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Mass Schedule Saturday at 5:00pm Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am Tuesday-Friday at 8:15am

Eucharistic Adoration Monday-Friday, 6:30am-7:30pm

> Reconciliation (Confession) Saturday, 4:00-4:30pm

August 25, 2013 • Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor's Column

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

Wasted Pain

I share with you a favorite prayer of mine written and prayed by Bishop Fulton J. Sheen. The prayer is directed to Jesus. What draws me to this prayer is the connection the bishop makes between everyday life and the Eucharist.

When one makes this connection, the Mass comes alive. The Mass is no longer people "watching" the priest celebrate, but rather, all of us together, uniting our lives to the life of Christ. Our sacrifice is becoming Christ's sacrifice:

Stay Up to Date on Construction Activity!

Check the Parish website (www.stmoside.org) to watch live action on our webcams (click on the camera icons) or view the Construction Progress album (click on *Our New Church*).



Grading and soil compacting for Parish office building.

Wasted Pain

There is nothing more tragic in all the world than wasted pain. Think of how much suffering there is in hospitals, among the poor and bereaved.

Think also of how much of that suffering goes to waste. How many of those lonesome, suffering, abandoned, crucified souls are saying with our Lord at the moment of Consecration: "This is my body, take it?" And yet that is what we should be saying at that second. "Here is my body, take it. Here is my soul, my will, my energy, my strength, my poverty, my wealth—all that I have. It is yours. Take it! Consecrate it! Offer it! Offer it to the Heavenly Father with yourself, in order that he, looking down on this great Sacrifice, may see only you, his beloved Son, in whom he is well pleased. Transmute the poor bread of my life into your life; thrill the wine of my wasted life into your divine Spirit; unite my broken heart with your Heart; change my cross into a crucifix.

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Pastor's Column (continued from page 1)

Let not my abandonment and my sorrow go to waste. Gather up the fragments, and as the drop of water is absorbed by the wine at the Offertory of the Mass, let my life be absorbed in you. Let my little cross be entwined with your great cross, so that I may purchase the joys of everlasting happiness in union with you.

Consecrate these trials of my life which would go unrewarded unless united with you; transubstantiate me so that, like bread which is now your Body, and wine which is now your Blood, I, too, may be wholly yours. I care not if the species remain, or that, like the bread and wine, I may seem to all earthly eyes the same as before. My station in life, my routine duties, my work, my family—all these are but the species of my life which may remain unchanged; but the substance of my life, my soul, my will, my heart, transubstantiate them, transform them wholly into your service so that through me all may know how sweet is the love of Christ!

-Bishop Fulton J. Sheen



Vocations

Jesus tells us, to be saved, we must "strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many...will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough." We can only strengthen ourselves and others through good leaders. If you feel the call, help your brothers and sisters to be saved through your leadership as a priest, deacon, or religious. To investigate the possibilities, contact Deacon Tom at thomasgoeltz@aol.com or 760-727-8442.

Eucharistic Adoration



Monday-Friday • 6:30am-7:30pm Blessed Sacrament Chapel

For more information, contact the Parish Office at 760-758-4100 x100.

Looking for Information on the Catholic Faith?

Are you interested in learning more about Catholicism, becoming a Catholic, or returning to the Catholic Church after being away? *For information, call Kathleen Bell at 760-758-4100 x110.*

STM \$crip News

Thanks to all who support our program! If you have never purchased Scrip gift cards, try out the program this year! A percentage of each gift card purchased will go to our Parish Mortgage Fund.

Remember, Scrip is available for purchase FOUR ways!

- 1. On the Plaza after weekend Masses
- 2. Monday-Friday during business hours in the Parish Office
- 3. Email at scrip@stmoside.org
- 4. Phone at 760-758-4100 x150

Orders may be picked up after Mass on the weekend or at the Parish Office during the week.

Welcome New Parishioners

Clark & Sylvie Hutton & Family Jesus & Carolina Mujica & Family Eddie & Cole Ramirez & Family Michael & Patti Smith

Congratulations to

Mike & Joy Molony

who celebrate their 18th wedding anniversary August 27.

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

Attention Men!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 14, 6:45am-8:30am, when the weekly *That Man is You!* program resumes.

Also mark your calendars for October 11-13, our annual Men's Retreat at Green Oaks Ranch in Vista.

Watch the bulletin for more details or contact Deacon John Fredette at *johnf@stmoside.org* or 760-758-4100 x132.

