

Jesus cured many who were sick with various diseases.

—Mark 1:34



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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Ash Wednesday
February 18
Mass with Distribution of Ashes
8:15am
12:00noon
5:30pm
7:30pm
Soup Supper 5:30-7:30pm

### Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 8, 2015

#### Pastor's Column

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

The Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA)—Time to "Pay It Forward"

This week we will begin this year's Diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA). "Love letters" from me will be in the mail this week. Please take time to read and reflect on this information. I pray that it will move you to support this Appeal. This year's diocesan goal is \$3.5 million.

As we, the Parish of St. Thomas More, have been helped by the Diocese, it is now our time to help our Diocese and our sister Parishes.

If you have not supported the ACA in the past, this is the year to begin to do so. If you have supported the ACA in the past, and you are in a position to increase your gift, this is the year to do so.

Here are some facts and figures that are important information for you to have as you reflect upon your gift to the ACA.

Know that all that you do is much appreciated by me!

#### Did You Know...

- 1. The **ten acres of land** on which our Parish Campus is being built was a **GIFT** from the Diocese of San Diego. It has been the policy of the Diocese that it provides the land on which new Parishes will build their Campuses. Our Parish purchased an additional five acres of land several years ago, enlarging our Campus to a total of fifteen acres.
- 2. The Diocese of San Diego provided St. Thomas More Parish with a **\$2 million INTEREST FREE** loan to help us in the building of our present Parish Center.
  We had been paying down this loan sporadically between 1999 and 2006.

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#### Did You Know?

There are fees for the use of credit cards and other electronic financial transactions by which donations are made to the Parish. This is known as ACH or Automatic Clearing House.

The use of ACH is very helpful to us because it assures us of a regular monthly payment which in turn can better help us to budget our operations cost. The service company that is used is VANCO, and our monthly fees average \$1,140 per month. This is the cost of business!

Your donation to the "Did You Know?" Campaign helps us balance our bottom line.

#### Pastor's Column (continued from page 1)

Then in January 2006 we began paying down the debt at \$11,000/month. Our last payment was in December 2011.

- 3. The Diocese of San Diego helped us to secure a \$6.6 million loan with the National Office of the Knights of Columbus which has allowed us to move forward and build our Permanent Church and the Parish Office Building. Because of our good financial situation, the Diocese was willing to cosign the loan.
- 4. The **Annual Catholic Appeal** (ACA) is our yearly opportunity to engage in the Diocesan effort to participate in Jesus' mission of teaching, sanctifying, and serving.
- 5. The goal of this year's ACA is \$3.5 million. The money will be directed for these purposes:

Restorative Justice and Detention Ministry	\$197,000
Youth Ministry	\$145,000
Marriage and Family Life	\$220,000
Campus Ministry	\$310,000
Assistance for Catholic Education	\$400,000
Catholic Charities	\$500,000
Ministry for Priestly Formation	\$728,000
Valley Parish Development	\$1,000,000

- 6. Our **Fair Share Assessment** this year is **\$48,000**. This provides us with the opportunity "to pay it forward" and to assist not only the ongoing mission of Jesus on a Diocesan level, but to directly help other sister Parishes in our Diocese who are in need. Just as we have been helped, it is now our turn to help other Parishes.
- 7. Last year, only **383 STM households** out of **1,058** chose to participate in the ACA. Last year our assessment was **\$48,000**.

We raised \$56,533 from 36% of the Parish. The average gift was \$148.

Let us double the number of households participating in the ACA this year. I know that we can do this!

- 8. **100% of the money raised over** our \$48,000 assessment will be returned to our Parish and it will be directed to the Operations Budget to ensure that we continue to balance our bottom line.
- Beginning this weekend, and continuing for the next few weekends, you will find Bulletin inserts describing how the ACA money is directed and used. Please take time to read these inserts each week.

Please respond favorably to my "love letter." Please prayerfully reflect upon this information and act accordingly.

Thank you!

