSVP with Patty Remington at 760-805-6935 or remingpatty@gmail.com.

Anna Marie Martinet, Corresponding Secretary, requests any extra cards that you can donate. Just bring them to the December meeting or place in box 35.

Our next big fundraiser is the Fashion Show on Saturday, February 17, at the Shadowridge Golf Club. Sondra Parks is the chairperson for this event and will be talking to you at the December meeting about what we all need to do to start working on this event. I know we all have Advent and Christmas on our minds, but as all of you know, time flies and it will be February before we know it!

Looking forward to a peaceful Advent Season,

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

Spirited Seniors Winter Luncheon

Join us Tuesday, December 19—\$20 for members and \$22 for non-members, this event will be catered by Bobby's Hideaway Café and is a perfect opportunity for friends to share a meal and a glass of wine during Advent, just before Christmas. The doors will open at 11:30am and there will be door prizes. Please complete the reservation form that was in the Bulletin or print the following on a piece of paper: Name(s) of people attending and your phone number. Put this and your check made payable to "STM Spirited Seniors" in an envelope marked "STM Spirited Seniors Winter Luncheon." You may place your envelope in the Offertory basket or direct it to Box 12 in the Parish Office. Space is limited, the deadline is noon on Monday December 11. Questions, please call Jim and Marilyn Day at 760-509-4545 or jandmday@cox.net.

Looking for a Way to Be Involved?

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

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

Three 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

Come as a guest to our Annual Christmas Party December 17, Sunday afternoon, at the El Camino Country Club. The event includes dinner, entertainment, and the Billy Harper Dance Band for \$33. Must reserve before December 5. 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

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK

a new author for a new liturgical year

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Answers to
last week's
*Scripture
in the Mass*
quiz:

A:5, B:12
C:7, D:2, E:1
F:10 or 11
G:10 or 11
H:3, I:13, J:9
K:8, L:4, M:6

The primary evangelist for Year B (which begins next week with the First Sunday of Advent) is Mark. As with our other Gospel accounts, the earliest extant manuscripts of the Gospel according to Mark are anonymous and date from the fourth century after Christ. The earliest Christian legend that a Christian named Mark (see Col 4:10; Acts 12:12) wrote Mark's Gospel account comes to us from a second century bishop of Hierapolis in Asia Minor, Papias.

The original audience for Mark was probably living outside of the Holy Land in a place that was largely populated by non-Jews. We know this because Mark, in some places, appears to be confused about the geography of Palestine (see 5:1 and 7:31) and indicates that his audience would not be familiar with Jewish customs (7:4). He also at times translates Aramaic terms into Greek for his Greek speaking audience (5:41; 15:34).

The date of the Gospel according to Mark depends largely on how one understands Jesus's prediction of the fall of the Jerusalem Temple to the

Romans in 70 AD. Those who believe this prediction was created by Mark and not actually spoken by Jesus understand this verse to refer to the actual destruction of the Temple in 70 AD. Thus the Gospel must have been after that date yet early enough to have become a primary source for the other two synoptic Gospel accounts, Matthew and Luke, written some time in the two decades following Mark. Scholars who argue that it is not unlikely that Jesus himself would have made such a prediction about the fall of the Temple often date the Gospel according to Mark to around 60-70 AD and even more precisely to the probable time of Peter's death in Rome under the Emperor Nero (c. 64 AD).

It is best to understand Mark not as giving us information about the life of Jesus or as a source of Peter's teaching but rather as a Gospel created by an independent and fascinating theologian who crafted the story of Jesus to communicate deep theological insight about Christian life in Christ. How Mark does this is to take us deep into an



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"Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?"

Matthew 25:44

understanding of the two primary sacraments of the earliest Christian Churches: the immersion in water known as Baptism and the sacred meal known as the Lord's Supper.

Mark has created a brilliant theological narrative whose message is as relevant today as it was then: our Baptism unites all of us to Christ and joins us together at the Eucharistic meal to experience a new life and new creation united with Christ.

