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THOMAS
MORE
CATHOLIC
CHURCH**



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

✠ Spirituality
✠ Tradition
✠ Community

Mass Schedule

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

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday-Friday, 6:30am-7:30pm

Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday, 4:00-4:30pm

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service, phone bill, and security
system totals \$5,160 per year.**

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our budget—THANK YOU!**

**The Baptism of the Lord
January 11, 2015**

Pastor's Column

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Epiphany—A Festival of Inclusion

A number of Parishioners have asked that I post my Epiphany homily as a Pastor's Column for the bulletin...

Mark Twain once said that he put a dog and a cat in a cage together as an experiment, to see if they could get along. They did.

So he put in a bird, pig, and a goat. They too got along fine after a few adjustments.

Then he put in a Baptist, a Presbyterian, and a Catholic, and all hell broke loose.

Mark Twain did not even bother putting together a Christian, a Muslim, and a Jew. That was unthinkable in his days.

In today's world, however, it has become obvious that Christians live in the same cage, in the same city, in the same world, with people of other religions.

We do live in a cage! It is called the Global Village. Because of social media, and air travel, we are all thrown together. Either we learn to live together and respect differences, or we will destroy ourselves and our planet.

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. We remember the Magi who came from the East to worship the infant Jesus.

They came guided by a star. Being nature worshippers who had no scriptures, God revealed himself to them through the means available to them in their own religion.

Through the stars they were able to learn of the birth of Jesus and find their way to him.

They came as pagans, they worshipped Jesus as pagans, and they went home as pagans.

They did not convert either to Judaism or to Christianity.

Their worship was acceptable to God and God directed them in their journey home through a dream.

This shows that God does have a relationship with people of other religions who are neither Jews nor Christians.

The Feast of Christmas tells us that God's Word, Jesus, became flesh.

This Feast of Epiphany tells us the implications of the Word become flesh. The Word that became flesh, Jesus, is God's love for everyone on the face of the Earth, not just for a few, not just for the many, but for all people.

Christians are crazy if we think that one day the whole world will be Christian. Muslims are crazy if they think that one day the whole world will be Islamic.

If that becomes one's intent, be it Christian or Islamic, all hell will break loose. It has happened in the past, and it is happening now in our present day. As long as we keep trying to convert one another, this will keep happening.

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The Feast of Epiphany teaches us that, as Christians, our first responsibility is to not evangelize in the hope of making people Christian, but our first responsibility is to love one another, because that is what God's Word is.

All of us on the face of the earth, whatever religion or no religion, are capable of love. That is the call of Epiphany.

When we love, truly love, then, secondarily, we are evangelizing, not with words, but with actions.

Mother Theresa of Calcutta is a perfect model of the Epiphany message:

In her lifetime, Mother Teresa of Calcutta had treated over 50,000 dying people. Her Order, the Missionaries of Charity, today counts over 1,600 sisters in more than 60 countries around the world. She was honored by presidents and applauded by prime ministers. 50 years after she set foot in India, she was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

Mother Teresa's vision of the ministry of Jesus Christ and our sharing in that ministry, as Christ's embrace of today's world is simple but challenging.

She once described it this way: "Everyone is created by God and deserving of love. It does not matter if the person is male or female, Muslim or Christian or Jew. It does not matter the person's race or nationality. All that matters is that the person is created by God and deserves love. My sisters are there simply to give love."

It seems fitting that Mother Teresa entered upon her life of ministry in India on the Feast of the Epiphany because the vision she developed is exactly the vision of this feast, described in today's readings.

The Epiphany proclaims that everyone is created by God and deserving of love. The person's race, religion, nationality, or sexual orientation does not matter.

All that matters is that this creature of God deserves love. And we—the arms of Jesus that now embrace the world—are simply here to give love.

The Epiphany vision, as phrased by Mother Teresa, is simple, challenging and utterly profound: Everyone is created by God and deserves love. Everyone—male, female, Muslim, Jew, Christian, Buddhist, atheist, agnostic, black, white, yellow, brown, gay, straight.

Everyone—people who are clumsy in their social graces, people who are imprisoned, thieves, murderers, rapists, and abusers... even Democrats and Republicans.

