

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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See page 2 for details.

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time November 16, 2014

Pastor's Column

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

Gratitude: A Lifetime of Christian Stewardship— Fulfilling God's Purpose

We continue our journey through the month of November as we reflect upon Christian Stewardship, and reflect upon the meaning of the words, "Thank You."

Christian Stewardship is a way of living, living as Disciples of the Lord Jesus. Thus Christian Stewardship is, simply put, Discipleship.

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Our Monthly Mortgage Payment

"Hey, Mikey!"

"Yes, Tommie...what is it?"

"I am worried that our Parishioners are not making our monthly mortgage payments. We need to do a little bit better!"

"Okay, Tommie, I will let our people know. They are generous, and they will rise to the challenge, because we need to not only make our monthly mortgage payment, but also raise money so that we can complete our buildings."

"I will continue to pray for you. All of you are doing really good things in my name and in the name of Jesus."



Monthly Mortgage Payment: \$44,806

Mortgage/Building Completion Fund	Income	Payment
September 2014	\$40,777	\$15,664
October 2014	\$38,989	\$44,806

Our first mortgage payment was interest only. The mortgage took effect on September 15.

It is important to note that neither our income in September or October was enough to cover our usual monthly payment of \$44,806.21.

It is critically important that there is an increase in Parishioner participation in the Mortgage/Building Completion Fund.

Pastor's Column (continued from page 1)

This weekend, at all our Eucharistic Celebrations, Caleb and Sheila McKinley will share their "witness talk" about their journey with the Lord Jesus. They focus, especially, upon what attracted them to our Faith Community of St. Thomas More and motivates their active participation in our Parish.

As we take time to reflect upon the meaning of gratitude, Caleb and Sheila share their gratitude with us. They have come to say "Thank You" to us! In turn, we say "Thank You" to them for their witness to us.

Our "Thank You," one to another, reminds us of our interconnectedness, the web of relationship and community that gives meaning to life.

Caleb and Sheila and family, thank you for being with us this weekend in this very special way!

I share with everyone a prayer that I would encourage you to pray around the table sometime this week:

Thank you, God, for all these things that reveal your love. Thank you for the heavens that cover us, for the earth beneath our feet,

for the sun in the day and the stars of the night, for the snow and the rains and the rivers and the lakes, for the mountains and valleys and trees and flowers.

Thank you, God for those people who demonstrate your love. Thank you for those great men and women who followed you throughout history,

for the priests and prophets and apostles and ministers, for doctors and teachers and mothers and fathers and painters and musicians and writers and farmers and laborers and clerks, for those men and women who accepted your love and dedicated their lives to loving their fellow men and women.

Thank you, God, for choosing me to be one of your people, for calling me and equipping me to communicate your love to my world about me.

Thank you, God.

—Brandt/Corita, Psalm/Now (Concordia Publication House)



Vocations

The word "vocation" has been defined as a station in life to which a person has been called by God. There are many "vocations". Most are called to a vocation in married life...some to single life...some to a religious life as a priest, deacon, or vowed religious. If you think that God is calling you to the latter vocation as a priest, deacon, or vowed religious, contact Deacon Tom at *thomasgoeltz@aol.com* or 760-727-8442, and let's explore the possibilities. The service to God and his people in this manner is a great way of life.

Welcome New Parishioners

Barbara Clark Sandy & Katelin Fast & Family Norma Felthaus Kamron & Joelle Khannakhjavani & Family Julie Krehan & Family Jordan & Chiara Millikan & Family

Congratulations to

Brandon & Shannon Oswald

who celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary November 12 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 soul of:

Italo Peveri, who died on November 5. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, November 18, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep his family in your prayers.

Diantha Esch, who died on October 30. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, November 22, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep her husband Dr. Jim Esch and her family in your prayers.

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

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. Remember, Scrip is available for purchase FIVE ways:

- 1. Online—visit *stmoside.org/scrip.html* and look for the logo below for more info!
- 2. On the Plaza after weekend Masses
- 3. Monday-Friday during business hours in the Parish Office
- 4. Email at scrip@stmoside.org
- 5. 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?
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 June 17 we have netted \$52,402 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, November 16 (157)

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31

Psalm 128:1-5 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Matthew 25:14-30

Monday, November 17 (497) Elizabeth of Hungary, religious Revelation 1:1-4;2:1-5

Psalm 1:1-4.6.

