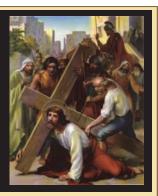


You are the Christ...the Son of Man must suffer greatly.

—Mark 8:31



A Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of San Diego

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- **†** 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**

Panoramic view of interior.

Visit www.stmoside.org to see more photos!

#### Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 13, 2015

#### Pastor's Column

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

#### **Prayer of Dedication**

On Tuesday, September 1, Bishop McElroy made his pastoral visit to our Parish. He met with Fr. Karl and me, each of us for a half-hour.

He then met with our Parish Staff for one-and-a-half hours, and then Parish Leadership for one hour.

He also joined all of us for dinner.

I gave him a personal tour of the Church, and he was very pleased and very excited about the architecture of the building.

He indicated that this will be the first Church that he will dedicate. He also told me that he was baptized at St. Thomas More Parish in the San Francisco area.

He is very much looking forward to the Dedication Mass. We also agreed upon a day for the Dedication: Wednesday, December 16, at 2:00pm.

Everyone is invited, but if you plan on attending you must RSVP so that we can properly prepare for the Mass and Reception. Please call 760-758-4100 x158 or email *hennyj@stmoside.org*. Let us know your name and the number of people that will be attending.

The day is finally arriving!

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#### **Did You Know?**

The total SDG&E bill for FY2015 was \$61,198.53.

It takes several weekly offertory collections to pay for just this one utility bill.

Your gift to the "Did You Know?" Campaign helps the Finance Council's efforts to maintain a balanced budget year after year. Please don't throw away the envelope that is attached to this week's bulletin. Please use it and put in it whatever monetary gift you can afford.

No gift is too small or too large!



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

As we approach our Dedication Day, I invite you to pray this Prayer of Dedication on a regular basis. It is the prayer that Bishop McElroy will pray as the altar in our Church will be anointed and consecrated:

Father in heaven, source of holiness and true purpose, it is right that we praise and glorify your name.

For today we come before you to dedicate to your lasting service this house of prayer, this temple of worship, this home in which we are nourished by your word and your sacraments.

Here is reflected the mystery of the Church.

The Church is fruitful, made holy by the blood of Christ: a bride made radiant with his glory, a virgin splendid in the wholeness of her faith, a mother blessed through the power of the Spirit.

The Church is holy, your chosen vineyard: its branches envelop the world, its tendrils, carried on the tree of the cross, reach up to the kingdom of heaven.

The Church is favored, the dwelling place of God on earth: a temple built of living stones, founded on the apostles with Jesus Christ its cornerstone.

The Church is exalted, a city set on a mountain: a beacon to the whole world, bright with the glory of the Lamb, and echoing the prayers of her saints.

Lord, send your Spirit from heaven to make this church an ever-holy place, and this altar a ready table for the sacrifice of Christ.

Here may the waters of baptism overwhelm the shame of sin; here may your people die to sin and live again through grace as your children.

Here may your children, gathered around your altar, celebrate the memorial of the Paschal Lamb, and be fed at the table of Christ's word and Christ's body.

Here may the prayer, the Church's banquet, resound through heaven and earth as a plea for the world's salvation.

Here may the poor find justice, the victims of oppression, true freedom.

From here may the whole world, clothed in the dignity of the children of God, enter with gladness your city of peace.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

#### **Welcome New Parishioners**

Nicholas & Jennifer Dawson & Family Jacinto & Amelia Dotor & Family Daniel & Laura Zurita & Family Barbara Porter Samuel & Lindsey Ward & Family

#### Announcing the Baptism of

Nevaeha India Chavez Luke Alexander Dickerson Jacob Dotor Galang on September 13



Our Christian community welcomes you with great joy!

#### Congratulations to

#### Don Dumas & Irene Balli-Dumas

who celebrate their 25th anniversary of marriage on September 16.

#### Mike & Mina Bell

who celebrate their 50th anniversary of marriage this week.

May God continue to bless your marriage, and may you be an inspiration to other married couples.

#### In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Elizabeth "Betty" Wehner, former Parishioner, who died on September 8 in Talent, Oregon. Her funeral arrangements are pending. She is the mother of former Parishioners Diane Morgan and Melissa Noble. Please keep these families in your prayers.

