



The Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God.

-Mark 16:19



### 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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#### **Construction Progress**

Framing of plenum floor and installation of duct work.

Visit www.stmoside.org to see more photos!

#### The Ascension of the Lord May 17, 2015

#### Pastor's Column

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

#### Ascension—

Jesus Was Lifted Up, and a Cloud Took Him from Their Sight

When we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension, we celebrate the absence of Jesus. He is physically gone from us. He is no longer with us as he once was.

When we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, the gift of the Holy Spirit, we celebrate the presence of Jesus in the new way in which he remains with the Church, until the end of time

The gift of the Spirit is a profound realization that the Church is the Body of Christ. The Church is Jesus for this time and this place. It is the Church that continues the Mission and Ministry of Jesus in the here and now, in and through our flesh.

This distinction is at the heart of Christianity. Our God is not just "up in heaven." We are not theists that believe only in a God totally transcendent from us.

Our God is not only transcendent but also imminent. Our God is "down here on earth among us."

Christianity is incarnational. God is in our flesh and bones and comes to the world through us.

This distinction is the difference between theism and Christianity. Fr. Ronald Rolheiser, in *The Holy Longing*, describes it this way:

If my mother is sick and I pray that she gets better, but do not drive her to see the doctor, I have prayed as a theist, not as a Christian.

I have not given an incarnational flesh, skin, to my prayer. It is more difficult for God to answer such a prayer.

If I see a colleague or friend who looks depressed and pray for her, but do not speak to her, then I am praying like a theist, not as a Christian.

How is God supposed to console her? Send her an e-mail from heaven?

It is my voice and my compassion that is called for since I am a part of the Body of Christ, am praying, precisely through the Body of Christ, and am there, available to talk to her.

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

If I pray for a close friend but do not send him a postcard to tell him I am thinking about him, how is that prayer supposed to touch him?

If I pray for world peace, but do not, inside myself, forgive those who have hurt me, how can God bring about peace on this planet?

Our prayer needs our flesh to back it up.

As we move through these feasts of Ascension and Pentecost, may we be mindful that if we are feeling the absence of Jesus in our lives and in our world, it is because we are not relying upon the insight and strength of the Holy Spirit and we are not backing up our prayer with our flesh!

If we are asking "Where is Jesus in all of this?" maybe we should be asking, "Where am I in all of this?"

#### Called to Be Merciful—Annual Catholic Appeal

Assessment: \$48,000 Collected to Date: \$38,146 Families Pledged: 230 Average Pledge: \$165.85

You can help! Visit stmoside.org for more information.

#### **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.

#### 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 April 21 we have netted \$54,352 from this program. Thank you donors!









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

### Welcome New Parishioners Sandra Hauser Raymond Johnson

#### In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

**Sterling Rinear,** who died on May 3. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, June 12, at 11:00am at

St. Thomas More. Please keep his son, Parishioner Tom Rinear, and his family in your prayers.

**Greg Orscheln,** who died last week. His funeral services will be in the Midwest. Please keep his sister, Parishioner Carolyn Orscheln, and his family in your prayers.

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

#### Nepal Earthquake Relief Effort

The Jesuits in Nepal are working to provide supplies and services to the areas of Nepal affected by the earthquake.

If you would like to help, you may donate online at <a href="https://connect.jesuitsmidwest.org/donate">https://connect.jesuitsmidwest.org/donate</a> and use the additional gift information field to indicate that the gift if for Nepal Earthquake Relief or send checks to USA Midwest Province of the Society of Jesus, 2050 N. Clark St., Chicago, IL 60614 and indicate that the gift is for Nepal Earthquake Relief in the memo line.

Thank you!

#### Local Hospitals with Catholic Chaplains Available

If you or a loved one is in one of these hospitals and need the ministry of a Catholic priest, please contact the Chaplain's Office to make the arrangements.

