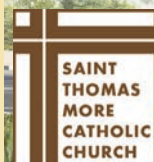


St. Thomas More Catholic Church

A Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of San Diego

Spirituality † Tradition † Community



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Mass Schedule

Saturday at 5:00pm

Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am

Monday-Friday at 8:15am

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday, 4:00-4:30pm

October 6, 2013 • Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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michaelr@stmoside.org

Open Your Hearts to Life—Respect Life Sunday

Intercessions for Life

For Francis our Pope, Cirilo our Bishop, Michael our Pastor, for all the clergy, religious, and laity, that everything we say and do will witness to God's merciful love for every human being, we pray...

For Barack Obama our President, for Jerry Brown our Governor, for all leaders in government that they might work to protect the lives of all human beings, both before and after birth, we pray...

For all whose hearts ache from the loss of a child by abortion: that God will heal them with the balm of his mercy, we pray...

For those who pray at abortion facilities, who march for life or who witness to the rights of all human beings: that God might guide and strengthen them, we pray...

For an end to all laws that permit the taking of innocent human life and all laws permitting the use of the death penalty, we pray...

For children who are physically or mentally challenged: that they be cared for in loving and nurturing environments, we pray...

For those who have grown old and weak: that we might see God's beauty in their fragility, we pray...

For the 11 million undocumented immigrants in our midst: that their families may stay united, that they may find peace and security through reform of our immigration laws, and that they may be offered a pathway to citizenship, we pray...

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Help Save Lives from September 25 - November 3

Includes prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil, and community outreach
www.40daysforlife.com/sanmarcos

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

For teachers in medical and nursing schools: that their love for life and healing might inspire their students, we pray...

For the families of those condemned to die: that their hope in the Resurrection might strengthen them in their time of sorrow, we pray...

For those who are homeless, addicted, imprisoned or in the grip of sin: that, following Christ's example, we might seek them out and show them the love God has for them, we pray...

O God, hear our prayer!

Fr. Mike

World Mission Sunday

Each year we celebrate World Mission Sunday in October by praying for the missionaries and contributing to support them. This year we are invited to act in solidarity with the missionaries in India and throughout the world. Every day, faithful missionaries are reaching out in the name of Christ, offering practical, emotional, and spiritual care to communities, children, and families in desperate need, bringing the light of Christ to the darkest of circumstances. Please remember these missionaries in your prayers and use the envelope attached to this week's bulletin to make a contribution toward their work. The envelopes may be returned any time during the month of October. For more information, and to see a video, visit www.IAmAMissionary.org.

**Community Service Numbers:**

2-1-1 for human services information; 5-1-1 for traffic

Attention Men!

Join us for the weekly *That Man is You!* Program, which meets Saturday mornings from 6:45-8:30am. No meeting next week—see you at the retreat, right?

Have you signed up for our annual Men's Retreat at Green Oaks Ranch in Vista October 11-13? Find a registration form at www.stmoside.org/men.

For more information, contact Deacon John Fredette at johnf@stmoside.org or 760-758-4100 x132.

Our Mission is to:

worship God,

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

Welcome New Parishioners

**James Christenson
Patrick Quinn
Daryl & Trisha Resplandor
David & Rosa Treptow**

Congratulations to

Bob & Anne Fallone

who celebrated their 39th wedding anniversary October 5
May God continue to bless your marriage, and may you be an inspiration to other married couples.

Flower Donations

The Altar Flowers for this weekend were given by
Bob & Anne Fallone in honor of their anniversary.

**Eucharistic Adoration**

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

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

Vocations

In this week's second reading, St. Paul tells his followers to "take as [their] norm the sound words that [they] have heard from [him...and to] guard this rich trust with the help of the Holy Spirit". The word of God and teaching of the Church need people of faith to guard it and spread the message to all people. Feel a calling to be a priest, deacon or religious? Contact Deacon Tom to explore the possibilities at thomasgoeltz@aol.com or 760-727-8442. Serving the Church is a wonderful vocation.

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 Scrip News

It's time again to relink your Ralphs or Food 4 Less card to St. Thomas More Church. A percentage of your purchases will be sent to STM each time your card issued. Please stop by the Scrip table to pick up the flyer to complete this process. We have received over \$400 this year so far. Your participation makes a difference!

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.