Because we Christians are Christ's embrace of the world, we are here simply to give love.

When we live out this Epiphany vision, we become God's epiphany for the world. We turn into stars to guide others to Christ.

The original Epiphany gifts were gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Today only one gift suffices: love. On this Feast of Epiphany, there is no greater way to adore Christ than to offer everyone love without distinction, without qualification, and without hesitation.

The Feast of Epiphany is a Festival of Inclusion. As we celebrate this day, may we be willing to ask ourselves:

"Whom am I letting into my life and whom am I keeping out?"

F. Mike

Welcome New Parishioners

Thomas & Rise Sawyer

Congratulations to

Tim & Lia Keane

who celebrated their 21st wedding anniversary January 8.

Steve & Marilyn Lilly

who celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary January 8.

Harold & Barbara Miller

who celebrated their 38nd wedding anniversary January 8.

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:

Cesarina Morelli, who died on January 7. Her funeral services will be held in Michigan. Please keep her daughter, Anne Fallone, and her family in your prayers.

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

STM Scrip News

Thanks to all who support the Scrip program! A percentage of every Scrip gift card purchased benefits our Parish Mortgage/Building Completion Fund.

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**

Mortgage/Building Completion Fund Income

Monthly Mortgage Payment: \$44,806

	Income	Payment	Under/Over
September 2014	\$40,777	\$15,664*	-
October 2014	38,989	44,806	(\$ 5,817)
November 2014	43,226	44,806	(\$ 1,580)
December 2014	59,254	44,806	\$14,448

Building Completion Fund

November "Memorial Items Donations": \$36,165

December "Memorial Items Donations": \$10,546

**Our first mortgage payment was interest only.*

The mortgage took effect on September 15, 2014.

Thank you for helping us "catch up." Keep up the great work!

Please continue to support the Mortgage/Building Completion Fund!

Readings for the Week Ahead

Sunday Year B; Weekday Year I
Readings online at www.usccb.org.

Sunday, January 11 (21)

The Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7

Psalm 29:1-2,3-4,9-10

Acts 10:34-38

Mark 1:7-11

Monday, January 12 (305)

Hebrews 1:1-6

Psalm 97:1,2b,6,7c,9

Mark 1:14-20

Tuesday, January 13 (306)

Hilary, bishop, doctor

Hebrews 2:5-12

Psalm 8:2ab,5-9

Mark 1:21-28

Wednesday, January 14 (307)

Hebrews 2:14-18

Psalm 105:1-4,6-9

Mark 1:29-39

Thursday, January 15 (308)

Hebrews 3:7-14

Psalm 95:6-7c,8-11

Mark 1:40-45

Friday, January 16 (309)

Hebrews 4:1-5,11

Psalm 78:3,4bc,6c-8

Mark 2:1-12

Saturday, January 17 (310)

Hebrews 4:12-16

Psalm 19:8-10,15

Mark 2:13-17

Sunday, January 18 (65)

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 3:3b-10,19

Psalm 40:2,4,7-10

1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a,17-20

John 1:35-42

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

Changa Aguilera
Ernie Aichele
Mary Alexander
Carrie Autrey
Joshua Avery
The Balquiedra/Jimenez Family
Jose Luis Barbosa
Patricia Barbour
Francie Barron
Clarice Bednarz
John Bennici
Regina Bentz
Lisa Berg
Roseanne Berg
Mary Betz
Betty Jean Bielich
Beth Brewer
Janet Brown
Todd Brown
Katie Browne
Jack & Mary Bruzas
Anita Buerger
The Cadieux Family
Tony Calderone
Shelby Campbell
Brianne Campos
Aria Cappeluti
The Vaughn Clevenger Family
Dolly Cole
Carl & Dorothy Coleman
James Coleman
Steven Cresencia
Lené Crowe
Karen Flaharty Daley
Beverly de Gelder
Nick Del Sesto
Hugo Delgado, Jr.
Christine DeSantis
Cecilia DeSimone
Carole Dillon
Edward Dolnik
Art & Dave Dossman
John Drazkowski, Jr.
La Vonne Dumas
Jerome Elbacha
Carolyn Erickson Ey
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
Jack & Marge Gillen
Wendy Gonzales' Dad
Rick Gonzalez
Tillie Gonzalez
George Gritt
Luke Guent
Susan Hallahan
Susan Hannibal
Pat & Tom Hannon
The Harker Family
Dorothy Harrison
Barbara Hatem
Heidi Heaton
Lilian Hills
The Hokama Family
Samara Hook
Susan Hori
Tina Hunter
Iolanda Iacobelli
The Jaime/Rosas Family
Sue Johnston
Laura Kater
Dottie Kearney
Paul Kennedy
Connor Kerzie
Peggy Kiernan
Debbie Kinney

