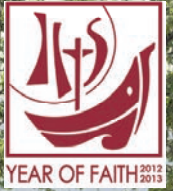


St. Thomas More Catholic Church

A Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of San Diego

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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

November 10, 2013 • Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor's Column

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

Remembering Those Who Have Gone Before Us in Death

Last Saturday, November 2, we celebrated the Feast of All Souls. The month of November is a time to look to the past. We take time in a special way to remember all those who have gone before us in death.

The experience of the death of a loved one is always a "reality check" for us. As we grieve for the one who has gone, we also grieve for ourselves. We are mindful that we are a pilgrim people who are on a journey of faith. We have come from somewhere and we are going somewhere. Earth is not our home. We are aliens in a foreign land.

"Each time that we experience the death of a loved one, just a little bit more of eternity breaks into our existence." (Suzuki) These words challenge us to make sure that we do not allow ourselves to let the deaths of our loved ones be in vain.

Hopefully, each time we grieve a loved one, we become more open to life, more loving, more caring, and more open to the eternal life that awaits us.

As we remember and look to the past, we look forward to what lies ahead for us. May our loving memories this weekend spur us on to a deeper respect and love for this gift of life given to us.

I share with you this prayer:

We Remember Them

In the rising of the sun and in its going down...
In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter...
In opening of buds and in the warmth of summer...
In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn...
In the beginning of the year and when it ends...
When we are weary and in need of strength...
When we are lost and sick at heart...
When we have joys we yearn to share...
So long as we live, they too shall live
for they are part of us and part of you, O God, as
We remember them!

—Rabbi Sylvan D. Kamens and Rabbi Jack Riemer

"Did You Know?"

In the last fiscal year (FYE 2013), routine repair and maintenance for such things as janitorial services, pest control, waste removal, and elevator and HVAC maintenance exceeded \$62,700.

Whatever gift/donation you can make to our "Did You Know?" Campaign will help greatly to balance our budget for this fiscal year!

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 760-758-4100 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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at 760-758-4100 x100 or Parishoffice@stmoside.org.*

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.

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.

National Needs Collection

This month has been designated for the 2013 Collection for National Needs. Special envelopes were attached to the bulletin last week for this collection, which supports:

- † Black and Indian Missions,
- † Catholic Home Missions,
- † Catholic Communication Campaign,
- † Catholic Campaign for Human Development, and
- † Catholic University of America.

For more information, visit <http://www.usccb.org/about/national-collections/index.cfm>. Envelopes may be returned any time during the month of November. Thank you for your generosity!

Welcome New Parishioners

Gabriela LaChance & Family

Announcing the Baptism of

Leonardo Gabriel Sada
on November 9



Our Christian community welcomes you with great joy!

Congratulations to

Bill & Betsy Draper

who celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary November 9.

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 **Bill & Betsy Draper** in honor of their wedding anniversary.



Vocations

A calling to serve God and his people as a priest, deacon, or religious can be a wonderful thing...but it needs to be responded to. If you think that perhaps God is calling you, don't be afraid; pray over it, then investigate it. Contact Deacon Tom at thomasgoeltz@aol.com or 760-727-8442.

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.

Rosary

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



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.

STM Scrip News

The holidays are coming. Don't forget to stock up on grocery store Scrip. We now carry Frazier Farms gifts cards.