Upcoming Music



DECEMBER 3
1st Sunday of
Advent



5:00pm
Tower Bells
8:30am
Praise Team
10:30am
Sanctuary Choir

Decorating the Church for Advent and Christmas

Saturday, Dec 2	Saturday, Dec 16	Monday, Dec 18	Sunday, Dec 24!
1:00pm 60 minutes	8:00am 90 minutes	9:30am 90 minutes	12:00noon 60 minutes
Set up Advent Banners Candles	Manger Manger Animals Trees	Manger Manger People Poinsettias	Holy Family Set up Magi Remove Advent

Contact Theresa Berry, Art and Environment Coordinator, at theresab@stmoside.org

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Family Faith Formation

Our Next REACH Sunday is December 3

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 Penance 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/Meaning/Message) scheduled for Saturday, December 2, has been cancelled. All Year 1 and Year 2 families are asked to attend the next scheduled M3 event on Saturday, March 10, beginning with 5:00pm Mass, potluck, and message to fulfill Confirmation requirements.

REACH Children's Christmas Choir



**St. Thomas More
Presents REACH Children's Choir**

All children currently enrolled in REACH and EDGE are invited to participate in the Christmas Children's Choir. Practices will be held **during** the next two sessions of REACH and EDGE and one additional practice to be held in the Church on Wednesday, December 20, at 6:00pm. Children who participate in the choir are asked to attend the 4:00pm Mass and sit with their family on Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24. Contact Tilly Rudolph at tillyr@stmoside.org for more information.

Parent's Shopping Night Out



Order SCRIP
before you shop!

Looking for an evening to get all your Christmas shopping done without the kids? STM IGNITE teens are here to help! We will offer babysitting on **Friday, December 15**, 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!

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!

Adult Faith Formation

Bible Study News

Convinced Life Is Too Busy for a Bible Study?

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

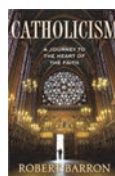


Ephesians: Discover Your Inheritance will begin Wednesday, January 17, 9:00-11:00am on the Parish Center Upper Level. Contact Patt Goeltz at pattg@stmoside.org for more information and to register. Please register by December 13 to receive your workbook in time for the first session. Cost is \$25 for 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 Barron two Sundays a month, **7:00-8:30pm**. Contact Rory at roryg@stmoside.org 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 & Date Night Out
- M3 & Family Fun Night Set Up
- Angel Tree
- K of C Christmas Party Event
- Bother Benno's Saturday Food Line

FOOD, FUN & FRIENDS

High School

All teens grades 9-12

Welcome!

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



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**Check Next Week for Collection Information
Thank You!**



Parish Town Hall Meeting

Please join us on Wednesday, November 29, at 7:00pm on the Parish Center Lower Level for a presentation on "St. Thomas More: A Parish For All Seasons," our new three-year endeavor to continue our Parish build-out with the completion of our Parish Offices and the creation of our Memorial Garden.

Please RSVP to Henny at 760-758-4100 x100 or parishoffice@stmoside.org with your names, contact information, and whether you need babysitting services for your children.

Want to Donate Online?

Our website has an online giving option! Go to www.stmoside.org, *Donations*, then *Electronic Offerings*.

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.**
- † Donations received at the Saturday, December 30, Vigil Mass and Sunday, December 31, Masses will be counted toward the 2017 tax year.
- † **Envelopes POSTMARKED by Sunday, December 31, 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. (*Tithing families, know that your tithe covers your ACA contribution.*)
- † Keep all gift receipts and acknowledgment letters, especially for gifts of \$250 or more.
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For more information please contact:
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"St. Thomas More: A Parish For All Seasons"
In God, we live and move and have our being!

—Acts 17:28

As November draws to a close, let us remember to include our Parish family when we give thanks for the many gifts we have been given. Our Parish families are great blessings because they are signs of Christ's active presence in the world today.

St. John Paul II once described a Parish as a "family of families."

If we accept that the Parish is a family, then surely it takes on the many characteristics of a family. And just like a family, the gifts of the Holy Spirit to our Parishes include the many different talents and temperaments we find in the pews, Parish house and parking lot. They become great strengths when we are united in building up the Body of Christ.



The mission of our Parish is to continue the saving work of Jesus Christ, who expressed his own ministry resolutely: "I must proclaim the Kingdom of God" (*Lk 4:43*). The Parish is a steward of this ongoing ministry, and as members of a Parish family we too are stewards of Christ's work.

