

Annual Catholic Appeal 2014—Diocese of San Diego

# Called to Serve

### A Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of San Diego

- ♣ Spirituality
- ☆ Tradition
- **†** Community

### Mass Schedule

Saturday at 5:00pm Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am Monday-Friday at 8:15am

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

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

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Diocese of San Diego Annual Catholic Appeal Our assessment: \$48,000 Pledges to date: \$6,473 from 51 families

### Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time February 23, 2014

### Pastor's Column

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

### Hospitality—A Way of Life

Here at St. Thomas More, I continue to be amazed at the spirit of welcome and hospitality that has become a hallmark of our week-end liturgies. The climate is one of care, concern, and a desire to know one another, especially the newcomer, the guest.

This spirit of hospitality, though, does not just happen. It takes concerted effort and a commitment to do things differently—to be deliberate in our interaction with each other.

As a Faith Community, when we gather to celebrate, we commit ourselves to be welcoming to the stranger in our midst, to the one who may be with us for the first time. Also, we dedicate ourselves to each other, who come week after week. We commit ourselves to getting to know each other, to share our stories, and to support each other on life's journey.

Hospitality is a hallmark of a Christian, an attitude that we are to carry with us in all the situations of our everyday lives.

I share with you some thoughts about hospitality from Fr. Henri Nouwen. These words are taken from his book, *Reaching Out*:

Hospitality means primarily the creation of a free space where the stranger can enter and become a friend instead of an enemy.

Hospitality is not to change people, but to offer them space where change can take place. It is not to bring men and women over to our side, but to offer freedom not disturbed by dividing lines. It is not to lead our neighbor into a corner where there are no alternatives left, but to open a wide spectrum of options for choice and commitment. It is not an educated intimidation with good books, good stories, and good works, but the liberation of fearful hearts so that words can find roots and bear ample fruit. It is not a method of making our God and our way into the criteria of happiness, but the opening of an opportunity to others to find their God and their way.

The paradox of hospitality is that it wants to create emptiness, not a fearful emptiness, but a friendly emptiness where strangers can enter and discover themselves as created free; free to sing their own songs, speak their own languages, dance their own dances; free also to leave and follow their own vocations.

Hospitality is not a subtle invitation to adopt the life style of the host, but the gift of a chance for the guest to find his own.

As we continue to walk through this year of 2014, may we continue to challenge each other, and support each other in our efforts in making hospitality a way of life here at St. Thomas More!

### Pastoral Staff Changes Continued...

After ongoing discussion with Kathleen Bell and Debbie Fredette, it was Kathleen's suggestion that she end her ministry and begin her retirement on March 7. Debbie Fredette will begin her full-time ministry as our new Director of Faith Formation also on March 7.

Fortunately, Kathleen will be available to Debbie after the March 7 date to assist her in any ways that are necessary.

We give thanks to Kathleen for her ministry over these many years, and we welcome Debbie as she begins her ministry.

Please continue to pray for our Parish as we move through these changes.

-Rev. Michael Ratajczak, Pastor

### Thank You!

Thanks to another fun-filled year, our Spirited Seniors presented the Parish with a check for \$1,000 on Valentine's Day! It should be noted that all that "fun" is always accompanied with a lot of planning and work, before and after all of these events.

On behalf of myself and the Parish, a big THANK YOU to our faithful seniors for their dedication to St. Thomas More!

-Rev. Michael Ratajczak, Pastor

### An Invitation from Bishop Flores— Catholic Schools Survey

As you may know, I have commissioned a special committee to study the organizational structures, policies and financial stability of our Catholic elementary schools. This includes partnering with the University of San Diego to provide a thorough study of the current state of the schools within our diocese.

The research team will be conducting surveys and interviews with various stakeholders. I ask for your support in this endeavor. This is an opportunity for your voice to be heard, for your experiences to make a difference, and for your perspectives to be a part of the plan to strengthen our schools.