Readings for the Week Ahead

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

Sunday, October 6 (141)

*Twenty-seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

Psalm 95:1-2,6-9

2 Timothy 1:6-8,13-14

Luke 17:5-10

Monday, October 7 (461)

Our Lady of the Rosary

Jonah 1:1-2:2,11

Jonah 2:2-5,8 (Psalm)

Luke 10:25-37

Tuesday, October 8 (462)

Jonah 3:1-10

Psalm 130:1-4ab,7-8

Luke 10:38-42

Wednesday, October 9 (463)

*Denis, bishop and
companions, martyrs;
John Leonardi, priest*

Jonah 4:1-11

Psalm 86:3-6,9-10

Luke 11:1-4

Thursday, October 10 (464)

Malachi 3:13-20b

Psalm 1:1-4,6

Luke 11:5-13

Friday, October 11 (465)

Joel 1:13-15;2:1-2

Psalm 9:2-3,6,8-9,16

Luke 11:15-26

Saturday, October 12 (466)

Joel 4:12-21

Psalm 97:1-2,5-6,11-12

Luke 11:27-28

Sunday, October 13 (144)

*Twenty-eighth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

2 Kings 5:14-17

Psalm 98:1-4

2 Timothy 2:8-13

Luke 17:11-19

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

Changa Aguilera
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
The Family of Bridget Buford
Shelby Campbell
Brienne 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
Kristina Davare
Beverly de Gelder
Carole Dillon
Art Dossman
Dave Dossman
John Drakowski, Jr.
La Vonne Dumas
Connor Eberhard
Carolyn Erickson Ey
Sharon Evans
Victoria Lopez Fenton
The Fiore Family
Ryan Flum
Ernie Follis
Eugene Franciscus
Kathryn Franklin
Joe Freire
Brian Frink
Jim Gallagher
The Joe Garcia Family
Kathy Gardner
Jack & Marge Gillen
Wendy Gonzales' Dad
Rick Gonzalez
Rosemary Haeffelin
Clement & Phyllis Hall
Pat & Tom Hannon
The Harker Family
Barbara Hatem
Heidi Heaton
Lilian Hills
Samara Hook
Susan Hori
Rick Hughes
Iolanda Iacobelli
Linda Iacobelli Bennett
Paul Johansing
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
Phyllis Minaya
June Mitchell
June Montgomery
Nancy Moore
Elizabeth Muehlbacher
Conrad Murphy
Margie Myers
Richard Obsitnik
Louis Padilla
Bernadette Padovan
Art Palle
Ethan Palm
Marilyn Pirkola
Perry Postulka
Douglas Price-Williams
Barbara Ramm
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
Don Shaw
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
Jennifer Thieme
Diana Thompson
Tommy & Ginger Thompson
Sarah Tillinghast
William Tompson
Stephen Toth, Jr.
Barbara Upson
Corrie & Robert Vasquez
Lucy Vienna
Dorina Visciglio
Vanessa Vitiello
The Vomel Family
Marguerite Voyemant
Kevin Watson-Graff
Sue Welch
John Whitton
Marceline Williams
Suzanne Wood
Erin Young
Patricia Zavala

Calendar Highlights

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

Oct 6	Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
Oct 6	RE.A.CH Classes at Church, including high school
Oct 6	Blessing of Animals
Oct 7	Monday Mass at 8:15am
Oct 11-13	Men's Fellowship Retreat
Oct 12-13	Women's Guild Bake Sale and Quilt Items Sale
Oct 13	Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
Oct 13	Untold Blessing Potluck and Video Presentation
Oct 14	Monday Mass at 8:15am
Oct 14	Women's Guild Luncheon
Oct 19-20	Fair Trade Chocolate Sales
Oct 26-27	Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive
Oct 27	New Member Reception
Oct 28	STM Golf Event at Shadowridge Country Club
Nov 1	All Saints Day—Mass at 8:15am and 7:00pm
Nov 2	All Souls Day—Mass at 9:00am
Nov 2	Sanctuary Choir Retreat
Nov 3	Blood Drive
Nov 9-10	St. Bonaventure Clothing Drive
Nov 24	Knights of Columbus Breakfast
Nov 24	Year of Faith Closing Event
2014	
Jan 25-26	STM Authors Book Signing Event

Questions? Contact Henny at
760-758-4100 x100
hennyj@stmoside.org.

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.