That is why it is so important to be nourished by the Eucharist regularly and to participate fully in the great prophetic witness of the our Faith Community; to offer our time, assist in one or more of the many STM ministries, invite others into our life of faith, carry our share of the financial responsibility for the Parish and celebrate when our Parish family celebrates.

Remember as well our pastor, Fr. Mike, and those other priests and pastoral professionals who seek to nourish us with the Bread of Life and to help us understand more fully our faith and the actions which spring from that faith.

The life of faith we experience in our Parish is not perfect. What family is perfect? Our Parish family never has been and never will be perfect because we are not perfect. But part of what we share is Christ's love, which is perfect.

The love that we share is a gospel that has been given to us to live and proclaim in word and deed. It is a gospel that gives us hope. And for that, we should be grateful!

—partially excerpted, ICSC November 2017 Stewardship e-bulletin (with permission)

We are the body of Christ ~ STM Mission Statement:

***To worship God,
teach and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ,
and serve God's people in word and deed.***

Memorial Item Donations Available

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Pipe Organ —Our pipe organ is our "pipe dream"...but dream we must... donations of any amount toward the pipe organ will be accepted	\$850,000

11/15/17

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

Listed above are items still available for adoption.

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

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

The Larger Church News

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.

Lessons and Carols Celebration—Saturday, December 9, 7:30pm or Sunday, December 10, 2:00pm, Founders Chapel, University of San Diego. A reflection on the birth of Jesus through scripture, music, and carols. For more information, contact cctc@sandiego.edu.

Retrouvaille: 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.

Pilgrimage to Italy—April 3-12, 2018, with Patrick Coffin, Catholic radio host. For more information, visit www.patrickcoffin.media/italy.

St. Francis Women's Retreat—October 5-7, 2018, Vina de Lestonnac, Temecula. Space is limited—register now! For more information, contact Pat Swanson at 760-758-7008 or Rae Arnold at sonraetoo@gmail.com.

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

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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.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p align="center"> St. Thomas More Catholic Church 1450 South Melrose Drive Oceanside, CA 92056 (760) 758-4100 www.stmoside.org For daily updated calendar go to the website under <i>Schedule and Events/Event Calendar/Full Calendar</i> </p>				¹ 8:15 AM Mass (DMC) 9:00 AM Bulletin Stuffing (PCCT) 9:15 AM Communion Service (Brookdale @ Carlsbad) 4:00 PM Jenkins Wedding (C) 7:00 PM Mission Vista H. S. Choirs Concert (C)	² 6:45 AM iHunger (OS) 1:00 PM Advent Workshop (PCLL) 1:00 PM Art & Environment (C) 3:00 PM Creation Care Team (PCLL) 3:30 PM Reconciliation (RC) First Sunday of Advent 5:00 PM Mass (C)
³ First Sunday of Advent 8:30 AM RCIA (PCUL) 8:30 AM Mass/LOWC 10:20 AM Genesis(PCLL) 10:30 AM Mass/LOWC 12:30 PM REACH (PCLL) 4:30 PM EDGE (PCUL) 4:30 PM REACH (PCLL) 6:30 PM Post Confirm. (PCFL) 6:30 PM High School Year 1 (PCUL) Year 2 (PCLL)	⁴ 8:15 AM Mass (DMC) 11:30 AM W.G. Board and Tea (TBD) 3:00 PM Moms & Kids Play Date (OS) 6:30 PM High School Ignite (PCLL)	⁵ 8:15 AM Mass (DMC) 9:00 AM Donuts and Coffee (PCUL) 7:00 PM Tower Bells (C) 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus (PCLL) 7:00 PM Baptism Prep (PCFL)	⁶ 8:15 AM Mass (DMC) 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study Revelations (PCUL) 1:00 PM Spirited Senior Board (PCCT) 6:30 PM Praise Team (C)	⁷ 8:15 AM Mass (DMC) 9:00 AM Donuts and Coffee (PCUL) 10:00 AM W.G. Quilters (PCLL) 1:00 PM Centering Prayer (DMC) 7:00 PM Adult Bible Study-Acts (PCLL) 7:00 PM Sanctuary & Cappella Choirs (C)	⁸ Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 8:15 AM Mass (C) 9:00 AM Bulletin Stuffing (PCCT) 9:00 AM Moms & Kids (PCUL) 7:00 PM Mass/RCIA (C)	⁹ 6:45 AM iHunger (PCLL) 3:30 PM Reconciliation (RC) Second Sunday of Advent 5:00 PM Mass (C) 6:00 PM K of C Dinner (PCUL)
¹⁰ Second Sunday of Advent 8:30 AM RCIA (PCUL) 8:30 AM Mass/LOWC 10:30 AM Mass/LOWC 12:00 PM Rehearse for The Littlest Angel(PCUL) 12:00 PM Baptisms (C) 4:00 PM Communal Reconciliation Service (C) 5:30 PM Melkite Catholic Mass (DMC) 7:00 PM Young Adult Bible Study (PCLL)	¹¹ 8:15 AM Mass (DMC) 11:00 AM W.G. Luncheon (PCLL) 6:30 PM High School Ignite (PCLL)	¹² 8:15 AM Mass (DMC) 9:00 AM Donuts and Coffee (PCUL) 7:00 PM Tower Bells (C)	¹³ 8:15 AM Mass (DMC) 6:30 PM Praise Team (C) 7:00 PM Finance Council (PCFL)	¹⁴ 8:15 AM Mass (DMC) 9:00 AM Donuts and Coffee (PCUL) 9:15 AM Communion Service (Merrill Gardens) 1:00 PM Centering Prayer (DMC) 7:00 PM Adult Bible Study-Acts (PCLL) 7:00 PM Sanctuary & Cappella Choirs (C)	¹⁵ 8:15 AM Mass (DMC) 9:00 AM Bulletin Stuffing (PCCT) 9:00 AM Moms & Kids (PCUL) 6:00 PM Parent Shopping Night (PCLL/PCA)	¹⁶ 6:45 AM iHunger (PCLL) 8:00 AM Art & Environment (C) 10:00 AM Cookie Exchange (PCLL) 3:00 PM Creation Care Team (PCLL) 3:30 PM Reconciliation (RC) Third Sunday of Advent 5:00 PM Mass (C)