#### **Vocations**

Fr. Mike, at his anniversary Mass, called upon all young people to consider the priesthood or religious life as a vocation and not to wait until they are 100% positive about the calling before they investigate. Over the next few weeks we will give you a local contact to be in touch with if you even think you might have a calling—Sr. Maureen Brown, CSJ, St. Thomas More, 760-758-4100 x131. Investigate the possibilities; they are a challenging and rewarding way of life.

# Welcome New Parishioners Ted & Diane Hogencamp Phillip & Andrea Spencer & Family

#### Announcing the Baptism of

Andersen Iain Balfour Calvin Ellison Davis Audrey Grace Monahan



on February 8

Our Christian community welcomes you with great joy!

#### Flower Donations

The Altar Flowers for this weekend are given by **Rodrigo & Berta Uribe** in loving memory of **Emiliana Maldonado** and **Angelita Rasmon.** 



#### **Fully Catholic?**

If you've been coming to Mass for a while, but are not Catholic, we invite you to look deeper into the Catholic faith. Come meet some faithful Catholics who love the Lord and would consider it a privilege to get to know you.

Our Parish offers sessions that give you the opportunity to share with others the truths of the Catholic faith and the fellowship of our church family.

We invite you to learn what Catholics believe in an open and welcoming environment. These sessions also are opportunities for you to ask those perplexing and difficult questions you may have about the Church.

To find out how to get started, contact Kathleen Bell at 760-809-6526 or 80bell80@gmail.com.

#### **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 January 14 we have netted \$52,902 from this program. Thank you donors!









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

#### 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 slider with the ShopwithScrip logo 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.

#### Readings for the Week Ahead

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

Sunday, February 8 (74) Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Job 7:1-4,6-7 Psalm 147:1-6 1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23

Mark 1:29-39 Monday, February 9 (329)

Genesis 1:1-19 Psalm 104:1-2a,5-6,10,12,24,35c

Mark 6:53-56 Tuesday, February 10 (330)

Scholastica, virgin Genesis 1:20–2:4a Psalm 8:4-9 Mark 7:1-13

Wednesday, February 11 (331)

Our Lady of Lourdes Genesis 2:4b-9,15-17 Psalm 104:1-2a,27-28,29bc-30 Mark 7:14-23

Thursday, February 12 (332) Genesis 2:18-25

Psalm 128:1-5 Mark 7:24-30 Friday, February 13 (333)

Genesis 3:1-8 Psalm 32:1-2,5-7 Mark 7:31-37

Saturday, February 14 (334) Cyril, monk, and Methodius, bishop

Genesis 3:9-24 Psalm 90:2-6,12-13 Mark 8:1-10

Sunday, February 15 (77) Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46

Psalm 32:1-2,5,11 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1 Mark 1:40-45

#### Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 7, 5:00pm Angie Trejo Rasmon 🕆 Raquel Sainz Maldonado 🕆