Luke 18:35-43 **Tuesday, November 18** (498)

The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, apostles; Rose Philippine Duchesne,

virgin Revelation 3:1-6,14-22 Psalm 15:2-5

Luke 19:1-10

Wednesday, November 19 (499) Revelation 4:1-11 Psalm 150:1b-6

Luke 19:11-28

Thursday, November 20 (500)

Revelation 5:1-10 Psalm 149:1b-6a,9b Luke 19:41-44

Friday, November 21 (501)

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Revelation 10:8-11

Psalm 119:14,24,72,103,111,131

Luke 19:45-48

Saturday, November 22 (502)

Cecilia, virgin, martyr Revelation 11:4-12 Psalm 114:1-2,9-10

Luke 20:27-40 **Sunday, November 23** (160)

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17 Psalm 23:1-3,5-6

1 Corinthians 15:20-26.28

Matthew 25:31-46

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 15, 5:00pm Bernie Weiler 🕆

Sunday, November 16, 8:30am Tom & Katie Padilla

Sunday, November 16, 10:30am Robert Ratajczak P

Monday, November 17, 8:15am Jennifer Treat &

Tuesday, November 18, 8:15am Paul Cassidy &

Wednesday, November 19, 8:15am Cecilia Thomas &

Thursday, November 20, 8:15am George Duarte Sr. 🕆

Friday, November 21, 8:15am Al Fortaleza

Saturday, November 22, 5:00pm Deceased members of the Tutino & Lavelle Families ♥

Sunday, November 23, 8:30am Ethel Vanderhagen &

Sunday, November 23, 10:30am Mari-Jo Porter & Joseph Immerso T **Prayer List** (Call 760-758-4100 x102 to add a name for four weeks.)

Changa Aguilera Mary Alexander Carrie Autrey Joshua Avery Brendan Bailey 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

Jack & Mary Bruzas
Anita Buerger
The Burke & Trotta Families Tony Calderone

Shelby Campbell Brianne Campos

Aria Cappeluti
The Vaughn Clevenger Family Dolly Cole Carl & Dorothy Coleman

James Coleman Steven Cresencia Lené Crowe Luisa Curci

Karen Flaharty Daley Beverly de Gelder Hugo Delgado, Jr. Christine DeSantis Cecilia DeSimone Carole Dillon Edward Dolnik Art & Dave Dossman

Bill Draper John Drazkowski, Jr. La Vonne Dumas Jerome Elbacha Carolyn Erickson Ey The Esch Family Angie Ewing

Jason Fay Sally Fay Victoria Lopez Fenton The Fiore Family Mary Fleming

Ryan Flum Ernie Follis Eugene Franciscus Kathryn Franklin

Joe Freire The Greg French Family Brian Frink

Jim Gallagher The Joe Garcia Family Kathy Gardner Lois & Len Garth

Margy Gehlman Jack & Marge Gillen David Goger Wendy Gonzales' Dad

Rick Gonzalez Dave Greig George Gritt

Luke Guenst The Hagen Family Susan Hallahan Pat & Tom Hannon

The Harker Family Dorothy Harrison Barbara Hatem

Heidi Heaton Lilian Hills William Hokama Carol Holbrook Samara Hook Susan Hori

Mary Ann Houser Iolanda Iacobelli The Iacobelli Bennett Family The Iacobelli Ianni Family

Sue Johnston

Laura Kater Dottie Kearney Paul Kennedy Connor Kerzie Peggy Kiernan

Debbie Kinney Mark Kneisel Dewey Kolbo Tony Korwin Andy Kowallek Ashley Opie Kowallek Helen Kuhn

Lillian Lachance The Lamelin Family Mike Lavis Brandon LeBlanc Jeremiah Lemus David Leué The Paul Leué Family

Ashley Load Shirley Loggins Cassandra & Lauren Loretto

Jack Lucarelli Jeannie Wilson Lucarelli

Joaquin Maldonado
The Maldonado Family The Maldonado Trejo Family Paige Mansell Alexander Mathews Gloria Maupin

