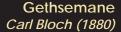


LENT





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

Rev. Michael Ratajczak, Pastor Rev. Karl Bauer, Senior Priest Deacon John Fredette Deacon Thomas A. Goeltz

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Join us for Lenten activities: Tuesday, April 8 Day of Recollection 9:00am Friday, April 11 Lenten Fish Dinner 5:30pm

Stations of the Cross 7:00pm

Fifth Sunday of Lent April 6, 2014

Pastor's Column

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

Works of Mercy

If you are still looking for something to do during this Lenten Season, let me recommend the traditional "Works of Mercy—Corporal and Spiritual."

Corporal Works of Mercy

To Feed the Hungry
To Give Drink to the Thirsty
To Clothe the Naked
To Shelter the Homeless
To Visit the Sick
To Ransom Captives
To Bury the Dead

Spiritual Works of Mercy

To Instruct the Ignorant
To Counsel the Doubtful
To Admonish Sinners
To Bear Wrongs Patiently
To Forgive Others Willingly
To Comfort the Afflicted
To Pray for the Living and the Dead

Let's get going....We all have a lot of work to do.

We have two more weeks of Lent, but we also have 365 days in every year to keep going!



Diocese of San Diego Annual Catholic Appeal Our assessment: \$48,000 Pledges to date: \$32,942 from 220 families. \$15,058 to go!

Called to Serve

Lenten Reconciliation Services at Local Parishes

Date	Time	Parish
Mon, Apr. 7	7:00pm	St. Elizabeth Seton, Carlsbad
Tue, Apr. 8	7:00pm	St. John, Encinitas
Wed, Apr. 9	7:00pm	St. James-St. Leo, Solana Beach
Sat, Apr. 12	10:00am	Mission San Luis Rey, Oceanside
Mon, Apr. 14	6:30pm	St. Mark, San Marcos
Tue, Apr. 15	6:00pm	St. Peter, Fallbrook

Save the Date Friday, June 13 4:30-9:30pm STM Third Annual Gala



Happy Hour at 4:30pm kicks off our fundraising evening and you will have plenty of time to check out our amazing array of Raffle, Silent and Live Auction items, our Champagne Diamond Event, our new and improved Wheel of Fortune, a chance to win a Mystery Day with Fr. Mike, socializing, and more fun!

Dinner is served at 6:30pm (\$40/person)
(vegetarian option available upon request)
Secure your spot now for our Social Event of the
Year and get in on the many new
and exciting opportunities that await you!

Plus reserve your spot for the **Paster's Dinner**Sunday, August 24, 2014 *2:00-5:00 p.m.

Stone Brewing World Bistro and Gardens, Escondido
\$150/per person (\$75 tax deductible)

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

"Did You Know" Collection March 2014 \$6,533.00

Restaurant Fundraisers March 2014
Nucci's \$356.10

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

Edwin & Elsie Torres & Family

Congratulations to

Eddie & Sheila Murphy

who celebrate their 17th wedding anniversary April 5.

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

In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Robert Jacobson, Sr., who died on March 26. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, April 11, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep his son, Bob, and his family in your prayers.

Kathy Salter, who died on February 18. Her Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, April 12, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep her husband, Charles, and 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.

Vocations

Think you may have a calling to the priesthood, diaconate, or religious life? The Lenten Season is an excellent time for prayer and quiet reflection. It is a time when we celebrate the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord. A time when we contemplate that which makes us Christian...Catholic. If you wish to explore a calling, contact Deacon Tom at thomasgoeltz@aol.com or 760-727-8442.

Heartnotes

Eighty percent of medical emergencies occur in a family setting. Fewer than 25 percent of victims will receive immediate CPR even though it only takes about three hours to learn this lifesaving skill.

There will be an Adult CPR/AED class on Saturday, April 12, 9:00am-12:00noon. This will be the last Adult CPR class until September. The cost is \$37 per person.

Contact: 760-732-1414 or *drphilg@cox.net* to reserve a place in the class.

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 March 18 we have netted \$49,652 from this program. Thank you donors!









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

Readings for the Week Ahead

Sunday Year A; Weekday Year II Readings online at www.usccb.org.