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, November 10 (156)

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Maccabees 7:1-2,9-14
Psalm 17:1,5-6,8,15
2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5
Luke 20:27-38

Monday, November 11 (491)

Martin of Tours, bishop
Wisdom 1:1-7

Psalm 139:1-10
Luke 17:1-6

Tuesday, November 12 (492)

Josaphat, bishop, martyr

Wisdom 2:23-3:9
Psalm 34:2-3,16-19
Luke 17:7-10

Wednesday, November 13 (493)

Frances Xavier Cabrini, virgin (USA)

Wisdom 6:1-11
Psalm 82:3-4,6-7
Luke 17:11-19

Thursday, November 14 (494)

Wisdom 7:22b-8:1
Psalm 119:89-91,130,135,175
Luke 17:20-25

Friday, November 15 (495)

Albert the Great, bishop, doctor
Wisdom 13:1-9

Psalm 19:2-5
Luke 17:26-37

Saturday, November 16 (496)

Margaret of Scotland; Gertrude, virgin

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

Sunday, November 17 (159)

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Malachi 3:19-20a
Psalm 98:5-9
2 Thessalonians 3:7-12
Luke 21:5-19

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 9, 5:00pm Anthony Masseth ☩
Sunday, November 10, 8:30am Al Barmasse ☩
Sunday, November 10, 10:30am Gary LaBerge ☩
Monday, November 11, 8:15am Peter Hill
Tuesday, November 12, 8:15am Patricia Thompson ☩
Wednesday, November 13, 8:15am Mariad O'Donovan
Thursday, November 14, 8:15am Anna Di Carol ☩
Friday, November 15, 8:15am Angelita Rasmon ☩
Saturday, November 16, 5:00pm Deceased members of Lavelle & Tutino families ☩
Sunday, November 17, 8:30am Jennifer Treat ☩
Sunday, November 17, 10:30am Cesare Morelli ☩

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

Changa Aguilera
Mary Alexander
Carrie Autrey
Colleen Aynes
Jose Luis Barbosa
Clarice Bednarz
John Bennici
Regina Bentz
Lisa Berg
Roseanne Berg
Mary Betz
Betty Jean Bielich
Zane Breier
Janet Brown
Todd Brown
Anita Buerger
Bridget Buford
Shelby Campbell
Brienne Campos
Claudia Caplinger
Aria Cappeluti
Paul Cassidy
Marilyn Clarke
The Vaughn Clevenger Family
Dolly Cole
Carl & James Coleman
Frank Corrigan
Carol Costa
Steven Cresencia
Lené Crowe
Mercedes Dea
The Delaney Family
Carole Dillon
Art Dossman
Dave Dossman
John Drazkowski, Jr.
La Vonne Dumas
Debbie Ebaugh
Connor Eberhard
Carolyn Erickson Ey
Sharon Evans
Theresa Farrell
Victoria Lopez Fenton
The Fiore Family
Ryan Flum
Ernie Follis
Eugene Franciscus
Kathryn Franklin
Joe Freire
The Greg French Family
Jim Gallagher
The Joe Garcia Family
Kathy Gardner
Jack & Marge Gillen
The Gillen and Vasquez Families
Wendy Gonzales' Dad
Rick Gonzalez
Pat & Tom Hannon
Barbara Hatem
Heidi Heaton
The Hodgson Family
Samara Hook
Susan Hori
Rick Hughes
Iolanda Iacobelli
Linda Iacobelli Bennett
Courtney Jackman
Danica Jennison
Betty Karch
Laura Kater
Connor Kerzie
Peggy Kiernan
Dewey Kolbo
Tony Korwin
Helen Kuhn
Lillian Lachance
The Lamelin Family
Dorie Laughlin
Brandon LeBlanc
Jeremiah Lemus
Claudia Leué
The Paul Leué Family
Ashley Load
Cassandra & Lauren Loretto
Sen Lu
James MacArthur
Joaquin Maldonado
Paige Mansell
The Manuto Family
Connor Marshall
Alexander Mathews
Chandler May
Tony McCloskey
Bob McWilliams
Joyce Meehan
Kalei Mendiola
The Mendoza Family
Bill Metzger
Phyllis Minaya
June Mitchell
June Montgomery
Nancy Moore
The Morente Family
Elizabeth Muehlbacher
Conrad Murphy
Margie Myers
Sr. Sheila Novak
The Oey Family
Bernadette Padovan
Ethan Palm
Perry Postulka
Douglas Price-Williams
The Joe Prokop Family
Barbara Ramm
Jan Riley
Rita Ritchie
Adela & Elena Rivera
Lily Robinson
Maria Rogers
Dorothy Rouse
The Russo Family
Cindy Sanelli
Linda Schmidt
Julie Schweighofer
Don Shaw
Joan Shea
Jack and Rita Shepard
Cary Slabaugh
Nick Soltau
Fred & Gilda Spiegel
Darek, Vanessa, & Elba Spizewski
Leah Stevens
Pete Sullivan
David Sweet
Jim Teare
Tommy & Ginger Thompson
Sarah Tillinghast
William Tompson
Stephen Toth, Jr.
The Trejo/Maldonado/Uribe Family
Corrie & Robert Vasquez
The Joe Vidal Family
Lucy Vienna
Dorina Visciglio
Vanessa Vitiello
Erlicia Volkes
Kevin Watson-Graff
Sue Welch
John Whitton
Marceline Williams
Erin Young
Patricia Zavala
Martin Zschoche