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

#### **Vocations**

Pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life. These are God's helpers and more workers are needed. They offer wonderful ways of life both interesting and fulfilling as well as being a means of bringing God to others. If you think you hear God calling to you to join one of these vocations, pray over it the explore it. Your priest, sister, or deacon would be happy to assist you...or contact Deacon Tom at *thomasgoeltz@aol.com* or 760-727-8442.

#### **STM \$crip News**

Do you shop on Amazon.com? You can fundraise for STM while you shop using Amazon Smile and Amazon Scrip—check www.stmoside.org/scrip.htm for details!

Scrip is now available after all three Masses. We appreciate your continued support for the Scrip program. Also, it's time to reregister your Ralphs/Food for Less Card for donation benefits to St. Thomas More Catholic Church. During the past year we have received over \$1,000 from Ralph's and Food for Less because you did your grocery shopping with them. This is another example of **fundraising while you shop!** Please stop by the Scrip table to pick up a new registration letter.

For more information, visit www.stmoside.org/scrip.htm or contact the Scrip team at 760-758-4100 x150 or scrip@stmoside.org

#### Readings for the Week Ahead

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

Sunday, September 13 (131)

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Isaiah 50:5-9a Psalm 116:1-6,8-9 James 2:14-18

Mark 8:27-35 **Monday, September 14** (638)

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross Numbers 21:4b-9 Psalm 78:1bc-2,34-38 Philippians 2:6-11 John 3:13-17

Tuesday, September 15 (639)

Our Lady of Sorrows Hebrews 5:7-9 Psalm 31:2,3-6,15-16,20 John 19:25-27 or Luke 2:33-35 Wednesday, September 16 (640)

Cornelius, pope, and Cyprian, bishop,

martyrs 1 Timothy 3:14-16 Psalm 111:1-6 Luke 7:31-35

Thursday, September 17 (641)

Robert Bellarmine, bishop, doctor 1 Timothy 4:12-16

Psalm 111:7-10 Luke 7:36-50

Friday, September 18 (447)

1 Timothy 6:2c-12 Psalm 49:6-10,17-20 Luke 8:1-3

Saturday, September 19 (448)

Januarius, bishop, martyr 1 Timothy 6:13-16 Psalm 100:1-5

Luke 8:4-15 **Sunday, September 20** (134)

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Wisdom 2:12,17-20 Psalm 54:3-6,8 James 3:16-4:3 Mark 9:30-37

#### Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 12, 5:00pm David Sweet &

Sunday, September 13, 8:30am Piet Boets &

Sunday, September 13, 10:30am Edward Chanda &

Monday, September 14, 8:15am Paul West &

Tuesday, September 15, 8:15am Deborah Anne Dowling 1

Wednesday, September 16, 8:15am Zach Peters &

Thursday, September 17, 8:15am Angelica Cippola &

Friday, September 18, 8:15am Souls in Purgatory &

Saturday, September 19, 5:00pm Nick Angelucci, Sr. 7

Sunday, September 20, 8:30am Emilio & Restituta Cicchini 🕆

Sunday, September 20, 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 Millie Backes Rosemary Ballard Dee Barakman Jose Luis Barbosa Jose Luis Barbour Patricia Barbour Francie Barron The Batchelor Family Clarice Bednarz Joyce Belanger John Bennici Regina Bentz Lisa Berg Roseanne Berg Mary Betz
Betty Jean Bielich
Pieter Boets & Family
Zane Breier
David Bremer Beth Brewer William J. Brogan Hannah Bronson Janet Brown Todd Brown Katie Browne
Jack & Mary Bruzas
Anita Buerger
Kim Lien Bui KIM LIER BUI
Shelby Campbell
Brianne Campos
Aria Cappeluti
Jorge Cartajena
Donald Cashmore
Anne Caywood
The Vaughn Clevenger Family
Carl & Dorothy Coleman
Lames Caleman James Coleman Judy Colson Steven Cresencia
Lené Crowe
Karen Flaharty Daley
Beverly de Gelder
Nick Del Sesto
Paul Del Vecchio Hugo Delgado, Jr. Cassandra D'Ercole

Cassandra D'Ercole
Christine DeSantis
Cecilia DeSimone
Carole Dillon
Art & Dave Dossman
La Vonne Dumas
Marge Egan
Jerome Elbacha
Carolyn Erickson Ey
Kathy Escandon
Victoria Lopez Fenton
The Fiore Family
Fr. James Flanagan
Mary Fleming