Our Mission is to:

worship God,

In addition to Mass, Reconciliation, and Eucharistic Adoration (see page 1 for schedules), there are opportunities to participate in liturgical and music ministries.

For further information, contact Douglas Lynn,
Director of Liturgy and Music,
at 760-758-410 x140 or douglasl@stmoside.org
Matrimony (9 months advance notice required),
communion for the sick/homebound, and anointing
are available by request

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teach and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ,

There are programs for faith development and enrichment for all ages, including preparation for celebrating the sacraments.

For further information, contact Kathleen Bell, Director of Faith Formation, at 760-758-4100 x110 or kathleenb@stmoside.org.

and serve God's people in word and deed.

There are many groups who serve our Parishioners and provide outreach to the local community (see page 10).

For further information, contact Chris Smith, Director of Stewardship and Development, at 760-758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org.

See page 10 or www.stmoside.org for more details.

Readings for the Week Ahead

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

Sunday, August 25 (123)

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Isaiah 66:18-21 Psalm 117:1-2

Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13

Luke 13:22-30

Monday, August 26 (425)

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5,8b-10

Psalm 149:1-6,9 Matthew 23:13-22

Tuesday, August 27 (426:1)

Monica

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Psalm 139:1-6

Matthew 23:23-26

Wednesday, August 28 (427)

Augustine, bishop, doctor

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 Psalm 139:7-12

Matthew 23:27-32

Thursday, August 29 (428/634)

The Passion of John the Baptist 1 Thessalonians 3:7-13 Psalm 90:3-4,12-14,17

Mark 6:17-29

Friday, August 30 (429)

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6,10-12

Matthew 25:1-13 Saturday, August 31 (430)

1 Thessalonians 4:9-11

Psalm 98:1,7-9

Matthew 25:14-30

Sunday, September 1 (126)

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Sirach 3:17-18,20,28-29

Psalm 68:4-7,10-11 Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24a

Luke 14:1.7-14

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 24, 5:00pm Julian Jandelli 🕆

Sunday, August 25, 8:30am Sylvana Vettese &

Sunday, August 25, 10:30am Cosmo Nocida &

Tuesday, August 27, 8:15am Eamonn MacCluskey Jr. 7

Wednesday, August 28, 8:15am Gloria Gerhard &

Thursday, August 29, 8:15am Donn Wilmott

Friday, August 30, 8:15am Shirley Darcy

Saturday, August 31, 5:00pm Joanne Engle 🕆

Sunday, September 1, 8:30am Patricia Ann White

Sunday, September 1, 10:30am John Kirk 🕆

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

Changa Aguilera Evan Albertson Mary Alexander Lucia Ambriz Carrie Autrey Jose Luis Barbosa Patricia Barbour Clarice Bednarz John Bennici Regina Bentz Lisa Berg Roseanne Berg Mary Betz Betty Jean Bielich Monica Broussard Janet Brown Todd Brown Anita Buerger Bridget Buford Lindsey Bumgarten' Brianne Campos Claudia Caplinger Aria Cappeluti Paul Cassidy Bobbi Clarke Marilyn Clarke The Cody & Streling Families Dolly Cole

Carl Coleman

James Coleman Thomas Cornwell & Family

Carol Costa Lené Crowe Karen Flaharty Daley Beverly de Gelder Carole Dillon Art Dossman Dave Dossman John Drazkowski, Jr. La Vonne Dumas Connor Eberhard Carolyn Erickson Ey

The Escandon & Labadie Families

Sharon Evans

Victoria Lopez Fenton The Fiore Family Ryan Flum Ernie Follis Eugene Franciscus Kathryn Franklin

Joe Freire The Greg French Family

Brian Frink Knox Gagnon Jim Gallagher The Joe Garcia Family Kathy Gardner

Jack & Marge Gillen Wendy Gonzales' Dad Rick Gonzalez Rosemary Haeffelin

Susan Hallahan Pat & Tom Hannon The Harker Family Barbara Hatem Lilian Hills

Susan Hori Iolanda Iacobelli Linda Iacobelli Bennett

Sue Johnston Betty Karch Paul Kennedy Peggy Kiernán Debbie Kinney

Dewey Kolbo Helen Kuhn Lillian Lachance

The Lamelin Family Brandon LeBlanc Jeremiah Lemus Claudia Leué

The Paul Leué Family Ashley Load Cassandra Loretto Lauren Loretto

James MacArthur Joaquin Maldonado Paige Mansell Alexander Mathews Chandler May Tony McCloskey Bob McWilliams