Mark Kneisel
Bob Koffroth
Dewey Kolbo
Tony Korwin
The Kranz Family
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
Evadna & Richard Lynn
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
June Montgomery
Nancy Moore
Elizabeth Muehlbacher
Conrad Murphy
Margie Myers
Nida Navarro
Richard Obsitnik
Kare O'Dell
Tom Oshinski
Bernadette Padovan
Ethan Palm
Helen Pingtella
Perry Postulka
The Joe Prokop Family
Bettie Province
Barbara Ramm
Evelyn Richards
Jan Riley
Connie Ringel
Rita Ritchie
George Rivera
Lily Robinson
Maria Rogers
The Russo Family
Rachel Saine
Cindy Sanelli
Linda Schmidt
Joan Shea
Elizabeth Shirzad
Tom Simonson
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
The Vasquez Family
Martin Vertson
Lucy Vienna
Vanessa Vitiello
Wilson Wanner
Kevin Watson-Graff
Jerry Wechsler
Patricia Zavala
Jeanne Zeltner

Calendar Highlights

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

Jan 11	Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
Jan 11	RE.A.CH Classes at church
Jan 18	Celebration of Fr. Mike's 40th Anniversary of Ordination at 10:30am Mass
Jan 21-22	Restaurant Fundraiser at Nucci's
Jan 24	Women's Prayer Breakfast (postponed—watch for new date)
Jan 25	Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
Jan 25	RE.A.CH Classes at church
Jan 25	Spirited Seniors: <i>The Lion in Winter</i> at Avo Theatre
Mar 1	New Member Reception
May 1	STM Gala
May 17	Towers of Faith Reception
May 23	Confirmation at 5:00pm Mass
Jun 12-14	Parish Campout
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.

January 12
Sr. Helen Schwarz, SHCJ
January 13
Sr. Esther Segura, HCJS
January 14
Sr. Mariacruz Serrano Mier, MGSpS
January 15
Sr. Patricia Shaffer, RSCJ
January 16
Sr. Madeline Shayota, DMI
January 17
Sr. Regina Shin, RSCJ
January 18
Sr. Paula Smith, MMM

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 10, 5:00pm
Bernie Weiler ☩
Sunday, January 11, 8:30am
Frank Hannon ☩
Sunday, January 11, 10:30am
Joe Coccaro ☩
Monday, January 12, 8:15am
Delores Martin ☩
Tuesday, January 13, 8:15am
Benedict Kane
Wednesday, January 14, 5:00pm
Jean Conroy ☩
Thursday, January 15, 9:30am
Joan Rosa ☩
Friday, January 16, 8:15am
John Hyatt ☩
Saturday, January 17, 5:00pm
Donna Doherty ☩
Sunday, January 18, 8:30am
Joseph J. Panella ☩
Sunday, January 18, 10:30am
Fr. Mike Ratajczak & All Priests

Social Ministries & Outreach

Become a Friend of La Posada! Friendship Drive: January 24-25

The "Friends of La Posada" is the financial and social support group for the men's shelter, La Posada de Guadalupe (the inn of our Lady of Guadalupe).

La Posada is special to St. Thomas More Parish because the shelter is within our parish geographic jurisdiction. The shelter we support has a diverse population: Caucasians, Hispanics, African-Americans. Last year, 24 were veterans. Besides room and board, these men receive a variety of case management services that help them to become independent, healthy, and contributing members of their communities. About 40 of the men are farm workers who formerly slept in make-shift shelters in the fields or in crowded apartments.