Sunday, April 6 (34) Fifth Sunday of Lent Ezekiel 37:12-14 Psalm 130:1-8 Romans 8:8-11 John 11:1-45 Monday, April 7 (549) John Baptist de la Salle, priest 2 Timothy 1:13-14:2:1-3 Psalm 1:1-4,6 Matthew 18:1-5 Tuesday, April 8 (252)

Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 102:2-3,16-21 John 8:21-30

Wednesday, April 9 (253) Daniel 3:14-20,91-92,95 Daniel 3:52-56 (Psalm)

John 8:31-42 Thursday, April 10 (254)

Genesis 17:3-9 Psalm 105:4-9

John 8:51-59 Friday, April 11 (555) Stanislaus, bishop, doctor Revelation 12:10-12a Psalm 34:2-9 John 17:11b-19

Saturday, April 12 (256) Ezekiel 37:21-28 Jeremiah 31:10-13 (Psalm) John 11:45-56

Sunday, April 13 (37) Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Matthew 21:1-11 (Processional) Isaiah 50:4-7 Psalm 22:8-9,17-20,23-24 Philippians 2:6-11

Matthew 26:14-27:66

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 5, 5:00pm David J. Riley &

Sunday, April 6, 8:30am Peregrina "Tona" Urena ♥

Sunday, April 6, 10:30am Joseph Immerso 4

Monday, April 7, 8:15am Carmel Kane

Tuesday, April 8, 8:15am Marie Merchinson &

Wednesday, April 9, 8:15am Mass for Thanksgiving

Thursday, April 10, 8:15am Lillian Hazzard &

Friday, April 11, 8:15am Mary Jane Reid &

Saturday, April 12, 5:00pm Bud Flanagan &

Sunday, April 13, 8:30am Dorothy Staehr &

Sunday, April 13, 10:30am Jeanne Sisson &

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 Wade Breier and his doctors Beth Brewer Janet Brown Todd Brown Judith Brunner Mary Bruzas Anita Buerger Anita Buerger
Jeff Butler
Tony Calderone
Shefby Campbell
Brianne Campos
Claudia Caplinger
Aria Cappeluti
The Cassidy Family
Marilyn Clarke
The Vaughn Clevenger Family
Dolly Cole Dolly Cole Carl Coleman James Coleman Elaine Collins 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 The Falkenstein Family Victoria Lopez Fenton The Fiore Family Ryan Flum Ernie Follis Eugene Franciscus Kathryn Franklin The Greg French Family Brian Frink Jim Gallagher The Joe Garcia Family Kathy Gardner Lois Garth Jack & Marge Gillen Wendy Gonzales' Dad Rick Gonzalez Pat & Tom Hannon The Harker Family Barbara Hatem Skip Hayden Heidi Heaton Lilian Hills Samara Hook Susan Hori Rick Hughes Iolanda Iacobelli Linda Iacobelli Bennett The Jacobson Family Betty Karch Laura Kater Connor Kerzie Peggy Kiernan Debbie Kinney Mark Kneisel Dewey Kolbo
Tony Korwin
Mary Krohn
Helen Kuhn
Lillian Lachance

The Lamelin Family Brandon LeBlanc Jeremiah Lemus

David Leué The Paul Leué Family Ashley Load

Joaquin Maldonado Ray Malinowski

Paige Mansell

Cassandra & Lauren Loretto Jack Lucarelli

Alexander Mathews Chandler May Virginia McConnell Bob McWilliams Joyce Meehan Kalei Mendiola Bill Metzger Phyllis Minaya June Mitchell June Montgomery Mancy Moore
Elizabeth Muehlbacher
Conrad Murphy
Margie Myers
Richard Obsitnik The Olivier Family Bernadette Padovan Bernadette Fadovan
Ethan Palm
Perry Postulka
Douglas Price-Williams
The Joe Prokop Family
Barbara Ramm Mary Ratajczak Lisa Reaves Mark Reinmiller Jan Riley Rita Ritchie Rita Ritchie
Adela & Elena Rivera
Maria Rogers
Dorothy Rouse
The Russo Family
Rachel Sainc
Paul Salamunovich
The Salter Family
Cindy Sanelli
Linda Schmidt
María Sebiane María Sebiane Juliana Shaw Joan Shea Elizabeth Shirzad Nick Soltau Fred & Gilda Spiegl
Darek, Vanessa, & Elba Spizewski
Patricia St. Pierre
Mike Sterling
Pete Sullivan
David Swaat David Sweet
Julie Teare
Tommy & Ginger Thompson
Sarah Tillophasen
William Tillophasen William Tompson Stephen Toth, Jr. Olivia Trejo The Trejo/Beltran Family The Trejo/Beltran Family
The Trejo/Maldonado/Uribe Family
Barbara Upson
Corrie & Robert Vasquez
Lucy Vienna
Vanessa Vitiello
Kevin Watson-Graff
Sue Welch
Part West Paul West John Whitton Marceline Williams Erin Young Patricia Zavala

