

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

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Please keep Bishop Cirilo Flores in your prayers. He suffered a stroke last week. We have heard that he is alert, in good spirits, and recovering. Second Sunday of Easter Sunday of Divine Mercy April 27, 2014

Pastor's Column

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

"If Good Comes Out of This, Please Let Me Know!"

If you happened to be a part of the assembly in one of the three Masses at which I presided Easter weekend, you heard my homily about Mindy Corporon and her family and their deeply moving witness of their Christian Faith in the face of the shooting deaths of her father and her son at the Jewish Community Center in Kansas a number of days ago.

The family, in the midst of their grief, took the opportunity through a series of interviews to witness to their Christian Faith and family values, and spoke about how their faith would get them through this tragedy.

Mindy's father and son were shot to death by a man with a history of anti-Semitism. He went to the Jewish Center to kill Jews, and ironically, he killed two Christians there. Then he went on to the Jewish Assisted Living Facility and killed Terri LaManno, who happened to be visiting her mother there. She too was Christian.

The family described this man as "an idiot with a gun." In my mind, this was a very appropriate description.

Why were Christians at Jewish facilities? Because that is what we, people of faith, do in America! No matter our faith, if it is "good" religion, we are open to all people, and we work together for the betterment of the entire community.

Mindy Corporon, her father, Dr. William Lewis Corporon, and her son, Reat Griffin Underwood, and her family are Methodists. Terri LaManno and her family are Catholic.

My Resurrection experience this past week happened when I watched the interview that Mindy and her family gave. They renewed my faith as I prepared my homily for the Easter weekend. Through their witness, I once again believed that Jesus did suffer, die, and rise, and that he is alive today in us, in our flesh and blood when we are (Continued on page 2)



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willing to unite our crosses to his. Jesus suffers, dies, and rises in and through our flesh today and in this moment if we say "yes."

Mindy Corporon asked: "If something good comes of this, please let me know." This is our opportunity to let her know that her faith is not in vain. That out of her pain, and suffering, good is coming forth! Good that will strengthen our world.

I ask as many people as possible to please send a note to the Corporon family and to the LaManno family. Let them know that your pastor was renewed by their experience, that he preached about them at all his Easter Masses.

Give them support and encouragement. Let them know that good is coming out of this senseless tragedy! This is the heart of our Christian Faith...

Mail can be sent to:

The Corporon Family c/o The Jewish Center of Greater Kansas City 5801 West 115th St. Overland Park, KS 66211

The LaManno Family c/o The Jewish Center of Greater Kansas City 5801 West 115th St. Overland Park, KS 66211

Contributions can be made in the victims' honor at www.jcckc.org.

Good will come out this senseless tragedy!

Mike

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.

Want to Donate Online?

Our newly updated website has an online giving option! Go to www.stmoside.org and click on Donations, then Sign Up for Electronic Offerings.

Blood Drive

It is time for our spring blood drive. The Red Cross mobile lab will be in the upper parking lot on Sunday, May 18, 8:30am-2:30pm. You may sign up for a time to donate at the table on the plaza after Masses the weekends of May 3-4 and May 10-11. Please be generous! For more information, contact Linda Dicus at (760) 726-5081.

Diocese of San Diego Annual Catholic Appeal Our assessment: \$48,000 Pledges to date: \$36,437 from 240 families

\$11,563 to go! Can you help?

Called to Serve

Congratulations to

Angelo & Maria Vozza

who celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary April 14. 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:

Margaret Garrett, who died on April 10. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, May 9, at 10:00am 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.

Vocations

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples, "Blessed are those who have not seen and believe." This needs someone to assist in showing the way. Do you have a calling to lead others to Jesus as a priest, deacon, or religious? If so, contact Deacon Tom at thomasgoeltz@aol.com or (760) 727-8442 and explore the possibilities.

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, and a chance to win a Mystery Day with Fr. Mike. Join us for 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 Pastor'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

Readings for the Week Ahead

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

Sunday, April 27 (43) Second Sunday of Easter Sunday of Divine Mercy Acts 2:42-47 Psalm 118:2-4,13-15,22-24

1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31

Monday, April 28 (556) Peter Chanel, priest, martyr; Louis Grignion de Montfort, priest

1 Corinthians 1:18-25 Psalm 117:1-22 Mark 1:14-20

Tuesday, April 29 (557) Catherine of Siena, virgin, doctor 1 John 1:5–2:2

Psalm 103:1-2,3-4,8-9,14-18 Matthew 11:25-30

Wednesday, April 30 (558)