Virginia McConnell Bob McWilliams Joyce Meehan Kalei Mendiola Phyllis Minaya June Mitchell

Nancy Moore Elizabeth Muehlbacher Conrad Murphy Margie Myers Nida Navarro Richard Obsitnik Bernadette Padovan

Ethan Palm The Peveri Family Helen Pingtella Perry Postulka

The Price-Williams Family
The Joe Prokop Family Barbara Ramm Evelyn Richards Jan Riley Connie Ringel

Rita Ritchie Lily Robinson Maria Rogers The Rouse Family
The Russo Family Rachel Sainc Cindy Sanelli

Linda Schmidt Joan Shea Elizabeth Shirzad

Nick Soltau Darek, Vanessa, & Elba Spizewski Patricia St. Pierre

Sybil Staples Mike Sterling Pete Sullivan Julie Teare

Tommy & Ginger Thompson Sarah Tillinghast William Tompson Stephen Toth, Jr.

Olivia Trejo The Trejo/Beltran Family

The Trejo/Maldonado/Uribe Family Barbara Upson

Martin Vertson Lucy Vienna Vanessa Vitiello Wilson Wanner Kevin Watson-Graff Jerry Wechsler John Whitton Patricia Zavala Jeanne Zeltner

Calendar Highlights

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

Nov 18-19 Restaurant Fundraiser at Nucci's Stewards' Appreciation Nov 23 Reception Nov 23 Music Ministry Concert Nov 27 Thanksgiving Dinner at STM Nov 29 Make a Holy Family: Advent Workshop Spirited Seniors Winter Dec 11

2015

Twelfth Night Choral Jan 4 Festival

Luncheon

Jan 18 Celebration of Fr. Mike's 40th Anniversary of

Ordination

Jan 24 Women's Prayer Breakfast Jan 25 Spirited Seniors: The Lion

in Winter at Avo Theatre Mar 1 New Member Reception

May 1 STM Gala

Towers of Faith Reception May 17 Jun 22-26 Vacation Bible Camp

Deployed Military

Gunnery Sgt. Fernando Andrade, Jr. 1st Lt. Jeffrey Bauer, USMC PFC John Brandone Lt. Devon Czarzasty 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 Adolfo Granados, MD, U.S. Navy PFC Samuel Haro, US Army PFC Cody Madere Jeremiah Gabriel Nelson, USAF

Thomas Kevin Nelson, US Navy Pvt. 2 Jess Phillips, US Army Nicole Rieger, US Navy Sr. Airman Robert Spear, USAF Sgt. Charles Watts, USMC

Pray for Women Religious

Please join us in praying for the women religious who serve in the Diocese of San Diego. They have been assigned to days of the year in alphabetical order.

November 17 Sr. Michele McQueeney, OSF November 18 Sr. Gloria de Maria Medina, HMSS November 19 Sr. Luz Divina Medina, DCJ November 20 Sr. Maria de la Paz Mejia, CVI November 21 Sr. Natalia Mejia, RJM November 22 Sr. Martha Mendoza, HMSS

November 23

Sr. Angela Therese Meram, IHM

Social Ministries & Outreach

Pies. Pies. Pies.

Someone once asked me "How does one make a ministry out of pies?" Yet that is what you have been doing for over 15 years!

STM has been providing Brother Benno's with apple and pumpkin pies for dessert for their Thanksgiving Feast for the poor and needy. Please bring your apple and pumpkin pies to the Parish Office on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving (November 26) by 12:00noon and we will deliver them to Brother Benno's. As Christians, we are all called upon to feed the hungry. With your pies, you are also putting a smile on their faces and perhaps the warm memories of good Thanksgiving Days past. If you have any questions, contact Deacon Tom at thomasgoeltz@aol.com or 760-727-8442.

Thanksgiving Dinner

Our Parish family will be hosting their 10th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 27, at 12:00noon. A traditional Thanksgiving Dinner will be provided. If you would like to bring an appetizer or a dessert, it will be welcomed. Please RSVP per the reservation form on the Information Table or call the Parish Office at 760-758-4100 x100. We look forward to celebrating the holiday with you!