Your voice is extremely important in this process, as this is an opportunity for you to be an instrumental piece of future decision -making processes. I encourage you to share your thoughts, opinions, and suggestions through this confidential and independent process. Please participate in this survey by visiting www.diocese-sdiego.org and clicking on "Take Survey Now."

If you have any questions regarding the survey or are in need of support to access it, please contact Dr. John Franey from the University of San Diego at *jfraney@sandiego.edu*.

Thank you in advance for your participation. I look forward to working with you as we build a new vision for strengthening our Catholic schools. —*Bishop Cirilo Flores* 

### **Vocations**

A calling to a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life is a wonderful thing...but it is seldom as clearly pronounced as the call of the disciples in a recent Gospel. Rather, it is frequently a gentle urging that requires prayerful attention to discern. Think you might have the calling? Take some quiet time to prayerfully listen to God's voice. If you still feel you may have a calling, contact Deacon Tom at thomasgoeltz@aol.com or 760-727-8442, and explore the possibilities.

### Welcome New Parishioners

### Mike Gerardi

### Congratulations to

### **Tony & Kathy Arciero**

who celebrate their 43rd wedding anniversary February 18.

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 **Tony & Kathy Arciero** in honor of their wedding anniversary.



### In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

**Jim Carey,** who died on March 2, 2013. Jim, a long-time Parishioner, had moved out of the area several years ago. Please keep his family in your prayers.

**Maurine Shaughnessy,** who died on February 17. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, March 7, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep her family in your prayers.

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

### Pilgrimage to Turkey and Italy

I will be leading a pilgrimage to Turkey and Italy...October 6-17, 2014...We will visit Istanbul, Venice, Florence, Padua, Assisi, and Rome with a Papal Audience...\$3599...Brochures are available at the Information Table on the Plaza after weekend Masses or in the Parish Office during the week.

—Fr. Mike Ratajczak

### Heartnotes

Congratulations to new Adult CPR/AED graduates: Manijeh Bosse, Judy Maina, Fr. Karl Bauer, Joyce Butcher, Robert Fallone, Anne Fallone.

And those who renewed their certification: Jane Kelleher, Dale Feist, Patricia Feist.

The next Adult CPR/AED class will take place on Saturday, April 12, 9:00am-12:00noon. Contact: 760-732-1414 or *drphilg@cox.net*. Cost \$37 per person.

### **Need Help with Transportation to Church!**

Volunteer drivers are needed in our Parish. Some Parishioners would like to attend Mass and cannot drive themselves. Please prayerfully consider helping some of our fellow Parishioners. If you can help in any



way with this service, please contact Ann Eriksson 760-599-7151 or *eriksson1@mindspring.com*.

### Looking for Information on the Catholic Faith?

Are you interested in learning more about Catholicism, becoming a Catholic, or returning to the Catholic Church?

For information, call Kathleen Bell at 760-758-4100 x110.

### Readings for the Week Ahead

Sunday Year A; Weekday Year II

Sunday, February 23 (79) Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Leviticus 19:1-2.17-18 Psalm 103:1-4,8,10,12-13 1 Corinthians 3:16-23 Matthew 5:38-48

Monday, February 24 (341) James 3:13-18

Psalm 19:8-10.15 Mark 9:14-29

Tuesday, February 25 (342)

James 4:1-10 Psalm 55:7-11,23 Mark 9:30-37

Wednesday, February 26 (343)

James 4:13-17 Psalm 49:2-3.6-11 Mark 9:38-40

Thursday, February 27 (344)

James 5:1-6 Psalm 49:14-20 Mark 9:41-50

Friday, February 28 (345)

James 5:9-12

Psalm 103:1-4,8-9,11-12 Mark 10-1-12

Saturday, March 1 (346)

James 5:13-20 Psalm 141:1-3,8 Mark 10:13-16

Sunday, February 23 (82)