Fr. James Flanagan
Mary Fleming
Ryan Flum
Ernie Follis
Eugene Franciscus
Kathryn Franklin
The Greg French Family
Brian Frink
The Fuentes Family The Fuentes Family
Jim Gallagher Jim Gallagher
The Joe Garcia Family
Kathy Gardner
Jack & Marge Gillen
The Gilley Family
Wendy Gonzales
Dad
Rick Gonzalez
Lou Gordon
Christopher Alan Goscienski
Robert Graskemper
George Grift

George Gritt Fred Gritzen and Family Luke Guenst Susan Hallahan Pat & Tom Hannon The Harker Family

Dorothy Harrison
Barbara Hatem
Bill & Mary Haynes
Lilian Hills
Lisa Lynn Hodges
Mike Hofer

Samara Hook Susan Hori Iolanda Iacobelli Patricia Jimenez The Johnson Family Sue Johnston

Laura Kater Dottie Kearney Paul Kennedy

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Bart Landry
Brandon LeBlanc
Jeremiah Lemus
Stella Leue
The Lew Family
Ashley Load
Cassandra & Lauren Loretto

Jack Lucarelli
Joaquin Maldonado
The Maldonado Family
The Maldonado Trejo Family
Paige Mansell
Alexander Mathews

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Alexander Mathews
Gloria Maupin
Colleen McCall
Virginia McConnell
Bob McWilliams
Joyce Meehan
The Mehlbrech & Avila Families
Kalei Mendiola
Rita Mikridge
Tom Miller
Phyllis Minaya
June Mitchell
June Montgomery
Nancy Moöre
Elizabeth Muehlbacher
Conrad Murphy
Margie Myers
Angela Nacional
Melanie Nacional
Melanie Nacional
Mida Navarro
Joe Nickel
Curt Novy
Richard Obsitnik
Kare O'Dell
Laura Paciorek Gloor
Ethan Palm
Salina Pearson
Elisa Petrie
Helen Pingtella

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Elisa Petrie
Helen Pingtella
Delilah Plasterer
Perry Postulka
The Joe Prokop Family
Barbara Ramm
Daryl Resplandor
The Reyes Family
Evelyn Richards
Jan Riley

Evelyn Richards
Jan Riley
The Ringel Family
Rita Ritchie
Lily Robinson
Luca Rogers
Maria Rogers
The Rubio Family
The Russo Family
Jennine Rybarczyk
Rachel Sainc
The Salter Family
Cindy Sanelli

The Salter Family Cindy Sanelli Lori Sanna Linda Schmidt Teresa Shaffer Joan Shea Elizabeth Shirzad Nick Soltau

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Nick Soltau
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Drew Spangler
Darek, Vanessa, & Elba Spizewski
Don St. Pierre
Patricia St. Pierre
Sybil Staples
Mike Sterling
Laura Bernard Stover, MD
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 Trejo/Maldonado/Uribe Family
The VanSooy Family
Martin Vertson
Lucy Vienna
Lucy Vienna
Lucy Viramontes
Vanessa Vitiello
Wilson Wanner
Kevin Watson-Graff
Jerry Wechsler
The Wehner Family
Patricia Zavala
Jeanne Zeltner

#### Calendar Highlights

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

Sep 13 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass **REACH Classes** Sep 13 Sep 15-16 Restaurant Fundraiser at Nucci's Matthew Bible Study Sep 16 Spirited Seniors Ice Cream Social Sep 16 Brother Benno's Toiletries Sep 19-20 Drive Liturgy of the Word for Sep 20 Children at 8:30am & 10:30am Masses Sep 20 Sep 22 New Member Luncheon Prayer Vigil in Preparation for Pope Francis' Visit Oct 2 Pope Francis Presentation & Discussion, with Dessert Treasures Rummage Sale Blessing of Animals Men's Retreat Pizza & Beer Party Oct 3

Spirited Seniors Trip to Viejas Casino

Christmas Cookie Exchange

#### **Deployed Military**

Oct 4

Nov 1

Nov 17

Dec 19

Oct 9-11

Gunnery Sgt. Fernando Andrade, Jr. Lt. Devon Czarzasty Chaplain Van Dinh 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. Navv PFC Samuel Haro, US Army Sr. Airman Stephan LaMothe, USAF Cpl Caleb Lemons, USMC PFC Cody Madere Jordan Millikan 1st Lt. Jennifer Mozzetta Jeremiah Gabriel Nelson, USAF Thomas Kevin Nelson, US Navy Fireman Griffin Joseph Ochoa, US Navy Pvt. 2 Jess Phillips, ÚS 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.