Last year, La Posada moved into a new mission-style building on the same site and doubled in size (going from 50 beds to 100, including 50 beds for farm workers. Naturally operating expenses have doubled as well.

We hope you will continue to show your commitment to La Posada and its programs for homeless men and farm workers by becoming an "official" friend.

Join us at an appropriate membership level for the year, \$35 for individuals, \$50 for families. There are other levels for businesses and organizations.

See us on the plaza after the Masses on January 24-25!

Please become a Friend of La Posada!

Just Faith Course on Faith and Ecology

Please join us at an informational meeting on Tuesday, January 20, at 7:00pm to learn about an eight week course dealing with the struggle to protect and heal our planet. Classes are now being formed for a journey of discovery, dialogue, and discernment as our faith encounters the ecological crisis. Using the JustFaith module designed as a community learning process built around the book, *Living Beyond the End of the World, A Spirituality of Hope*, by Margaret Swedish, we will meet for eight weeks beginning the week of January 25. We will learn that our faith and Catholic social teaching support our struggle to protect and heal our earth. And we will learn how to answer the Gospel call to share our resources with an ever-increasing world population

We will have one group meeting each Monday night, and there is room for more in that group. If there is enough interest for a day group, the time for that session will be decided at the informational meeting. If you are interested in attending the meeting, or signing up for the course, please contact Martha Cannon at martha@petecannon.com or 858-449-7614.

"Did You Know " Collection December 2014
\$21,503.00

Restaurant Fundraisers December 2014

Elephant Bar	\$167.08
Nucci's	\$333.26
Felicia's	\$200.00
Famous Dave's	\$243.67

Marriage & Family Life

Relationship Skills Workshop—

Deacon Ralph and Peggy Skiano will be presenting Relationship Skills Workshops every Wednesday night at 7:00pm at San Rafael Parish Hall, 17252 Bernardo Center Dr., San Diego, beginning January 7 and ending April 29. Come and explore how to improve your relationships. You can attend one workshop, several, or all of them. For more information call Deacon Ralph at 858-490-8292.



Moms & Kids—Are you a mom with infant thru 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 January 19 at Hidden Canyon Park. There are many other events throughout the month posted on our private Facebook page. Join us! Contact Jen Abelson at jen.abelson@gmail.com.

Natural Family Planning (NFP)—Have you heard about NFP and aren't quite sure what it is? Are you interested in learning more about Natural Family Planning? Contact Cheryl and Dave Ross at davidandcherylross@gmail.com to learn more about the various NFP methods and determine which method is right for you and your family.

Bishops' Letter on Marriage—Marriage: Love and Life in the Divine Plan: God Always Present— "They [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 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.wvme.org or contact Eddie and Sheila Murphy at 760-295-0008.

Marriage Moments—A trip down Memory Lane #10: First home. Homes can be wonderful, but they can also take a lot of work. Remember the first home you shared together whether it be a house, a rental, or a tent. What did you like most about sharing the same dwelling? Did you have any decorating or lifestyle disputes?

Parenting Pointers—Many children are baptized soon after birth and much later confirmed. Others come to Baptism as adults. What difference has Baptism made in your life? (Really! Think about something specific.) Once you have your own answer talk to your children about their baptisms. Show photos. Reenact it.

For more information, visit [www.diocese-sdiego.org/Ministries/Marriage and Family Life](http://www.diocese-sdiego.org/Ministries/Marriage%20and%20Family%20Life) 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

Women's Guild News

Remember our monthly luncheon meeting on Monday, January 12 at 11:00am. For reservations, call Vera at 760-295-0059 or email her at vbayliss@cox.net. This meeting will feature our Chinese auction of gently used or new objects (not well used or "get rid of" things). Maybe you received a gift that doesn't fit you or your tastes that you could bring to help fill our auction table. Nancy Wozniak will be our auctioneer again, so it will be lots of fun. Please drop them off at the assigned table. No peeking until things are all set up. You might want to come early so we can get started on time. —Ann Buko, president