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Isaiah 49:14-15

Psalm 62:2-3,6-9 1 Corinthians 4:1-5 Matthew 6:24-34

### **Mass Intentions**

Saturday, February 22, 5:00pm Robert Bourland &

Sunday, February 23, 8:30am Louise & Harry Valentine &

Sunday, February 23, 10:30am Joseph Immerso &

Monday, February 24, 8:15am Bob Petruzzo

Tuesday, February 25, 8:15am Eugene Masseth P

Wednesday, February 26, 8:15am Joe Dehlinger

Thursday, February 27, 8:15am Leah Stevens

Friday, February 28, 8:15am Mary Coxon

Saturday, March 1, 5:00pm Jessie Davis

Sunday, March 2, 8:30am Ruth Hannon &

Sunday, March 2, 10:30am Mario Vozza 🕆

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

Changa Aguilera Mary Alexander Carrie Autrey Jose Luis Barbosa Patricia Barbour Clarice Bednarz John Bennici Regina Bentz Lisa Berg Roseanne Berg Mary Betz Betty Jean Bielich The Breier Family Beth Brewer Janet Brown Todd Brown Nicholas Bruno Mary Bruzas Anita Buerger Khlise Buford Shelby Campbell Brianne Campos Claudia Caplinger Aria Cappeluti The Carey Family The Cassidy Family Marilyn Clarke The Vaughn Clevenger Family Dolly Cole Carl & James Coleman Elaine Collins Stephanie Comito Carol Costa Steven Cresencia Lené Crowe Karen Flaharty Daley Beverly de Gelder Hugo Delgado, Jr. Cecilia DeSimone Carole Dillon Edward Dolnik Art & Dave Dossman John Drazkowski, Jr. La Vonne Dumas Debbie Ebaugh Carolyn Erickson Ey Sharon Evans 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 Wendy Gonzales' Dad Rick Ğonzalez Phillis Hall Pat & Tom Hannon The Harker Family Barbara Hatem Barbara Hazlett Heidi Heaton The Herkert Family Lilian Hills Samara Hook Susan Hori Rick Hughes Iolanda Iacobelli Linda Iacobelli Bennett Betty Karch Paul Kennedy Peggy Kiernan Debbie Kinney Mark Kneisel Dewey Kolbo Tony Korwin Helen Kuhn Lillian Lachance The Lamelin Family Brandon LeBlanc Jeremiah Lemus The Leone Family David Leué The Paul Leué Family Ashley Load Cassandra & Lauren Loretto

Joaquin Maldonado

Paige Mansell Alexander Mathews

Chandler May Bob McWilliams Kalei Mendiola Bill Metzger Phyllis Minaya June Mitchell June Montgomery Nancy Moore Elizabeth Muehlbacher Conrad Murphy Margie Myers Richard Obsitnik The Oey Family Bernadette Padovan Ethan Palm Perry Postulka Douglas Price-Williams The Joe Prokop Family Bill Pucket Barbara Ramm Rita Ritchie Adela Rivera Elena Rivera Maria Rogers The Ross Family Dorothy Rouse The Russo Family Rachel Sainc Cindy Sanelli Paul Santy Linda Schmidt The Douglas E. Schulte Family The Shaughnessy Family Joan Shea Elizabeth Shirzad Bill Smith Nick Soltau Nick Soltau
Fred & Gilda Spiegl
Darek, Vanessa, & Elba Spizewski
Patricia St. Pierre
Sybil Staples
Pete Sullivan David Sweet Julie Teare
Tommy & Ginger Thompson
Sarah Tillinghast William Tompson Stephen Toth, Jr. Stephen Toth, IT.