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
Capt. Branden M. Felker, USAF
Patrick G. Felker, USN
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

Nov 9-10	St. Bonaventure Clothing Drive
Nov 10	Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
Nov 10	RE.A.CH Classes at Church, including high school
Nov 11	Women's Guild Luncheon
Nov 16	Advent Wreath Workshop
Nov 17	Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
Nov 17	Untold Blessing Potluck & Presentation
Nov 24	Knights of Columbus Breakfast
Nov 24	Year of Faith Closing Event
Nov 28	Thanksgiving Day—Mass at 9:00am
Nov 28	Thanksgiving Dinner
Dec 1	RE.A.CH Classes at Church, including High School
Dec 8	RE.A.CH Classes at Church, including High School
Dec 9	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Masses at 8:15am and 7:00pm
Dec 24	Vigil of Christmas—Masses at 4:00pm, 4:15pm, 6:00pm, and 10:00pm
Dec 25	Christmas—Mass at 9:00am
Dec 31	Mary Mother of God—Mass at 5:00pm
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Jan 1	Mary Mother of God—Mass at 9:30am
Jan 5	Twelfth Night Choral Festival
Jan 11-31	Stewardship Awareness/Renewal

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.

November 11 Sr. Sally Furay, RSCJ
November 12 Sr. Patricia Gage, CSJ
November 13 Sr. Margarita Galardo-Rodriguez, SJS
November 14 Sr. Mary Gallagher, RSM
November 15 Sr. Gloria Galvan, SFCC
November 16 Sr. Ruth Garbani, CSJ
November 17 Sr. Dina Marie Garcia, RJM

Social Ministries/Outreach

Engaging Spirituality Begins in January 2014

As much as we try to be contemplative and live simply so as to invite Christ to enter more deeply into our lives, the expectations of our culture distract us. But there is hope for the future! Begin your New Year by entering into a process that will help you to live deeply and love broadly by signing up for *Engaging Spirituality*! Two new *Engaging Spirituality* groups, a morning group and an evening group, will begin the second week in January.

Engaging Spirituality (ES) is a structured, weekly, small group opportunity to practice living deeply and loving broadly. We look to Jesus as our model of integrity, of holiness. The ES process helps us pattern our lives around prayer, outreach, and personal and communal practices in order to set us loose as agents of love and healing in this broken world!

For further information, or if you would like to sign up, please contact Sr. Maureen Brown at 760-758-4100 x131 or maureenb@stmoside.org. Watch the bulletin for further details!

Christmas Angel Ministry

All are still welcome to join us as we work on this season's drive. We need your time and talent right now to make Christmas special for children and military families in our local communities. Thank you to all who hear the call to this wonderful ministry!