Christmas Angel Ministry

The Angel Tree has arrived! In order to make the holidays brighter for special members of our community, please stop by and select an ornament or two. We still have a great need for volunteers to be on the plaza after all Masses (especially the 10:30am Mass) between now and December 14.

A BIG Thank You to those who have adopted a Camp Pendleton family. We have 20 of 26 families that have been adopted in just the first weekend! Please keep up God's work.

For more information, please contact Lisa or Kevin Seufert at 760-716-0977 or *leprechaun81@sbcglobal.net*.

St. Bonaventure Clothing Drive

Last week's clothing drive was a wonderful success. We sent two trucks full of your generous donations to the Mission, where they are much needed. One of the drivers from the Mission told us that our donations help between 800 to 1,300 needy people who otherwise would not have proper clothing to wear in a climate that has temperatures ranging from below 0° to over 100°. On behalf of the Mission, "Thank You"! —Deacon Tom

Tax Receipts—Some of the tax receipts given during the clothing drive may have had last year's date on them. Please check your receipt and if it is misdated, contact Deacon Tom at 760-727-8442 or the Parish Office, and we will replace the ones in error.

Be an STM Supporter!

- † Use your yellow Mortgage/Building Completion envelopes
- † Use online giving (*stmoside.org*) to make contributions using your credit card or bank account
- † Consider a memorial item donation (see page 5)

Marriage & Family Life

Moms & Kids—Moms! The Moms and Kids ministry is meeting on Monday, November 17, 10:00am-12:00noon, at Calavera Community Park, 2997 Glasgow Dr., Carlsbad. There are many other events within our community throughout the month posted on our private Facebook page. Join us! Contact Jen Abelson at jen.abelson@gmail.com.



Bringing the Celebration Home—We invite you to join us for our annual Parish Advent Workshop on November 29 at 4:00pm. Last year, you created an Advent Wreath for your table; this year, you will be creating a beautiful wooden Holy Family! The cost is \$10 per Holy Family kit, and you can preregister for as many kits as you would like—they make great Christmas gifts. Email Jen Frost at: jenf@stmoside.org or stop by the table after Mass on the weekend of 11/15-11/16 to register. Be sure to register for this event by November 23!

Promoting Life, Liberty, and Religious Freedom—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.

Bishop's Letter on Marriage—Marriage: Love and Life in The Divine Plan: 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 http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/.

Marriage Encounter—Do you have a good marriage but want a little jumpstart? Would you and your spouse like to rediscover and reconnect with each other? Then we invite you to attend a Marriage Encounter Weekend. Weekends take place in San Diego and other Southern California locations throughout the year. For more information, visit www.wwme.org or contact Eddie and Sheila Murphy at 760-295-0008.

Marriage Moments—When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls (Proverbs 31:10). Describe the value of your wife in poetic terms today. Go ahead try it! If you are the wife, try filling in the blank: When one finds a worthy husband, his value is far beyond _____.

Parenting Pointers—To "admonish sinners" is one of the Spiritual Works of Mercy. This wording may sound harsh. Our own family rephrased it as "Help people when they make a mistake." Humility, sensitivity, and giving your child an opportunity to redeem him/herself are key. Has your child ever corrected you?

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

Our Mission is to:
worship God,
teach and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ,
and serve God's people in word and deed.

Parish Events

Attention Men!

Year three of "That Man is You!—The Revelation of the Father" continues on November 22 with the topic *Weeds in Moral Formation*. This year's theme, "The Revelation of the Father," takes an honest look at the challenges facing fathers in modern culture, considers the reality of fatherhood, and discovers a mystery far deeper than a simple biological reality. For more information, contact Deacon John at 760-758-4100 x104 or *johnf@stmoside.org*.

Women's Guild News

Thanks to Marcy Bernier and all those who contributed to the success of Game Day on Saturday, which was a splendid success. More about it next week when the proceeds are counted. In the meantime we have a large number of happy winners of the many door prizes and opportunity baskets who also enjoyed having fun playing games and having lunch together.