Deployed Military

As a faith community let us pray for all who serve our country in these troubled times. We pray especially for those connected to our Parish who have been deployed:

Gunnery Sgt. Fernando Andrade, Jr. 1st Lt. Jeffrey Bauer, USMC 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

Moms & Kids at South Apr 7 Buena Vista Park Day of Recollection Apr 8 Apr 12-13 Palm Sunday of the

Passion of the Lord Liturgy of the Word for Children at the 8:30am and 10:30am Mass

Holy Thursday Apr 17

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 6:00pm Dinners at Parishioners' homes following Mass **Eucharistic Exposition** following Mass until

10:00pm

Apr 18 Good Friday Morning Prayer at 8:15am Celebration of the Passion of the Lord at 12:00noon

and 7:00pm Stations of the Cross at

3:00pm

Holy Saturday Apr 19

Morning Prayer at 8:15am Butter Lamb Project at

Blessing of Easter Food at 11:00am

Easter Vigil at 8:00pm Easter Sunday Apr 20

Masses at 6:30am, 8:30am, 10:30am, and 10:45am

Moms & Kids at South Apr 21 Buena Vista Park

Women's Guild Game Day May 3 May 10 Women's Prayer Breakfast

May 16-18 Parish Campout in Valley Center

STM Annual Gala Jun 13 Jun 22 New Member Luncheon

Aug 24 Pastor's Dinner Oct 4 Treasures Rummage Sale

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.

April 7			
Sr. Gabriel Marie (Evelin) Sales, UCSC			
April 8			
Sr. Delia Sarabia, CVI			
April 9			
Sr. Lourdes Saracho, RJM			
April 10			
Sr. Dolores Cecile Schembri, CSJ			
April 11			
Sr. Helen Schwarz, SHCJ			
April 12			
Sr. Esther Segura, HCJS			
April 13			
Sr. Mariacruz Serrano Mier, MGSpS			
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Social Ministries & Outreach

What Is Get On the Bus?

Get On the Bus brings children and their guardians/caregivers from throughout the state of California to visit their mothers and fathers in Prison. An annual event, Get On the Bus offers free transportation for the children and their caregivers to the prison, provides travel bags for the children, comfort care bags for the caregivers, a photo of each child with his or her parent, and meals for the day (snacks on the bus, lunch at the prison, and dinner on the way home) all at no cost to the children's family. On the bus trip home, following a four-hour visit, each child receives a teddy bear with a letter from their parent and post-event counseling.

"I noticed things about my mother: she was pretty and she looked like me. I found something in common with all the children on the bus. They have a mother in prison too."

An estimated 856,000 children in California have a parent currently involved in California's adult criminal justice system, nearly 9% of the state's children.

> - "Children of Incarcerated Parents" Simmons, Charlene Wear. California Research Bureau, CRB Note. Vol. 7, No.2, March, 2000

> > -excerpts from Get On the Bus Brochure 2009

An envelope is attached to the bulletin this week if you would like to make a contribution! In addition, you may contribute backpack items for youth ages 12-17 (to entertain themselves on the bus) and individually packaged snacks (no peanuts), which may be dropped off after Masses the weekend of April 26-27.

In Gratitude

"I give thanks to my God every time I think of you . . . rejoicing!" (Phil. 1:3)

Dear friends,

I am still "on a high" thinking about last weekend as we gathered to thank God for my religious vocation of 50 years and for God's fidelity to me as I try to live my vowed life more and more fully each day! I can only do that because of your love and fidelity to me and to our community here at STM.

As I open each card, I am taking a few minutes to reflect on each relationship and to give thanks to God for you in my life.

I want to especially thank Fr. Mike and the very loving and generous ways he and the Parish provided for the entire day! I thank Douglas and the combined choirs who sang and played so beautifully. Thanks to Henny, the entire staff, and so many who helped plan and provide for the celebrations throughout the day! I love showing off our STM community to my family and my CSJ family of sisters who were able to attend!