Pius V, pope 1 John 4:1-5 Psalm 110:1-4 John 21:15-17

Thursday, May 1 (559) Joseph the Worker

Genesis 1:26-2:3 or Colossians 3:14-15,17,23-24

Psalm 90:2, 3-4, 12-14,16 Matthew 13:54-58 Friday, May 2 (560)

Athanasius, bishop, doctor 1 John 5:1-5

Psalm 37:3-6,30-31

Matthew 10:22-25 **Saturday, May 3** (561) Philip and James, apostles 1 Corinthians 15:1-8

Psalm 19:2-5 John 14:6-14

Luke 24:13-35

Sunday, May 4 (46)

Third Sunday of Easter Acts 2:14,22-33 Psalm 16:1-2,5,7-11 1 Peter 1:17-21

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 26, 5:00pm Anthony Masseth &

Sunday, April 27, 8:30am Owen Fredette &

Sunday, April 27, 10:30am Robert A. Riley &

Monday, April 28, 8:15am John Tierney

Tuesday, April 29, 8:15am Jane Sam

Wednesday, April 30, 8:15am Don Yee

Thursday, May 1, 8:15am Bud Flanagan 🕈

Friday, May 2, 8:15am Gloria Lizardi 🕈

Saturday, May 3, 5:00pm Mary & Steve Montella ††

Sunday, May 4, 8:30am Brigid Landler

Sunday, May 4, 10:30am Patricia Leahev

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

Changa Aguilera Mary Alexander Carrie Autrey Carol Baker Jose Luis Barbosa Patricia Barbour Clarice Bednarz John Bennici Regina Bentz Lisa Berg Roseanne Berg Mary Betz Betty Jean Bielich Beth Brewer Janet Brown Todd Brown Katie Browne Judith Brunner Mary Bruzas Anita Buerger Jeff Butler Tony Calderone Leslie Campbel Shelby Campbell Brianne Campos Claudia Caplinger

Aria Cappeluti
Marilyn Clarke
The Vaughn Clevenger Family
Dolly Cole

Carl Coleman James Coleman Elaine Collins Carol Costa Steven Cresencia Lené Crowe

Karen Flaharty Daley Maureen Daly Beverly de Gelder Hugo Delgado, Jr. Cecilia DeSimone Carole Dillon Edward Dolnik Art & Dave Dossman John Drazkowski, Jr.

La Vonne Dumas Margaret Easton Debbie Ebaugh Carolyn Erickson Ey Sharon Evans Victoria Lopez Fenton

The Fiore Family Bishop Cirilo Flores Ryan Flum Ernie Follis

Eugene Franciscus Kathryn Franklin Joe Freire

The Greg French Family Brian Frink Jim Gallagher The Joe Garcia Family

Kathy Gardner The Garrett Family Jack & Marge Gillen

Wendy Gonzales' Dad Rick Gonzalez Pat & Tom Hannon The Harker Family

Barbara Hatem The Hayden Family Heidi Heaton Lilian Hills

Samara Hook Susan Hori Rick Hughes

Iolanda Iacobelli Linda Iacobelli Bennett The Jacobson Family

Betty Karch Laura Kater

The Kemmerer/Kellogg Family

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

Cassandra & Lauren Loretto Jack Lucarelli Joaquin Maldonado Ray Malinowski Paige Mansell

Alexander Mathews Chandler May Virginia McConnell Bob McWilliams Joyce Meehan Kalei Mendiola Bill Metzger Bill Metzger Rita Mikridge

Phyllis Minaya June Mitchell June Montgomery Nancy Moore Elizabeth Muehlbacher Conrad Murphy

Margie Myers Richard Obsitnik Ethan Palm

Perry Postulka Douglas Price-Williams The Joe Prokop Family Barbara Ramm Lisa Reaves Mark Reinmiller

Pat Richart Jan Riley Rita Ritchie Adela & Elena Rivera Maria Rogers Dorothy Rouse The Russo Family Rachel Sainc

Marco Sainz, Jr. Cindy Sanelli The Saywell/Lynn Family Linda Schmidt Joan Shea

Elizabeth Shirzad

Nick Soltau
The Spiegl Family
Darek, Vanessa, & Elba Spizewski
Patricia St. Pierre
Mike Sterling

Pete Sullivan David Sweet Julie Teare Sarah Tillinghast William Tompson Stephen Toth, Jr.