Marti and John Harper
760-724-1181 or 4johnmysangel@cox.net



Thank You to St. Thomas More Life Walk Team

Congratulations for creating and supporting such a spirited Life Walk 2013 at Mission Bay! You are a valuable partner and essential in continuing to reach men, women, and youth in San Diego and around the world with a message of dignity, wholeness, and life. 30+ fundraising teams, 100+ runners, and 600+ people participated in Life Walk 2013, raising a total of \$122,578 as of today! We far surpassed our goal because of you and your Team's efforts! The St. Thomas More Team raised \$2,930 and is the Life Walk 2013 10th Place Team!

—Kay Pauszek, *Life Perspectives Marketing/Communications/Development Coordinator*

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 \$39,943

from this program. Thank you donors!



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

Marriage & Family Life

Mark Your Calendar: Advent Wreath Workshop—It may still be warm outside, but Advent is just around the corner. Join us on Saturday, November 16 at 4:00pm to make an Advent Wreath with the rest of your Parish family. The Advent Wreath is a great way to prepare for Christ's birth on Christmas Day, and perfect for helping bring the celebration of Advent into your home! To register, contact Jen Frost at jenf@stmoside.org or 858-692-7438. Cost is \$10 per wreath, and **registration is required prior to the event.**



Promoting 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—Society's Challenges: "We recognize that couples face many challenges to building and sustaining a strong marriage. Some challenges, however, are fundamental in the sense that they are directed at the very meaning and purposes of marriage. (Here) we want to discuss four such challenges: contraception, same-sex unions, divorce, and cohabitation." To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

Marriage Moments—Do you really believe in the resurrection of the dead as Jesus proclaimed in Luke 20:38? Even if you and your beloved are still young, have you talked about your deaths? Consider both practical issues like medical/funeral decisions and faith issues. Do you believe in an afterlife? By Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net.

Parenting Pointers—Ian (age 3) was drinking some milk when he got the hiccups. He said, "Please don't give me this milk again. It makes my teeth cough." Sometimes our kids say the cutest things. What's a silly thing your own child has said? Thank God for the humor they bring to your life. 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 Blood Donors!

Thank you to all who donated blood last weekend. The Red Cross had mechanical and staffing problems, and the starting time was delayed until 11:00am. We appreciate all those who waited and adjusted their schedules. Watch for us again in May 2014!

Attention Men!

Join us for the weekly *That Man is You!* Program, which meets Saturday mornings from 6:45-8:30am. Next week's topic: *To Shrink the Human Heart.*

Check the Parish website, www.stmoside.org, Event Pictures, for photos from the recent retreat.

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

Parish Events

Women's Guild News

Our next meeting is on Monday, November 11, Veteran's Day, at 11:00am (sign in at 10:45am). We look forward to hearing Carmelita Schimmenti, Lieutenant and Brigadier General Retired, speak. The title of her talk is "Veteran's Day, A Nurse Remembers." It is our intention to honor the women who serve and have served our country in the armed forces. It is a red, white, and blue day.

The following Wednesday, November 13, two days after our meeting, the Diocesan Women's Deanery will be hosted by STM Women's Guild with a luncheon. Any STM women wishing to attend may do so, to experience how other women in the North County Parishes are serving in their Parishes and the Diocese. Lunch is at noon costs \$5. They also have a raffle. Feel free to come and meet these dedicated women and enjoy their company. For reservations, call Vera Bayliss at 760-295-0059. Quilt items will be available for sale at both meetings.

Have you thought of a nickname for the Women's Guild yet? The contest runs through November 30. If you want to submit an entry, contact annbuko@sbcglobal.net or 760-726-8831. We have 18 names so far. Members will choose the winners at the December meeting.