Joyce Meehan Kalei Mendiola Bill Metzger Lorraine Micallef The Middlesworth Family

Rita Mikridge The Miller Family Phyllis Minaya June Mitchell Camille Mitkevich June Montgomery Nancy Moore Elizabeth Muehlbacher Conrad Murphy

Margie Myers The Neal Family Terri Novy Richard Obsitnik Bernadette Padovan Art Palle

Ethan Palm Elisa Petree Marilyn Pirkola Douglas Price-Williams Barbara Ramm Terry Riley Rita Ritchie

Adela Rivera Elena Rivera Maria Rogers Dorothy Rouse The Russo Family Cindy Sanelli

Linda Schmidt The Douglas E. Schulte Family Joan Shea

Jack and Rita Shepard Elizabeth Shirzad Beth Snyder

Nick Soltau Fred & Gilda Spiegl Darek, Vanessa, & Elba Spizewski Patricia St. Pierre

The Staehr Family The Stanislawski Family Pete Sullivan

David Sweet

Tommy & Ginger Thompson Sarah Tillinghast William Tompson Stephen Toth, Jr. Mary Tysko & Family

Barbara Upson The Vanderhagen Family Corrie & Robert Vasquez Lucy Vienna

Dorina Visciglio Vanessa Vitiello Kevin Watson-Graff Sue Welch John Whitton Erin Young Patricia Zavala

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. 1st Lt. Jeffrey Bauer, USMC CPL Greg Bergman PFC John Brandone Maj. Tom Browne, Jr., USMC Corp. Willie Deel Chaplain Van Dinh Lance Corp. Brandon Doyle, USMC

StfSgt Evans Formica, USMC Grant Fischer

MSGT Steve Gallegos, USMC Sgt. Alex Garcia

PFC Samuel Haro, US Army Staff Sgt. Travis M. Meyers, USAF Pvt. 2 Jess Phillips, US Army Sr. Airman Robert Spear, UŠAF Tyler Timmerman, US Army Sgt. Charles Watts, USMC

Calendar Highlights

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

| Aug 25 | Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and |
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| | 10:30am Masses |
| Aug 25 | Untold Blessing Potluck |
| | and Video/Discussion |
| Sept 1 | Liturgy of the Word for |
| | Children at 8:30am and |
| | 10:30am Masses |
| Sept 3-4 | Restaurant Fundraiser at |
| | Sammy's Woodfired Pizza |
| Sept 3-5 | Music Ministry Resumes |
| Sept 5 | Spirited Seniors |
| | Ice Cream Social |
| Sept 7-8 | Brother Benno's Toiletries |
| | and NEW Underwear |
| | Drive |
| Sept 8 | Religious Education Classe |
| - | begin |
| Sept 9 | Women's Guild Luncheon |
| Sept 14 | That Man is You Program |
| • | Begins |
| Sept 14-15 | Pennies from Heaven |
| • | Collection to Benefit |
| | BirthChoice |
| Sept 17-18 | Restaurant Fundraiser at |
| • | Nucci's |
| Sept 29 | Pastor's Dinner/Excursion |
| Oct 5 | Treasures 2013 |
| Oct 6 | Blessing of Animals |
| Oct 11-13 | Men's Fellowship Retreat |
| Oct 12-13 | Women's Guild Bake Sale |
| | and Quilt Items Sale |
| Oct 27 | New Member Reception |
| Oct 28 | STM Golf Tournament at |
| | Shadowridge Country |
| | Club |
| Nov 2 | Sanctuary Choir Retreat |
| Nov 9-10 | St. Bonaventure |
| | Clothing Drive |
| Nov 24 | Year of Faith Closing Even |
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Questions? Contact Henny at 760-758-4100 x100

Pray for Women Religious

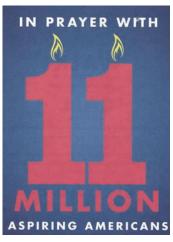
Please join us in praying for the women religious who serve in the Diocese of San Diego. They have been assigned to days of the year in alphabetical order.

| August 26 | | |
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| Sr. Pia Anderson, OCD | | |
| August 27 | | |
| Sr. Flavia Arellano, CVI | | |
| August 28 | | |
| Sr. Rosemary Babbitt, IHM | | |
| August 29 | | |
| Sr. Joanna Baker, OCD | | |
| August 30 | | |
| Sr. Maria Teresa Bandera, CVI | | |
| August 31 | | |
| Sr. Lilia Barba, SJS | | |
| September 1 | | |
| Sr. Ruth Marie Barreda, CHS | | |

Social Ministries/Outreach

Immigration Reform Action

Our church is one of many sister Parishes throughout San Diego County participating in the Action for Immigration Reform. This aggregation of churches, working with the San Diego Organizing Project, is currently involved in a residential outreach to encourage support for the passage of an immigration bill and asking individuals to call Congressmans Issa (888-979-7506) or to write his office (1800 Thibodo Rd., #301, Vista, CA 92081).