Sunday, February 8, 8:30am Joe Cairo 🕏

Sunday, February 8, 10:30am Robert Ratajczak &

Monday, February 9, 8:15am David Sweet &

Tuesday, February 10, 8:15am Mary Summers ₽

Wednesday, February 11, 8:15am Dale Irwig 🕏

Thursday, February 12, 8:15am William Vlachos &

Friday, February 13, 8:15am Don Kope ₽

Saturday, February 14, 5:00pm Elizabeth Asbra 🕈

Sunday, February 15, 8:30am Claire DeAinza P

Sunday, February 15, 10:30am Ruth Mary Walsh &

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

Changa Aguilera Ernie Aichele Mary Alexander Charlotte Atkinson Carrie Autrey Joshua Avery Jose Luis Barbosa Patricia Barbour Francie Barron William Bartha Clarice Bednarz John Bennici Regina Bentz Lisa Berg Roseanne Berg Mary Betz
Betty Jean Bielich
The Boets Family
Cindy Bradburn
Beth Brewer Janet Brown Sr. Maureen Brown Todd Brown Todd Brown
Katie Browne
Jack & Mary Bruzas
Anita Buerger
The Cadieux Family
Tony Calderone
Shelby Campbell
Brianne Campos
Aria Cappeluti
Donald Cashmore
The Vaughn Clevenger Family
Dolly Cole Dolly Cole Carl & Dorothy Coleman James Coleman Steven Cresencia Lené Crowe Karen Flaharty Daley Jodi Daniels & Family Beverly de Gelder Nick Del Sesto Hugo Delgado, Jr. Cornelia Delong Brock Cassandra D'Ercole Christine DeSantis Cecilia DeSimone Carole Dillon Edward Dolnik Art & Dave Dossman The Draper Family John Drazkowski, Jr. La Vonne Dumas Jerome Elbacha Carolyn Erickson Ey The Falconer Family Sally Fay Victoria Lopez Fenton The Fiore Family Mary Fleming Ryan Flum Ernie Follis 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 George Gritt Luke Guenst Susan Hallahan Susan Hallanan Susan Hannibal Pat & Tom Hannon The Harker Family Anthony Harris Dorothy Harrison Barbara Hatem Heidi Heaton Lilian Hills Mary Hodina Samara Hook

Susan Hori Tina Hunter

Iolanda Iacobelli The Johansen Family Sue Johnston

Laura Kater Dottie Kearney Paul Kennedy

Connor Kerzie Peggy Kiernan

Dewey Kolbo Tony Korwin Helen Kuhn Lillian Lachance The Lamelin Family Bart Landry Mike Lavis Brandon LeBlanc Jeremiah Lemus The Leué Family The Paul Leué Family The Lew Family Ashley Load Cassandra & Lauren Loretto Cassandra & Lauren Loretto
Jack Lucarelli
The Lynn Family
Joaquin Maldonado
The Maldonado Family
The Maldonado Trejo Family
Paige Mansell
Alexander Mathews Gloria Maupin Virginia McConnell Bob McWilliams Joyce Meehan Kalei Mendiola Tom Miller
Phyllis Minaya
June Mitchell
June Montgomery June Montgomery
Nancy Moore
Elizabeth Muehlbacher
Conrad Murphy
Margie Myers
Angela Nacional
Melanie Nacional
Nida Navarro
Sr. Sheila Novak
Richard Obsitnik
Kare O'Dell
Jayne Osborne-Dion Jayne Osborne-Dion Laura Paciorek Gloor Bernadette Padovan Ethan Palm Ethan Family
The Phelan Family
Helen Pingtella
Perry Postulka
The Joe Prokop Family
Bettie Provinse
Barbara Ramm Barbara Ramm
Evelyn Richards
Jan Riley
Connie Ringel
Rita Ritchie
George Rivera
Lily Robinson
Maria Rogers
The Russo Family
Rachel Sainc
Cindy Sanelli
Sr. Jean Schafer Sr. Jean Schafer Linda Schmidt Joan Shea Elizabeth Shirzad Tom Simonson Madeline Snyder Nick Soltau
Darek, Vanessa, & Elba Spizewski
Patricia St. Pierre
Sybil Staples
Mike Sterling
Laura Bernard Stover, MD
Pete Sullivan Julie Teare
Alan Thompson
Tommy & Ginger Thompson
Sarah Tillinghast
William Tompson
Stephen Toth, Jr.
Olivia Treio Stephen Toth, Jr.
Olivia Trejo
The Trejo/Beltran Family
The Trejo/Maldonado/Uribe Family
Maureen Tutino
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

Feb 8	Liturgy of the Word for
	Children at 8:30am Mass
Feb 9	Women's Faith &
	Fellowship
Feb 10-11	Restaurant Fundraiser at
	Hunter's Steakhouse
Feb 13	Men's Fellowship
Feb 14	That Man Is You!
Feb 15	Liturgy of the Word for
	Children at 8:30am and
	10:30am Masses
Feb 21	Women's Prayer Breakfast
100 21	(new date)
Feb 24-25	Restaurant Fundraiser at
1 00 2 1 23	Nucci's
Mar 1	New Member Reception
Mar 1-4	Parish Mission
Mar 24	Women's Guild Day of
Wai 24	Recollection
Apr 10	Spring Sing Concert
Apr 19 May 1	STM Gala
May 17	Towers of Faith Reception
May 23	Confirmation at
T 10 14	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.