Hospital	Chaplain's Office
Tri-City	760-940-7954
Palomar	442-281-1328
Scripps Encinitas	760-633-7784
Scripps Green	858-554-3698
Scripps Mercy	619-260-7020
UCSD Thornton	619-543-2103
Kaiser Zion	619-528-5188

#### **Vocations**

During the Easter Season, we celebrate the good news of the resurrection. But in order to spread the good news, workers are required. Do you feel a call to the priesthood, diaconate, or religious life? Do you want to help spread the good news of Jesus Christ to all the nations? Explore the possibilities and contact Deacon Tom at *thomasgoeltz@aol.com* or 760-727-8442. They are challenging and exciting ways of life.

#### **Considering Becoming Catholic?**

Are you beginning to search for a deeper meaning and purpose in your life? Would you like to explore a spiritual dimension inside yourself? Do you have a yearning to experience God in your life? You are invited to join our group of "seekers" who are just beginning to discover the joy of knowing God. We meet two Saturdays a month from 3:30-4:45pm and **you** are most welcome! For more information, contact Kathleen Bell at 760-809-6526 or 80bell80@gmail.com.

#### Readings for the Week Ahead

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

Sunday, May 17 (58) The Ascension of the Lord Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47:2-3,6-9 Ephesians 4:1-13 Mark 16:15-20

Monday, May 18 (565) John 1, pope martyr Revelation 3:14b,20-22 Psalm 23:1-6 Luke 22:24-30

Tuesday, May 19 (298) Acts 20:17-27 Psalm 68:10-11,20-21

John 17:1-11a Wednesday, May 20 (566) Bernardine of Siena, priest Acts 4:8-12

Psalm 40:2,4,7-11 Luke 9:53-62

Thursday, May 21 (300) Christopher Magallanes, priest & companions, martyrs Acts 22:30;23:6-11

Psalm 16:1-2a,5,7-11 John 17:20-26

Friday, May 22 (301) Rita of Cascia, religious Acts 25:13b-21 Psalm 103:1-2,11-12,19-20ab

John 21:15-19 Saturday, May 23 (302) Acts 28:16-20,30-31

Psalm 11:4-5,7 John 21:20-25 Sunday, May 24 (63)

Pentecost Sunday Acts 2:1-11

Psalm 104:1,24,29-31,34 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7,12-13 John 15:26-27;16:12-15

#### **Mass Intentions**

Saturday, May 16, 5:00pm Mari-Jo Porter 🕆

Sunday, May 17, 8:30am Brenna Robe 🕆

Sunday, May 17, 10:30am Thanksgiving for All Good Things

> Monday, May 18, 8:15am Robert Kalfayan &

Tuesday, May 19, 8:15am Cecilia Thomas 🕈

Wednesday, May 20, 8:15am Caridad Fernandez &

Thursday, May 21, 8:15am Margaret Yvonne Shaffer

Friday, May 22, 8:15am Joe, Lil, and Jay Seufert 中

Saturday, May 23, 5:00pm Marilyn Clarke T

Sunday, May 24, 8:30am Filemon Ruiz &

Sunday, May 24, 10:30am Dick McGeary &

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

Changa Aguilera Ernie Aichele Mary Alexander Carrie Autrey Joshua Avery Jose Luis Barbosa The Barbosa Family Patricia Barbour Francie Barron Clarice Bednarz Clarice Bednarz
John Bennici
Regina Bentz
Lisa Berg
Roseanne Berg
Mary Betz
Betty Jean Bielich
Zane Breier
Beth Brewer
Hannah Rronson Hannah Bronson Janet Brown Sr. Maureen Brown Todd Brown Katie Browne Jack & Mary Bruzas
Anita Buerger
The Calder Family
The Calderone Family
Shelby Campbell
Brianne Campos
Aria Campeluti Aria Cappeluti
Jorge Cartajena
Donald Cashmore
Peg Chambers
The Vaughn Clevenger Family Dolly Cole
Carl & Dorothy Coleman
James Coleman
Steven Cresencia Lené Crowe Lene Crowe
Karen Flaharty Daley
Beverly de Gelder
Nick Del Sesto
Paul Del Vecchio
Fr. Larry Delaney
Hugo Delgado, Jr.
Cassandra D'Ercole
Christin Descriti Christine DeSantis Cecilia DeSimone Carole Dillon Edward Dolnik Art & Dave Dossman La Vonne Dumas Marge Egan Jerome Elbacha Carolyn Erickson Ey The Espe Family Chris Esper Danielle Esper Theresa Farrell Victoria Lopez Fenton The Fiore Family Mary Fleming Ryan Flum Ernie Follis Ethile Folis Eugene Franciscus Kathryn Franklin The Greg French Family Brian Frink Jim Gallagher The Joe Garcia Family Kathy Gardner Jack & Marge Gillen Wendy Gonzales' Dad Rick Gonzalez Tillie Gonzalez