With love and deep gratitude,

Sr. Maureen, CSJ

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 760-809-6526.

Marriage & Family Life

Moms & Kids—Are you a mom with infant through school age children wanting to meet other moms in our parish? Want to find a great way to meet friends for both you and your children? Join our dynamic and energetic Moms and Kids ministry on the first and third MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE Monday of the month at South Buena



Vista Park (on South Melrose), 10:00am-12:00noon. There are many other events throughout the month posted on our private Facebook page. Join us!

Bringing the Celebration Home: Butter Lams for Easter-This Easter, come learn how to create a lamb made of butter for your Easter table! Jesus is our Paschal Lamb, and using your lamb as a centerpiece reminds us of this. This fun event will start at 10:00am on the lower level on Holy Saturday, and will lead into the Easter Food blessing at 11:00am. To register, contact Jen Frost at jenf@stmoside.org or 858-692-7438. There is no cost, and all you need to bring to participate are four things: two sticks of VERY COLD butter, a small cooler to keep the butter cold, a sharp paring knife, a small plate for your lamb to sit on, and (if you have one) a garlic press.

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 e-mail reminders and intentions, or text "Fast" to 99000 to receive weekly text messages.

Bishops' Letter on Marriage—Love and Life in the Divine Plan: God always present "[Married couples] are to foster this gospel faith among themselves and within their children through their teaching and example. Likewise, they live in hope of God's kindness, mercy, and generosity. In the midst of the inevitable trials and hardships, they trust that God is graciously watching over them and their family. They trust that the Father's love will never abandon them, but that, in union with Jesus, they will always remain in his presence." To read the document go to http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/.

Marriage Moments—A Marriage Challenge for couples married awhile: While you may have settled in to a comfortable lifestyle—routines can get boring. Try something new together this week—a new food, recreation, book... by Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net.

Parenting Pointers—April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. What things do you protect your children (and your community's children) from? Perhaps it is internet garbage, junk food, unsafe travel, advertising, bullies, or predatory adults. 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.

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.

For more information, contact scrip@stmoside.org or 760-758-4100 x150.

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 "Make It Easy to Be Good and Hard to Be Bad." For more information, contact Deacon John Fredette at *johnf@stmoside.org* or 760-758-4100 x132.

Women's Guild News

The Wonder Women of the Women's Guild are still at it. Today's Bake Sale will be followed on Tuesday with our Day of Recollection, together with the Spirited Seniors. (Reservations were due by April 4).

The following two weeks we will be concentrating on the two weeks of preparation for the glorious celebration of Easter. We will not be on the plaza selling tickets or making any announcements. That is why we are selling \$10 tickets for May's Game Day early. You will have only one weekend after Easter to get your ticket(s). However, tickets will be available in the Parish Office when it is open during the coming weeks before May 3. This will be a wonderful way to celebrate Easter with our friends. Don't forget to invite your children and grandchildren. They will enjoy the treats, lunch, and door prizes while playing their favorite games with you. That's why it is held on a Saturday. Invite your friends and neighbors. They will enjoy it too.

May we experience many extra blessings during these coming holy days. —Ann Buko, president

The Knightly News

The **last** Knights of Columbus fish dinner for this year will be served next Friday, April 11. Join your fellow Parishioners for a fabulous dinner, which includes baked cod, potatoes, vegetables, salad, coleslaw, and cornbread, 5:30-6:30pm. A delicious selection of sweets is available at Bob Wong's famous dessert bar. Cost is \$7 for one piece of fish, \$9 for two pieces, dessert extra. To make reservations for six or more, call Jim at 760-726-2807.

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

Catholic Widows and Widowers of North County

On Sunday, April 27, CWWNC will gather for communal Mass HERE at the 10:30am Mass followed by brunch at Nucci's. This is a great opportunity for prospective members to get acquainted with our group. On the second Sunday of each month we meet for a general meeting and potluck at various areas in North County. Check the bulletin board on the lower level of the Parish Center for our calendar of events including bowling, 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.

Rosary

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



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*

\$850,000
\$500,000
\$250,000
\$100,000
\$75,000
\$75,000
\$300/person

Daily Mass Chapel and Choir Chairs \$300/each (200) 133 available



04/1/14

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).