October 7
Sr. Gail Colquhoun, SMSM
October 8
Sr. Roseann Cordova, OP
October 9
Sr. Claudia Cortez, SJS
October 10
Sr. Elaine Coutu, CSJ
October 11
Sr. Camille Crabbe, CVI
October 12
Sr. Adele Crettol, OSF
October 13
Sr. Irene Cullen, RSCJ

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 5, 5:00pm Tom Clarke ☩
Sunday, October 6, 8:30am Henry Robles ☩
Sunday, October 6, 10:30am Joe Cocarro ☩
Monday, October 7, 8:15am Maureen Oleinik
Tuesday, October 8, 8:15am Martin Stephen Lilly Jr. ☩
Wednesday, October 9, 8:15am Barbara Czintos ☩
Thursday, October 10, 8:15am Colleen Bechtold
Friday, October 11, 8:15am Peggy Chambers
Saturday, October 12, 5:00pm George Brown ☩
Sunday, October 13, 8:30am Larry Dorsa ☩
Sunday, October 13, 10:30am Cosimo Nocida ☩

Social Ministries/Outreach

Action Alert from the California Catholic Conference

Please urge the Governor to veto SB 131, a bill which discriminates against victims who were abused by public school or public agency workers. There was a flyer in last week's bulletin with the details about this bill.

Go to www.cacatholic.org and click "Take Action" to email Governor Brown now or call his office at (916) 445-2841. If the Governor does not veto it by October 13, it may become law.

St. Bonaventure Clothing Drive

With a little over a month to go to the clothing drive, in addition to sturdy shoes, clothing and blankets, we need a 20- to 26-foot truck to deliver the clothing to New Mexico, drivers, and helpers. Can you assist us??? Contact Deacon Tom at thomasgoeltz@aol.com or 760-727-8442.

St. Bonaventure Mission need our help to assist their people in need. Thank you and may God bless you.

Heartnotes

Congratulations to our newest CPR Program graduates:

Clint Cabusao, Jamie Cabusao, Pina Shaw, Bob Nelson, Betty Nelson, and Ruth Valdivia

If one or two families would like to arrange for a class in Adult or Infant/Child CPR, we can schedule a special session. The preferred number is six students. Contact Dr. Phil Goscienski at drphilg@cox.net or 760-732-1414.

"Did You Know" Collection September 2013
\$5,837.00

Restaurant Fundraisers September 2013

Nucci's	\$ 465.06
El Torito	\$ 136.95
Chili's	\$ 170.00
Nucci's	<u>\$ 372.41</u>
Total	\$1,144.42

STM Vehicle Donation Program

Do you have a vehicle you want to donate?

The St. Thomas More program is easy!

Call us, and we'll have it picked up.

You get the tax deduction!

All we need is clear title. Non-operational is OK!

Since 2006 we have netted over \$37,800 from this program. Thank you donors!



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

Marriage & Family Life

The Divorce Healing Ministry of St. Lukes Parish invites those going through a separation and divorce to a 12-week program of recovery entitled *The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide*. Our support group meets on the first and third Tuesdays, 7:00-9:00pm, at the Church of St. Luke, 1980 Hillsdale Rd., El Cajon. You can start and end the series at any time. No charge. Seating limited; call to reserve your place with us: 619-401-6445.



Pray for Life, Marriage and Religious Liberty – JOIN THE MOVEMENT Visit www.usccb.org/fast to sign the fasting pledge and to sign up for weekly email reminders and intentions, or text "Fast" to 99000 to receive weekly text messages

Bishops' Letter on Marriage—The Human Body: "Pope John Paul II's theology of the body speaks of the human body as having a spousal significance. This means that the human body by its very nature signifies that we humans are directed to relationship—that we are to seek union with others. It is only in relationship that we achieve a true wholeness as a communion of persons." To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

Marriage Moments—"Bear your share of hardship for the gospel." (2 Timothy 1:8) Married couples might substitute "for your beloved" since there are always hardships entwined in any marriage. What was the last hardship your spouse bore for you? By Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net.

Parenting Pointers—Toddlers can be cute, full of energy, entertaining, creative...and tiring. If you're the parent of a toddler, relish this phase as it will pass all too soon (or not soon enough depending on the day). If your children are older, reminisce about one delightful thing they did as a toddler. 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.

The Knightly News



Who are those guys in the picture and what are they doing? They are members of the Knights of Columbus who volunteered to construct a storage shed for materials for our Parish's annual Vacation Bible School.