See you on Monday. —Ann Buko, president

Brother Benno's...Pies...Pies...Pies

Once again, it is time to share our good fortune with our neighbors at Brother Benno's by providing apple and pumpkin pies for their Thanksgiving Day feast. Please bring your fresh baked pies to the Parish Office on Wednesday, November 27, **before 12:00noon** and bring a taste of home to the homeless and poor. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Thanksgiving Dinner at STM

Our Parish family will be hosting their 9th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 28, at 1:00pm. A traditional Thanksgiving Dinner will be provided. If you would like to bring an appetizer or a dessert, it will be welcomed. Please RSVP per the reservation form on the Information Table or call the Parish Office at 760-758-4100 x100. We look forward to celebrating the holiday with you!

The Knightly News

The Tootsie Roll Drive—With the donations from you, the faithful people of St. Thomas More, your chapter of the Knights of Columbus will be sending a check for nearly \$1,000 to support the mentally handicapped of our region. Through the joint efforts of Parishioners and Knights we are actively living the gospel message of loving our neighbors. Thanks be to God!

Men of the Parish—please consider joining the Knights of Columbus. It is a great fellowship of men that love God and his people. We meet on the first Tuesdays of the month. There is a fellowship gathering on the lower level with food and refreshments from 6:30 to 7:30pm. We would love to see you there. For more information, please call Andy Frost at 858-245-6305.

Annual Financial Report

The annual financial report for fiscal year ending 2013 is available on the Parish website, www.stmoside.org. Click on *Finance* under *Parish Councils*, then click on *Parish Financial Report Fiscal Year Ending 2013* on the right side. For those without internet access, copies are available through from the Parish Office during the week.

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



10/22/13

*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*).

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.

Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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

ART AND ENVIRONMENT IN THE LITURGICAL SPACE

Flowers during Ordinary Time help us journey through the time between Christmas and Lent, and between Easter and Advent—our worship space mirrors creation, accenting the green with the brightly color flowers of spring, summer and the rich hues of autumn and winter.

Whether it was to remember a loved one, celebrate a special occasion, or just because, the flowers enhanced our liturgies and brought with them a measure of elegance and grace. Thank you to all who donated flowers this past liturgical year:

Richard and Anne Cline, Dick and Marilyn Clarke, Masako and Carl Streling, Tom and Pat Hannon, Lisa and Patrick Attardo, Dick and Ann McGeary, Eileen Dragula, Raul and Lisa Deju, Barbara Barreras, Bob and Anne Fallone, Ralph and Flora Fallone,

and Bill and Betsy Draper

There are a couple of weekends available through the end of the liturgical year (November 24), and the 2014 Flower Donation Calendar is available now—please stop by Henny’s desk to reserve your special date—we all appreciate it so much!

—Kathy Arciero
Liturgy Chairperson
Art and Environment



Luke 20:38

If God created shadows
it was to better emphasize the light.

—Pope John XXIII

Sing in the Sanctuary Choir for Christmas!!!

Thursdays, 7:00-8:00pm. All are welcome! Join us!

Upcoming Music

✕

NOVEMBER 17
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

✕

5:00pm Mass

Cantor & Congregation

8:30am Mass

Cantor & Congregation

10:30am Mass

Praise Team

ONE FAITH, ONE HOPE, ONE LORD!

Honoring the Year of Faith

Celebrating a faith-filled future

Sunday, November 24 • 4:00pm

Featuring inspirational moments from

Engaging Spirituality ♦ Family Night ♦ JustFaith
Little Rock ♦ Men’s Ministry ♦ Untold Blessing

The Sanctuary Choir

And a “few words” from Fr. Rich Lewandowski



YEAR OF FAITH 2012 2013

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

(It's two weeks in a row at Church during November and December)

Year of Faith



We will close our celebration of the Year of Faith with a special Parish event on Sunday, November 24, at 4:00pm. Your family is especially invited to join in. More detail can be found on the Liturgy Page (6).