A team from St. Thomas More is leading the effort to encourage local businesses to contact Congressman Darrell Issa's office to express their support for passage of legislation in the House of Representatives. The U.S. Senate has already submitted its own bill.

During the month of August, while Congress is in recess, this campaign will be focusing on generating letters, emails, and faxes from business owners to Congressman Issa's office. We will also be collecting petitions to the Congressman from the business community to be forwarded to him.

We encourage our business leaders to express their support for immigration reform, following the example of our diocese and Parish leaders, as well as the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. According to a *Field Research Corporation* poll published on February 22, 2013 (#2439) there is now nearly universal support among California voters in favor of allowing undocumented immigrants who have lived here for a number of years to stay and become citizens if they have a job, learn English, and pay back taxes. Statewide, 90% of voters now favor this policy.

For more information, call Craig Castle at 760-727-3097.

JustFaith Small Group Program

Explore issues of poverty and social injustice through the lens of Catholic social teaching. Drawing from books and videos, become aware of the deeper implications of poverty in the world. Do this through reading, discussion and prayer with a group of similarly-minded persons. Join a JustFaith group this fall.

Save these dates if you are interested in participating:

Orientation: Tuesday, September 10, 10:00am or Wednesday, September 11, 7:00pm

Opening Retreat in October (watch for a date)

Sessions begin the third week of October (watch for days and times)

For more information, contact Sr. Maureen at *maureenb@stmoside.org* or 760-758-4100 x131.



Marriage & Family Life

Bishops' Letter on Marriage—Marriage and the Kingdom of God: "A marriage that is truly in Christ, a marriage upon which his school of gratitude and openness has left its mark of joy and warmth, is a sign of the Kingdom that is coming. It is a



blessing to the couple, to their children, and to everyone who knows them. It offers a sign of hope and a loving witness to human dignity in a world where hope often seems absent and human dignity is often degraded. It is a sign of the Kingdom because the love of Christ moves the married couple to ever greater heights of love." To read the document go to http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/.

Marriage Moments—"Some are last who will be first..." (Lk 13:30) Firsts and lasts — Hmm. What is the first thing you say to your beloved in the morning; the last thing at night? Which of you is first to forgive; the last to eat or to take offence? Try trading places. By Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net.

Parenting Pointers—"For the Lord disciplines those whom he loves." (Hebrews 12:6) Few kids like to be disciplined since it usually feels like a punishment. Although self-discipline is the ultimate goal, help your child understand that when you impose a discipline, it because you love your child enough to take the time to train him/her in healthy ways. By Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net

For more information, visit *www.diocese-sdiego.org*/Ministries/Marriage & Family Life or call Jen Frost at 858-692-7438.

2013 Pastor's Dinner Excursion Celebrate Fr. Mike's 65th Birthday!

Sunday, September 29, 1:30-6:00pm

Sign Up Today!

Let the good times roll!
\$250/person (\$125 tax deduction)
All payments due by September 15
Payment plans and credit card payments accepted



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

Parish Events

Treasures 2013

Baskets, Bicycles, Tools, and Sports Equipment. Housewares, Christmas Items, and Jewelry, too! These are a few of the favorite things you can donate to...

Treasures 2013 St. Thomas More's very own Rummage Sale Saturday, October 5

The Plant Pavilion will be a place of discovery for your indoor and outdoor greenery delights!

Mark the date on your calendar to volunteer or just join the treasure hunt at the Fourth Annual St. Thomas More Treasures event in our very own parking lot.

Over \$30,000 raised in three years—come and be part of the success!

Information packets will be distributed in the coming weeks as well as opportunities to sign up and volunteer. For more information, contact John or Wendy Murphy at 760-497-6117.