Olivia Trejo
The Trejo/Beltran Family
The Trejo/Maldonado/Uribe Family

Corrie & Robert Vasquez Lucy Vienna Vanessa Vitiello Kevin Watson-Graff Sue Welch 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

Restaurant Fundraiser at Apr 29 Chick-fil-A Women's Guild Game Day May 3 May 4 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass Women's Prayer Breakfast May 10 Women's Guild Luncheon May 12 May 16-18 Parish Campout in Valley Center Baby Shower for May 17-18 Birth Choice Spirited Seniors Trip to May 28 Mission San Diego de Alcalá Jun 7 Confirmation with Bishop Chavez Jun 12 Spirited Seniors Trip to Viejas Casino Jun 13 STM Annual Gala New Member Luncheon Jun 22 Aug 24 Pastor's Dinner

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

Men's Retreat

Treasures Rummage Sale

Oct 4

Oct 10-12

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 28
Sr. Lisa Turay, CSJO
April 29
Sr. Maria Paz Uribe, SJS
April 30
Sr. Maria Luisa Valdez, OLVM
May 1
Sr. Lilia del Carmen Vega Moreno, SJS
May 2
Sr. Fatima Viamontes, RJM
May 3
Sr. Eloisa Vilches, SJS
May 4
Sr. Joanne Wagenbrenner, CHS

Social Ministries & Outreach

Get On the Bus

During the month of May, many youngsters from infancy through age 17 will be travelling by bus to see their imprisoned mothers and fathers in prison. St. Thomas More Parish, along with other churches throughout San Diego County, are sponsoring five buses. In total, 46 buses will be taking children to see their parents in prisons throughout California. Due to finances and the long distances, this is often the only time the children see their mothers or fathers.

In order to make this happen, we need your help! An envelope was attached to the bulletin recently for contributions to cover the cost for these events. We have also been asked to donate the following items for the children on the bus:

- Entertainment items for youth, ages 12-17 (books, magazines, brain teasing workbooks, small hand held games, sketching books, etc.)
- Individually wrapped snacks (no peanuts or raisins)

These items may be dropped off at the Parish Office during the week or after all Masses the weekend of April 26-27 or May 3-4.

If you would like to donate homemade cookies for the children, please give Sr. Maureen a call at (760) 758-4100 x131. They will be needed the morning of May 8.

Heartnotes

We welcome Dr. Curt McRae to our instructor staff. We now have five members of the St. Thomas More Parish who conduct CPR classes on a volunteer basis. We are committed to helping every member of our faith community to learn the skills that save lives.

The next Infant/Child CPR/AED class will take place on Saturday, May 17, 9:00am-12:00noon. Contact: (760) 732-1414 or *drphilg@cox.net*. Cost \$37 per person.

If two or more families would like to schedule a class, we would be happy to provide a weekday (daytime or evening) or Saturday class. Consider this when the kids are out of school during the summer.

Welcome Matt Franklin!

I am happy to announce that we have a new Youth Advocate—Matt Franklin. He began his ministry with us on April 25. In next week's bulletin, Matt will introduce himself to our Faith Community.

STM Vehicle Donation Program

Do you have a vehicle you want to donate?
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

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 Monday of the month at local parks, 10:00am-12:00noon. There



are many other events throughout the month posted on our private Facebook page. Join us! For more information, contact Jen Abelson at *jen.abelson@gmail.com*.

Pray for Life, Marriage, and 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 http://www.marriageuniqueforareason.org/ on the internet.

Bishops' Letter on Marriage—Marriage: Love and Life In The Divine Plan: Gratitude "As a husband and wife are thankful for one another and express this gratitude in the giving of themselves completely to one another, so this gratitude is open to the further gifts that this self-giving literally embodies: that is, a gratitude for the possible further gift of children. Inherent within a husband's gratitude for his wife is that together with her he can beget children. Inherent within a wife's gratitude for her husband is that together with him she can conceive children. Together a husband and wife are gratefully open to the gift of children." To read the document go to http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/.

Marriage Moments— "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them" (John 20:23). Forgiveness (like love) is a decision, not simply an emotion. In marriage there are bound to be times when we inadvertently hurt each other. You may not be able to forget the offence, but can you decide to forgive it—and not bring it up again? by Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net

Parenting Pointers—Earth Day was April 22. Did you save any trees, compost, or reuse water bottles? It's not too late. Mother Earth is waiting for your care. Perhaps you and your child could adopt a park, street, trail, or yard to clean up this weekend. 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.

Knightly News

The Knights of Columbus will be on the plaza after Masses soon to answer questions and accept membership applications. Stop by and find out more about the Knights, who support our Parish and the larger church.