Hearts and Flowers Fashion Show—All ladies of the Parish and their friends are cordially invited to join us for our annual luncheon and fashion show. This is always a highlight of our year and will be held on Saturday, February 7, at Shadowridge Country Club. Members will get a preview of the new spring fashions presented by our own models, wearing the latest designs from Draper's and Damon's. A team of four very discerning women met with the staff at Shadowridge and sampled several dishes. We have selected a very delicious entrée of artichoke chicken with plenty of sauce, mashed garlic potatoes, and steamed vegetables. Salad and dessert will also be provided. We have had many door prizes promised as well as some excellent opportunity baskets. Maybe this is your year to win one!

PRESALE!! Come to the January 12 luncheon and get your table of 10 tickets or individual ones. Avoid the lines after Masses. If you cannot come to the meeting, tickets will be sold after all Masses January 17-18, 24-25, and January 30-February 1, if tickets are still available. We do sell out, so don't delay. This is our major fundraiser for the Mortgage/Building Completion fund. and always fun and exciting! Tickets are \$45.

If you are donating a door prize or gift basket, please bring it to the regular luncheon meeting on January 12. If you cannot be there, call Mary Coxon or Valerie Thompson for door prizes and Maureen Tutino for opportunity baskets, or drop it off at the office. We appreciate greatly all who have agreed to donate. This promises to be an especially wonderful event!

—Valerie Thompson, chair 760-630-1703 valgene2@cox.net
Siggie Ogan, co-chair 760-994-4727 siggieo@yahoo.com

Attention Men!

Year three of "That Man is You!—The Revelation of the Father" will resume mid-January.

Men's Fellowship meets the second Friday of each month. Join us on Friday, January 9, at 7:00pm.

For more information, contact Deacon John at 760-758-4100 x104 or johnf@stmoside.org.

Spirited Seniors Avo Playhouse Outing

The Spirited Seniors invite members and their guests to join us on Sunday January 25, at 2:00pm at the Avo Playhouse in Vista to see *The Lion in Winter*. Tickets are \$30 each. We will depart from the STM parking lot promptly at 1:15pm. The Avo Playhouse is located at 303 Main St., Vista. After the play, have an early dinner on your own with friends. Reservations due by January 20. For more information, contact Marilyn Day at 760-509-4545 or Judy Buoniconti at 760-758-5113.

Memorial Item Donations

Pipe Organ	\$850,000
Church Doors (Bronze)	\$100,000
Crucifix	\$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
Drinking Fountains	\$2,500
Olive Trees in 7-foot boxes (10) 7 available	\$1,400/each
Audio Visual Systems	
Sound and Video Mixing Board	\$12,000
Video Screen (Motorized 21-foot)	\$9,000
Sound System Base Speaker	\$8,000
Sound System Cabling	\$5,000
Overflow Parking Lot Mulch	\$3,500
Pew Seating for the Church (1,000) 816 available	\$300/person
Daily Mass Chapel and Choir Chairs (200) 127 available	\$300/each

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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.

A Closer Look Tour

Contact Chris Smith at chriss@stmoside.org or 760-758-4100 x120 for dates and details on tours of the construction site.

Liturgy & Music *Worship God*

Douglas Lynn
Director of Liturgy & Music
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FULFILLING GOD'S PURPOSE

offering your TIME in the Liturgical Ministries

As we move through the next few weeks, our focus expands from celebrating the joy of Jesus' birth to recalling the initial steps of his ministry—his baptism, John's recognition of him as the Lamb of God, and finally, the calling of his first disciples.

Our own call to ministry as the people of St. Thomas More stems from Jesus' words to those first disciples, "Follow me..."

Each week, we are reminded of this call by the priest or deacon at the end of Mass:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

"Go" is an action word. It isn't "go away," but rather "go and do!"

The weeks ahead are about doing—engaging in, as Fr. Mike likes to remind us, the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ for this time and this place. Both inside and outside the walls of our buildings, our ministry

is Jesus' ministry.

At St. Thomas More, we call this stewardship. And our stewardship pool is very deep, with many, many opportunities for ministry permeating this faith community. And, like any deep pool, if we haven't yet dived in to the stewardship pool, it can be a little daunting.