February 9
Sr. Elizabeth Ann Wekall, RSM
February 10
Sr. Patricia Weldon, OSF
February 11
Sr. Donna Wencel, OP
February 12
Sr. Anne Wente, RSCJ
February 13
Sr. Maria Elena Whitney, SJS
February 14
Sr. Helen Louise Williams, CSJ
February 15
Sr. Ara Young, OCD

#### **Social Ministries & Outreach**

#### **Human Trafficking Update**



February 8 is the feast day of St. Josephine Bakhita, witness of hope for victims of human trafficking.

Born in Sudan in 1869, as a child she was kidnapped and sold into slavery. So frightened, she forgot the name given her by her parents. Her kidnappers called her "Bakhita" — "fortunate" one. Sold and resold, she was eventually taken to Italy by an Italian diplomat, a kind master. She was educated by the Canossian Daughters of Charity,

baptized, and given her freedom in 1890. In 1896 she became a Sister, receiving the name "Josephine Margaret Bakhita F.D.C.C." She faithfully served her "true Master" until her death in 1947.

On October 1, 2000, Pope John Paul II canonized Josephine Bakhita stating, "in St. Josephine Bakhita we find a shining advocate of genuine emancipation. The history of her life inspires not passive acceptance but the firm resolve to work effectively to free girls and women from oppression and violence, and to return them to their dignity in the full exercise of their rights." (St. Bakhita's Canonization Mass).

During February, let us remember the thousands of immigrant children taken from their homes and enslaved in sexual and labor exploitation in the countries of Europe, Australia, and America.

—STM Social Justice Committee

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

We are all called upon to take care of the poor and feed the hungry. We have this brought to our attention particularly during the Lenten Season. Our annual Food Drive for Brother Benno's this year is during Lent on March 14-15, and we ask you to be particularly generous. Deacon Tom will have trucks available before all the Masses on that weekend to accept your donations. Please help us help those in need.

#### **Gratitude Corner**

Dear friends in Christ,

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for all the support and prayers that you have offered over the past weeks. Knowing this Parish family is praying for my family as we encounter life without my father has been a beautiful source of grace and consolation. God bless you all. —*Douglas Lynn* 



Dear friends,

Thank you so much for all your prayers, cards, messages and meals during my recuperation time from back surgery. It is such gift to be surrounded by so many loving and generous folks! You are always in my prayers, in gratitude and thanksgiving!

I am healing slowly but surely! Please keep the prayers coming! I find myself frequently singing, "The old grey mare, she ain't what she use to be, ain't what she use to be . . . many long years ago!"

Blessings and love, —Sr. Maureen, CSJ

#### Marriage & Family Life

Relationship Skills Workshops—Deacon Ralph and Peggy Skiano are presenting Relationship Skills Workshops every Wednesday night at 7:00pm at San Rafael Parish Hall, 17252 Bernardo Center Dr., San Diego. Come and explore how to improve your relationships. You can attend one workshop, several, or all of them. The



next workshop is February 11 and the topic is *Listening Beyond the Words*. For more information call Deacon Ralph at 858-490-8292. Note that there will be no workshops on February 18 and February 25 due to Ash Wednesday and a Parish Mission.

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 February 16 at 10:00am at the Vista Sports Complex. There are many other events throughout the month posted on our private Facebook page. Join us! Contact Jen Abelson at <code>jen.abelson@gmail.com</code>.

**Natural Family Planning**—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 and the Kingdom of God: "A marriage that is truly in Christ, a marriage upon which his school of gratitude and openness has left its mark of joy and warmth, is a sign of the Kingdom that is coming. It is a blessing to the couple, to their children, and to everyone who knows them. It offers a sign of hope and a loving witness to human dignity in a world where hope often seems absent and human dignity is often degraded. It is a sign of the Kingdom because the love of Christ moves the married couple to ever greater heights of love." To read the document go to http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/.