Baby Shower!

The Parish Culture of Life committee will be hosting a baby shower for Birth Choice, our local pregnancy resource center, the weekend of May 17-18 at all Masses. Formula, diapers, new baby clothes, and donations will be appreciated. For more information contact Jane Kelleher at (760) 822-7041.

Parish Events

Attention Men!

The next Men's Fellowship meeting will be on Friday, May 9, at 7:00pm. For more information, contact Deacon John Fredette at *johnf@stmoside.org* or (760) 758-4100 x132.

Women's Guild News

Only a few more days are left to get your ticket for Game Day on Saturday, May 3. If you don't get your \$10 tickets after Mass this weekend, they can be purchased in the Parish Office during the week; but the deadline is Thursday, May 1. Game Day begins at 11:00am and includes lunch. It ends at 3:00pm, after many door prizes and opportunity basket raffles. Treat yourself to a day of fun with friends and delicious food. Men, women, and children are all invited.

Have you called in your reservation for our next Women's Guild meeting on Monday, May 12? Call Vera at (760) 285-0059 for your delicious meal. It will be at that meeting that we will have our election for next year's officers and also vote on some internal changes. Please come so you will be part of the election. Our slate of officers are:

President: Ann Buko

1st Vice President: Barbara Brown Barreras 2nd Vice President: Kathleen Gerhard Recording Secretary: Henrietta Black

Treasurer: Marcy Bernier

Corresponding Secretary: Lou Gordon

The quilts that will be raffled at the Installation lunch in June will be displayed at the May meeting. Come and see the results of our wonderful quilters' hard work. We will also have our book exchange that day when Dr. Phil Goscienski will be our guest author. A slide show of our year's activities will be shown during the day.

Happy Easter Week as we continue to celebrate Jesus' Glorious Resurrection! —Ann Buko, president

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.

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.

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

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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 links) or view the Construction Progress album.



More walls! Progress!

Liturgy & Music Worship God

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

OUR FAMILY ALBUM

Scripture Themes for May

by Patricia Datchuck Sánchez and Rafael Sánchez Alonso, from Celebration May 2014, with permission. Once upon a time, photographs weren't stored in the camera or the computer or on your phone, but were placed in photo albums, where they became cherished keepsakes. When we open and peruse them, these albums recall long-forgotten experiences and make them fresh and new. Each picture has a story to tell about some special person or event that helped to make us who we are.

Photo albums record the growth of children and preserve the memories of friends and relatives who might no longer be with us. Birthdays, weddings, vacations, graduations, and even funeral wakes are all there within the worn covers of the albums. Do you remember that? Do you remember when? These are the questions that punctuate the journey through the special moments that were committed first to film and then to the albums that keep and preserve our stories for generations vet to come.

Believers participate in a similar experience every year during the Easter season. On each of the Sundays after Easter, we look back at our roots as a family of faith. As if we were leafing through the pages of a photo album, we reconnect with those who first believed and proclaimed the good news. We watch and listen as they share the joy of belonging to Christ and as they acknowledge their growing pains and struggles to remain faithful and true.

This month, the pages of our family album will put us in touch with Peter, as Luke tells of his efforts at preaching the kerygma to his fellow Jews in order that they, too, might accept Jesus as their messiah (Acts, May 4, 11). On May 18, Luke (in Acts) will give us a sense of the growing universality of the church,

as he recounts how the early believers welcomed and blessed Hellenist deacons to share in the ministry of the Twelve. Philip's efforts among the Samaritans (May 25) met with great success and no doubt helped to heal the breach that had separated Jews and Samaritans for centuries.

As we continue to turn the pages of our family album, Luke and John will reach out to us with the assurance that Jesus is ever present to each of us even as we continue to live in the interim between Jesus' advents.

In a narrative unique to his Gospel (May 4), Luke will recount the experience of the two disciples on their way to Emmaus. Through their conversation with the risen Jesus, whom they initially did not recognize, they were led to understand that the events in Jerusalem over the past few days were in accord with the sacred texts. As God had willed and as the prophets had foretold. Jesus allowed himself to be handed over for the sake of sinners. When Jesus blessed and broke bread with the two travelers, their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. Luke's narrative reminds us, who continue to journey in this world, that Jesus is made known and is powerfully present each time we gather to break open the bread of the word and share the gift of his very self in the Eucharist.