Sr. LaVern Olberding, OSF September 15 Sr. Francisca Olvera, OLVM September 16 Sr. Ramona Oppenheim, MM September 17 Sr. Eugenia Mayela Ortega, HCJS September 18 Sr. Jane O'Shaughnessy, RSCJ September 19 Sr. Carol Pack, SSS September 20 Sr. Maria Imelda Padilla, DCJ	September 14	
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#### **Social Ministries & Outreach**

#### Pope Francis Will Soon Visit the United States!

Let us prepare well to receive his message and to understand the issues he will be addressing!

Here are the events that will be occurring in our Parish and neighborhood!

**Sunday, September 20**—Diocesan Event, 3:00-4:00pm, at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in San Ysidro. An Interfaith Prayer Service: *Church of the Border* with Bishop McElroy. Make a day of it! Check *www.gonctd.com* for Coaster and Trolley options and maybe plan for an early dinner in Old Town on the way back. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish is a five minute walk from the Beyer Blvd. Trolley Station! The Prayer Service will be outside—dress accordingly!

**Tuesday, September 22**—Prayer Vigil at 7:00pm at St. Thomas More praying for the spiritual success of the Pope's visit, that we will grow in our desire to care for our Mother Earth, and that delegates to the United Nations and members of our U.S. Congress will receive his message on matters of utmost importance for global peace and justice. You are invited to bring a symbol from nature (a shell, rock, small plant, flower, branch). These will be placed at the foot of the altar as a reminder of Pope Francis' recent encyclical on care for our common home.

**Friday, October 2**—7:00pm at St. Thomas More. View a screening of one of the Pope's homilies with dessert and discussion: "How do we take his message to heart in our local community?"

**Wednesday, October 7**—7:00pm at Franciscan School of Theology at Mission San Luis Rey. Speaker: Dan Misleh, founding Director of the Catholic Climate Covenant will speak on Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment, *Laudato Sí*.

#### St. Bonaventure Clothing Drive (November 7-8)

It is hard for many to believe that there is abject poverty in this great country...but it does exist! And in our own back yard. St. Bonaventure Indian Mission in New Mexico supports approximately 100 miles of the large reservation (a relatively small portion). On the Reservation, unemployment runs at about 70% of the population...many do not have utilities or running water...while there are some wells, much of the underground water has been contaminated with uranium from mining done during World War II. (When people use it for drinking or for crops, they become ill and die.) For over 20 years STM has conducted the only dedicated clothing drive to support the Mission. They are in great need of clothing of all sizes, shoes and work boots, and blankets. Please help us again this year with your used but serviceable clothes, shoes, and bedding. If you have questions contact Deacon Tom at thomasgoeltz@aol.com or 760-727-8442. Do you have extra storage pending the drive? It is needed.

#### Brother Benno's Toiletry Drive

This weekend—did you bring toiletries and new underwear? Thank you and bless you!

#### Marriage & Family Life

Moms & Kids—Are you a mom with infant through school age children wanting to meet other moms in our Parish? Want to find a great way to meet friends for both you and your children? Join our dynamic and energetic Moms and Kids ministry on September 21 at 10:00am at Hidden Canyon Park in 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.

**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.

**Relationship** Skills Workshop—Deacon John and Debbie Fredette will be presenting Relationship Skills Workshops every Wednesday evening at 7:00pm at St. Thomas More, beginning September 2 and ending December 9. Come and explore how to improve your relationships. You can attend one workshop, several, or all of them. The September 23 workshop topic is *Understanding Expectations*. For more information call Deacon John at 760-758-4100 x104.

**Bishops' Letter on Marriage**—Growing Together in Virtues: "There is another way to look at growth in marriage: namely, as growth in virtue. As a couple grows in virtue, they grow in holiness. In other words, the couple acquires, by prayer and discipline, those interior qualities that open them to God's love and allow them to share in his love more deeply. Couples instinctively understand this when they speak about their marriage being a means of leading each other to heaven." <a href="http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/">http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/</a>.