Marriage Moments—You have almost a week to think about how to celebrate Valentine's Day. (Luckily, it's before Lent so chocolate is a possibility). Better yet, choose one favor a day to surprise your beloved with. Your love is a daily act, not just one day a year.

**Parenting Pointers**—February is Black History Month. No matter what our skin color, religion, or economic status we need to learn to get along with people who are different from us. As a family, learn about a race different from your own this month.

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

#### A Closer Look Tour

You are invited to take A Closer Look tour of our church under construction with Brian Leahey, our

Director of Construction, in between the morning Masses on selected Sundays beginning again on February 15. Closed-toe shoes are required for safety. Hard hats will be provided and participants with reservations should meet behind the Information Table on the plaza by the fence at 9:50am. Tours will conclude in time for the 10:30am Mass. To reserve your spot, please contact Chris Smith at *chriss@stmoside.org* or 760-758-4100 x120.

#### **Parish Events**

#### **Attention Men!**

Join us on Friday, February 13, at 7:00pm for Men's Fellowship.

Year three of "That Man is You!—The Revelation of the Father" continues on Saturday, February 14, at 6:45am with the topic "Becoming the Revelation of the Father."

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

#### Spirited Seniors St. Valentine's Day Luncheon

The Spirited Seniors are celebrating St. Valentine's Day with a buffet Luncheon and Piano Concert on Saturday, February 14, 11:15am-2:30pm. The cost is \$13 for members and \$16 for non-members. It will be catered by the Village Kitchen & Pie Shoppe of Carlsbad. Space is limited. The deadline for reservations is February 9. See the flyer in today's bulletin to sign up. Please remember to specify choice of entrée for EACH attendee with the letter A for Tuscan Chicken or the letter B for Vegetarian Lasagna. For more information, contact Judy Buoniconti at 760-758-5113.

#### The Knightly News

Thanks to your generosity, our Hot Dog Fundraiser for La Posada de Guadalupe and Brother Benno's was a huge success. Over \$740 was raised for these two local charities. A special thanks to all of you who donated and to all those Knights and their families that assisted is this event.

Please mark your calendars for the Lenten Fish Fries and a St. Patrick's Day dinner. The fish dinners are every Friday during Lent, February 20 through March 27. The St. Patrick's Day dinner is on Sunday, March 15, 1:00-3:00pm. We will be serving corned beef and cabbage and shepherd's pie.

#### Women's Guild News

Now that our wonderful Fashion Show is over, our February activities are taking a short reprieve, but not for long. Since we will be entering the Lenten season soon, our thoughts will be focused on the spiritual purpose of the Women's Guild, to enhance our personal relationship with God and our Blessed Mother. With the Spirited Seniors we are planning our annual Day of Recollection; open to all members of the Parish; which you will hear more about after Lent begins.

We will announce the results of our Fashion Show fund raiser next week and want to thank all those who attended and contributed so generously to the prizes and opportunity baskets. At the same time our special thanks go to Valerie Thompson and her committee for the outstanding success in putting on this event.

Have a blessed week. -Ann Buko, president

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

CWWNC meets the second Sunday of each month for a general meeting and potluck at 2:00pm. On the fourth Sunday of each month, we gather for Mass at various Parishes in North County followed by lunch. Check the bulletin board on the lower level of the Parish Center for our calendar of events For more info. call Carol Kope at 760-726-0533 or Gerri Wilmott at 760.758-9949.

#### **Memorial Item Donations Available**

Pipe Organ	\$850,000
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
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

#### **Memorial Item Donations Partial**

Concelebrant Chairs (6) 1 available	\$3,000/each
Wedding Kneelers (5) 1 available	\$1,000/each
Pew Seating for the Church (1,000) 803 available	\$300/each
Daily Mass Chapel and Choir Chairs (200) 117 available	\$300/each
Memorial Garden & Reflection Garden Olive Trees in 7-foot boxes (10) 7 available	\$1,400/each
	02/03/15

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.