Tillie Gonzalez
Lou Gordon
Jordan Gossett
Dorothy Greig
George Gritt
Luke Guenst
Pat & Tom Hannon
The Harker Family
Dorothy Harrison
Barbara Hatem
Heidi Heaton
Lilian Hills Lilian Hills Samara Hook Susan Hori Tina Hunter Iolanda Iacobelli Bradley Johnson Laura Kater Dottie Kearney Connor Kerzie Peggy Kiernan Debbie Kinney

Mark Kneisel Fujiko Kodama

Dewey Kolbo Tony Korwin The Kranz Family Helen Kuhn Lillian Lachance The Lamelin Family Bart Landry Brandon LeBlanc Jeremiah Lemus The Paul Leué Family The Lew Family
Ashley Load
Cassandra & Lauren Loretto Jack Lucarelli Lisa Lynn Joaquin Maldonado The Maldonado Family The Maldonado Trejo Family Paige Mansell The Mata Family Alexander Mathews
Gloria Maupin
Colleen McCall
Ann McMahan
Bob McWilliams
Joyce Meehan
Kalei Mendiola
Rita Mikridge
Tom Miller
Phyllis Minaya
June Mitchell
June Montgomery
Nancy Moore
Elizabeth Muehlbacher
The Mueller Family
Conrad Murphy
Margie Myers Alexander Mathews Conrad Murphy
Margie Myers
Angela Nacional
Melanie Nacional
Nida Navarro
Richard Obsitnik
Kare O'Dell
The O'Neill Family
The Orscheln Family
Laura Paciorek Gloor
Bernadette Padovan
Ethan Palm Bernadette Padovan Ethan Palm Helen Pingtella Perry Postulka The Joe Prokop Family Bettie Provinse Barbara Ramm Evelyn Richards
Jan Riley
The Rinear Family
Connie Ringel
Rita Ritchie Lily Robinson
Maria Rogers
The Rowland Family
The Russo Family
Rachel Sainc Cindy Sanelli Linda Schmidt Joan Shea Elizabeth Shirzad The Sihilling Family Tom Simonson
The Slemmer Family
Nick Soltau The Slemmer Family
Nick Soltau
Drew Spangler
Darek, Vanessa, & Elba Spizewski
Victoria Squires
Don St. Pierre
Patricia St. Pierre
Sybil Staples
Mike Sterling
Laura Bernard Stover, MD
Pete Sullivan
Julie Teare
Sarah Tillinghast
William Tompson
Stephen Toth, Jr.
Olivia Trejo
The Trejo/Beltran Family
The Trejo/Beltran Family
The Vasquez Family
Martin Vertson
Lucy Vienna
Lucy Viramontes
Vanessa Vitiello
Wilson Wanner
Kevin Watson-Graff
Jerry Wechsler
Lee Welch
The Wituska Family
Patricia Zavala
Jeanne Zeltner

Patricia Zavala Jeanne Zeltner

#### Calendar Highlights

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

May 17 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass Knights of Columbus May 17 Hot Dog Lunch May 19-20 Restaurant Fundraiser at Nucci's

Confirmation at May 23 5:00pm Mass May 30-31 First Communion at all

Masses Parish Campout

Spirited Seniors Summer Social Jun 18

Vacation Bible School Tequila Tasting Party Jun 22-26 Jun 28 Jul 19 Pastor's Dinner Steubenville San Diego Towers of Faith Reception Jul 24-26 Aug 23

Oct 9-11 Men's Retreat Nov 1 Pizza & Beer Party Dec 19 Christmas Cookie Exchange

> **Ouestions?** Contact Henny at 760-758-4100 x100 hennyj@stmoside.org.

