

Church of St. Thomas More

A Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of San Diego

Spirituality † Tradition † Community



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StThomasMoreRCC



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

September 8, 2013 • Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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Pope Francis Summons the Church to Fasting and Prayer for Peace

Pope Francis has asked that September 7 be a day of prayer and fasting for peace. Due to the fact that this message came to us on September 3, I am suggesting and encouraging, that, instead of September 7 as a day of prayer and fasting for peace, the week of September 9-13 be our Parish week of prayer for peace.

Everyone, especially those who may spend time in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel next week, is asked to dedicate their prayer for peace. Everyone is encouraged to take time to read the Pope's message. Copies will be available all week in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel as well.

Today, dear brothers and sisters, I wish to add my voice to the cry which rises up with increasing anguish from every part of the world, from every people, from the heart of each person, from the one great family which is humanity: it is the cry for peace! It is a cry which declares with force: we want a peaceful world, we want to be men and women of peace, and we want in our society, torn apart by divisions and conflict,

for peace to break out! War never again! Never again war! Peace is a precious gift, which must be promoted and protected.

There are so many conflicts in this world which cause me great suffering and worry, but in these days my heart is deeply wounded in particular by what is happening in Syria and anguished by the dramatic developments which are looming.

I appeal strongly for peace, an appeal which arises from deep within me. How much suffering, how much devastation, how much pain has the use of arms carried in its wake in that martyred country, especially among civilians and the unarmed! I think of many children who will not see the light of the future! With utmost firmness I condemn the use of chemical weapons: I tell you that those terrible images from recent days are burned into my mind and heart. There is a judgment of God and of history upon our actions which are

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Did You Know?

In FY2010, we incurred a \$28,000 deficit in our Operations Budget.
We carried this deficit through FY2011, FY 2012, and FY2013.

Because of your gifts to the "Did You Know?" Campaign in FY 2013, we were finally able to retire this deficit!
Your gifts do make a difference and do help us to balance the bottom line in our Operations Budget.

Thank you!

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inescapable! Never has the use of violence brought peace in its wake. War begets war, violence begets violence.

With all my strength, I ask each party in this conflict to listen to the voice of their own conscience, not to close themselves in solely on their own interests, but rather to look at each other as brothers and decisively and courageously to follow the path of encounter and negotiation, and so overcome blind conflict. With similar vigour I exhort the international community to make every effort to promote clear proposals for peace in that country without further delay, a peace based on dialogue and negotiation, for the good of the entire Syrian people.

May no effort be spared in guaranteeing humanitarian assistance to those wounded by this terrible conflict, in particular those forced to flee and the many refugees in nearby countries. May humanitarian workers, charged with the task of alleviating the sufferings of these people, be granted access so as to provide the necessary aid.

What can we do to make peace in the world? As Pope John said, it pertains to each individual to establish new relationships in human society under the mastery and guidance of justice and love (cf. John XXIII, *Pacem in Terris*, [11 April 1963]: AAS55).

All men and women of good will are bound by the task of pursuing peace. I make a forceful and urgent call to the entire Catholic Church, and also to every Christian of other confessions, as well as to followers of every religion and to those brothers and sisters who do not believe: peace is a good which overcomes every barrier, because it belongs to all of humanity!

I repeat forcefully: it is neither a culture of confrontation nor a culture of conflict which builds harmony within and between peoples, but rather a culture of encounter and a culture of dialogue; this is the only way to peace.

May the plea for peace rise up and touch the heart of everyone so that they may lay down their weapons and let themselves be led by the desire for peace.

To this end, brothers and sisters, I have decided to proclaim for the whole Church on 7 September next, the vigil of the birth of Mary, Queen of Peace, a day of fasting and prayer for peace in Syria, the Middle East, and throughout the world, and I also invite each person, including our fellow Christians, followers of other religions and all men of good will, to participate, in whatever way they can, in this initiative.

On 7 September, in Saint Peter's Square, here, from 19:00 until 24:00, we will gather in prayer and in a spirit of penance, invoking God's great gift of peace upon the beloved nation of Syria and upon each situation of conflict and violence around the world. Humanity needs to see these gestures of peace and to hear words of hope and peace! I ask all local churches, in addition to fasting, that they gather to pray for this intention.

