

Mass of Dedication and Blessing of Our Church Home, Our House of Worship by Bishop Robert W. McElroy, Bishop of San Diego Wednesday, December 16, 2015, at 2:00pm

Everyone is invited, but if you plan on attending, you must RSVP no later than November 30 so we can properly plan for the Mass and Reception.

You may RSVP online at www.stmoside.org/dedication or call 760-758-4100 x158 or email hennyj@stmoside.org. Please let us know your name, phone number, and the number of people attending.

## 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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DAYS

UNTIL DEDICATION!

#### Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 20, 2015

The Son of Man is to be handed over...

Whoever wishes to be first

will be the servant of all.

—Mark 9:30-37



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

#### Pastor's Column

#### Openness and Welcome to Syrian Refugees

The following is a statement by Archbishop Joseph Kurtz, Archbishop of Louisville, Kentucky, and President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) issued on September 10, 2015:

In recent days, we have seen reports about and pictures of thousands of refugees from the Middle East, primarily Syrians fleeing the conflict in their own nation, fleeing into Europe in search of protection.

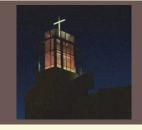
These images have captured the world's attention and sympathy. Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has asked Catholics in Europe to respond to the needs of the refugees streaming into Europe and, throughout his papacy, has consistently called upon the world to protect refugees and other persons on the move.

As president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, I urge all Catholics in the United States and others of good will to express openness and welcome to these refugees, who are escaping desperate situations in order to survive.

Regardless of their religious affiliation or national origin, these refugees are all human persons—made in the image of God, bearing inherent dignity, and deserving our respect and care and protection by law from persecution.

I express my solidarity with the Holy Father, the bishops of Syria, the Middle East, and Europe, and all people who have responded to this humanitarian crisis with charity and compassion.

I also encourage the U.S. Government to assist more robustly the nations of Europe and the Middle East in protecting and supporting these refugees and in (Continued on page 2)



#### **Construction Progress**

Tower and cross illuminated at night starting September 11.

Visit www.stmoside.org to see more photos!

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

helping to end this horrific conflict, so refugees may return home in safety.

The Catholic Church in the United States—with nearly 100 Catholic Charities agencies and hundreds of parishes assisting refugees to this country each year, and with Catholic Relief Services providing humanitarian aid to refugees in the Middle East and Europe—stands ready to help in this effort.

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph flee the terror of Herod. They are the archetype of every refugee family. Let us pray that the Holy Family watches over the thousands of refugee families in Europe and beyond at this time."

Recently, Pope Francis has asked that each Catholic Parish throughout Europe sponsor one refugee family. There are about 120,000 Catholic Parishes in Europe!

In the spirit of Pope Francis' request, and with the promise of aid by Archbishop Kurtz, I am asking that we, as a Parish, sponsor one refugee family.

There are 98 parishes in the Diocese of San Diego, and there are over 19,000 Catholic Parishes in the United States. Imagine if each parish sponsored one family!

Sr. Maureen is in dialogue with Catholic Charities of San Diego to see what St. Thomas More can do, and how we can assist.

We will be in need of some Parishioners to come forward and form a committee for this endeavor. We have already received a promise of some financial aid from a Parishioner who wants to be involved.

Please contact Sr. Maureen or me if you would like to be a part of this endeavor. Details will be forthcoming...

"For I was a stranger and you welcomed me...whatever you did to the least of my brothers and sisters, you did to me..."



-Matthew 25:31-46

#### Reforms in the Annulment Procedure

Recently Pope Francis has issued new norms for marriage annulment cases which take effect December 8, 2015.

The consequences for cases in the Diocese of San Diego are as follows:

- 1. Effective immediately no fees need to be sent for processing of formal annulment petitions as well as Lack of Form applications.
- 2. Annulment petitions being opened now and receiving an affirmative decision in coming months by our Tribunal will not need to go to another Tribunal for review unless the Respondent in the case appeals.

—Msgr. Steven Callahan, Vicar General, Diocese of San Diego

# Welcome New Parishioners Richard & Kelly Ochoa & Family Evelyn Scott Timothy & Lee Anne Walsh & Family

#### Announcing the Baptism of

#### **Levon Maurice Saucier**

on September 19



Our Christian community welcomes you with great joy!