#### **Deployed Military**

Gunnery Sgt. Fernando Andrade, Jr. 1st Lt. Jeffrey Bauer, USMC PFC John Brandone Lt. Devon Czarzasty Chaplain Van Dinh Lance Corp. Brandon Doyle, USMC Capt. Branden M. Felker, USAF Patrick G. Felker, USN Grant Fischer Gy Sgt Julian Fyffe, USMC MSGT Steve Gallegos, USMC Sgt. Alex Garcia Adolfo Granados, MD, U.S. Navy PFC Samuel Haro, US Army Sr. Airman Stephan LaMothe, USAF PFC Cody Madere Jordan Millikan 1st Lt. Jennifer Mozzetta 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.

May 18
Sr. Patricia Gage, CSRJ
May 19
Sr. Margarita Galardo-Rodriguez, SJS
May 20
Sr. Mary Gallagher, RSM
May 21
Sr. Gloria Galvan, SFCC
May 22
Sr. Ruth Garbani, CSJ
May 23
Sr. Dina Marie Garcia, RJM
May 24
Sr. Mary Joseph Garcia, DCJ

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

#### Be a Blood Donor!

The STM Blood Drive will be held on Sunday, Mary 24, 8:30am-2:00pm in the lower level of the Parish Center. Sign ups will be out on the plaza after each Mass on May 9-10 and May 16-17. We will be ready for you! Thank you for your generosity.

#### St. Bonaventure Clothing Drive

Winter is over and spring is here. Contemplating doing away with the old wardrobe and breaking in the new? Every November STM holds a clothing drive to help the poor on the Navajo Reservation in New Mexico through St. Bonaventure Indian Mission. If you have good used shoes and clothing that you will not be using, please set it aside for us. If storage is a problem, contact Deacon Tom at *thomasgoeltz@aol.com* or 760-727-8442. Clothing for all ages is desperately needed...and blankets as well.

#### Thank You From the Get On The Bus Children!

The children who travelled to see their moms in CCWSF, Chowchilla, had a very successful trip, thanks to folks like you! Our bus arrived early and the children were processed quickly so that gave them a little more time with their moms! One young man on our bus, age 14, recently broke his hip but he was determined to be on that bus! So, crutches and all, he was able to see his mom!

The staff were very aware that this was the "home-made cookies bus" and were very grateful for the cookies we set aside for them. The bus coordinator had the children all sign a thank you card to the staff and included a note that the cookies were from the folks at St. Thomas More Parish! This goes a long way in facilitating a successful trip! The children raved about your cookies as well—a touch of home as they travelled back to North County and San Diego. We had so many cookies donated that we provided cookies for another bus traveling to another prison!

Thank you for all the items you donated as well! Everything was so appreciated!

In addition to those of you who mailed your donations directly to GTB, the amounts sent from our Parish made out to Get On The Bus or STM came to a total of \$1,956.01. All of these checks were sent by Fed Ex the first week of May. They should clear your account this month. If they do not clear by June at the latest, please contact Sr. Maureen. We will receive a report of those of you who sent your donations directly!

#### In Memory of Our Children

There are many of us in this Parish community who have suffered the loss of a child. Some of us have chosen to contribute toward sponsoring an olive tree in our Memorial Garden. In fact, our fundraising efforts have been successful enough to sponsor part of a second tree. If you have suffered the loss of a child and want to join this effort, or if you would like to support these bereaved parents, please contact Maureen Tutino at 760-598-8211 or mtutino@sbcglobal.net or Steve & Marilyn Lilly at 760-598-3304 or stevelilly@cox.net. We would appreciate anything you can do to help with the olive trees dedicated to our children in heaven.—Maureen Tutino

#### Marriage & Family Life

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 May 18 at 10:00am at Hidden Canyon Community Park, 2685 Vancouver St., Carlsbad.