Women's Guild News

At our first meeting on Monday, September 9, we will be honoring a special guest for lunch to celebrate a milestone birthday during the month. Guess who? The theme, of course, will be a birthday party, which is appropriate as the Women's Guild is soon to begin its 25th year as well. Birthday singing is in order, so tune up those vocal chords. There will be lots of door prizes and good food. The fun begins after our business meeting and lasts until around 2:00pm. Be sure to come early to sign up for lunch (\$10). It's a special celebration treat. The meeting will begin at 11:00am sharp, and registration will be open from 10:30am. We'll see you there.

—Ann Buko, president

Brother Benno's Toiletry and NEW Underwear Collection

It's almost that time again! Time for the toiletry and **new** underwear collection to support Brother Benno's. Deacon Tom will have trucks available before all the Masses the weekend of September 7-8 to collect your donations. Please be generous as always.

Pennies from Heaven

The Parish Culture of Life committee will be having the annual Pennies from Heaven collection the weekend of September 14-15. This benefits Birth Choice, our local pregnancy resource center and enables them to educate women and save lives. For more information, contact Jane Kelleher at 760-822-7041.

St. Bonaventure Clothing Drive

The annual collection of clothing for St. Bonaventure Mission is alive and well! Why, for the past 18 years have we supported a Mission in New Mexico? What is needed? How can I help? Deacon Tom will be on the plaza after all the Masses on August 24-25 to answer all your questions. Stop by and say hello.

A Model of the Church Crucifix for Your Home

A list has been started for the second casting of our crucifix model. They are 15" high by 8" wide with a 9" corpus. Don't miss out on this last opportunity! The price remains \$750. Payment plans are available, as are credit card payments. September 30 will be the cut-off date for signups. We will be placing an order for these crucifixes on October 1. There will be no further castings. Please sign up at the Parish information table or contact Chris Smith at 760-758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org.



Memorial Item Donations

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.

Our Parish Campus will be a living memorial. All who help in building it will leave something to the community itself that will be used by generations to come. The good they do is not interred with them, but will remain to share in the divine activity of God here on earth.

Listed below 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

| Pipe Organ | \$850,000 |
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| Memorial Garden | \$500,000 |
| Reflection Garden | \$250,000 |
| Church Doors (Bronze) | \$100,000 |
| Crucifix | \$75,000 |
| St. Thomas More Shrine (Tapestry) | \$75,000 |
| Pew Seating for the Church (1.000) 942 available | \$300/person |

Daily Mass Chapel and Choir Chairs (200) 153 available



For more information on our progress, visit our website, stmoside.org, and click on Our New Church.

\$300/each

8/13/13

Community Service Numbers: 2-1-1 for human services information; 5-1-1 for traffic

Liturgy & Music



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

LET THE WORD TEACH YOU

Scripture themes for September

by Patricia Datchuck Sánchez and Rafael Sánchez Alonso, from Celebration September 2013, with permission.

Music Ministry Rehearsals Begin

Handbell Choirs Tuesday September 3

Praise Team Wednesday September 4

Sanctuary and Cappella Choirs Thursday September 5

Upcoming Music

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SEPTEMBER 1 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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5:00pm Mass

Cantor & Congregation

8:30am Mass

Cantor & Congregation

10:30am Mass

Cantor & Congregation

Except for the very young, most of us who gather regularly for worship are familiar with the sacred texts that will feed us during this month. In fact, we have heard them so many times that we may tune out, not fully grasping their truths or heeding their challenges. Therefore, it seems appropriate that we take the advice of the psalmist who (speaking for God) said, "Pause a while and know that I am God" (Ps 46:11). Pause a while and let the living Word speak its newness into you. Let it breathe in you with new purpose. Let God's word guide your life as a disciple; let it inspire your every thought, word, choice, decision, and action.

As we listen with a renewed alertness and sensitivity, the Lucan Jesus will continue the formation of his disciples, calling them and us to a more authentic humility (Sept. 1). The Word of God will suggest that instead of seeking places of honor for ourselves at banquets and gatherings, we offer places of honor, at our own tables, to the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame. We might be tempted to ask, "Does anyone ever really do this?" Jesus did, and his actions offended the rich and the righteous. Those who profess to belong to Jesus must dare to give the same outreach to the poor regardless of who might take offense.

On Sept. 8, the words of the Lucan Jesus will describe the very dear cost of discipleship. Those who would be his eyes and heart, hands, and voice in the world are to put him first. Focused on Jesus, we will also bear whatever cross might come our way because of our allegiance to him. With the twin parables of the tower builder and the embattled king, Jesus urges that we follow him with eyes opened wide, fully aware of the cost but willing to remain faithful.