Marriage Moments—Baseball Marriage tip #3: Healthy couples value RBIs (Runs Batted In) trusting that your teammate will bring you home safely. (from Becoming An All-Star Team in the Major League of Marriage by Jack & Jane Katencamp) www.SusanVogt.net.

**Parenting Pointers**—Five steps to getting kids to obey: Step 3. Make sure they understand your direction by asking them to repeat it back to you. (More next week) www.SusanVogt.net.

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

#### **Diocesan Church Ministers Conference**

Saturday, September 19, 8:00am-4:00pm Mater Dei High School in Chula Vista

You must register in advance at www.diocese-sdiego.org.

If you are attending and would like to carpool, meet at the STM parking lot at 6:30am on Saturday, September 19. Hope to see you there!

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

Our first luncheon meeting of the new Women's Guild year is this Monday, September 14, at 11:00am Remember to reserve your place for lunch by calling Hospitality Chair, Anna Robinson, at 760-842-5205 this weekend. The program will feature vocalist Steve McConnell who will entertain us with songs from the timeless Johnny Mathis collection. He will be accompanied on the piano by Merlee Sheridan. I'm looking forward to this entertainment and hope you are too! Anna has a delicious lunch planned; opportunity drawings, and raffle round out the program after a short business meeting. Lastly (I mean it!), if you haven't yet paid your membership dues, you can bring it with you to the meeting to be included in this year's directory. May the Lord bless you and keep you cool as summer wends its way into Fall!

-Kathy Gerhard, president

#### Men's Fellowship Update

Are you hungry for a good message, good fellowship, and a good breakfast? If that man is you, then join us for our new and improved Saturday morning men's gathering and breakfast called "iHunger."

We had a good run over the past three years with "That Man is You!," but we were hungry for new material, a new approach, and new men to join us. Our first breakfast will be on Saturday, September 12, starting at 6:45am in the lower level of St. Thomas More. Come find out about all the changes and reconnect with some great men! As always, we finish at 8:15am, just in time to get home and make breakfast for the rest of your family. If you would like to stay informed of what's going on with "iHunger" via SMS text messages, **Text @iHunger to 23559.** 

Also, if you find yourself thirsty for occasional fellowship over a beer at a local micro-brewery, or taking a day hike, or going to a ball game together with some other great men from the Parish, check out "iThirst" and find out what's happening with the men...to keep informed of what's going on with "iThirst" via SMS text messages, **Text @iThirst to 23559.** 

Lastly, mark your calendar for our Annual Men's Retreat on October 9, 10, and 11 at Green Oaks Ranch in Vista...more details to come!

#### Spirited Seniors Free Ice Cream Social

#### Wednesday, September 16, 6:30pm

Last Chance! If you haven't yet reserved a place at the Fourth Annual FREE ICE CREAM SOCIAL next Wednesday, you must do so this weekend or by noon on Monday, September 14, at the latest, by contacting Jim and Marilyn Day at 760-509-4545 or <code>jandmday@cox.net</code>.

#### Catholic Widows and Widowers of North County

See the bulletin board on the lower level for our complete monthly calendar including monthly communal Mass, dining out, free concert, dancing, bowling, hiking, miniature golf, and bocce ball. RSVPs are required. For more information, call Carol Kope at 760-726-0533 or visit www.cwwnc.com.

#### **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) 1 available Audio Visual Systems	\$2,500/each
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**

Pew Seating for the Church (1,000) 770 available	\$300/each
Daily Mass Chapel and Choir Chairs (200) 99 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.

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" Tours Continue

We provide the hard hats, **you provide the closed- toe shoes!** Weekly tours are offered following the 8:30am Mass and before the 10:30am Mass. To make a reservation, please contact Chris Smith at *chriss@stmoside.org* or 760-758-4100 x120.

#### Treasures 2015—Save the Date! Saturday, October 3

If you are interested in joining the Treasures Committee, please contact John and Wendy Murphy at 760-497-6117. We will need approximately 70 volunteers to help that weekend.

# Liturgy & Music Worship God

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

#### CHANGING COURSE

#### marking the onset of our journey to Jerusalem

This weekend, the aspiring liturgists among us will notice a change in the congregational service music that we sing during Mass.

No, the music director has not gotten bored after sixteen weeks of Dan Schutte's *Mass of Chris the Savior*. Rather, the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time marks a turning point in the first reading and gospel as we turn toward the close of the liturgical year on the feast of Christ the King.