Let us ask Mary to help us respond to violence, to conflict and to war, with the power of dialogue, reconciliation and love. She is our mother: may she help us to find peace; all of us are her children! Help us, Mary, to overcome this most difficult moment and to dedicate ourselves each day to building in every situation an authentic culture of encounter and peace.

Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us!

Welcome New Parishioners

Matthew Cord
Danielle Klein & Family
Paul & Jennifer Montgomery & Family
Nicholas & Adrianna Kovacs & Family
Mark & Patricia Webb

Congratulations to

Raul & Lisa Deju

who celebrated their 13th wedding anniversary August 27.

Bob & Dottie Petruzzo

who celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary September 8.

David & Theresa Berry

who celebrate their 18th wedding anniversary September 9.

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:



Georges' Formaris, who died on July 7. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, September 20, and 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep his family in your prayers.

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

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.

Vocations

Hear God calling to be a priest or religious? The Diocese of San Diego is holding a **Vocations Awareness Retreat** for single men and women ages 15-35 Saturday, September 28, 9:00am-5:00pm. For further information, contact the Office for Vocations at 858-490-8346 or Deacon Tom at thomasgoeltz@aol.com or 760-727-8442. Don't be afraid! Check it out! Being a priest or religious may be just the vocation for you.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Eucharistic Adoration is available Monday-Friday, 6:30am-7:30pm in our Blessed Sacrament Chapel. We are so blessed to be able to drop in at almost any time and have a little "one-on-one" with Jesus in the Reserved Eucharist.



Pope John Paul II stated that the practice provides contact with the "very wellspring of grace." Try it—you'll like it!

Watch for more thoughts and information on this subject in future bulletins...

Readings for the Week Ahead

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

Sunday, September 8 (129)
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Wisdom 9:13-18b
 Psalm 90:3-6,12-17
 Philemon 9-10,12-17
 Luke 14:25-33

Monday, September 9 (437)
Peter Claver, priest
 Colossians 1:24-2:3
 Psalm 62:6-7,9
 Luke 6:6-11

Tuesday, September 10 (438)
 Colossians 2:6-15
 Psalm 145:1-2,8-11
 Luke 6:12-19

Wednesday, September 11 (439)
 Colossians 3:1-11
 Psalm 145:2-3,10-13
 Luke 6:20-16

Thursday, September 12 (440)
 Colossians 3:12-17
 Psalm 150:1-6
 Luke 6:27-38

Friday, September 13 (441)
John Chrysostom, bishop, doctor
 1 Timothy 1:1-2,12-14
 Psalm 16:1-2,5,7-8,11
 Luke 6:39-42

Saturday, September 14 (638)
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
 Numbers 21:4b-9
 Psalm 78:1-2,34-38
 Philippians 2:6-11
 John 3:13-17

Sunday, September 15 (129)
Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Exodus 32:7-11,13-14
 Psalm 51:3-4,12-13,17,19
 1 Timothy 1:12-17

*Thank you for your prayers for
 Tyler Timmerman, US Army
 who has returned home safely.*

Mass Intentions
Saturday, September 7, 5:00pm Philip & Jeffrey Lavelle ☩
Sunday, September 8, 8:30am Bill Gough & Family
Sunday, September 8, 10:30am Robert & Jim Hale ☩
Tuesday, September 10, 8:15am Arthur MacCluskey ☩
Wednesday, September 11, 8:15am Joe Sullivan ☩
Thursday, September 12, 8:15am Bill Carrothers ☩
Friday, September 13, 8:15am Anna Luce ☩
Saturday, September 14, 5:00pm Nicholas Angelucci Sr. ☩
Sunday, September 15, 8:30am Eileen Gough ☩
Sunday, September 15, 10:30am John Rodriguez ☩