Olivia Trejo
The Trejo/Beltran Family
The Trejo/Maldonado/Uribe Family
Darlene Unland Darriene Uniand Barbara Upson Corrie & Robert Vasquez Lucy Vienna Vanessa Vitiello Kevin Watson-Graff Sue Welch Paul West John Whitton Darrel Williams 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 PFC Cody Madere 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

Feb 23	Liturgy of the Word for
	Children at 8:30am Mass
Feb 23	RE.A.CH Classes at
	Church, including High
	School
Mar 2	Knights of Columbus
	Breakfast
Mar 5	Ash Wednesday
	Masses at 8:15am,
	12:00noon, 5:30pm, and
	7:30pm
	Soup Supper 5:30-7:30pm
Mar 7	Knights of Columbus Fish
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	Cross
Mar 8	One Border, One Body:
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	Immigration and the Eucharist Presentation
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Mar 9	RE.A.CH Classes at
	Church, including High
	School
Mar 14	Knights of Columbus Fish
	Dinner and Stations of the
	Cross
Mar 16	High School Classes
Mar 16	Knights of Columbus St.
	Patty's Day Dinner
Mar 18	Spirited Seniors Trip to
	Getty Museum
Mar 20	Project Linus Coffee
Mar 23	RE.A.CH Classes at Church
Mar 31	Parish Lenten
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Apr 5-6	Women's Guild Bake Sale
Apr 8	Day of Recollection
May 3	Women's Guild Game Day
Jun 13	STM Annual Gala
Jun 13 Jun 22	New Member Luncheon
Juli 22	new Member Luncheon

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.

February 24
Sr. Marilupe Mier y Teran, HMSS
February 25
Sr. C. Rose Miles, SFCC
February 26
Sr. M. Imelda Mission, MC
February 27
Sr. Theresa Monroe, RSCJ
February 28
Sr. Sanjuana Mora, CVI
March 1
Sr. Nora Murphy, OP
March 2
Sr. Sheila Murphy, RSM
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### Social Ministries/Outreach

### **Christmas Angel Report**

STM, do you have any idea what you've done? The 2013/2014 Christmas Angel Ministry was a great success again because of your generosity. Thank you letters from some our local charities were included in earlier bulletins, but here's the whole scoop. We delivered 190 stockings/gift bags to Catholic Charities. Several boxes of toys went to Solutions for Change, The Salvation Army and a local charitable Children's Christmas Party. AND, 55 Camp Pendleton Families were adopted. Not to mention donations to the Epiphany collection for Birth Choice! That's what you've done!!!

Thank you for touching the lives of so many children and families in need. Thank you to our wonderful team of volunteers that work on the plaza and behind the scenes, bringing it all together. God bless STM! —John and Marti Harper

### **Brother Benno's Food Drive**

As we approach the Lenten Season, we pay special attention to helping the less fortunate. On March 15/16, we will be holding our annual food drive for the poor serviced by Brother Benno's. Your generosity in the past has always been appreciated and has been a helping hand to those in need. Please look for Deacon Tom's truck(s) in the parking lot before all the Masses that weekend. Please again open your hearts and help us to help others.

### **STM \$crip News**

Thanks to all who support the Scrip program! A percentage of every Scrip gift card purchased benefits our Parish Mortgage/Building Completion Fund. Stop by the Scrip table on the plaza after weekend Masses or the Parish Office during the week to purchase/order Scrip or find out more about the program.

### 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.

### 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 operational or not!
You get the tax deduction!

We can accept vehicles without current registration and can file for replacement title if it has been lost.

As of February 6 we have netted over \$44,402 from this program. Thank you donors!









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

### Marriage & Family Life

Moms & Kids—Are you a mom with infant to school-age children looking to meet other moms? Want to find a great way to meet friends for both you and your children? Join the Moms & Kids ministry on the first and third Monday of the month at South Buena Vista Park (on South Melrose), 10:00am-12:00noon. See you there!



Promoting Life, Marriage, & Religious Liberty—Marriage Unique for a Reason: For a wealth of Church teaching on marriage, statements by United States Bishops on marriage and many other tools to equip ourselves in the efforts to defend marriage as a sacred union of one man and one woman, go to <a href="http://www.marriageuniqueforareason.org/">http://www.marriageuniqueforareason.org/</a> on the internet.