There are many other events throughout the month posted on our private Facebook page. Join us! Contact Jen Abelson at *jen.abelson@gmail.com*.

**Civil to Church Marriage**—Are you civilly married, but haven't yet been married in the church? Contact Fr. Mike at michaelr@stmoside.org to begin your preparation!

**Bishops'** Letter on Marriage—Responsible Parenthood: "[Finally], living according to God's design for love and life does not mean that married couples cannot plan their families. The principle of responsible parenthood describes the way spouses can work with God's gift of fertility. Spouses can recognize their own duties towards God, themselves, their families and human society as they decide when to try to achieve a pregnancy or conclude that there are sufficiently serious reasons to justify postponing one." To read the document go to <a href="http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/">http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/</a>.

Marriage Moments—Praying together as a couple can be a deep and perhaps awkward form of intimacy. It takes great trust to pour out your heart to God in the presence of your spouse. A first step may be praying for each other even if not in one another's presence. A second step may be silent meditation in each other's presence. Take a step this week. More ideas. by Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net.

**Parenting Pointers**—Ascension: As we remember Jesus ascending into heaven, perhaps you and your child could "lift up" in prayer the memory of deceased relatives who have gone to be with God. Even though we don't know where "heaven" is, children can watch a balloon or kite ascend toward the heavens—and pray. by Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net.

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

### Young Adult Opportunities around the Diocese Prayer Meetings, Bible Study, Ultimate Frisbee, and more!

For more information, visit www.yamsd.org.

#### Looking for a Way to Be Involved?

Visit our website (www.stmoside.org) and click on Get Involved for an easy way to find the perfect ministry to fit your time and talent!







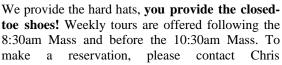
#### **Parish Events**

#### Women's Guild News

It is Quilt Time again and by now, every Parishioner should have received a mailing with instructions on how they can be a winner. The quilts will also be displayed on the weekend so everyone can view them.

Please review the flyer in the bulletin this weekend and sign up for the Installation luncheon in June. Cost is \$25 for a delicious meal, where our next year's Board will be installed; our quilt raffle will take place, and where we will present a check from the returns of all our fundraisers toward the Mortgage/Building Completion Fund for our new church. This will be our last meeting at the Parish until September, so please come and enjoy our time together as we continue to celebrate the Risen Christ in us during this Easter Season. —Ann Buko, president

#### "A Closer Look" Tours Continue





make a reservation, please contact Chris Smith at *chriss@stmoside.org* or 760-758-4100 x120.

#### Men's Fellowship Update

"That Man is You!" is off for the summer, we will start up again with all new material in September.

Starting in May, we are cancelling the "Second Friday of the Month" men's get together to focus on a new avenue for Men's Fellowship called "I Thirst".

Many of the men in our Men's Fellowship group get together on occasion to fellowship over a few beers at a local micro-brewery, or take a day hike, or go to a ball game together. If you would like to know what's going on with the guys and perhaps join in on the fellowship, **text** @ithirst to 23559 and receive SMS text messages of all the happenings...

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

#### **Need Help with Transportation to Church!**

Volunteer drivers are needed in our Parish. Some Parishioners would like to attend Mass and cannot drive themselves. Please prayerfully consider helping some of our fellow Parishioners. If you can help in any



way with this service, please contact Ann Eriksson 760-599-7151 or *eriksson1@mindspring.com*.

#### Catholic Widows and Widowers of North County

On the second Sunday of each month we meet for a general meeting and potluck at various areas in North County. Check the bulletin board on the lower level of the Parish Center for our calendar of events including bowling, bocce ball, golf, dining out, hiking, and more! RSVPs are required. For more info, call Carol Kope at 760-726-0533 or Gerri Wilmott at 760-758-9949.

#### STM GALA 2015

Thanks to **ALL** who helped make our 2015 Gala a success!

We will be able to present

Fr. Mike with a **\$55,000 check** for STM in June (net proceeds to date after expenses)!