#### Congratulations to

#### Rick & Lisa Reaves

who celebrate their 28th anniversary of marriage September 19.

#### **Ron & Grace Hoffmann**

who celebrate their 60th anniversary of marriage on September 24.

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

#### Flower Donations

The Altar Flowers for this weekend were given by **Eileen Dragula** in memory of her husband, Alben Dragula.



#### In Memoriam

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Loretta Martinez, who died on September 7. Her funeral arrangements are pending. She is the grandmother of Parishioner Kalei Cornejo. Please keep her 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**

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all." This humility of heart is the hallmark of good priests, deacons, and religious. If you have the heart to be a servant of God, explore these vocations. The Church and, indeed the world, is in need of such servants. Check out the possibilities. Contact Deacon Tom at thomasgoeltz@aol.com or 760-727-8442, or your priest, deacon, or sister.

#### **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 Ralphs 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 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

Monday, September 21 (643)

Matthew, apostle, evangelist Ephesians 4:1-7,11-13

Psalm 19:2-5 Matthew 9:9-13

Tuesday, September 22 (450) Ezra 6:7-8,12b,14-20

Psalm 122:1-5 Luke 8:19-21 **Wednesday, September 23** (451)

Pius of Pietrelcina, priest Ezra 9:5-9

Tobit 13:2-4,7-8 (Psalm) Luke 9:1-6

Thursday, September 24 (452) Haggai 1:1-8

Psalm 149:1-6,9

Luke 9:7-9

Friday, September 25 (453) Haggai 2:1-9

Psalm 43:1-4 Luke 9:18-22

**Saturday, September 26** (454) Zechariah 2:5-9,14-15a

Jeremiah 31:10-13 (Psalm) Luke 9:43b-45

Sunday, September 27 (137)

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Numbers 11:25-29 Psalm 19:8,10,12-14 James 5:1-6

Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

#### Mass Intentions

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

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

Sunday, September 20, 10:30am Dick McGeary &

Monday, September 21, 8:15am Judith Janousek 🕆

Tuesday, September 22, 8:15am Ruth Hannon 🕆

Wednesday, September 23, 8:15am Steven Brennan &

Thursday, September 24, 8:15am Tony Calderone P

Friday, September 25, 8:15am Joe Dehlinger

Saturday, September 26, 5:00pm Milton Gray &

Sunday, September 27, 8:30am Bernie Lanzrath &

Sunday, September 27, 10:30am Deceased Members of the Ellis Family and Relatives &

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

Changa Aguilera Ernie Aichele Mary Alexander Carrie Autrey Carrie Autrey
Joshua Avery
Millie Backes
Rosemary Ballard
Dee Barakman
Jose Luis Barbosa
Patricia Barbour
Francie Barron
The Batchelor Family Clarice Bednarz Joyce Belanger John Bennici Regina Bentz 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 Shelby Campbell Brianne Campos Aria Cappeluti Jorge Cartajena Donald Cashmore Anne Caywood
The Vaughn Clevenger Family
Carl & Dorothy Coleman
James Coleman Judy Colson Steven Cresencia

Judy Coison
Steven Cresencia
Lené Crowe
Karen Flaharty Daley
Beverly de Gelder
Nick Del Sesto
Paul Del Vecchio
Hugo Delgado, Jr.
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
Ryan Flum
Remeir Estallia

Mary Fleining Ryan Flum Ernie Follis Eugene Franciscus Kathryn Franklin The Greg French Family Brian Frink

The Fuentes Family

Ine Fuentes Family
Jim Gallagher
The Joe Garcia Family
Kathy Gardner
Joan Gay
Jack & Marge Gillen
The Gilley Family
Wendy Gonzales
Dad
Rick Gonzalez
Tillia Gonzalez

Tillie Gonzalez Lou Gordon

Christopher Alan Goscienski

George Gritt Fred Gritzen and Family Luke Guenst Susan Hallahan

Pat & Tom Hannon The Harker Family Dorothy Harrison Barbara Hatem

Barbara Hatem
Bill & Mary Haynes
Lilian Hills
Lisa (Lynn) Hodges
Mike Hofer
Samara Hook
Susan Hori
Iolanda Iacobelli
The Johnson Family