Perhaps you have enjoyed a Sunday breakfast or a Lenten fish dinner sponsored by the Knights. You may have also noticed us on the church plaza selling Christmas cards or collecting donations for those with Mental Disabilities in exchange for a Tootsie Roll. But what else do the Knights do? Please watch for future articles to find out.

Parish Events

Women's Guild News

As you can see, the Women's Guild committees are already busy with this year's activities. We are looking forward to our October general meeting on Monday, October 14, at 11:00am when we will be celebrating Autumn by playing Harvest Bingo. There will be game prizes in addition to our wonderful door prizes, and lunch of course. Be sure to calendar the date, and give yourself extra time to sign in. We start taking your RSVP two weeks ahead, so please call Vera Bayliss at 760-739-9061 to be counted for lunch. If it's busy call me at 760-726-8831. We will be distributing our new directory at this meeting so we can get to know each other even better. We look forward to seeing you there. —Ann Buko, president

Bake Sale—The ladies of the Women's Guild will be calling Parishioners whose last names begin with the letters I through Z, requesting donations of homemade baked goods for the bake sale on October 12-13. Please bring your baked goods when you come to Mass and drop them off at the designated tables. Please mark items containing nuts. Please, no items that need refrigeration. Your support is greatly appreciated. For further information, call Pat Wong at 760-806-1310 or Nancy Wozniak at 760-729-0782.

Quilted Items Sale—The quilters have been busy sewing and quilting items for the craft sale which coincides with the bake sale on October 12-13 after all the Masses. Mark the dates, save up your money, and do your Christmas shopping early for those special people in your life!

Catholic Widows and Widowers of North County

Check the bulletin board on the lower level of the Parish Center for our calendar of activities, which include potlucks, outings to restaurants, and much more! RSVPs are recommended. For more information, call Carol Kope at 760-726-0533 or Gerri Wilmott at 760-758-9949.

New Member Reception Sunday, October 27

We are welcoming all new parishioners who have joined us since March at a new member reception and luncheon on Sunday, October 27, at 12:00pm, after the 10:30am Mass, in the lower level of the Parish Center. Invitations have been sent, and we look forward to meeting you. If you were unable to attend the last reception in March, please know that you are welcome to attend this one.

**Please RSVP at 760-758-4100 x154 or
parishoffice@stmoside.org by October 21**

so that we can adequately prepare as your hosts. For further information, contact Valerie Thompson at 760-630-1703 or valgene2@cox.net.

Attention STM Authors (and Book Lovers)

Mark your calendars for January 25-26, when we will have a book signing table on the Plaza following all Masses. Any St. Thomas More Parishioners who have authored book may display and sell their books. Contact Judy Smith at 760-685-4678 to reserve a space.

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) 938 available	\$300/person
Daily Mass Chapel and Choir Chairs (200) 139 available	\$300/each



9/25/13

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

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*).

STM Archives Wants Your Material

The STM Historian is looking for material from Parish events and activities since our church was established in 1985. The kinds of material that are needed include: photographs, newspaper clippings, brochures, fliers, reports, videos, drawings—anything that represents our congregational memory! Please check your drawers, file cabinets, and that creepy ol' box in the attic. You can drop off your donations at the Parish office. Thanks!

For more information and questions, please feel free to contact: Brandon at 760-845-5450 or brandon.oswald@gmail.com.

Rosary

A communal Rosary is prayed after every morning Mass (Tuesday-Friday) in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Please join us!



Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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

FORMED BY THE WORD

Scripture themes for October

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

As the Lucan Jesus and his disciples continue their journey to Jerusalem, Jesus will also be continuing their formation. On each of the Sundays of October, Jesus calls forth a virtue or quality they must to aspire to have if their following of him is to be genuine.

With the parable of the mustard seed, on Oct 6, Jesus encourages his disciples to cultivate the gift of faith so that it might grow and empower all their words and works. But rather than bask in the glory of the good things that faith enables us to do, Jesus

reminds his own to maintain a proper perspective. It is God who makes everything possible; we are simply the servants who are blessed to be able to do God's will.

Using the encounter with the ten lepers as a teachable moment (Oct 13), Jesus invites all who follow him to be as grateful as the healed Samaritan leper. Authentic gratitude is more than a feeling or an expression of thanks; it requires that we live grateful lives, expressing our joy at what God has done for us in Jesus. True gratitude acknowledges that all we are and will become is God's gift.