# Liturgy & Music Worship God

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#### EXPLORING THE MASS



This week, we continue our exploration of the Mass. Last week, we focused on the Introductory Rites and the beginning of the Liturgy of the Word.

The **Responsorial Psalm** is not a reading, but a song. It comes from the Book of Psalms. In these verses, the authors poured out their hearts to God, trusting that God would always hear and answer them. The psalm is "responsorial" because of its form, designed to be sung in alternation between the psalmist and the people.

The **Second Reading**, usually from the New Testament, connects to the Gospel theme during the major feast seasons of Easter or Advent. Most of the time, it is a semi-continuous reading of the letters that Paul, Peter, James, or John wrote to the various communities or individuals in the early Church.

The **Sequence** serves the function of a hymn, except it is sung in the middle of the Liturgy of the Word. There are four in the yearly cycle: for Easter Sunday, Pentecost, the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, and Our Lady of Sorrows.

We sing the **Alleluia** to announce the Gospel, except during Lent. The Hebrew word "Alleluia" means "Praise God." During Lent we use another acclamation of glory to God.

The reading of the Gospel constitutes the high point of the Liturgy of the Word. The liturgy makes every effort to show how important this moment is. At the conclusion of the Gospel, the text, "Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ," affirms the people's belief in the presence of Jesus Christ in his proclaimed word. The same is true of the text before the Gospel and in the acclamations that substitute for the Alleluia during the season of Lent. The Gospel is the clearest and

most complete revelation of God in the person of Jesus Christ. The parables he tells, the miracles he performs, and the teachings he offers are bread for our life.

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The **Homily** is the preacher's tool to "unpack" the lessons of the Mass and the scriptures, the mysteries of the faith and the guiding principles of Christian life.

The **Profession of Faith** unifies the voices of the assembly into the common faith it professes. When we profess the Creed with thought and active participation, we strengthen our faith and build the rock upon which we stand, a rock which we can depend on no matter what.

All the faithful make their petitions known to God. In doing so, we exercise our baptismal ministry as the priestly people. The Order of Mass gives three different names for this part because it is variously titled in different parts of the world: the Universal Prayer, the Prayer of the Faithful, or Bidding Prayer. It is "universal" because we pray for the needs of the entire world. It is the prayer "of the faithful" because the catechumens have been dismissed. and the faithful are exercising our priestly ministry. They are "bidding" because they take the form of a litany, and the one announcing the intentions bids the people to pray for them. These prayers are unique to each worshiping assembly, created by and for the members of the particular community.

#### **Liturgy of the Eucharist**

The set of ceremonies that precedes the Eucharistic Prayer is called the **Preparation of the Gifts.** The altar is prepared, the gifts are brought forward, God is praised for them, the priest washes his hands, the priest invites the people to prayer, they respond, and the priest concludes



Mark 1:31

with the Prayer over the Offerings.

The Eucharistic Prayer is the center and high point of the entire celebration. It is a prayer of both thanksgiving and sanctification. Within this great prayer, we thank and praise God for all of creation and our salvation. The priest asks the Holy Spirit to bless and sanctify both the gifts and the people gathered. He speaks Jesus' words from the Last Supper, and the entire assembly responds by proclaiming the Mystery of Faith, affirming our belief in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. After the institution narrative and consecration, we commemorate the Paschal Mystery, remembering Christ's Passion, Resurrection, and Ascension. We offer the sacrifice of the Mass and ourselves to God, and we pray for the Church and the entire community, both living and the faithful dead, we ask we be numbered among them and the saints. The entire Eucharistic Prayer reaches its conclusion with a doxology. All honor and glory for ever and ever is offered to the Father; through, with, and in Christ; in the unity of the Holy Spirit. The joyous response commonly called the great Amen—a great Amen to a great prayer.

Next week, we conclude the Liturgy of the Eucharist and explore the Concluding Rites.