Bishops' Letter on Marriage—The Call to Parents: "While all members of the family are called to live out the foundational Christian virtues, fathers and mothers have a special responsibility for fostering these virtues within their children. They are the first to proclaim the faith to their children. They are responsible for nurturing the vocation of each child, showing by example how to live the married life, and taking special care if a child might be called to priesthood or consecrated life." To read the document go to <a href="https://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/">https://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/</a>.

**Marriage Moments**—"Example is not the main thing in influencing others. It is the only thing." (Albert Schweitzer) Is there a trait that you would like to foster in your spouse or child? How can you model that behavior this week in your own life? By Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net.

**Parenting Pointers**—Saying you don't have time to play with your child or eat dinner together is like saying you don't have time to stop for gas because you're busy driving. Take some time today, before it's too late. By Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net.

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

### Rosary

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



### The Knightly News

Please mark your calendars for the next Knights of Columbus breakfast on Sunday, March 2. While you're at your calendar also mark Friday, March 7, as the first Lenten Fish Dinner. We will be having the Fish Dinner every Friday during Lent. Also, reserve Sunday, March 16, for a St. Patty's Day Dinner and some lively Irish music. Plan on joining us and the other members of the Parish for all of our wonderful meals. It's a great way to meet other Parishioners, have some friendly conversation and support the Knights of Columbus.

As always, we greatly appreciate your participation. For more information about the Knights, please call Andy Frost at 858-245-6305.

### **Parish Events**

### **Attention Men!**

Join us for the weekly *That Man is You!* Program, which meets Saturday mornings, 6:45-8:30am. The topic for next week is "Honor Your Wedding Vows." For more information, contact Deacon John Fredette at *johnf@stmoside.org* or 760-758-4100

### Women's Guild News

If you haven't made lunch reservations for the March 10 St. Patrick themed luncheon, please call Vera Bayliss at 760-295-0059 so we can plan accordingly. We are happy to announce that Parishioner Jim McGinty and his Irish Band will be entertaining us for the occasion. The meeting will start at 11:00am sharp. Don't forget to wear green. —Ann Buko, president

Fashion Show—Thank you to all those who made the fashion show such a success! The committee worked hard to provide fantastic opportunity baskets, door prizes, a delicious luncheon, and a beautifully decorated room at Shadowridge. The models were delightful, showing us the new spring fashions from Draper's and Damon's. Thank you to all the generous people and business establishments who donated, and thanks to all who supported us by coming and enjoying the day! Because of everyone's generosity and enthusiasm, we were able to earn almost \$5,000 to contribute to the St. Thomas More mortgage/building completion fund. Well done! —Valerie Thompson, chair

### Visit the Getty Center with the Spirited Seniors

Tuesday, March 18. Meet at STM parking lot at 7:15am, returning at approximately 6:30pm. Lunch on your own. Enjoy the day at this fascinating center of culture and art, including that of ancient Greece and Rome as well as Europe. Optional 45-minute docent-led walking tour covering topics of architecture and gardens, etc. Cost for members is \$25; cost for non-members is \$30. Deadline for reservations is March 8. Please make your check ou to "STM Spirited Seniors," indicate whether you'd like to take the walking tour, place in an envelope marked "Spirited Seniors Getty," and return it to the offertory collection or the Parish Office, Box 12, by March 8. For more information, contact Judy or Jerry Buoniconti at 760-758-5113.

### **Catholic Widows and Widowers of North County**

CWWNC meets the second Sunday of each month for a general meeting and potluck at 2:00pm. On the fourth Sunday of each month, we gather for Mass at various Parishes in North County followed by lunch. Check the bulletin board on the lower level of the Parish Center for our calendar of events, including potlucks, dining out, hiking, and more! RSVP's are required. For more info. call Carol Kope at 760-726-0533 or Gerri Wilmott at 760-758-9949.