Through the parables of the unrelenting widow and the dishonest judge (Oct 20), Jesus underscores the importance of persistence in prayer—and also in our efforts to seek justice for the poor and downtrodden members of society. Unlike the feisty widow in Jesus' parable who spoke for herself, there are many who cannot voice their

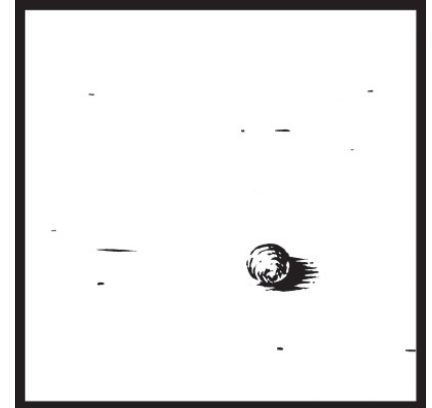
needs; therefore, we are to raise our voices on their behalf, persistently.

In the parable of the Pharisee and publican at prayer (Oct 27), Jesus will offer his disciples a choice. Do we leave ego at the door and pray humbly, asking for mercy and forgiveness, or do we spend our time at prayer reminding God how wonderful we are? One prayer will be blessed with justification, i.e., being in a right relationship with God. The other prayer is its own reward.

Along with the formation Jesus offers, each of the Sundays of October affords us a look over Paul's shoulder as he writes to Timothy. Paul's concern for the future of the church is evident. Some were turning away from Jesus. Many worried that theirs would be the last generation of Christians unless the good news took root and found future believers. Who would rekindle the flame of faith and fan it into a fire that would spread worldwide? Paul looked to Timothy and his generation to be the catalysts who would keep the good news alive. As we look ahead, many of us may ask, "Will the next generation have faith? Will our children carry on our religious traditions?"

These same questions prompted the second letter to Timothy, where the author was adamant in urging Timothy and those of his generation to guard the rich trust they received from God and through Paul. Admitting that there would be hardships to suffer, the imprisoned Paul offered his own strength and resilience as an example to emulate (Oct 6).

Even though he was "in chains" (in prison, probably in Rome), Paul insisted that the word of God could not be chained. Nor could it be silenced (Oct 13). On the contrary,



Luke 17:6

the word of God is *theopneustos*, or "breathed by God." Often translated as "inspired by God," *theopneustos* is a hapax logomenon, which means it appears only once in all of scripture. In its context in 2 Timothy, *theopneustos* assures Timothy that the word he is to preach, to correct and form his people, is most assuredly powerful and effective—for it is God's own word, infused with God's wisdom, God's Spirit, God's truth and God's good justice. If we keep this fact ever before our eyes, how might that enhance our service to God's word and God's people?

God's word is not a part-time or seasonal entity. It is ever fresh, ever new, ever alive. Therefore, whether it is convenient or not, whether it is welcome or not, the word of God demands to be spoken and attended (Oct 20). Those who are privileged to be in its service are honor-bound to be consistent with the message God wishes to convey through them. Having breathed as one with God's word throughout his ministry, Paul knew that his end was near (Oct 27), and even though he did not have the joy of human defenders on his behalf, he was unabashedly certain of God's presence. He finished the race; he kept the faith. He encouraged similar strong faith in others.

Formed by the same word that formed Paul, Timothy, and Luke, now it is our turn to do the same.

Sunday, October 6

4:00pm

Blessing of Animals

Saturday, October 12

6:00pm

Rosary for Peace

Upcoming Music

✠

OCTOBER 13
28th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

✠

5:00pm Mass

Tower Bells

8:30am Mass

Sanctuary Choir

10:30am Mass

Praise Team

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



This is a RE.A.CH week at Church

Untold Blessing . . .

- Next Sunday, October 13, Part 5 of 6
- Potluck begins at 12:00noon
- Continues with a 20-minute DVD by Fr. Robert Barron
- Followed by brief discussion
with Deacon Tom & Patt Goeltz
- Childcare available

Adult Confirmation

If you are over 18 and would like to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation, we have a simple and informative process to which you are invited.

There are 12 sessions between October 2013 and May 2014 intended to deepen your understanding of Catholicism.

Please contact Kathleen Bell if you would like to participate.