Prayer 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
 Gerry Barton
 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
 Shelby Campbell
 Brianna Campos
 Claudia Caplinger
 Aria Cappeluti
 Paul Cassidy
 Bobbi Clarke
 Marilyn Clarke
 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
 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
 Heidi Heaton
 Lillian Hills
 Susan Hori
 Rick Hughes
 Iolanda Iacobelli
 Linda Iacobelli Bennett
 Sue Johnston
 Betty Karch
 Paul Kennedy
 Peggy Kiernan
 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
 The Miller Family
 Phyllis Minaya
 June Mitchell
 Camille Mitkevich
 June Montgomery
 Nancy Moore
 Elizabeth Muehlbacher
 Conrad Murphy
 Margie Myers
 The Neal Family
 Richard Obsitnik
 Bernadette Padovan
 Ethan Palm
 Elisa Petree
 Helen Pingtella
 Marilyn Pirkola
 Douglas Price-Williams
 Barbara Ramm
 Terry Riley
 Rita Ritchie
 Adela Rivera
 Elena Rivera
 Maria Rogers
 Joan & Vinnie Rosa
 Dorothy Rouse
 The Russo Family
 The Sanchez Family
 Cindy Sanelli
 Linda Schmidt
 The Douglas E. Schulte Family
 Joan Shea
 Jack and Rita Shepard
 Elizabeth Shirzad
 Beth Snyder
 Nick Soltau
 Fred & Gilda Spiegel
 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
 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
 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, USAF
 Sgt. Charles Watts, USMC

Calendar Highlights

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

- Sept 7-8 Brother Benno's Toiletries and NEW Underwear Drive
- Sept 8 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
- Sept 8 Religious Education Classes begin
- Sept 9 Women's Guild Luncheon
- Sept 10 JustFaith Orientation
- Sept 11 JustFaith Orientation
- Sept 14 *That Man is You* Program Begins
- Sept 14-15 Pennies from Heaven Collection to Benefit BirthChoice
- Sept 15 Knights of Columbus Breakfast
- Sept 17-18 Restaurant Fundraiser at Nucci's
- Sept 20 St. Francis School Golf Tournament
- Sept 20-22 Confirmation Retreat at Kamp Kuper
- Sept 19 JustFaith Orientation
- Sept 29 Pastor's Dinner/Excursion
- Oct 1 Spirited Seniors Tour of Camp Pendleton Ranch House and Museum
- 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 Event
- 2014**
- Jan 25-26 STM Authors Book Signing

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.

September 9 Sr. Gemma Gabriela Briseno, SJS
September 10 Sr. Margaret Brody, CSN
September 11 Sr. Maureen Evelyn Brown, CSJ
September 12 Sr. Mary Denis Bruck, SL
September 13 Sr. Annalisa Burgos, SJS
September 14 Sr. Finbarr Burke, RSM
September 15 Sr. Ada Burns, RSCJ

Social Ministries/Outreach

JustFaith Begins October 17!

At the end of Mass each week we are sent forth to love and serve God by loving and serving one another. We also hear in Scripture repeated calls to care for the widow, the orphan, and the stranger. Who are these people in our world today? What does my faith say about my relationship to them?

Answers to these kinds of questions require reflection, study, and prayer in the context of community. All of this is available to you by signing up for the JustFaith Program beginning in our Parish on October 17. We hope to have a day and evening group meeting each Thursday.

It is a serious commitment of meeting weekly with other Parishioners for 27 weeks! This may sound like a long time, but those of us who participated in the program can tell you it will be worth your time and effort. We also take breaks around the holidays.

Our next Orientation Meeting will be Thursday, September 19 at 7:00pm on the lower level of the Parish Center.

The total participant cost for the year is \$150. Partial scholarships are available!

To sign up, complete and return the information on the flyer that was in the bulletin on August 24-25 or contact Sr. Maureen at 760-758-4100 x131 or maureenb@stmoside.org.

Marriage & Family Life

Bringing the Celebration Home: Next Saturday is Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. This week, pick up a few canvas boards (or thick paper), finger paint, glitter, and anything else that grabs your attention at the craft store. Next weekend, we'll be making personalized cross artwork to celebrate the day—a perfect activity for anyone from two years and up!



Pray for Life, Marriage, and Religious Liberty—Defense of Traditional Marriage: Are conversations about defending traditional marriage becoming difficult in parish, family, and work settings? Listen to Bill May, author of “Getting the Marriage Conversation Right,” and guest on the Setting Things Right Radio Show, where he describes best practices on how to defend traditional marriage in ways that are effective, reasonable, and compelling. On the internet, go to: <http://ihrarchive.org/archive/str-20130717.mp3>

Bishops' Letter on Marriage—What Is Marriage? “Marriage is a lifelong partnership of the whole of life, of mutual and exclusive fidelity, established by mutual consent between a man and a woman, and ordered towards the good of the spouses and the procreation of offspring.” To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

Marriage Moments—“Who can know God's counsel...” (Wisdom 9:13) The wisdom of God is sometimes only recognized in hindsight. Although your beloved is not God, he/she has probably said some pretty wise things over the years. What's a bit of wisdom you've learned from your spouse? By Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net.