The base of the tower A view on March 25

Liturgy & Music Worship God

A WAY OF SEEING

Scripture Themes for April

by Patricia Datchuck Sánchez and Rafael Sánchez Alonso, from Celebration April 2014, with permission. Why did Jesus die? When author and theologian N.T. Wright put that question to a group of sixth-graders in Montreal, they thought for a few moments and then began to respond. About half of the students gave historical reasons: Jesus died because he clashed with the chief priests; he died because the Romans regarded him as a threat; he died because the Pharisees didn't like him. Others gave more theological responses: Jesus died for the forgiveness of our sins; so that we would be saved; to show us how much God loves us. Wright said that he spent the next hour with the children discussing and making sense of their responses. "I still believe," insisted Wright, "that the putting together of the two sides of that great question—the historical dimension and the theological oneis one of the most important tasks we can engage in when studying Jesus" (The Challenge of Jesus). This month, as we remember and celebrate the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we will be called upon to consider for ourselves: Why did Jesus die? In all our prayerful considerations, we will be drawn more fully and more deeply into the great mystery of all that God has revealed to us in Jesus.

Our journey into that mystery begins on April 6, with Jesus making the words of Ezekiel come to life. What the prophet had promised ("I will open your graves and have you rise

AMY ADAMS
Sang in Choir

from them...I will put my spirit in you that you may live"), Jesus fulfilled. "Lazarus, come out!" Jesus ordered, and he who had died was alive again. What Jesus said to Lazarus, he says to all of us. Come out from the tomb of sin and live. Be no longer dead but alive and in love with the God of life.

As our journey continues, we find ourselves with Jesus about to enter Jerusalem, where the historical and theological dimensions of his life will come to a gut-wrenching climax on the cross (April 13). We will be humbly grateful for the love that led Jesus to his death, and we will be passionately joyful that his death was not the end of his story. On the contrary, Jesus' dying was the passage unto resurrected life. As a consequence of Jesus' passage. every human being has been offered a new way of seeing and of perceiving not only death, but every aspect of life. In his book And Now I See: A Theology of Transformation, Robert Barron explains believers in Jesus see differently, and that is why our prayers, our actions, and our way of being in the world have a distinctive accent and flavor that flows from our belonging to Jesus, who passed through death to life for our sake. Barron also quotes Origen of Alexandria, who once said that holiness is seeing with the eyes of Christ.

This new way of seeing was clearly reflected in the lives of the earliest believers in Jesus. As we are reacquainted with them during the Sundays of Easter (April 20, 27, etc.), we will witness how they were transformed by the experience of seeing Jesus suffer and die and then appear to them as their risen, glorious Lord. We will watch them as they begin to see that their former way of looking at gentiles (as unclean outsiders) had to be

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Luke 11:44

replaced by new and transformed insights. "Everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name," said Peter (April 20). We will notice the growth in the first believers as they went forth to continue Jesus' ministry, gathering all, indiscriminately, unto God and salvation.

We will also notice that their new way of seeing led to a radical transformation of their lifestyle (April 27). United in prayer, faithful to the teachings of the apostles and their life together, remembered and celebrated Jesus in the breaking of the bread. On the strength of that holy sharing, they were able to do many signs and wonders, not the least of which was divesting themselves of property and possessions so as to hold all things in common. All were cared for according to each one's need. United in prayer, in hope, and in service, the growing community had such a positive impact that others sought them out, eager to see and believe as they did.

As we come full circle to the question with which we began—"Why did Jesus die?"—we might add to our historical and theological responses. Jesus died and rose and remains with us through the Spirit so that we can see as he did, live as he did, love as he did, serve as he did, and, when our time has come, make the same passage he once pioneered, from death to everlasting life.

Upcoming Music

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APRIL 13 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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

Faith Formation Teach and Live the Gospel

Debbie Fredette Director of Faith Formation 760-758-4100 x110; debbief@stmoside.org

RE.A.CH

Our Level 1 REACH class spent time learning about all God's creatures and how he made so many beautiful things for us. Everywhere we look we see God's amazing love for us! Ms. Erin even taught us how to make Quail puppets!





Join Us for Our Annual Butter Lamb Workshop!

Saturday April 19 at 10:00am



Faith Formation for Adults

Join us for any of the following events... bring a friend!