Youth Ministry says THANKS!

After Sunday Masses, coffee and donuts are available for Parishioners to enjoy while visiting with one another.

This service is provided by our high school youth with the help of the sacristans. Special thanks to the Gisel and Keane families who have been responsible for many months.

All items are 75¢. So many people pay with a dollar bill and say “keep the change.” Please know that your generosity helps support the youth activities of our parish.

Special thanks to Jerry Peralta, our Parishioner, who gets up at 4:00am on Sundays to bake fresh cinnamon rolls. This is a free gift to our youth program and provides a delicious donut-alternative.

PBJ Update

(Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center)

2013 GOAL: 365 pounds
Collected to date: 306 pounds

Every Catholic Parish Must Make Disciples— and RCIA Matters

by Nick Wagner

Director and Founder of TeamRCIA.com

If we want to involve the whole parish in the RCIA process, we have to stop making scholars and start making disciples.

This is not easy. Our entire formation system is designed to create scholars. We place a heavy emphasis on “knowing the faith,” by which we usually mean knowing the doctrines of the faith. I think it’s great to know the doctrines of the faith. But our job is not to train theologians. Our job is to train people how to live as Christians.

Catechesis is an art, and Christian discipleship is also an art. Disciples who have mastered the art form train future disciples and less-skilled disciples in the art of Christian living.

No one is born an artist. Artists are made. Tertullian said the same thing about disciples. He said, “Christians are made, not born.” So how do we make Christians? We do it the same way we make artists.



I once visited a pottery studio, and I met two apprentices. I asked them about the process for learning pottery. They said they come to the studio every day, and the master potter gives them a task. Their task the day I visited was to make 100 pots. I asked them what they did the day before. They made 100 pots. And the day after? 100 more pots. I asked them how long they would be making 100 pots a day. They said until the master potter decides that they are potters.

The apprentices were not yet potters. They looked and acted like potters, but they had not yet mastered the fundamentals of pottery.

It is probably obvious that when I visited the pottery studio, I was an inquirer. The apprentices would be similar to catechumens. And the master potter would be the catechist. The studio itself, which served as a hub for the pottery community in that area of the country, would be the Parish.

Here is something that may not be obvious. The main reason the studio exists is not to make pots. The studio exists to make potters. If all of us who are now potters make 100 pots a day—but we don’t make any new potters—pottery will die. Our pots may outlive us, but they will eventually break or get lost. The only thing that keeps pottery alive is the creation of new potters.

Likewise, the Parish does not exist to teach doctrine. It exists to make disciples. It is the responsibility of every member of the parish to make disciples. And so the central focus of every activity in the Parish and the central focus of every Parishioner is the catechumenate, which is how we make disciples.

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Stewardship & Development

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Catholic Stewardship and the Gift of Human Life

October is Respect Life Month for Catholics in the United States. Dioceses and parishes around the country will begin the celebration with Respect Life Sunday, which has been traditionally designated as the first Sunday of October each year. This monthly celebration calls our attention to the Church's reaffirmation and recommitment to protect human life from conception to natural death.

To be good stewards of the gift of life obliges us to proclaim the Gospel in word and deed when it comes to preserving the sanctity of life. We have complex issues facing us today in the areas of health care, assisted suicide, care for the aging, the destruction of human embryos or harvesting stem cells, the death penalty, abortion and post-abortion concerns and reconciliation. To address these complexities, the message should be compassionate, yet compelling.

In his pastoral letter, *Ecclesia in America (The Church in America)*, our late pontiff, Blessed John Paul II, wrote:

Nowadays, in America as elsewhere in the world, a model of society appears to be emerging in which the powerful predominate, setting aside and even eliminating the powerless: I am thinking of unborn children, helpless victims of abortion; the elderly and incurably ill, subjected at times to euthanasia; and the many other people relegated to the margins of society by consumerism and materialism. This model of society bears the stamp of the culture of death, and is therefore in opposition to the Gospel message. Faced with this distressing reality, the Church community intends to commit itself all the more to the defense of the culture of life.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops issues information packets each year to parishes to help them in their promotion and their commitment to be faithful to the Gospel of Life. They encourage each Parish to get involved in at least one activity during Respect Life Month so that Parishioners can understand their role in being better stewards of the gift of human life.