In November, we will present STM with another check with the proceeds from the Pizza & Beer Party and the Christmas Cookie Exchange. This \$5,000 check means our \$60,000 goal will be met. Thank you for your help!

There is still room to sign up for the Pastor's Dinner and the Christmas Cookie Exchange



#### Pastor's Dinner

Sunday, July 19 ★ 3:00-6:00pm

Green Dragon Tavern & Museum, Carlsbad

A replica of Boston's original Green Dragon Tavern frequented by Sam Adams, Paul Revere, and others \$150 per person (\$75 tax deductible)

Reserve now ★ Payments due by June 19!

#### Christmas Cookie Exchange

Saturday, December 19 ★ 12:00-2:00pm Bring 4 dozen cookies to exchange Reserve now ★ \$20 Donation Requested



#### Tequila Tasting Party

Sunday, June 28 ★ 1:00-4:00pm \$100 per person (\$40 tax deductible)

SOLD OUT! ★ Payments due by June 1

#### Pizza & Beer Party

SUIT Sunday, November 1 \* 1:00-4:00pm \$50 per person (\$25 tax deductible) SOLD OUT! \* Payments due by October 1

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

Visit the Parish website, www.stmoside.org, to see photos from the STM Gala 2015!

### Liturgy & Music Worship God

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

#### CONFIRMATION

#### celebrating one of the Seven Sacraments of the Church

Next Saturday, May 23, the Parish will celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation at the 5:00pm Mass. Check your Confirmation IQ with these questions and answers from *YouCat*, the Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church (203, 204, 205).

#### WHAT IS CONFIRMATION?

Confirmation is the Sacrament that completes Baptism; in it the gift of the Holy Spirit is bestowed upon us. Anyone who freely decides to live a life as God's child and asks for God's Spirit under the signs of the imposition of hands and anointing with Chrism receives the strength to witness to God's love and might in word and deed. He is now a full-fledged, responsible member of the Catholic Church.

When a coach sends a soccer player onto the playing field, he puts his hand on his shoulder and gives him instructions. We can understand Confirmation in similar way. A hand is placed upon us. We step out onto the field of life. Through the Holy Spirit we know what we have to do and we have been given the power to do it. He has motivated us. His mission resounds in our ears. We sense his help. We will not betray his trust or disappoint him; we will win the game for him. We just have to want to do it and listen to him.

WHAT DOES SACRED SCRIPTURE SAY

In the Old Testament, the People of

God expected the outpouring of

the Holy Spirit upon the Messiah.

Jesus lived his life in a special Spirit of love and of perfect unity with his

Father in heaven. This Spirit of Jesus was the "Holy Spirit" for

**ABOUT THE SACRAMENT OF** 

**CONFIRMATION?** 

**Upcoming** 

Music

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**MAY 24** 

Pentecost

#### Confirmation

Praise Team Sanctuary Choir Tower Bells

8:30am

Cappella Choir

10:30am

Tower Bells

whom the people of Israel longed; this was the same Spirit whom Jesus promised to his disciples, the same Spirit who descended upon the disciples fifty days after Easter, on the feast of Pentecost. And it is again this same Holy Spirit of Jesus who descends upon everyone who receives the Sacrament of Confirmation.

In the Acts of the Apostles, which were written a few decades after the death of Jesus, we see Peter and John traveling about to confirm new Christians by imposing hands on those who previously "had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus", so that their hearts might be filled with the Holy Spirit.

#### WHAT HAPPENS IN CONFIRMATION?

In Confirmation the soul of a baptized Christian is imprinted with a permanent seal that can be received only once and marks this individual forever as a Christian. The gift of the Holy Spirit is the strength from above in which this individual puts the grace of his Baptism into practice through his life and acts as a "witness" for Christ.