With Thanksgiving less than two weeks away our ladies will be preparing a mailing on Tuesday, November 18, after Mass, to offer you an opportunity to be a winner of our Christmas raffle which will be held December 14 on the plaza after the 10:30am Mass. It will need a fast response if you are to be included. You can look for our letter next week. If you do not receive one in the mail by next weekend, please call Ann Buko at 760-726 -8831 or stop by the Parish Office and pick one up. You won't want to miss out on a chance to give yourself a \$ Christmas present while supporting our church.

We were pleased to welcome some new members to the Women's Guild during our November meeting this past week. We are open to new members all year long if you would like to join us. Please feel welcome to contact our membership chairperson Barbara Brown Barreras anytime at 760-639-0012 or blbrown1326@ cox.net.

May your week be sprinkled with blessings and maybe a few drops of rain. —Ann Buko, president

Young Adult Ministry Activities

Visit www.yamsd.org for complete information on events for young adults, including spiritual, social and service events.

Christmas Gala—Saturday, December 13, 6:30-11:00pm at All Hallows Parish Hall, 6602 La Jolla Scenic Dr. La Jolla.

Food Sorting and Packing for Thanksgiving—Saturday, November 22, 9:00am-12:00noon, Food Resource Center, 349 Cedar St., San Diego.

Also, search Office of Young Adult Ministry on Facebook.

Catholic Widows and Widowers of North County

Would you like to expand your social life and meet a group of interesting and friendly widowed people? For more information, call Carol Kope at 760-726-0533 or Gerri Wilmott at 760-758-9949. See the bulletin board on the lower level for our complete monthly calendar of social activities. RSVPs are required.

Memorial Item Donations

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Pipe Organ	\$850,000			
Church Doors (Bronze)	\$100,000			
Crucifix	\$75,000			
St. Thomas More Shrine (Tapestry)	\$75,000			
Memorial Garden & Reflection Garden				
Landscape Concrete Walkways	\$80,000			
Decomposed Granite Pathways with Header	\$24,000			
Melrose Landscape Slope	\$15,000			
Building Accent Lighting & Pole Fixtures	\$14,000			
Bench Seating throughout gardens	\$3,500			
Landscape Accent Lighting	\$3,500			
Drinking Fountains	\$2,500			
Oak Trees in 7-foot boxes (10) 10 available	\$2,400/each			
Olive Trees in 7-foot boxes (10) 9 available	\$1,400/each			
Church Sound System Components				
Sound and Video Mixing Board	\$12,000			
Sound System Base Speaker	\$8,000			
Sound System Cabling	\$5,000			
Microphone System	\$4,000			
Mulch for Overflow Parking Lot	\$3,500			
Pew Seating for the Church (1,000) 825 available	\$300/person			
Daily Mass Chapel and Choir Chairs (200) 128 available	\$300/each			

10/27/14

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 above 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*



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

Visit the Parish Website! www.stmoside.org

Director of Liturgy & Music

Douglas Lynn

Liturgy & Music Worship God

YOU AND ME, SERVANTS OF GOD

ministry as servanthood

This past summer, Debbie Fredette asked me to talk to the teens that will be part of our 2015 Confirmation class (and their parents), and my task was to talk about ministry.

As part of my responsibilities as director of liturgy and music, I work with many, many ministers. Some are explicitly named as such—Eucharistic, hospitality, and music, for example—while others are not—altar servers, sacristans, and Readers. And then, there are also those on teams who prepare the liturgy behind the scenes, in the sacristy—on the lift, in the sanctuary, and at the ironing board.

But what, exactly, is a "minister"?

If we look at the word itself, a minister is a person of "lower" status, a servant. The word goes back via the Old French *ministre* to the Latin *minister*, meaning "servant, attendant," which was derived from *minus* which means less.

Jesus had a lot to say about being a servant, and perhaps we are familiar with this passage: "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all" (Mark 9:35). There are others. Many others.

As I was thinking about how to bring ministry into context for these soon-to-be young adults, I recalled a part of my childhood, where my sister and I began to have responsibilities as part of the family. These were tasks beyond our "chores" and didn't have any financial consequences (allowance). My first recollection of this sort of responsibility was helping to cook. In addition to the measuring, pouring, stirring, and blending (a perennial favorite as it involved the loud noise of the blender), my sister and I were asked to set the table and clean the kitchen after dinner (as the younger of the two of us you might guess which one my sister got!). Unless I was the principal cook for the evening, in which case someone



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Matthew 25:18

else got to clean up! This sort of activity provided us an opportunity to participate in the life of our family.