Forgiveness is the word we hear on Sept. 15. Jesus assured his own that nothing is too grievous for God to salvation forgive. Throughout history, God forgave sinners—even for infractions like idolatry, as seen in the first reading from Exodus. In the Gospel and through the triple parables of the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost son, the Lucan Jesus will emphasize the joy that comes with authentic forgiveness. This joy arises not only in the one who is forgiven, but also in the one who offers forgiveness. Moreover, parable describes the three celebrations at which friends, neighbors, and even the angels in heaven rejoice that the lost have been found and that one who was dead has come to life again.

Jesus' words challenge our willingness not only to ask for forgiveness, but also to forgive, freely and fully, as God does. Our forgiveness becomes more authentic if it is accompanied by voluntary "amnesia" that refuses to dredge up the past mistakes of another. "I'll forgive but I'll never forget" contradicts the Gospel. Surely such words are better surrendered to the forgotten past.

To allow God's word of forgiveness to take root in us, and to be able to forgive others, Edward M. Hays suggests that each of us must also learn to forgive ourselves (Prayers for the Domestic Church. Shantivanam House of Prayer, Easton, Kan.: 1979). However, as Hays has indicated, we should pair each pronouncement of selfforgiveness with a promise to forgive others with the same fault, as in: "I forgive my smallness of mind...and narrowness of heart and I forgive others who think and act as I do."



Luke 13:26

Sobering words are spoken by Amos and the Lucan Jesus on September's last two Sundays. These words challenge the human penchant for acquiring more and more while others suffer with less and less. These prophets criticize the wealthy-not for what they have, but for turning a blind eye on the poor and for cheating the poor out of the little they have. On Sept. 22, Jesus will praise a shrewd steward for taking the means necessary to assure his future. Children of light can learn from the children of this world, Jesus will say, as he urges his own to be trustworthy in matters small and great.

The last (but not least) word spoken to believers this month concerns a rich man who lived a life of ease while a poor man lay dying at his door. We can imagine that the rich man sidestepped Lazarus as he came and went from his comfortable home, oblivious to the need right in front of him. We might be ready to point out the rich man's guilt, but the point of hearing this parable today is so that we might become more alert, more sensitive and more willing to ease the needs of others. Rather than sidestep the poor, let us see in them an opportunity to serve God's least ones, with whom Jesus was pleased to identify.

Faith Formation



Kathleen Bell, Director of Faith Formation 760-758-4100 x110 kathleenb@stmoside.org

Marcus Cabrera, Youth Advocate 760-758-4100 x161 marcusc@stmoside.org



Sign Up NOW! for Religious Education Classes

(For registered STM families)



→Genesis Program

- ✓ Ages 3, 4, 5
- ✓ 2 Sundays a month beginning September 8
- ✓ 10:20-11:45am (the WHOLE of 10:30am Mass)
- ✓ Orientation for parents: September 8, 10:00am

→ Faith First Kids

- ✓ Grades 1-5
- 2 Sundays a month, beginning September 8
- ✓ Optional times: 12:30-2:00pm session or 4:30-6:00pm session
- ✓ Parent/Child Orientation: September 8 from 9:45-10:20am



- ✓ Grades 6, 7, 8
- ✓ 2 Sundays a month, beginning September 9
- ✓ 4:30-6:00pm
- ✓ Parent/Child Orientation: September 8 from 9:45-10:20am

→ Teen Faith Formation

- ✓ All 4 years of high school
- ✓ Flexible scheduling:

Core-Courses and Mini-Courses

- ✓ 6:30-8:30pm on Sundays
- ✓ Orientation for parents AND teens

Beginning the program: Thursday, September 12, 7:00pm (REQUIRED!)



ADULT FAITH FORMATION LL adults of any age interested in deepening

for ALL adults of any age interested in deepening their faith lives

UNTOLD BLESSING

- This Weekend! Sunday, August 25
- Potluck begins at noon
- Continues with 20-minute DVD by Fr. Robert Barron
- Followed by brief discussion with Deacon Tom and Patt Goeltz
- Childcare available

FR. MIKE'S BOOKIES

I Thought the Sun Was God by Masako Streling

Discussion is scheduled for this Thursday **August 29 at 7:00pm**with Kurt Schwend facilitating.