There is opportunity for everyone, whether you just want to dip your toe in the water or if cannonballing is more your style.

Time is one of our most precious personal commodities, and it takes effort to balance the available hours in our day with the service we want to bring to this community.

The liturgical ministries offer a broad set of opportunities to go, to love and serve, to announce, and to glorify the Lord. Whether you have minutes or hours, days or evenings, weekdays or weekends—whatever TIME you are willing to offer—we have an opportunity for you.

I look forward to hearing from you.

—Douglas



Mark 1:11

Upcoming Music



JANUARY 18
2nd Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Week of Prayer
for
Christian Unity
January 18-25



5:00pm

Cantor &
Congregation

8:30am

Cantor &
Congregation

10:30am

Celebration of
Fr. Mike's 40th
Anniversary of
Priestly
Ordination

Praise Team
Sanctuary Choir
Tower Bells

Called to Serve?

We are looking for **NEW Eucharistic Ministers** to augment the ministers currently serving at St. Thomas More. We have an *immediate* need for people to serve on weekends, at Tri-City Hospital (Tuesday mornings), and at our four local retirement communities.

The next Diocesan Formation Workshop for NEW Eucharistic Ministers is Saturday morning, February 14 at the Pastoral Center in San Diego.

The Diocese of San Diego is also holding a two-day formation workshop for **NEW Readers** on Saturday, January 31, and Thursday, February 5.

To serve or to sign-up, contact Douglas at 760-758-4100 x140 or douglasl@stmoside.org before January 21.

We really need your help!

Fresh Flowers for Our Weekend Mass Celebrations

If you would like to remember, honor, or celebrate someone special or a special occasion with the addition of an arrangement of flowers at our weekend Masses during Ordinary Time, please see our Parish Receptionist during the week.

Your donation of \$75 will provide a lovely arrangement on the altar platform, including all taxes and delivery.

A note in the weekend's bulletin will announce your special person or event.

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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.**

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.

Collection for Week of December 20/21 (Revised)

Number of Registered Households		1,138
Offertory	\$	17,178.71
Offertory (Loose Collection)		799.00
Children's envelopes		12.99
Total	\$	17,990.70

Collection for Week of December 27/28, 2014

Number of Registered Households		1,139
Offertory	\$	6,873.30
Offertory (Loose Collection)		688.50
Children's envelopes		0.00
Total	\$	7,561.80

Collection for Week of January 3/4, 2015

Number of Registered Households		1,139
Offertory	\$	10,113.83
Offertory (Loose Collection)		820.00
Children's envelopes		0.00
Total	\$	10,933.83

Collection for Christmas 2014

Number of Registered Households		1,139
Offertory	\$	24,380.67
Offertory (Loose Collection)		3,175.00
Children's envelopes		0.00
Total	\$	27,555.67

Collection for Mary the Mother of God 2015

Number of Registered Households		1,139
Offertory	\$	3,151.03
Offertory (Loose Collection)		0.00
Children's envelopes		0.00
Total	\$	3,151.03

2015 ~ A New Year, New Beginnings for the Christian Steward

The practice of making New Year's resolutions goes back over 3,000 years. The start of a new year gives us the feeling of a fresh start, a new beginning, and new opportunities. It is a time when people feel that they can begin anew with their lives. Common New Year's resolutions are to lose weight, exercise more, and eat healthier; or to spend more time with family. Still others include managing money better and being more organized.

Although there is nothing in the Bible or notable in Christian tradition about New Year's resolutions, many good stewards take advantage of this time of year to become closer to the Lord. They may re-commit themselves to pray more, to read the Bible, or to attend Mass more regularly. If you are looking for some ideas for your New Year's resolutions, here are a few to get you started:

Practice gratitude – Cultivating a grateful heart is the hallmark of a Christian steward. Every day, express thankfulness to the Lord and to others.

Encounter the Lord each day – Find time to be with the Lord each day, whether it be an hour or ten minutes. Have a talk with the Lord. Give your joys and worries to him as well. Allow God's love to transform them. Our encounters will keep our eyes and ears open to the presence of Christ in our midst.