Upcoming Music

X

FEBRUARY 15 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

X

5:00pm

Tower Bells

8:30am

Sanctuary Choir

10:30am

Praise Team

## **Faith Formation**

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

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

#### Family Faith Formation

# Women's Prayer Breakfast

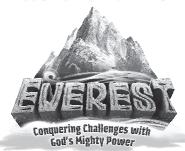
Adult Faith Formation

Saturday, February 21 9:30-11:00am



Featuring Dr. Cindy Peterson To sign up or for more information, please contact the Faith Formation Office at debbief@stmoside.org

Women's Faith and Fellowship Join us this Monday, February 9 7:30-9:00pm **Upper Level of the Parish Center** 



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A sage once wrote that a good marriage is like a fire around which others come to warm themselves. So, as we celebrate World Marriage Day on February 8, we realize that no matter our station in life-married, single, or religious-we have benefited from this sacred covenant relationship, whether through the example of our parents, grandparents, and other role models, or through our own stewardship of the marriage covenant.

For the Catholic steward, marriage goes far beyond the legal or societal agreement that our culture might define. For the Catholic steward, marriage is a sacrament that fosters a sacred covenant; establishing family and nurturing the domestic church which we understand is fundamental to our spiritual development.

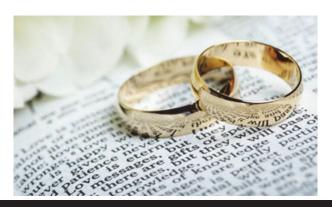
Marriage brings us countless blessings, but is met with many obstacles. Busy schedules, the challenges of parenthood, the strains of finances, mortgages, issues of health and agingall of these test the bonds of even the finest unions.

World Marriage Day, observed on the second Sunday of each February, is sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter, associated with Catholic Marriage Encounter.

Many Catholics have participated in a Marriage Encounter weekend, but no matter how we have endeavored to grow in and to support our marriages, or the marriages of those close to us, we know that marriage does take effort, continuing commitment, deep prayer, great communication, a good sense of humor, and faithful love.

Take time this February to celebrate marriage, whether by setting aside a special time to devote to your own spouse, or by honoring the marriages that have warmed you and nurtured you throughout your life.

—ICSC Stewardship, February 2015 e-bulletin (with permission)



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—Napoleon Hill

## **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.

**Mainly Mozart Concerts**—February 8, March 8, and May 17 at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, Carlsbad. For more information, visit *www.mainlymozart.org*.

Pax Christi Meeting—Monday, February 9, 6:30-8:00pm, St. James Church, Solana Beach. Pax Christi USA, which means Peace in Christ, is a national Catholic peace and justice movement. Its purpose is to create a world that reflects the Peace of Christ by exploring, articulating, and witnessing the call of Christian nonviolence. This work begins in personal life and extends to communities of reflection and action to transform structures of society. Pax Christi USA rejects war, preparations for war, and every form of violence and domination. It advocates primacy of conscience, economic and social justice, and respect for creation. For more information, contact Christy at christybohan@cox.net.

**San Diego Marriage Encounter Sweetheart Dinner and Dance**—Saturday, February 14, 6:00-10:00pm, St. Michael's Church Holy Family Center, 15546 Pomerado Rd., Poway. \$50 per couple. For more information, visit www.wwme-sandiego.org.

St. Vincent de Paul Ladies Guild—Lights, Camera, Action! A Tribute to the Oscars Luncheon—Tuesday, February 17, 11:00am, Sheraton 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.

**Lenten Sung Contemplative Rosary**—Friday, February 20, 7:00pm, San Rafael Catholic Church. Featured will be the *Sorrowful Mysteries* with scriptural references, song, and beautiful icons reflecting the events of Christ's Passion and Death. For more information, contact *choir@sanrafaelparish.org*.

**Rachel's Hope After-Abortion Healing Retreat in Escondido**—February 27-March 1, St. Mary's Retreat Center,
Escondido. Sponsored by the Diocese of San Diego. For more

information, contact Patti Smith, 760-305-8044, gridirongranny@live.com, or www.RachelsHope.org.