BIBLE STUDY

- Studying Paul's Letters to the Ephesians, Colossians, and Philippians
- 10-week study beginning
 Wednesday, September 18 9:00am or
 Thursday, September 19 7:00pm
- Sign up forms on the lower level bulletin board

RCIA

Do you want to become fully Catholic? Call or email Kathleen Bell to arrange an informal visit to discuss your invitation to become fully a part of the STM faith community.

PBJ Update

2013 GOAL: 365 pounds Collected to date: 277 pounds

> (Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center)



Stewardship & Development



Chris Smith Director of Stewardship & Development chriss@stmoside.org; 758-4100 x120

Christian Stewardship ~ Prayer for Kids

It's hard to believe, but it's that time of year: the "back to school" ads have returned. Although it seems we just threw the book bags in the closet for the summer, it's time to dig them out. We start thinking about scaling back the bedtime hour and wringing the most out of the last weeks of freedom.

For many parents, it's a wistful time. Can my baby possibly be in fourth grade? And how could last year's gym shoes have grown so tight? But for many parents, a sigh of relief comes along with the school bell's first peal. Autumn brings back a welcome routine, a sense of order and discipline that summer lacks. Kids are back on schedule!

Christian stewards can take advantage of this return to "normal." Make a plan now to take advantage of this "new" year and incorporate aspects of prayer and awareness of God into your kids' new schedule.



For example, will you be driving your kids to school? That morning share morning prayer. Even a walk together to the bus stop can be a time to pause and ask God to bless our day. And perhaps your summer of eating on the fly is now being replaced by more established meal time patterns.

Take advantage of that to begin a new blessing at the evening meal the very first day of the school year. During our thanksgiving for our food, each member of the family could relate one thing for which they were especially grateful during the day.





At bedtime, each child can recall with his parent the best part of his day, and also what was the most challenging. How was God there through those events? Not only is this a beautiful way to help your child be conscious of the presence

of God, it's a wonderful way to learn more about your child's experiences as they are growing up.

By your own example, show your children that a sense of prayerfulness permeates your day, that life has meaning and purpose when reflected upon, and that the habits ingrained in a schedule can be habits retained for a lifetime.

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Missionary Appeal

Envelopes were attached to the bulletin earlier this month for the annual missionary appeal, which this year benefits the Society of St. Peter the Apostle. Your prayers and contributions will support Mission Seminaries in Africa, Asia, the Americas, and Europe. The envelopes may be returned any time during August. Your generosity is much appreciated!

Annual Catholic Appeal

The Diocesan Catholic Appeal (ACA) continues. Money raised throughout the Diocese supports the ongoing ministries of the Diocese. Our fair share assessment is \$48,000. Presently we have raised \$48,303, given by 379 families. Thanks to all who have contributed! Payments exceeding our goal will be returned to us.

Collection for Week of August 17/18, 2013

| Total | \$ 14 003 55 |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| Children's envelopes | 0.00 |
| Offertory (Loose Collection) | 1,130.00 |
| Offertory* | \$ 12,873.55 |
| Number of Registered Households | 1,055 |

Offertory envelopes, credit card withdrawals, automatic checking or savings account deductions (credit card and automatic bank account withdrawals are posted at STM on the 5th and/or 20th of each month).

Ways to Help Support Your Parish

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News and Information from the Larger Church

Weekly Peaceful Prayer Vigil to End Abortion—Mondays, 10:00am, Planned Parenthood Isabella Center, 1820 Marron Rd., #110, Carlsbad (just west of Westfield Plaza Camino Real). For more information, contact Richard Hodges at 760-439-3415 or Jahna White at 760-586-6356.

"Hooray for Hollywood" Fundraiser—Brother Benno's Auxiliary invites you to come join us for an evening of non-stop song and dance tribute at the Broadway Theater, 340 E. Broadway, Vista, on Sunday, August 25, at 4:00pm. "Hooray for Hollywood" is a 90-minute show of many tunes from musical movie classics. Tickets are \$25 and include appetizers, performance, and coffee/cookies during intermission. For tickets, contact Joan O'Connell at 760-730-9125 or Vikki Ramey at 760-803-6267.

Southern California Renewal Communities (SCRC) Annual Convention—August 30-September 1, Anaheim Convention Center and Arena. Nationally known speakers and musicians for all ages. For more information, visit *www.scrc.org*.

St. Vincent de Paul Ladies Guild Membership Coffee—Monday, September 9, 10:00am, Ladies Guild Room at St. Vincent de Paul Village, 1501 Imperial Ave., San Diego. For more information, contact Virginia LaMendola at 619-435-2108 or *virgjim@aol.com*.