I offer the following prayer for your family to use during this month:

A Family Prayer for the Year of Faith

O God our Father,
in Jesus you call all Christian families and homes
to be signs of living faith.
By the light of the Holy Spirit,
lead us to be thankful for the gift of faith,
and by that gift
may we grow in our relationship with Jesus, your Son,
and be confident witnesses to Christian hope and joy
to all we meet.
In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

—United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

PBJ Update



(Food for Children at the Emergency Crisis Center)

2013 GOAL:	365 pounds
Collected to date:	343 pounds

*Our Church Year ends November 24 . . .
thanks for helping us make our goal for the year!*

Youth Activities

The EDGE team will be on the plaza next weekend, November 16-17, with a variety of fairly traded chocolate and coffee.

Proceeds from this month's sales will go toward the donation of a RASP of GUINEA FOWL to a family in Zimbabwe.



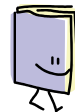
Heifer International will provide the family with guinea fowl, rabbits, and chicks, along with training and education in their care.

*Stock up on fairly traded treats,
support economic justice,
and encourage our Parish youth to donate guinea fowl!*

Little Blue Books for Advent/Christmas Season

This little booklet contains six minute practical daily reflections on the Sunday Gospels.

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Sunday Missal

A limited supply of the 2014 Sunday Missal is available for those who like to prepare the readings before attending Mass. They are \$5.

Both books are available, while supply lasts, at the Information Table, or on the lower level of the Parish Center.

Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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Spectator Christianity?

Is the sole role of your church to serve you, or are you supposed to provide service to your church? The Bible has several answers to this question.

Matthew 20:26-28 says, "Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and give his life as a ransom for many."

And in John 12:26 we read, "Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me."

Jesus Served Us

The lesson is quite clear that Jesus served us by dying on the cross for us and he asks us to serve others in return. We are to live a life of serving because we have been served by the Chief Servant. Service done at your church, in the community and in the world for the benefit of all of God's creatures and creation is part of our total stewardship of life. The use of talents and skills for the well being of others is a habit that leads to spiritual maturity.

The Church Serves You

Your church serves you through its worship services and the many programs it provides for you and you in return are expected to reciprocate by participating in the operation of the church.

George Barna writes in his book *"The Habits of Highly Effective Churches"* that "Highly effective churches agree that ministry is not the domain of spectators; it must be populated by activists. Rather than allow people to simply come, watch and give money at ministry events, great churches make it clear that you cannot be part of the real church unless you get involved."

We Serve the Church

Churches have a myriad of opportunities for involvement. There is something for everyone. There is a job for everyone for we all have God given gifts that can be put to work. George Barna commented that: "To be a part of church, you must be involved for then there is no uncertainty about expectations nor any value associated with 'spectator Christianity.'"

Don't be a spectator; use your gifts to provide a service to your church! —Parish Publishing LLC, Nov. 2013 newsletter (with permission)



On October 27, we had a New Member Welcome luncheon for all of our members who had registered since March. It was a very warm and fun time with over 100 people in attendance! We welcome all of these members to our very vibrant Parish and know that

they will serve in one way or another over time. We also now have over 100 active ministries, so contact me to come on board! We are all delighted to serve the Lord together here at St. Thomas More! ~ Chris

Think of giving, not as a duty, but as a privilege.

— John D. Rockefeller Jr.

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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All gifts to St. Thomas More are deeply appreciated!

Collection for Week of November 2/3, 2013

Number of Registered Households		1,061
Offertory*	\$	19,682.40
Offertory (Loose Collection)		1,017.50
Children's envelopes		0.00
Total	\$	20,699.90

* 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

We offer a variety of options for easier giving. In addition to the extra mail-back envelopes included in your packet, we offer automatic credit card withdrawal (Visa, MC, or Discover) and automatic checking/savings account deduction. For more information, contact the Parish Office at 760-758-4100 x100 or Parishoffice@stmoside.org.