Setting his "face like flint" (first reading), Jesus begins his resolute journey to Jerusalem, where he will face his passion and death and then be raised to new life (gospel). He makes explicit to his disciples that they, too, must lose their loves if they wish to save them.

The *Mass of Renewal* was written by Curtis Stephan for parishes to use when the new *Roman Missal* texts were introduced in 2011.

"For me, the challenge of setting any liturgical music is always to make it accessible for congregational use while keeping it musically compelling," said Stephan. "As a parish music director, I found that the settings we use most simply work in many situations—weekend parish Masses, daily Masses, Ordinary Time, or Lent—so in this case, flexibility was an added ingredient for me."

"My goal was to make it easy for the faithful to truly pray the...prayers in a way that edified the Mass," said Stephan. "We have the beautiful opportunity go to new depths of understanding and to rediscover what it is that we proclaim and celebrate every time at Mass."

I hope you will come to like the new Mass setting as much as we do!

—Douglas

—Douglas



Mark 8:33

#### Sanctuary Choir Residency at Grace Cathedral

In June 2016, the Sanctuary Choir will travel to San Francisco to participate in a three-day residency as part of a 120-voice choir preparing and presenting Gabriel Fauré's *Requiem* at the cathedral.

In August, we asked for your prayers as well as for scholarship support to help a number of choir members who are in need of some financial assistance to join this musical pilgrimage.

Thank you to those who have offered your prayers. They strengthen us as we begin to learn this magnificent work, helping us to find deeper meaning beyond the notes and words on the page.

Thank you too to those who have offered your financial support. We covered the cost of the sheet music through a generous donation specifically for that purpose, and we have received a number of donations that will help offset the cost of the trip for those who are in need of a little help.

Envelopes were attached to the bulletin in August and are available in the office, on the Parish information table, or from myself. Your help makes a difference to the choir in these early months of our musical journey. And it will make a difference in the months to come.

Thank you for your support! You are a blessing to all of us!

San Francisco's Grace Cathedral

Upcoming Music

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SEPTEMBER 20 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Day by day, often for years, the keepers gave this time to save others. Because they used their time unselfishly, sailors and travelers lived who otherwise would have died.

Lighthouses sometimes used as symbol Christ. He too provides constant guidance, just as the keepers did. In return for his help, shouldn't we also spend more time helping others?



It may be that we might unknowingly save some lives as well. —Parish Publishing, September 2015 e-bulletin (with permission)

Just as Christ is our light, he wants us to be light for one another. This can be as simple as providing a salad or dessert for a funeral reception at STM, taking the Eucharist to the homebound or those in assisted care facilities, welcoming all those who worship here with a friendly smile as you hand out a worship aid, or simply calling a friend or family member who is going through a hard time. The theme of light reminds me that it is time to run one of my favorite pieces again.

Live each day with gratitude and pay it forward. —Chris

I will not wish thee riches nor the glow of greatness, but that wherever thou go, some weary heart shall gladden at thy smile, or shadowed life know sunshine for awhile. And so thy path shall be a track of light, like angel's footsteps passing through the night. -Words on a Church Wall in Upwaltham, England

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**Diocese of San Diego Ministers Conference**—Saturday, September 19, 9:00am-4:30pm, Mater Dei Catholic High School, 1615 Mater Dei Dr., Chula Vista. Bishop McElroy will be the keynote speaker. Visit *www.diocese-sdiego.org/cmc* for more information and to sign up.

Annual Solutions for Change "Evening to Remember" with Our American Heroes—Saturday, September 19, 5:00-11:00pm, JetSource Hangar, Carlsbad Airport. \$375 per person. For more information or to reserve a spot at the STM table, contact Chris Smith at 760-758-4100 x120 or *chriss@stmoside.org*.

**Sixth Annual "Pro-Life Is Good" Gala and Auction**—October 10; keynote speaker is Lila Rose, director of Live Action; visit *www.colfs.org* for details. Sponsored by Culture of Life Family Services.

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#### Young Adult Opportunities around the Diocese

Retreat, September 18-20, with speakers Andrew Laubacher and Mary Bielski.