Parenting Pointers—Jesus worked many miracles. You may not be a miracle worker but each human life is like a miracle. Ask each person in your family, what miracle they would work, if they had the power. Pray for miracles. By Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net

For more information, visit [www.diocese-sdiego.org/Ministries/Marriage & Family Life](http://www.diocese-sdiego.org/Ministries/Marriage%20&%20Family%20Life) or call Jen Frost at 858-692-7438.

Thank You from Solutions for Change

Thank you to the Vacation Bible Camp participants for all your contributions to our School Supply Shopping Day! Solutions for Change had 139 children successfully go through our “store” to shop and prepare for the new school year! What a great night, and St Thomas More helped make it happen with your generous donations of several boxes of supplies.

Seeing a room flowing with school supplies sends a clear message to our children and their parents that we care about their future and want them to try and do their best. Working together, Solutions for Change and our wonderful community partners are well on our way to ending homelessness today and with the next generation!

All the best,
Robyn Gilden
Solutions for Change
Community Outreach/
Volunteer Associate



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

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.

Women's Guild News

This Monday, September 9, is our first general meeting of the year. If you have not called to RSVP that you are coming, please do so today. Even though it is last minute, we need to know how many places to set for lunch. Please call Vera Bayliss at 760-295-0059 or Ann Buko at 760-726-8831. You will be seeing a few changes and meeting some new people, then celebrating at least one special birthday, because life, new and old, is worth celebrating every year. If you have not had a chance to join the Women's Guild, you still have an opportunity at this first meeting of the year. Dues are only \$5 a year. Lunch cost and a free door prize ticket will be \$10. Please come and join the party. The meeting starts at 11:00am sharp, so plan on getting there 15 minutes early to sign in and be seated. Get to know your table mates and find out their birthdays. I'm looking forward to seeing you there! —*Ann Buko, president*

Spirited Seniors Camp Pendleton Outing

Join us on Tuesday, October 1, for a tour of the Ranch House and the Mechanized Museum with an Asian-themed buffet lunch. Cost is \$20 for members, \$25 for non-members. Deadline to RSVP is Tuesday, September 24. For more information, contact Nancy Gayvert at 760-295-0645.

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—come 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.

St. Bonaventure Clothing Drive

We are all called to help those in need! For the past 17 years we, at STM, have been supporting St. Bonaventure Indian Mission in New Mexico as their only dedicated drive for clothing for hundreds of impoverished Navajo men, women and children. On November 9-10, we will be holding our 18th annual drive before all masses. Please be generous with your slightly used clothes, jackets and coats, blankets, and shoes (no heels please) and work boots. For further information, contact Deacon Tom at thomasgoeltz@aol.com or 760-727-8442. Thank you! And God Bless you!

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
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) 941 available	\$300/person
Daily Mass Chapel and Choir Chairs (200) 140 available	\$300/each



8/28/13

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

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

Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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

MAKING A JOYFUL NOISE TO THE LORD

There's still time to join us!

Youth HandbellsTuesdays 6:00-7:00pm

A brand-new handbell choir for high school youth

Tower Bells.....Tuesdays 7:00-8:30pm

Ringing praise and prayer on five-octaves of English handbells



Luke 14:30

Praise Team..... Wednesdays 7:00-8:30pm

Singing and playing in the newer praise tradition



Sanctuary Choir Thursdays 7:00-9:00pm

Drawing from the treasury of sacred choral music, past and present

Cappella Choir..... Thursdays 9:00-9:30pm

Celebrating the great tradition of a cappella singing

Participation in Cappella Choir is by audition. Contact Douglas.



Upcoming Music



SEPTEMBER 15
24th Sunday in
Ordinary Time



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

Let
everything
that has
breath...
Praise
the
Lord!

Psalm 150:6

JOIN US THIS WEEK!

To join the music ministry or for information, contact Douglas
at douglasl@stmoside.org or 760-758-4100 x140.