Ministry might be described as participating in the life of one's *faith* family, participating as a full-fledged member of the community. For the soon-to-be confirmed, participating in ministry becomes an opportunity to deepen their connection to their faith family.

And for them, and for you, there are many opportunities for ministry, for service as part of this faith family. In my world of liturgy and music, one can serve "within the walls" as an altar server, Eucharistic minister, hospitality minister, music minister, Reader, sacristan, or one who makes our environment beautiful. One can also serve "outside the walls" as a Eucharistic minister to the hospital or to the homebound.

All of these ministries and the actions we make are a response to the gifts we have been given, the time, talent, and treasure we can share.

And when we have lived fully and faithfully as part of our faith family—this faith community—and then go to meet Jesus face to face, may he say "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master" (Matthew 25:11).

Ouestions?

O Ye Works, Praise the Lord

a musical benefit

in support of

North County Community Services Food Bank

SANCTUARY CHOIR ♦ TOWER BELLS ♦ CAPPELLA CHOIR
IN CONCERT

Sunday, November 23 ♦ 7:00pm

Bring a friend and a can of food! Or two of each!



Upcoming Music

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NOVEMBER 23 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

> **₹** 5:00pm

Cappella Choir

8:30am

Tower Bells

10:30am

Sanctuary Choir

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel Youth Advocate 760-758-4100 x161: mattf@stmoside.org

Matt Franklin

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

Family Faith Formation

High School





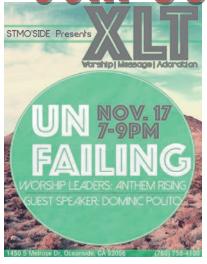
HOLY FAMILY ADVENT WORKSHOP Saturday, November 29

For more information or to register, please contact Jen Frost at jenf@stmoside.org.

Expecting? Why not schedule your Baptismal appointment today before the arrival of your little one? Contact the Faith Formation Office or debbief@stmoside.org for more information.



teens



Try Out Our Guys & **Girls Group**

Join us every Wednesday night from 6:30-8:00pm for our "Guys & Girls" group. This is a great opportunity build to accountability, friendships, and find out our role as young men and women in the church community. Bring FRIEND and a snack to share.

Adult Faith Formation

Continues Monday, November 17 7:30-9:00pm



Attention Parents of children preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion in 2014-2015: There will be a Parent Meeting on Sunday, November 16, at 12:30pm. We ask that parents attend all six Parent Meetings in order for their child to receive their sacraments.

Join Us for Session 3 of SYMBOLON Sunday, November 16 12:30pm on the upper level of the Parish Center ALL ARE WELCOME!!



THE SYMBOLON SERIES is a compelling presentation of the Catholic faith. Through beautifully crafted teaching and state-of-the-art video, author and speaker Dr. Edward Sri leads a team of dynamic teachers who provide a clear and comprehensive understanding of what the Catholic Church teaches and how to live it.





PICK YOURS UP TODAY!!

Stewardship & Development Serve God's People

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



2014 YEAR-END CHECKLIST

- BE SURE TO COMPLETE all gifts by December 31 to qualify for tax savings on this year's tax return. Advance planning with the Parish Office is essential, since the office will be closed from Monday, December 22 and will reopen on Monday, January 5.
- Donations received the weekend of December 27/28, 2014, and the Wednesday, December 31, 2014, Vigil Mass will be credited in the 2014 tax year.
- Envelopes POSTMARKED by Wednesday, December 31, 2014, will be counted toward the 2014 tax year.
- Annual Catholic Appeal—Parishioners with a balance due on their pledges made to this year's ACA are requested to conclude payments by December 31, 2014. (Tithing families, know that your tithe covers your ACA contribution.)
- Keep all gift receipts and acknowledgment letters, especially for gifts of \$250 or more.