Mark 16:20

To be confirmed means to make a "covenant" with God. The confirmand says, "Yes, I believe in you, my God; give me your Holy Spirit, so that I might belong entirely to you and never be separated from you and may witness to you throughout my whole life, body and soul, in my words and deeds, on good days and bad." And God says, "Yes, I believe in you, too, my child—and I will give you my Spirit, my very self. I will belong entirely to you. I will never separate myself from you, in this life or eternally in the next. I will be in your body and your soul, in your words and deeds. Even if you forget me, I will still be there—on good days and bad."

CONFIRMATION (from Latin *confirmatio* = strengthening, consolidation): Confirmation, like Baptism and the Eucharist, is one of the three sacraments of initiation of the Catholic Church. As the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples who were gathered on Pentecost, so the Holy Spirit comes to every baptized person for whom the Church requests the gift of the Holy Spirit. It secures and strengthens him to be a living witness to Christ.



Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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

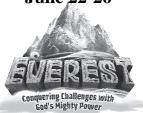
Family Faith Formation

# Our Last REACH Class 15 Today!

Re-Enrollment for the 2015-2016 REACH Year is Happening Now Get Your Packet Today!

Join Us for an XLT to
Celebrate the Start of Summer!
All Are Welcome!
Sunday, May 17 at 4:30pm
Praise & Worship, Inspirational Message,
and Adoration

VBS 2015 June 22-26



### 36 DAYS UNTIL VBS!

Spaces are Limited and Going FAST! Sign Up Today!

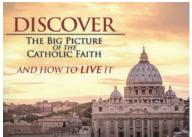
# Family Movie Night

Join Us For An Evening of FUN, FAMILY, & FELLOWSHIP

Friday, July 17 Dinner 6:00pm Movie Starts at 7:00pm sharp!

#### Adult Faith Formation

# SIGN UP TODAY!!



#### JOIN US FOR SYMBOLON

Wednesday Mornings 9:00-11:00am Register Today for the last 8 Sessions! Contact Patt Goeltz pattg@stmoside.org

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#### "... A Time To Build!" includes our faith journey as well as the build out of our Parish Campus.

Collection for Week of May 9/10, 2015		
Number of Registered Households	1,138	
Offertory	\$7,877.60	
Offertory (Loose Collection)	\$941.00	
Children's Envelopes	\$0.00	
Total	\$8,818.60	

#### Mortgage/Building Completion Fund Income September 15, 2014 to April 30, 2015

September 15, 2014 to April 50,	2015
Mortgage Offering Collected	\$345,968.38
Less Administrative Costs	(\$16,664.00)
Payment toward Parish Reserves (10%)	\$32,930.44
Payment toward Mortgage	\$296,373.94
Mortgage Payment Due	\$329,307.47
Mortgage Payment Overage/(Shortfall)	(\$32,933.53)
Memorial Items	\$115,661.00
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#### **Stewardship Saint for May** Archbishop Oscar Romero: A Gift to the World

Salvadoran Archbishop Oscar Romero (1917-1980), formally recognized by Pope Francis as being martyred "in hatred of the faith," is to be beatified in San Salvador on May 23, 2015.

Born into a poor El Salvadoran family, Romero received the public education that extended from grades one to three only. He was accepted into a minor seminary at age 13, and, showing promise, was sent to study in Rome. He was ordained to the priesthood there in 1942. When he returned to El Salvador, he served as a parish priest, was appointed auxiliary bishop of San Salvador, bishop of the Diocese of Santiago de Maria, and finally, in 1977, archbishop of San Salvador.

Many Catholics were dismayed at Romero's appointment because of his reputation as a conservative in a time where there existed tremendous economic and political repression in El Salvador. The ruling military junta was controlled by a small group of the wealthiest families who dominated the economy.

A month after taking office, Romero's close friend, Jesuit priest Rutilio Grande, was assassinated by a Salvadoran death squad for speaking out against the inequality and injustice. It was to change Romero's life. He said later, "When I looked at Rutilio lying there dead I thought, 'If they have killed him for doing what he did, then I, too, have to walk the same path."