### **Young Adult Ministry Activities**

Visit www.yamsd.org for complete information on events for young adults, including our local chapter, North County Young Adults.

Also, search Office of Young Adult Ministry on Facebook.

### **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	\$300/person
(1,000) 894 available	

Daily Mass Chapel and Choir Chairs \$300/each (200) 135 available



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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).



Another major concrete pour on Wednesday, February 19. There was a steady stream of trucks all morning!

# Liturgy & Music Worship God

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

### LOOKING BACK | LOOKING FORWARD

March 1 will mark my ninth anniversary at St. Thomas More. Upon arrival, I found a faith community with strong liturgical and musical foundations, and a people dedicated to their families, their neighbors, and their world.

When I arrived, the deep roots of our musical tradition were already well established. Music had always been an important part of our storefront worship (and before) with cantors and instrumentalists supporting a strong tradition of congregational singing. A choral program had been started by Gary DeKler with the adult choir singing on weekends on an increasingly frequent basis.

Music at St. Thomas More has always enjoyed the loving support of our faith community, and over the past nine years, we have been able to explore new possibilities because of this support.

New musical groups have been introduced; some have taken root. The Tower Bells started because two of our Parishioners donated a set of handbells, allowing those who might not be comfortable singing an opportunity to make music for the glory of God (although many in our handbell choir sing beautifully). The Praise Team emerged from the earlier Monday Night Mass band and introduced a whole new style of congregational song to our Parish. The Cappella Choir, our most recent

BEYONCE Sang in Choir addition, focuses on the Church's long-cherished tradition of unaccompanied singing. There have been other "start-ups" that haven't taken root, but which may return in the future when the time is ripe. And there will be other opportunities that we haven't even dreamed of yet.

One of the first things I did was to envision what the music ministry for the future would be. Words that to mind were "Godcentered" (based on Psalm 95:1), "inclusive" (no auditions here!), "appropriate" (in support of the scriptures and mission of the church), "eclectic" (because the church has a long history and a global family), "loving" (see Mt. 22:35–40), "educational" (providing the "tools of the trade" of music making), and "ecumenical" (in support of talking to our neighbors in faith).

Liturgically, the Parish continues its long tradition of excellent liturgy (Bishop Brom told me so). I am honored to support Fr. Mike's vision of a liturgical church that incorporates so many of its people within its ministries. I am honored to direct a group of service-minded Parishioners who prepare and assist in our worship. And then there are the daily ministers, the outside-the-walls ministers, and those who show up during the week to prepare everything we need for our liturgies.

Looking back over nine years, I think we are doing pretty well, though we (the liturgy committee and all of us) continue to work hard, making improvements in all that we do for the greater glory of God. I look forward (very much so!) to our future worship, the liturgy and the music, knowing that the center of our activities is the worship of God, source of all that is good!

—Douglas



Matthew 5:45



### **Altar Server Training**

Saturday, March 1 1:00-3:00pm

Are you interested in becoming an Altar Server?

Are you in fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, or eighth grade?

Have you been an Altar Server for less than a year?

This class is *mandatory* for new Servers and those who have started in the past year, and is a good way to review for all other altar servers.

Contact Rebecca Eyer at psalm\_23@live.com.

Join us!

### Upcoming Music

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MARCH 2 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Sanctuary Choir

# Faith Formation Teach and Live the Gospel

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

### To My Parish Family,

I look forward to handing on the responsibilities of Director of Faith Formation to Debbie Fredette in the next few weeks, but I also look forward to my continuing responsibilities and privileges of being a Parishioner at St. Thomas More. I'm going nowhere!

In closing this chapter of my life, it seems best to me to transition while programs are up and running so Debbie can build relationships with our tremendous group of catechists and volunteers in this ministry.

The love and support of the wonderful families in this Parish have been one of the most tremendous blessings of my life and will always remain a cherished treasure in my heart.