Jesus also remains present through the gift of the Spirit, as the Johannine evangelist will assure us on May 25. The first followers were led to do wondrous things in Jesus' name. The same Spirit who empowered them is available to each of us now. An ever renewable resource, the Spirit enables our efforts toward peace, justice, and



John 20:27

serving the needs of God's predelict: the poor.

We continue to peruse our family album, listening on each Sunday of May as the author of 1 Peter shares his wisdom on the challenges of living the faith in an often hostile environment. Using a variety of metaphors, the ancient author encourages all who struggle to maintain a steadfast relationship with Christ to be strong, relying on God's power in every circumstance. Christ is the shepherd; we are the sheep he leads. Christ is the cornerstone; we are the living stones. Together we are built into a spiritual house, where all should find a welcome.

On May 25, our brother in the faith will urge us, "Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence, keeping your conscience clear." Has anyone ever asked you such a question? In order to prompt such a query, we are to follow the lead of those who have gone before us, professing our faith not only with our lips but also with our lives. Then, when future generations of believers come across our page in the faith family album, they might see the reason for our hope and be inspired, as we were.

Upcoming Music

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MAY 4 3rd Sunday of Easter

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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

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

Adult Faith Formation

Faith Formation for Adults

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



YOU ARE INVITED to a two-part Video series from the Los Angeles Education Congress 2014 featuring Fr. Robert Barron. Held Tuesdays April 29 and May 6, 9:30-11:00am following coffee and donuts after the 8:15am Mass.

WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Saturday, May 10, 9:30am—See the flyer in today's bulletin.

MOMS & KIDS

Are you a mom with infant to school-aged children? Want to meet some other great moms for fun and friendship? Come join our *Moms & Kids* group! We get together for park playdates, brunch with the kids, faith projects, and more. We also do a few moms-only events without the kids like book club and moms night out—great opportunities for us to really connect as



women. Please join us by connecting to our Facebook group: search for either Mindy (ByronandMindy Leonard) or Jen (Jennifer Abelson). Add them as a friend, and they'll add you to the group!



Children's Faith Formation

HIGH SCHOOL SPRING RETREAT: "RESURRECTED!"

Are you a High Schooler? Come join us for our Spring Retreat at Kamp Kuper on May 2-4. This is your opportunity to spend the weekend making new friends and deepening relationships with old friends, while experiencing Christ and the love he has for all of us! Don't delay! Spaces are filling fast. For more information contact Rory at roryg@stmoside.org or drop by the Faith Formation office to sign up today.

STEUBENVILLE SAN DIEGO—JULY 25-27

Steubenville San Diego is an amazing gathering of Catholic teens from all over the west. Join over 4,500 teens and youth leaders for a weekend of faith, friendship, and fun. There is great music, incredible speakers, time for prayer, friends, and good food. Come and discover a



God who loves you, who wants to be your strength and your salvation! Don't miss one of the best weekends of your life! For more information come by the Faith Formation office or contact Rory at *roryg@stmoside.org*.

Today is a RE.A.CH Sunday at Church

PBJ UPDATE

Food for Children at the Emergency Crisis Center

2014 GOAL: 365 pounds Collected to Date: 454 pounds



All these folks made beautiful butter lambs for their Easter meal. Visit stmoside.org, Schedules & Events, Event Pictures to see more photos.

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?

Week of April 17-20, 2014

Holy Thursday \$ 1,527.25 **Good Friday** \$ 1,916.25 (designated to the Holy Land) Easter Sunday (to date) \$32,223.28 Number of registered households: 1,090

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.

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It is no secret that I am a fan of Blessed Mother Teresa. Her book, "A Simple Path" has long been a favorite of mine. Now is a perfect time to reflect on this encouragement from this book.

We have a sign on the wall of the children's home in Calcutta that reads:

> TAKE TIME TO THINK TAKE TIME TO PRAY TAKE TIME TO LAUGH

IT IS THE SOURCE OF POWER IT IS THE GREATEST POWER ON EARTH IT IS THE MUSIC OF THE SOUL

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After-Abortion Healing Retreat—May 2-4, Diocesan Pastoral Center, 3888 Paducah Dr., San Diego. Closing Mass included. For information/registration, contact Rosemary Benefield at (858) 581-3022 or visit *www.RachelsHope.org*.

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Monthly Holy Hour for Priestly and Religious Vocations—Third Wednesday of each month (next is May 21), 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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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.

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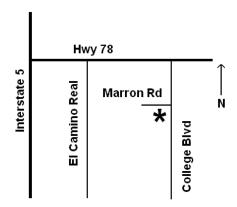
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