For more information, please contact:

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

Collection for Week of November 08/09, 2014

Number of Registered Households	1,134
Offertory*	\$ 16,774.56
Offertory (Loose Collection)	808.00
Children's envelopes	0.00
Total	\$ 17,582.56

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).

Collection for National Needs

The month of November has been designated for the Collection for National Needs, which supports the Black and Indian Missions, the Catholic Home Missions, the Catholic Communications Campaign, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, and the Catholic University of America. The envelopes attached to the bulletin may be returned any time during November. Thank you for your generosity!

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Stewardship Awareness/Renewal Month **Fulfilling God's Purpose**



THE SIMPLE PATH

The fruit of silence is PRAYER.

The fruit of prayer is FAITH.

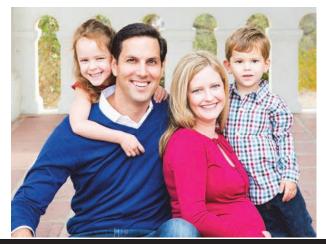
The fruit of faith is LOVE.

The fruit of love is SERVICE.

The fruit of service is PEACE.

—Blessed Mother Teresa

This weekend we welcome Caleb and Sheila McKinley, with their 4-year-old daughter Lucy, 2-year-old son James, and another little one due in March. Caleb and Sheila share the story of what attracted them to our Parish, then to register and become involved. They have only been with us since January 2014 and are already answering God's call to service as stewards of their time, talent, and treasure. Certainly, stepping up to join two of our ministries was not a result of having too much time on their hands! Rather, it was their prayerful answer to God's call. Please stop and meet them after any Mass this weekend! We are delighted that they chose to join us in moving forward at STM! Thanks to the McKinley's ~ one and all! :-)



God bless our faithful stewards, one and all!

News & Information from the Larger Church

Diocese of San Diego Social Ministry Office New Website: *www.socialministrysandiego.com.* Check it out and sign up for email notification of issues and events.

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

Iraqi Christian Relief Fund—Over 200,000 Iraqi Catholic Christians are being persecuted, and have been left homeless living in dire conditions. St. Peter Chaldean Church in El Cajon is soliciting donations to help our brothers and sisters in Iraq. Visit www.IraqiChristianReliefFund.org for more information.

Franciscan School of Theology Vision Series—Thursday, November 20, 7:00-8:00pm. Free lectures about the mission of the Franciscan Intellectual Tradition. For more information, contact Donna Foley at 760-547-1800 x224 or *dfoley@fst.edu*.

14th Annual Madre's Fiesta & Silent Auction—Friday, November 21, 6:30pm, Sheraton Carlsbad Resort & Spa. Please join us to celebrate the life of Madre Antonia and to continue our support of her Works of Mercy. For more information, contact 619-292-8220 or *madresfiesta.org*.

Beginning Experience Weekend for Widowed, Divorced, and Separate—December 5-7, Vina de Lestonnac, Temecula. A trained team of peers leads participants through a healing and growth experience. If you are willing to put your feelings of anger and despair behind you and desire a new beginning, this weekend may be for you. For more information, contact Linda at 858-335-0915 or Cathy at 619-222-9093.

Catholic Charities Food Resource Center Has Volunteer Opportunities for YOU!—Drivers, Daily Food Packers, Intake Workers, and Calfresh (food stamp) Advocate. For information call Lisa DuMolt at 619-231-2828 x221.

Weekly Peaceful Prayer Vigil to End Abortion—Tuesdays, 9:00-10:00am, outside the clinic at 120 Craven Rd., San Marcos. For more information, contact Jane Kelleher at 760-822-7041.

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.

Mission San Luis Rey Retreat Center in Oceanside has an ongoing schedule of retreats! Visit www.sanluisrey.org for more details.

Retrouvaille for Troubled Marriages—A three-month program that consists of a weekend experience combined with seven post sessions. It is designed to provide the tools to help put marriages in order again. Upcoming weekend sessions are June 20-22 and September 19-21. For details, call 951-259-9475 or visit www.retrosandiego.org.

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

Volunteers Needed—Scripps Coastal Medical Center, 4138 Mission Ave., Oceanside. Patient escorting, reception, and clinical and clerical help in clinic setting. For more information, contact Maria Flores at 760-901-5057.