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"There is urgent need for politics and economics to enter into frank discussion in the service of human life." (189)

"The climate is a common good, belonging to all and meant for all." (23)

"All of us are linked by unseen bonds and together form a kind of universal family." (89)

"A true ecological approach always becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice." (49)

"Others will no longer be seen as strangers, but as part of 'we' which all of us are working to create (151)

"Encountering God does not mean fleeing from this world or turning our back on nature." (235)

"Political and institutional frameworks do not exist simply to avoid bad practice, but also to promote best practice." (177)

"There is nobility in the duty to care for creation through little daily actions." (211)

> "Let us sing as we go. May our struggles and our concern for this planet never take away the joy of our hope." (244)

"Community actions, when they express self-giving love, can also become intense spiritual experiences." (232)

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"The climate is a common good, belonging to all and meant for all." (23)

"Intergenerational solidarity is not optional since the world we

have received also belongs to

those who will follow us." (159)





# On Care for Our Common Home Encyclical Letter of Pope Francis: *LAUDATO SI'*

Laudato Si' is the appeal from Pope Francis to "every person living on this planet" for an inclusive dialogue about how we are shaping the future of this planet. Pope Francis calls the Church and the world to acknowledge the urgency of our environmental challenges and join him in embarking on a new path. - USCCB

This issue of Just News features excerpts from Laudato Si' with paragraph numbers included for reference.

### **Climate as a Common Good**

"Many things have to change course, but it is we human beings above all who need to change. We lack an awareness of our common origin, of our mutual belonging, and of a future to be shared with everyone" (202).

"Our throw away culture affects the entire planet" (22).

"...it is not possible to sustain the present level of consumption in developed countries and wealthier sectors of society, where the habit of wasting and discarding has reached unprecedented levels" (27). "We have not yet managed to adopt a production model capable of preserving resources for present and future generations while limiting the use of non-renewable resources, moderating our consumption, maximizing our efficient use, reusing and recycling our resources" (22).

"Humanity is called to recognize the need for changes of lifestyle, production and consumption in order to combat this warming or least the human causes which produce or aggravate it" (23). "These problems are closely linked to a throw away culture which affects the excluded just as it quickly reduces things to rubbish" (20).



#### Pope Francis' Appeal

"The urgent challenge to protect our common home includes a concern to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development" (13).

"I urgently appeal, then, for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. We need a conversation which includes everyone, since the environmental challenge we are undergoing, and its human roots, concern and affect us all" (14).

# Tips to Care for Our Common Home

- "...promote a new way of thinking about human beings, life, society and our relationship with nature" (215).
- "For poor countries, the priorities must be to eliminate extreme poverty and to promote the social development of their people" (172).
- "...show concern for a public place (a building, a fountain, an abandoned monument, a landscape, a square), and strive to protect, restore, improve or beautify it as something belonging to everyone" (232).

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"All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation, each according to his or her own culture, experience, involvements and talents" (14).

## ...On the Poor and Vulnerable

"We have to dare to speak of the integrity of human life, of the need to promote and unify all the great values. Once we lose our humility, and become enthralled with the possibility of limitless mastery over everything, we inevitably end up harming society and the environment" (224).

"Climate change is a global problem with grave implications...this in turn affects the livelihood of the poor, who are then forced to leave their homes, with great uncertainty for their future and that of their children. There has been a tragic rise in the number of migrants seeking to flee from the growing poverty caused by environmental degradation. They are not recognized by international conventions as refugees; they bear the loss of the lives they have left behind" (25).



"Our world has a grave social debt towards the poor who lack access to drinking water, because they are denied the right to a life consistent with their inalienable dignity" (30).

"Both everyday experience and scientific research show that the gravest effects of all attacks on the environment are suffered by the poorest" (48).

"Let us sing as we go. May our struggles and our concern for this planet never take away the joy of our hope" (244).

#### **Resources to Get Involved**

#### About the Encyclical

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- Attend the Diocese of Orange's "Praise be to You" (August 8)- http://praisebetoyou.eventbrite.com
- Attend Sr. Nadine's Presentation on "Our Care for Creation" (October 8)http://csjorange.org/justice-office/film-series

#### A Prayer for Our Earth

All-powerful God,

you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love,

that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.
O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned

and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty,

not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts

of those who look only for gain

at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation,

to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature

as we journey towards your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.



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St. Thomas More Catholic Church



Tuesday September 15 & Wednesday September 16 for lunch or dinner and 20% of your food and beverage purchases will be donated to St. Thomas More Catholic Church

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