What is most important for good stewards is to remain faithful to prayer and to renew this month a firm resolve to proclaim a culture of life and an end to the killing and degradation of human beings, especially those who are vulnerable due to their age, health, or dependency, and to work to rid our culture of the notion that humans are simply part of a disposable society.

—ICSC Catholic Stewardship e-bulletin,
October 2013 (with permission)

Each one of them is Jesus in disguise.

—Blessed Mother Teresa

HELPFUL YEAR-END PLANNING TIPS GOT DEDUCTIONS?

2013 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 office will be closed from 4:00pm on Friday, December 20, 2013 to Monday, January 6, 2014.**
- ♦ Donations received the weekend of December 28-29, 2013, and the Tuesday, December 31 Vigil Mass will be credited in the 2013 tax year.
- ♦ **Envelopes POSTMARKED on or before Tuesday, December 31, 2013 will be counted toward the 2013 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, 2013. (*Tithing families, know that your tithe covers your ACA contribution.*)
- ♦ Keep all gift receipts and acknowledgment letters, especially for gifts of \$250 or more.
- ♦ If you sold securities this year and will owe capital gains tax, remember that gifts of cash or other securities may partially or fully offset any tax on your gains.

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Collection for Week of September 28/29, 2013

Number of Registered Households		1,061
Offertory*	\$	6,766.65
Offertory (Loose Collection)		1,092.00
Children's envelopes		0.00
Total	\$	7,858.65

* 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

Catholic High School Open Houses

Our Lady of Peace (for young women)—Saturday, October 12, 9:00-11:30am. Visit aolp.org or call 619-725-9118 for more information.

Cathedral Catholic (for young men and women)—Saturday, October 26, 10:00am-2:00pm. Visit cathedralcatholic.org or call 858-523-4000 for more information.

Polish Festival—Friday-Sunday, October 11-13, St. Maximilian Kolbe Roman Catholic Mission, 1735 Grand Ave., San Diego. Live Polish music and folk dances; authentic Polish food and beverages. Also veneration of relics. Visit www.polishmission.org for more information.

Franciscan School of Theology—Free Public Lectures—Wednesday, October 16, 7:00-8:30pm. “The San Damiano Cross and the Gospel of John” with Professor Emeritus Fr. Michael Guinan, OFM. For more information, contact Donna Foley at 760-547-1800 x224 or dfoley@fst.edu.

Explore Life as a Sister of Providence—October 18-20, for single, Catholic women ages 18-42. The weekend retreat, including lodging, is free. Visit SistersofProvidence.org or call 812-535-2895 for more information.

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.

Conversation with Playwright—Sunday, October 6, 2:00pm, San Luis Rey Valley United Methodist Church, 5570 Old Ranch Rd., Oceanside. An afternoon conversation with Ms. Aimee Greenberg, playwright, and Christopher Williams, director, of the play *Light Falling Down* about women who survived the Shoah (Holocaust). For more information, contact 760-758-9817.

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Brother Benno's Auxiliary Annual Luncheon—Saturday, October 26, 10:00am, Sheraton Carlsbad Resort and Spa. This year's theme is “Harvest Gold,” celebrating 30 years of service. Includes luncheon, entertainment, door prizes, opportunity baskets, drawings, and silent auction. Proceeds to benefit Brother Benno's women's shelters. Tickets: \$60 per person or \$600 table of ten. For information/tickets, contact Vera Bayliss at 760-295-0059 or Penny Sallee at 760-912-8566.

Messa di Gloria (Puccini) Choral Concert—Sunday, October 27, 4:00pm, San Rafael Catholic Church, 17252 Bernardo Center Dr., San Diego. For more information, contact 858-487-4314 x1225.

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

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. Upcoming training sessions are on October 9, 19, or 30. 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 October 16), 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.

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Young Adult Ministry Activities

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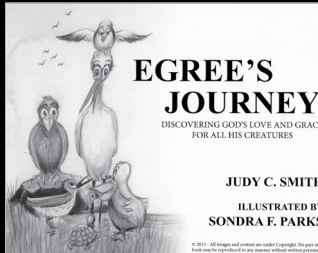
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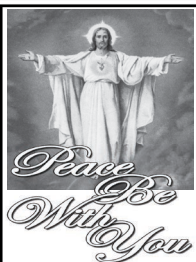


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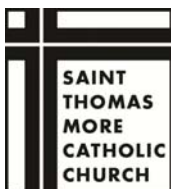
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