<p>17</p> <p>Third Sunday of Advent 8:30 AM RCIA (PCUL) 8:30 AM Mass/LOWC 10:20 AM Genesis (PCLL) 10:30 AM Mass/LOWC 12:00 PM WG Raffle Drawing (PI) 12:30 PM REACH (PCLL) 1:00 PM Littlest Angel Dress Rehearsal (PCUL) 4:30 PM REACH (PCLL) 4:30 PM EDGE (PCUL) 5:00 PM The Littlest Angel Performance (PCUL) 6:30 PM High School Year 1 (PCUL) Year 2 (PCLL) 6:30 PM Post Confirm. (PCFL)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>8:15 AM Mass (DMC) 9:30 AM Art & Environment (C) 3:00 PM Moms & Kids Play Date (OS) 6:30 PM High School Ignite (PCLL)</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Restaurant Fundraiser at Nucci's in Vista 8:15 AM Mass (DMC) 9:00 AM Donuts and Coffee (PCUL) 11:30 AM Spirited Senior Winter Luncheon (PCLL) 7:00 PM Tower Bells (C)</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Restaurant Fundraiser at Nucci's in Vista 8:15 AM Mass (DMC) 6:30 PM Praise Team (C)</p>	<p>21</p> <p>8:15 AM Mass (DMC) 9:00 AM Donuts and Coffee (PCUL) 10:00 AM W.G. Quilters (PCLL) 1:00 PM Centering Prayer (DMC) 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir (C) 9:00 PM Cappella Choir (C)</p>	<p>22</p> <p>8:15 AM Mass (DMC) 9:00 AM Bulletin Stuffing (PCCT) 9:00 AM Moms & Kids (PCUL) 6:00 PM Genack-Winter/Genack Wedding (C)</p>	<p>23</p> <p>3:30 PM Reconciliation (RC)</p> <p>Fourth Sunday of Advent 5:00 PM Mass (C)</p>
<p>24</p> <p>Fourth Sunday of Advent 8:30 AM Mass 10:30 AM Mass 12:00 PM Art & Environment (C) 4:00 PM Mass (C) 6:00 PM Mass (C) 9:30 PM Caroling (C) 10:00 PM Mass (C)</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Nativity of the Lord Parish Office Closed 9:30 AM Mass (C)</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Parish Office Closed 8:15 AM Mass (DMC)</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Parish Office Closed 8:15 AM Mass (DMC)</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Parish Office Closed 8:15 AM Mass (DMC)</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Parish Office Closed 8:15 AM Mass (DMC) 9:00 AM Bulletin Stuffing (PCCT)</p>	<p>30</p> <p>3:30 PM Reconciliation (RC)</p> <p>Holy Family 5:00 PM Mass (C)</p>
<p>31</p> <p>Holy Family 8:30 AM Mass 10:30 AM Mass</p> <p>Mary, Mother of God 5:00 PM Mass (C)</p>	<div> <div> <p>Key C-Church BSC-Blessed Sacrament Chapel D MC-Daily Mass Chapel RC-Reconciliation Chapel MR-Music Room OS-Off Site PCA-Parish Center Ark PCCT-Parish Center Conf. Table PCLL-Parish Center Lower Level PCUL-Parish Center Upper Level PCFL-Parish Center Front Lobby PCS-Parish Center Stage</p> </div> <div>  <p>Merry Christmas</p> </div> </div>					