All are welcome, especially new Parishioners~

April 15, 9:15-10:00am

A VIRTUAL TOUR OF THE HOLY LAND

(... and it's free!)

Join Fr. Karl Bauer for his final presentation on the Holy Land after Mass and coffee and donuts for an opportunity to connect the Scriptures of Lent with the places they actually took place. No suitcase required!



April 9 and 10

. . . begins the next session of Bible Study with a fiveweek program on **Scripture and the Rosary.**

This study brings the treasures of the Bible to illuminate the mysteries of the rosary, revealing the sacred and inseparable link between Scripture and the rosary.



Please contact Pauline Lapre at plapre@escondido.org for further information or sign up in the Faith Formation office.

PBJ Update

(Food for Children at the Emergency Crisis Center)

2014 GOAL: 365 pounds Collected to date: 441 pounds

An opportunity for almsgiving during Lent



Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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

TOWERS OF FAITH Future Support & Estate Planning Options

Towers of Faith is a movement that has arisen due to 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 March 29/30, 2014

Total	\$	7,492.83
Children's envelopes		0.00
Offertory (Loose Collection)		877.50
Offertory*	\$	6,615.33
Number of Registered Households		1,089

* 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

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Christian Stewardship Awareness

This is a story about a monk who found and saved a ring encrusted with valuable gemstones.

Later, he met a beggar on the road and was so conflicted about having the gem when someone else so obviously needed it, that he gave the man the gem.

The beggar was stunned and just sat there, amazed by his sudden good fortune. But the more he thought about it, the more he realized he needed something else.

He ran after the monk and said, "Give me something more precious than this gem."

"I have nothing more to give you, my friend," said the holy man.

"Oh, yes, you do," said the beggar. "Please give me what moved you to give me this gem."

If you were the monk, would you be willing to freely give a precious gem to the beggar? Certainly, it would require a heart that has taken seriously the command of Christ to put others' needs ahead of our own.

For this monk, it did not require a certain season of giving, like Christmas, for him to freely part with material wealth. He was a servant of Christ and gladly shared what he had out of obedience to his Lord.

God prizes generosity, especially joyful generosity. Perhaps we need to break the habit of giving so conservatively, so carefully. Maybe we even need to "scare" ourselves with acts of generosity . . . going out on a limb, as it were, and genuinely trusting God to honor our financial faith.

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It is always moving to hear stories of generosity and gifts freely given. We can't take anything with us when we die. God takes us as we are. Lent is the best time to ponder that and concentrate on how we live our lives. Is there room for improvement?

The poem below is a favorite of mine and I try to use it once a year with all of you. Wishing you all these things ~ *Chris*

Another Beginning

I will not wish thee riches nor the glow of greatness,
but that wherever thou go
some weary heart shall gladden at thy smile,
or shadowed life know sunshine for awhile.
And so thy path shall be a track of light,
like angel's footsteps passing through the night.

-Words on a Church Wall in Upwaltham, England

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MISSIO App for Smart Phones—Connects you to the Pope and his daily messages. Learn more at www.MissioApp.org/bulletin.

Bishop Flores on Twitter—His first tweet will be on Easter Sunday, April 20. Follow him @*BishopFlores*.

Lenten Choral Concert in San Diego—Sunday, April 6, 7:00pm, First United Methodist Church, 2111 Camino Del Rio South, San Diego. Sunrise Mass by Ola Gjeilo and Missa Cellensis in C by Franz Josef Haydn. For more information, visit *www.FirstChurchSD.com*.

Palm Sunday Choral Concert in Rancho Bernardo—Sunday, April 13, 4:00pm, San Rafael Catholic Church, 17252 Bernardo Center Dr., San Diego. "Who Do You Say That I Am?" by contemporary Christian composer, Lloyd Larson, will be performed by the church choir. For more information, contact 858-487-4314.

Monthly Holy Hour for Priestly and Religious Vocations—Third Wednesday of each month (next is April 16), 7:30-9:00pm, Diocesan Pastoral Center, 3888 Paducah Dr., San Diego. For more information, contact Fr. Pedro Rivera at *privera@diocesesdiego.org* or 619-291-7446.

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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.

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

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. For more information, contact www.speakupnow.org or 858-598-2235.

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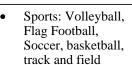
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