At Fr. Mike's invitation, I am happy to continue my ministry with the RCIA process as a volunteer steward, so I still may be asking you to help me out!

Keep me in your prayers please, for the next few months will be truly life-changing as I respond to God's invitation in Deuteronomy to "Choose life!"

With a heart filled with love and gratitude,



### **Faith Formation for Adults**

Join us for any of the following events. . .bring a friend!
All are welcome, especially new parishioners~

### **UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES TO NURTURE YOUR FAITH:**

February 24, 7:00pm

### AN EVENING OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Join the youth of our Parish for this monthly opportunity for adoration and prayer. The young adults and teens of our Parish (and other Parishes) have found such spiritual support in this activity, that they want to invite the whole Parish to join in. Just try it once!

Contact Rory Griffin for more details, roryg@stmoside.org.

March 8, 9:00-11:00am

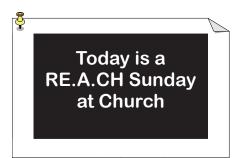
### ONE BORDER, ONE BODY: IMMIGRATION AND THE EUCHARIST

This is a huge privilege for us to be able to host a national figure such as Fr. Dan Groody from Notre Dame!

Fr. Groody, CSC, Ph.D. is an Associate Professor of Theology. He has worked with the U.S. Congress, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, the World Council of Churches, and the Vatican on issues of theology, globalization, and immigration.



Fr. Groody's visit in North County is co-hosted by St. Thomas More, St. Peter, and St. Patrick Parishes. Contact Sr. Maureen for further information, *maureenb@stmoside.org*.





### **PBJ Update**

(Food for Children at the Emergency Crisis Center)

2014 GOAL: 365 pounds Collected to date: 361 pounds

# Stewardship & Development Serve God's People

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### TOWERS OF FAITH Future Support & Estate Planning Options

Towers of Faith is a movement that has arisen out of the visionary leadership and generosity of several of our Parishioners. We stress that this is not about the gift amount, but rather the love and thought behind the gift.

These individuals (several anonymous) have included STM in their estate planning. This helps to ensure their ongoing support and a legacy for our Parish. Towers of Faith is a valuable portion of our future support.



**Examples of the various future planning vehicles are: Designated Beneficiary Accounts,** Last Will and Testament, Living Trust, Life Insurance, Stocks and Bonds, Real Estate, and Endowments.

Any Parishioners who have already included STM in their estate plans are *Towers of Faith* participants. If you are interested, please contact us. Your participation is most welcome and appreciated!

Chris Smith at 760-758-4100 x120, or *chriss@stmoside.org*.

Do two people in your family know the location of your will and/or living trust?

### Collection for Week of February 15/16, 2014

Number of Registered Households	1,077
Offertory*	\$ 8,685.25
Offertory (Loose Collection)	752.50
Children's envelopes	11.67
Total	\$ 9,449.42

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 Parish office@stmoside.org.

### St. Francis and St. Thomas More Offertory Envelopes

Any St. Francis Offertory Envelopes given to the offertory collection at St. Thomas More will be returned to St. Francis.

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### Christian Stewardship and Patience

Patience is a virtue that brings with it many rewards. One of the most rewarding benefits advanced by this virtue is found in the habit of "delayed gratification."

We live in a culture that is constantly shouting, "You deserve it, and you can have it right now!" The result is that many people fall prey to "instant gratification." Instant gratification places a serious roadblock on our path to being the best disciples and stewards we can be. This is where patience can reward us.

One of the hallmarks of stewardship is generosity; however, it is difficult to be generous if we too frequently give in to instant gratification.

Advertisers would have us believe that we can spend our way to happiness. The truth is that sharing first and spending second is the path to sustained happiness and grater generosity.