**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*.

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**Birth Choice Volunteer Counselors Training**—Call Heidi at 760-744-1313 for details and to sign up. Birth Choice is a pro-life, Christ-centered pregnancy resource center offering free pregnancy testing, ultrasound, and options counseling for women in crisis. For more information, visit *www.birthchoice.net*.

**Support Group for Separated/Divorced**—An ongoing support group meeting Sundays at 10:15am at St. James Catholic Church in Solana Beach. For more information, contact Frank Grant at 760-533-1520 or fwgrant@gmail.com.

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**75th Anniversary Gala**—Saturday, February 14, 6:00pm, Sheraton Carlsbad Resort and Spa, Carlsbad. For more information, contact 760-945-8000.

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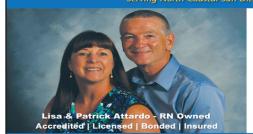
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# A Mother's Heart: Following Mary

Women's Prayer Breakfast with

Dr. Cyndi Peterson

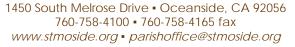
Saturday, February 21, 9:30am
Lower Level of the Parish Center

Ever thought you had it all, but knew you didn't? Cyndi knew knew she had everything the world could offer, yet she lacked the inner peace she so desperately wanted.

After a trip to Medjugorje (the reported current apparition site of Mary since 1981), life dramatically changed for her. She began to live out the Blessed Mother's messages of peace. With the birth of her first baby girl, Kelly, Cyndi truly felt she now had everything. But her faith was soon challenged when she learned that her daughter had a fatal disease as well as her next child, Sarah. Let your faith be both challenged and renewed as you hear how the cross brought Cyndi the peace that had been missing in her life.

Register at the Women's Ministry table after Masses or RSVP to 760-758-4100 x100











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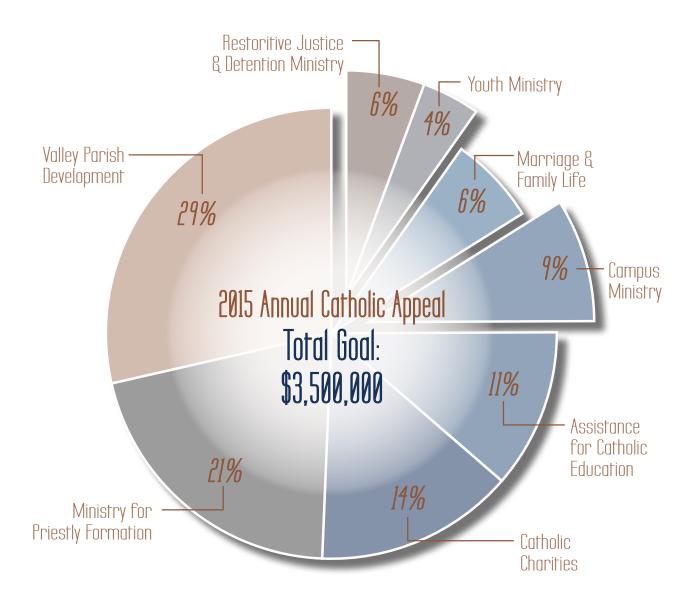
# Called to be Merciful

The theme for the 2015 Annual Catholic Appeal is "Called to be Merciful." This theme is one of compassion, hope, and love. As disciples we are called to trust in Jesus' mercy, to trust in his patience, to seek refuge always in his love. Jesus invites us to recognize him in the poor, in those that suffer, and in those in need. We encounter God's love when we express mercy and compassion, through stewardship, service, and sacrifice.

Our mission is to share Jesus with the whole world. We are called to know Christ and sent to make him known.

The Annual Catholic Appeal supports service to the poor and imprisoned, education for children in Catholic schools and training of catechists, formation of candidates for the priesthood, ministry to our youth and to young people on university campuses, preparation of couples for marriage, and support for parish development in Imperial Valley

Our goal for 2015 is \$3.5 million.



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