Be present to others – There is much celebration and mourning, joy and sorrow in peoples' lives. What a blessing it is to be able to share those times and not let others experience them alone. The gift of your presence to others is much more valuable than you realize.

Resist overwork – There is a pressure to produce, meet goals, be successful. But activities that lead us to overwork, constant fatigue and worry do not give glory to God. What God calls us to do we can do well. Be mindful that life requires balance, down time and letting go of unrealistic goals.

Part 1 of a two part series, to be continued next week

—ICSC Catholic Stewardship Council, January 2015 e-Bulletin (with permission)



**LIVE A GOOD LIFE ~
And in the end, it's not the years in a life,
it's the life in the years.**

—Abraham Lincoln

News & Information from the Larger Church

World Meeting of Families 2015—September 22-25, 2015 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This event, which seeks to explore the critical role the family plays in society and to give families opportunities to talk about the challenges and blessings that all families have, was started by St. John Paul II, hailed as the Pope of the Family, is sponsored by the Holy See's Pontifical Council for the Family, and is held every third year somewhere in the world. This will be the first time that the World Meeting of Families will be held in the United States! There is much excitement about the recent confirmation that Pope Francis will be joining us in Philadelphia. For more information and to register, visit www.worldmeeting2015.org.

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.

Pax Christi San Diego Chapter—Pax Christi USA (Peace in Christ) is a national Catholic peace and justice movement. You are invited to an information meeting on Monday, January 12, 6:30-7:30pm, St. James Church, 625 S. Nardo, Ave., Solana Beach, to learn more. For more details, contact Christy at christybohan@cox.net.

JSerra Catholic High School Open House—Thursday, January 15, 6:30pm, JSerra Pavilion, 26351 Junipero Serra Rd., San Juan Capistrano. For more information, visit www.jserra.org.

One Life LA Event—Saturday, January 17—the first-ever large-scale event in downtown LA promoting the beauty and dignity of every human life from conception to natural death. Beginning at 10:00am at La Placita Olivera, we will walk through LA ending in Grand Park with a family-friendly picnic and festival. Round-trip bus transportation from San Diego county locations for \$25. For more information, visit www.OnceLifeLA.org or call the San Diego Diocesan Office for Social Ministry at 858-490-8323.

St. Vincent de Paul Ladies Guild—Lights, Camera, Action! A Tribute to the Oscars Luncheon—Tuesday, February 17, 11:00am, Shaeraton Mission Valley, 1433 Camino del Rio South, San Diego. Proceeds benefit Fr. Joe's Villages. For more

information, contact Kathy at 619-423-3227 or kathymcknly@yahoo.com.

Rachel's Vineyard Post Abortion Healing Retreat in Temecula—March 20-22, for any woman or man who has struggled with the emotional and spiritual pain of abortion. Private and confidential. For more information, contact Dolores at 951-325-7702 or rvtemecula@verizon.net.

Support Shoppportunity—Catholic Charities Thrift Store—Item donations appreciated. For more information, contact Yolanda Ungo, Program Manager, 760-631-2819.

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.