When it comes to developing patience with our spending habits, the best course of action is to preface every spending decision with the question, "Do I need this or do I simply want it?" This question is at the heart of good financial stewardship. The modern media feeds our subconscious minds with hundreds of images every day, all intended to blur the difference between what we legitimately need and what we simply want. If we are not careful these images can have a powerful influence on our attitudes. "Whoever controls the images controls the culture" (Bishop Robert Morneau).

Making stewardship a way of life involves patience because it requires that we make some adjustments to our lifestyle in order

to become better stewards. Being patient with myself helps me on my journey. Gratitude is the parent of patience. I try to be grateful in every situation, grateful for what I have, grateful for my job, grateful for my relationships.

In gratitude I find patience whenever things don't go the way I think they should. Patience is more than the ability to wait; it is all about how we behave while we are waiting. Sometimes God makes us wait in order to teach us to trust Him, to



have faith, and to be patient. There is nothing quite as exciting as waiting on God because we know that whatever He has planned for us . . . it will be good.

> This article is part 8 in a series of 12 reflections on stewardship virtues by ICSC member, Dan Potvin, Director of Stewards for the Archdiocese of Winnipeg, Canada. (with permission).

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### News and Information from the Larger Church

Franciscan School of Theology at Mission San Luis Rey—Sponsoring a lecture series on "Where Do Franciscans Fit in U.S. History?" For more information, contact Franklin Fong, OFM, at ffong@sandiego.edu or 760-547-1800 x201.

Monthly Holy Hour for Priestly and Religious Vocations—Third Wednesday of each month (next is March 19), 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.

**Voices for Children 22nd Annual Golf Tournament**—Monday, February 24, Del Mar Country Club. Proceeds will further our mission to transform the lives of foster children. For more information, contact Jill Jones Mason at 858-598-2222.

**Film, Discussion, and Refreshments**—Friday, February 28, 7:00pm, Guadalupe Room, near Pier View Way and Freeman, Oceanside. Sponsored by the Patrician's group at St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish. Animated film *The Greatest Miracle* for everyone age 12 and up. For more information, contact 760-721-2854.

**Free Introductory Session on Creighton Model Fertility Care System**—Sunday, March 9, 6:15pm, St. Mary Star of the Sea, Oceanside. A method for naturally achieving or avoiding pregnancy in harmony with Church teaching. RSVP required. For information or to RSVP, contact Anna Saucier at 619-630-8086 or anna@fertilitycaresd.com.

After-Abortion Overnight Healing Retreat for Catholic (or Catholic-friendly) Women—March 14-16, St. Mary's Retreat Center, Escondido. Confidentiality maintained. For information/registration, contact Leslie Brunolli at 760-745-2529 or *LBrunolli@yahoo.com* or *www.RachelsHope.org*. Sponsored by the Diocese of San Diego.

**Walk for Life to Benefit Birth Choice**—Saturday, March 15. Visit *BirthChoicedonor.net* for more information.

**Rachel's Vineyard Post-Abortion Healing Retreat for Women**—March 21-23 in Temecula. For more information or to register, contact Dolores at 951-325-7702.

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., #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**—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.

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### 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

### News from St. Francis Church

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

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  Football, Soccer, basketball, track and field
- Special family events: Family BBQ, Chili Cook-Off, Christmas Pageant, Performing Arts, Family Outdoor Movie Nights, Family Dining Out Nights, Catholic Schools Week, Promotions and graduation events
- Partnerships in Service to Community: Soup Kitchen, Sack Lunch Ministry, Life Care

Contact us today for more information!
Preschool Office, Ms. Jennifer Paino, 760-630-7964.
K-8 Office, Mrs. Mary Drego 760-630-7960.
Visit us online at http://sfs-vista.org

Free Electronic Recycling at St. Francis Church—On Saturday, April 5, 10:00am-2:00pm, bring your old or broken electronics in for legal disposal or recycling at the upper church parking lot. Just drive up and drop off! Proceeds made will benefit the St. Francis Preschool Program.





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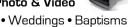
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