St. Francis and St. Thomas More Offertory Envelopes

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News and Information from the Larger Church

Casa de Molina & Friends of the Poor Annual Children's Christmas Party—Saturday, December 14, 12:00-2:00pm. Calling Volunteers! If you are able to help in any capacity, please contact mother5@cox.net. Our Parishioner, Vicky Molina, has organized this event for over 25 years to provide Christmas gifts for underprivileged children.

Franciscan School of Theology at Mission San Luis Rey—accepting applications for spring semester enrollment. For more information, contact Vince Nims at 510-828-2869 (call or text) or vnims@fst.edu or visit fst.edu.

Craft Fair: "Handmade with Love—Love from Above"—Saturday, November 9, 9:00am-2:00pm, St. Elizabeth Seton Parish Center, 6628 Santa Isabel St., Carlsbad. For more information, contact 760-942-8920.

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.

Magnificat Women's Group Meeting—Saturday, November 16, 9:30am, Mission Valley Sheraton. Jennifer Roback Morse, Ph.D., will be the speaker. RSVP by November 8 to 619-701-2718 or www.magnificat.org.

Monthly Holy Hour for Priestly and Religious Vocations—Third Wednesday of each month (next is November 20), 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.

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

Weekly Peaceful Prayer Vigil to End Abortion—Mondays, 10:00am, Planned Parenthood Isabella Center, 1820 Marron Rd.,

News from St. Francis Church

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

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

Try us, you'll like us is back! Bring your kindergarten through 8th grade child to St. Francis School for nine weeks, and see if St. Francis School is right for your family. All you need to provide is the registration fee and your nine weeks are tuition free! If you decide to continue your child's enrollment for the remainder of the school year, you will be provided the opportunity make payments toward the tuition balance for the rest of the school year. For more information or a personal tour and appointment, call the school office at 760-630-7960. Offer is based on classroom availability.

#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 Training—Tuesday, November 12, San Marcos Center. Call Heidi at 760-744-1313 for details and to sign up. Birth Choice is a pro-life, Christ-centered pregnancy resource center offering free pregnancy testing, ultrasound, and options counseling for women in crisis. For more information, visit www.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 International is expanding into the San Diego area. Visit www.caci.org for more information.

Natural Family Planning Course in San Diego—For more information and/or to register for the series, contact 619-303-5053 or davidandcherylross@gmail.com.

Pauline Books and Media—5945-B Balboa Ave., San Diego, carries a wide selection of gifts, books, and bibles—great for First Communion and Confirmation gifts. For more information, contact 858-565-9181.

Marriage Encounter Program in San Diego—Resolving to have a better relationship? Choose a Marriage Encounter weekend to start that process! For more information, contact www.wmme-sandiego.org or 619-445-0564.

Online Rosary

Pray the rosary online—visit www.therosary3.com

Catholic Radio—AM 1000/Sirius 130—San Diego

Free program guides and bumper stickers available at the information table the Plaza after weekend Masses.

Visit ihradio.com/sandiego

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., Theology on Tap evenings, ultimate Frisbee, and a relationships skills series.

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.



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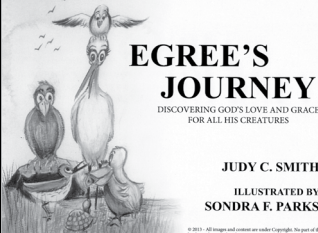
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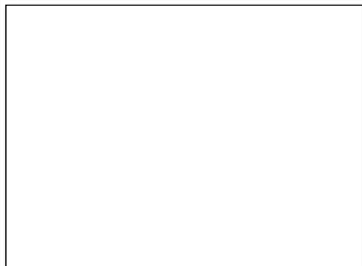
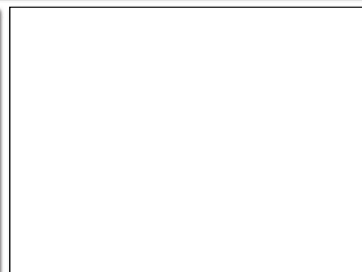
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