Daily Prayer For Priests

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

Pray for Priests and Vocations

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

Daily Prayer for Vocations

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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Pope Francis	2 Bishop Robert McElroy
3 Bishop John Dolan	4 Bishop Robert Brom	5 Bishop Gilbert Chavez	6 Very Rev. Emilio Magaña	7 Rev. Christopher Mahowald, FSSP	8 Rev. Fernando Maldonado Rosales	9 Rev. Reynaldo Manahan
10 Rev. Eduardo Giovann Manalac, SRC	11 Rev. Elmer Mandac	12 Rev. Kevin Manion	13 Rev. Herman Manuel, SVD	14 Rev. Michael Marcelli	15 Rev. Victor Maristela	16 Rev. Ramon Marrufo
17 Rev. Joaquin Martinez, SJ	18 Rev. Joseph Masar	19 Rev. Devadhasan Masillamony	20 Rev. Basil Mattingly, OSB	21 Rev. Anthony May	22 Rev. Stephen McCall	23 Rev. Michael McFadden, OSA
24 Very Rev. Peter McGuine	25 Rev. Edward McGuinness	26 Rev. Edward McNulty	27 Rev. Nathan McWeeney	28 Rev. Carlos Medina, OSA	29 Rev. Mark Menegatti, OSA	30 Rev. Christopher Merris
31 Rev. Vincent Mesi, OFM						

Pray for Women Religious

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Sr. Martha Maria Torres, RJM	2 Sr. Zita Toto, OLC
3 Sr. Maria Paz Uribe, SJS	4 Sr. Maria Luisa Valdez, OLVM	5 Sr. Guadalupe Valdez, SSND	6 Sr. Maria Rosita Vanegas Romero, MC	7 Sr. Lilia del Carmen Vega Moreno, SJS	8 Sr. Stephany Veluz, RSCJ	9 Sr. Fatima Viamontes, RJM
10 Sr. Joanne Wagenbrenner, CHS	11 Sr. Elizabeth Walsh, RSCJ	12 Sr. Kathleen Walsh, RSM	13 Sr. Alyce Waters, RSM	14 Sr. Emily Weir, CHS	15 Sr. Cora Weismantel, SSND	16 Sr. Elizabeth Ann Wekall, RSM
17 Sr. Patricia Weldon, OSF	18 Sr. Anne Wentz, RSCJ	19 Sr. Mildred Whall, SHCJ	20 Sr. Mildred Whall, SHCJ	21 Sr. Maria Elena Whitney, SJS	22 Sr. Ara Young, OCD	23 Sr. Jo Ceal Young, RSM
24 Sr. Selma Yousif, DMI	25 Sr. Adriana Rebeca Zuro, SJS	26 Sr. Millicent Peaslee, OLVM	27 Sr. Juana Pereyra, SJS	28 Sr. Damien Peters, FDC	29 Sr. M. Genevieve Pistacchio, CSN	30 Sr. Mary Potter, RSM
31 Sr. Mary Alice Prieto, DCJ						

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