Archbishop Romero turned the facilities at the cathedral into a space for people to come for relief, food, and medical assistance. He also began hearing the stories of countless Salvadorans who told him how their family members were tortured and killed, or just disappeared. He quickly began to speak out on behalf of the poor and powerless. His sermons, broadcast throughout El Salvador by radio, cited human rights violations by



the government. He soon earned the hatred of the military junta and by many in the wealthiest classes. His life was threatened many times, to which he responded: "I have frequently been threatened with death. I must say that, as a Christian, I do not believe in death but in the resurrection. If they kill me, I shall rise again in the Salvadoran people."

The day before his death, Romero appealed directly to members of the military, pleading with them in a national broadcast not to obey orders that were immoral and illegal: "In the name of God, in the name of our tormented people whose cries rise up to heaven, I beseech you, I beg you, I command you, stop the repression!" On March 24, 1980, as he was celebrating Mass in the chapel of the Carmelite Sisters' hospital for cancer patients, he was shot to death. His martyrdom bore striking resemblance to the martyrdom of Saint Thomas Becket in Canterbury Cathedral.

Pope Francis recently quoted from a homily by Archbishop Romero: "We must all be willing to die for our faith even if the Lord does not grant us this honor." The May 23 Mass and beatification ceremony has been referred to by Pope Francis as a gift to the world.

—ICSC Catholic Stewardship May 2015 e-bulletin (with permission)

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

\$850,000
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\$2,500/each
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Pew Seating for the Church (1,000) 792 available	\$300/each
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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.

# News & Information from the Larger Church

Abortion: from Debate to Dialogue—Saturday, May 30, 8:30am-3:00pm, St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, 6628 Santa Isabel St., Carlsbad, 92009. Justice for All (JFA) and Birth Choice of San Marcos are conducting this FREE one-day workshop to equip people to move the abortion debate to a dialogue. JFA "trains thousands to make abortion unthinkable for millions, one person at a time." Free pizza lunch included. For more information or to register, visit www.jfaweb.org/register or contact Eva at 316-683-6426.

Miles Christi Silent Weekend Retreat—June 26-28 for men, at Prince of Peace Abbey in Oceanside. The retreat follows the *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignacius of Loyola. For more information, visit *mileschristi.org* or call 858-768-0872.

**Beginning Experience Weekend for Widowed, Divorced, and Separated**—June 5-7 at Whispering Winds Catholic Camp in Julian. For more information, contact Linda at 858-335-0915 or Cathy at 619-222-9093.

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**Catholic Charities Food Resource Center Has Volunteer Opportunities for YOU!**—Drivers, Daily Food Packers, Intake Workers, and Calfresh (food stamp) Advocate. For information call Marco Lemus at 760-631-4792.

**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 prolife, Christ-centered pregnancy resource center offering free pregnancy testing, ultrasound, and options counseling for women in crisis. For more information, visit www.birthchoice.net.

#### Catholic Radio—AM 1000/Sirius 130—San Diego

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Contact Dcn. John Fredette: 760-758-4100 x104

johnf@stmoside.org

### College Life/Young Adults



Home from college? Want to reconnect, find some old friends, and make new ones? For updates on events at STM this summer, text @stmignite15 to 23559.

Contact Matt Franklin 760-758-4100 x161

760-758-4100 x161 mattf@stmoside.org

### Kitchen Training



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10 Sessions June 4-August 13 (Off on June 18)

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St. Thomas More Spirited Seniors

### **SUMMER SOCIAL**

Thursday, June 18 - 5:00-7:00pm
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\$12 members, \$14 non members
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Hibachi (Teriyaki) (hicken Skewers w/Grilled Pineapple

(Mini Stuffed Tomatoes with Tuna and Avocado

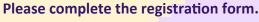
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(Mixed Green Salad

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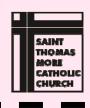
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Please complete the form below, and put it in an envelope along with your check made out to "STM Women's Guild" in the amount of \$25.

You may deposit it in the collection basket at Mass or drop it off in Box 35 in the Parish office.

Questions? Contact Kathy Gerhard, Program Chair, at 760-732-5951 or kgerwar@aol.com.

We look forward to seeing you there!




Women's Guild Installation Luncheon - June 6

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