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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

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

Children's Faith Formation

Sunday is a **RE.A.CH** day!
Religious Education for Adolescents and Children

9:45-10:20am
Open House for
parents and students—
Lower Level

10:30-11:45am: Class for 3, 4, 5 year olds
12:30-2:00pm: Class for Levels 1-5
4:30-6:00pm: Class for Levels 1-8

Teen Faith Formation

Orientation for teens and parents beginning the high school program is this Wednesday, September 12, at 7:00pm on the lower level. Be sure you are enrolled in RE.A.CH in order to attend.

Core Courses for Teen Faith Formation begin Sunday, September 29, from 6:30-8:30pm. Core Courses last for five consecutive Sundays.

Confirmation Retreat

Please turn in your forms to Marcus and begin to pray for all involved in this event!

The cost of this Retreat is \$100 and the dates are September 20-22 at Kamp Kuper in Escondido.

This is a mandatory event for Level 2 Confirmation candidates. Please call Marcus if you have any questions.

Adult Faith Formation

UNTOLD BLESSING

- Continues Sunday, September 15, Part 4
- 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

BIBLE STUDY

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

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.

Would you like to be a sponsor for someone joining our community? No pre-requisites, just a willingness to be supportive and a companion on the faith journey.

PBJ Update

2013 GOAL: 365 pounds
Collected to date: 295 pounds
(Food for children
at the Emergency Crisis Center)



Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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

Christian Stewardship Begins with Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, as we begin to shift from
Summer schedules to Autumn demands,
teach us to recognize you,
and help us follow you
amidst our busy life.

Open the Scriptures to us...
that we may know you, see you, hear you—
in the voices of friends and family,
in the ministries of our parish,
in the proclamation of the Word,
and in the Breaking of the Bread.

Teach us to be good stewards,
that we may use your gifts wisely
and care for all those you place in our path.

Encourage us, when we are overwhelmed.
Strengthen us, when we are frightened.
Challenge our complacency.

Help us make this new season a time
of spiritual renewal, hope, and action
to proclaim the Gospel
in our words and in our deeds.

For the kingdom and the power
and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Amen.

—Inspired by a prayer from Rev. Tim Piasecki, Diocese of Rockford, Illinois, ICSC
September 2013 Parish E-News (with permission)



A Morning Prayer

I arise today through God's strength to pilot me . . .
through God's might to uphold me . . .
through God's wisdom to guide me . . .
and through God's word to speak for me.

—St. Patrick

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Offertory (Loose Collection)		1,311.50
Children's envelopes		0.00
Total	\$	10,082.48

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News and Information from the Larger Church

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 information and to purchase tickets, contact 760-722-1688.

Beginning Experience Weekend—November 8-10, Prince of Peace Abbey, Oceanside, for widowed, divorced, and separated persons ready to move beyond their grief. For further information call Maureen at 619-447-0622 or Cathy at 619-222-9093.

Catholic Charities Food Resource Center Has Volunteer Opportunities for YOU!—Drivers, Daily Food Packers, Intake Workers, and CalFresh (food stamp) Advocate. For information call Lisa DuMolt at 619-231-2828 x221

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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.

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.

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

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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 International is expanding into the San Diego area. Visit www.caci.org for more information.

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Young Adult Ministry Activities

Visit www.yamsd.org for complete information on events for young adults, Bible Study, social activities, praise and worship nights, outreach projects., and a retreat September 20-22.

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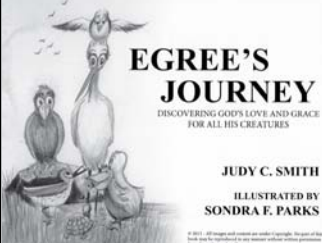
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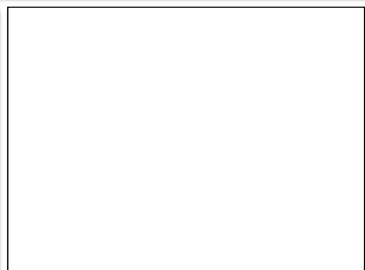
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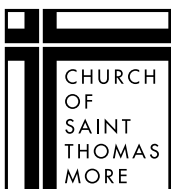


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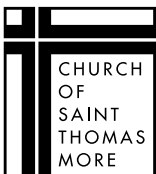


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