13th Annual Madre's Fiesta & Silent Auction—Friday, September 13, 6:30pm, Sheraton Carlsbad Resort and Spa. Please join us in celebrating and supporting Madre Antonia, the Eudist Servants of the 11th Hour, and their mission to help those in need of compassion. For more information, contact 619-292-8220 or www.madresfiesta.org.

Toyota Prius Raffle at St. Mary Star of the Sea in Oceanside—Great odds to win a 2013 Toyota Prius in your choice of model and color. Tickets are \$10 each, and the raffle will take place on October 20 at the Parish Festival. For more

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Volunteer with Voices for Children—Voices for Children provides volunteer Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs) to abused and neglected children in San Diego County to ensure their needs are met in the courtroom, classroom, and community. For more information, contact *www.speakupnow.org* or 858-598-2235

Monthly Holy Hour for Priestly and Religious Vocations—Third Wednesday of each month (next is September 18), 7:30-9:00pm, Diocesan Pastoral Center, 3888 Paducah Dr., San Diego. For more information, contact Fr. Pedro Rivera at privera@diocese-sdiego.org or 619-291-7446.

Birth Choice Volunteer Counselors Needed—a pro-life, Christ-centered pregnancy resource center offering free pregnancy testing, ultrasound, and options counseling for women in crisis. If you feel called to the ministry at the Oceanside or San Marcos centers, please contact Mike Brady, Executive Director, at 760-434-5063 or *mikebrady@birthchoice.net*.

Support Group for Separated/Divorced—An ongoing support group meeting Sundays at 10:15am at St. James Catholic Church in Solana Beach. For more information, contact Frank Grant at 760-533-1520 or fwgrant@gmail.com.

The Center for Christian Spirituality at the University of San Diego has a great line up of events. Visit www.sandiego.edu/ccs.

Mission San Luis Rey Retreat Center in Oceanside has an ongoing schedule of retreats! Visit www.sanluisrey.org for more details.

Catholic Singles Organization—The Catholic Alumni Club

Catholic Radio—AM 1000/Sirius 130—San Diego

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Young Adult Ministry Activities

Visit www.yamsd.org for complete information on events for young adults, including Mega Mass with Coadjutor Bishop Flores on August 11, Bible Study, social activities, praise and worship nights, and outreach projects.

Also, search Office of Young Adult Ministry on Facebook.

Catholics Come Home

Do you have a family member, friend, or co-worker who has left the Catholic Church? If so, encourage them to visit www.CatholicsComeHome.org.

To report suspected sexual misconduct or child abuse at any Parish or Catholic school in the Diocese of San Diego, please contact the Diocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator, Monsignor Steven Callahan at 858-490-8310.

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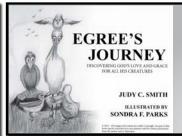
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When Are the Meetings?

There are two groups forming. Specific times will be determined soon.

- **+** Thursday daytime
- **+** Thursday evenings

September 2013

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|--|---|--|---|---|---|
| Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30 AM-Mass/LOWC 10:30 AM-Mass/LOWC | Parish Office and Chapel Closed Labor Day 8:15 AM-Mass 7:00 PM-High School Youth Group | Restaurant Fundraiser Sammy's Woodfired Pizza, San Marcos 8:00 AM-Walking Ministry 8:15 AM-Mass 9:00 AM-Donuts and Coffee 10:00AM-JustFaith Orientation 6:00 PM-Youth Handbells 7:00 PM-Tower Bells 7:00 PM-Knights of Columbus | Restaurant Fundraiser Sammy's Woodfired Pizza, San Marcos 8:15 AM-Mass 1:30 PM-Spirited Senior Board Meeting 5:30 PM-Teen Prayer Hour 6:30 PM-Youth Leadership Meeting 7:00 PM-Praise Team 7:00PM- JustFaith Orientation | 8:15 AM-Mass 9:00 AM-Donuts and Coffee 10:00 AM-Women's Guild Ouilters 1:00 PM-Centering Prayer 1:00 PM-Immigration Meeting 6:30 PM-Spirited Senior Ice Cream Social 7:00 PM-Sanctuary Choir 9:00 PM-Cappella Choir | 8:15 AM-Mass 9:00 AM-Communion Service (Emeritus at Oceanside) | Brother Benno's Toiletry Drive 4:00 PM-Reconciliation Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00 PM-Mass |
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