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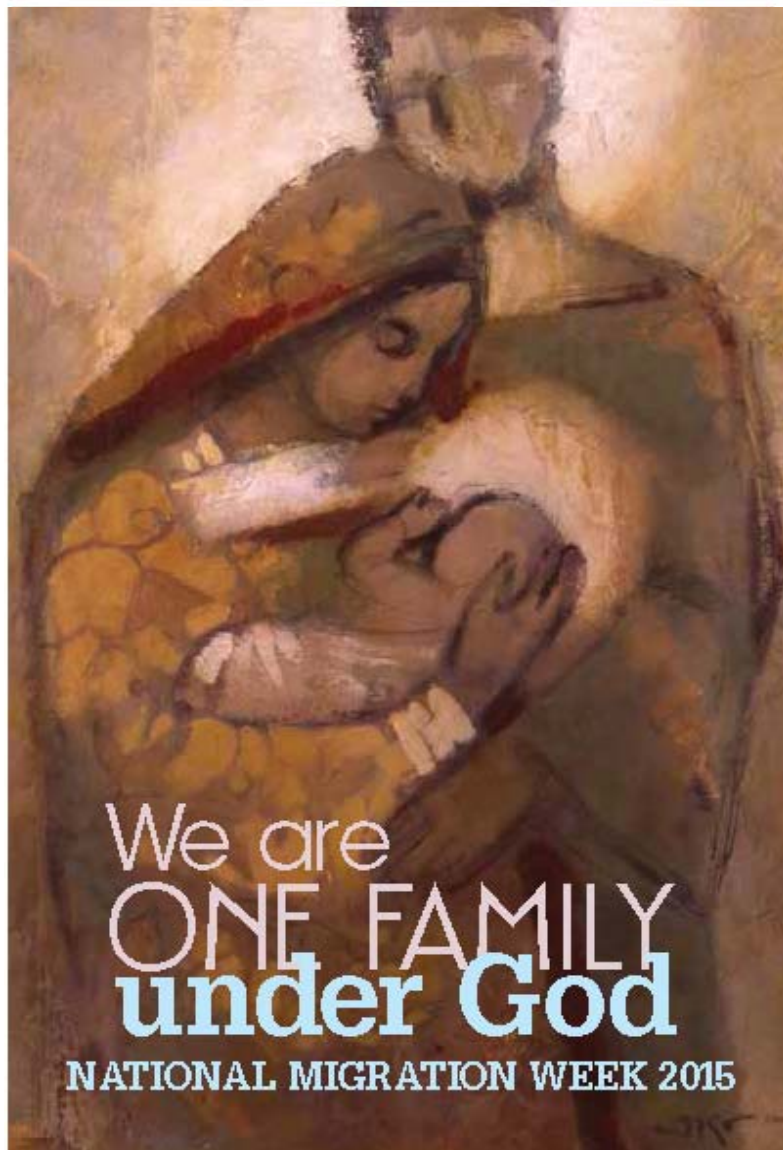
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For all migrants, that they not feel compelled to migrate but have opportunities in their homeland where they can thrive and live fully human lives.

Open our hearts so that we may provide hospitality for those who come in search of refuge, through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Dear Pastor,

During this Christmas season, the Church celebrates the remarkable events of the Holy Family that remind us that we are all related as one family under God. The U.S. bishops have identified the Week of January 4 through 10 as National Migration Week highlighting the theme: ***We Are One Family under God.***

In this spirit, Catholic Charities serves and advocates for refugees, asylees, migrants, unaccompanied children and victims of human trafficking. Family unity is a cornerstone of the work of our Refugee and Immigrant Services departments as reflected in our current efforts under the DAPA and DACA programs.

During National Migration Week, we ask that you share the accompanying prayer with your congregation in the manner you deem best to help raise the hearts and minds of our Catholic community toward viewing and treating the newcomer as our brother and sister.

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Beginning the week of January 25, groups will meet once a week for 8 weeks. We will use the JustFaith module designed as a community learning process.

Please join us at an informational meeting on January 20 at 7:00 pm.

If you are interested in attending the meeting, or signing up for the course, please contact Martha Cannon at Martha@petecannon.com or (858) 449-7614

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St. Thomas More Women's Guild Annual Luncheon & Fashion Show



*Hearts &
Flowers*

*Saturday, February 7
Shadowridge Country Club
Fashions by: Draper's & Damon's*

Ticket Pre-sale: January 12 at Women's Guild' Monthly Meeting

*Ticket Sale: January 17-18, 24-25 & January 31-February
1 After all Masses or until all tickets are sold*

Tickets are \$45 and supply is limited

Opportunity Baskets

Door Prizes

Contact Valerie Thompson at 760-630-1703 for more information

Did You Know?

For me to be available for emergencies after Parish Office hours, we use an Answering Service. The cost for this is \$55/month.

Our Parish Office phone bill is \$340/month.

Our Parish Security System cost is \$35/month.

This comes to a total of \$5,160/year...

Your donation to the "Did You Know?" fund helps us to balance our Operations Budget.

An envelope is attached to the bulletin for your convenience.

Thank you for all that you do!

Fr. Mike

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