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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Catholic Radio—AM 1000/Sirius 130—San Diego

Visit ihradio.com/sandiego

Online Rosary

Pray the rosary online—visit www.therosary3.com

Catholics Come Home

Do you have a family member, friend, or co-worker who has left the Catholic Church? If so, encourage them to visit www.CatholicsComeHome.org.

News from St. Francis Church

525 W. Vista Way, Vista ● 760-945-8000 ● stfrancis-vista.org

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

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

Thanksgiving Day Dinner for the Needy—On Thursday, November 27, St. Francis will be holding Thanksgiving Day dinner for the poor and needy of Vista. Donations to this effort will be accepted after all English Masses at St. Francis during the weekends of November 15-16 and November 22-23. Please help! For more information, contact Mike Pritchard, Soup Kitchen Ministry, at 760-630-9575.



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Fulfilling God's Purpose ~ November 2014 Ministry Insight

Bringing the Celebration Home



Do you share your faith at home? Join us on November 29 at 4:00pm to make a Holy Family at our Advent Workshop! Register by November 23; cost is \$10 per Holy Family kit.

Contact

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jenf@stmoside.org

Brother Benno's Pie Collection



Can you bake a pie? Or perhaps buy one? Bring an apple or pumpkin pie to the Parish Office by 12:00noon on November 26 and help feed your community this Thanksgiving!

Contact

Deacon Tom Goeltz: thomasqoeltz@aol.com

Baptismal Banners



Can you cut felt? Do you like to be crafty? This is a ministry that you can do from home. It is a special gift for those children being baptized here at St. Thomas More.

Contact

Henny Jocelyn:

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Sanctuary Choir



Do you like to sing? Come sing choral music in the great tradition of the Church from various periods and in various styles. Want to sing for Christmas? Join us on Thursday evening!

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St. Thomas More Spirited Seniors WINTER LUNCHEON



Thursday, December 11, 11:30am-2:00pm

Parish Center, Lower Level \$16 members, \$20 non members (atered by Bobby's Hideaway (afe



Please complete the registration form.

Place it in an envelope marked "Spirited Seniors Winter Luncheon"

and return it to the offertory collection or the Parish Office, Box 12, by December 3.

For more information, contact Jerry and Judy Buoniconti at 760-758-5113.

California Spring Greens Salad with Choice of Dressings
Tequila Lime Chicken Fggplant Parmesan

Roasted Fingerling Potatoes
Green Beans Almondine
Glazed Carrots
Merry Cherry Trifle
Coffee, Tea, and Wine





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Name:	Telephone:	Today's Date:
Guest Name(s):	x \$16 per member = \$	Total enclosed:
Email:	x \$20 per guest = \$	\$

ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS May 2014

Please check the TOP THREE concerns for yourself, your family, and your community:



Thank you, Parishioners of St. Thomas More, for giving this survey your time and heartfelt thought. We, the Parish Social Justice Committee, are very happy to report that 204 people—or 30% of the people who attend Mass every weekend—completed the survey. The results give us a good insight into the issues that concern our Parishioners.

The top three issues were:

- ♦ Jobs (42.1% of respondents),
- ♦ Health Care (39.2%), and
- ◆ Aging (35.2%).

Others showed strong interest: Youth (31.3%) and the environment (30.8%).

Some people went into more detail in their comments.

In regard to jobs, one person wrote:

Specifically, raise the minimum wage to a living wage—long overdue.

Another person notes:

I am fortunate to be healthy and independent. My checked concerns are for others; my grandson who cannot get work; he also has mental health issues. A friend who is undocumented. I am part of STM partly because of these issues.

These two comments are a sample of the thoughtful responses we received. Reading them, we understand that we will need discussion, research, and prayer to find solutions.

Next Steps

In the New Year, it is our hope to develop a deeper understanding of these top concerns through research as a committee and as a Parish family.. We invite you into this journey! If you are interested in doing local research with us or planning a parish response, please contact Sr. Maureen.



Again, thank you for your response to the St. Thomas More Community Survey! If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Blecki at 760-603-8930

Restaurant Fundraiser SUPPORT

St. Thomas More Catholic Church



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