The Johnson Family Sue Johnston Laura Kater Dottie Kearney Paul Kennedy

Connor Kerzie Peggy Kiernan Debbie Kinney Mark Kneisel

Dewey Kolbo Tony Korwin Helen Kuhn Lillian Lachance The Lamelin Family Bart Landry Brandon LeBlanc Jeremiah Lemus

Stella Leué
The Lew Family
Ashley Load
Cassandra & Lauren Loretto
Jack Lucarelli

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

The Martinez/Cornejo Families Alexander Mathews Alexander Mathews' Gloria Maupin Colleen McCall Virginia McConnell Bob McWilliams Joyce Meehan Kalei Mendiola Rita Mikridge Tom Miller Phyllis Minaya June Mottpell June Montgomery Nancy Moore

Nancy Moore Elizabeth Muehlbacher Conrad Murphy

Margie Myers Angela Nacional Melanie Nacional Nida Navarro

Nida Navarro Curt Novy Richard Obsitnik Kare O'Dell Laura Paciorek Gloor Ethan Palm Salina Pearson Elisa Petrie Helen Pingtella Perry Postulka The Joe Prokop Family Barbara Ramm Daryl Resplandor Barbara Ramm
Daryl Resplandor
Evelyn Richards
Jan Riley
The Ringel Family
Rita Ritchie
Lily Robinson
Luca Rogers
Maria Rogers

Luca Rogers
Maria Rogers
Maria Rogers
The Russo Family
Jennine Rybarczyk
Rachel Sainc
The Salter Family
Cindy Sanelli
Lori Sanna
Linda Schmidt
Teresa Shaffer
Joan Shea
Elizabeth Shirzad
Nick Soltau
Drew Spangler
Darek, Vanessa, & Elba Spizewski
Don St. Pierre
Patricia St. Pierre
Sybil Staples
Mike Sterling

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/Beltran Family
The Trejo/Maldonado/Uribe Family
Martin Vertson
Lucy Vienna
Lucy Vienna
Lucy Viramontes
Vanessa Vitiello
Wilson Wanner
Kevin Watson-Graff
Jerry Wechsler
The Lelan Wong Family
Patricia Zavala
Jeanne Zeltner

Calendar Highlights

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

Sep 19-20 Brother Benno's Toiletries Drive

Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am & Sep 20 10:30am Masses

Sep 20 New Member Luncheon EDGE Middle School Youth Prayer Vigil in Preparation Sep 20 Sep 22

for Pope Francis' Visit Matthew Bible Study Relationship Skills Workshop

Sep 23 Sep 23 Sep 24 Sep 27 Bible Timeline

Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass

Sep 27 Oct 2 REACH Classes Pope Francis Presentation &

Discussion, with Dessert Oct 3 Treasures Rummage Sale Oct 4

Blessing of Animals
Men's Retreat
Pizza & Beer Party
Spirited Seniors Trip to
Viejas Casino
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Dec 19 Christmas Cookie Exchange

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#### **Deployed Military**

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, 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.

September 21 Sr. Maria Pascuzzi, CSJ September 22 Sr. Millicent Peaslee, OLVM

September 23

Sr. Juana Pereyra, SJS September 24

Sr. Damien Peters, FDC

September 25

Sr. M. Genevieve Pistacchio, CSN

September 26 Sr. Mary Potter, RSM

September 27

Sr. Mary Alice Prieto, DCJ

#### **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 and stay cool!* 

**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)

All Christians are called upon to help the less fortunate. You at STM have always been generous when called upon. There are still pockets of great poverty in our country including the Navajo on the large reservation in the Southwest where unemployment runs 70%. St. Bonaventure Indian Mission serves about 100 square miles of that reservation and for over the past 20-plus years, STM has helped them with the only dedicated clothing drive they have for slightly used clothing, shoes, and blankets for men, women, and children. Please be generous again this year! We will have one or more large trucks in the parking lot on November 7-8 (from about 12:00noon Saturday to about 1:00pm Sunday). For more information, contact Deacon Tom at thomasgoeltz@aol.com or 760-727-8442. Watch the bulletin for further announcements.

#### Brother Benno's Toiletry Drive

This is the weekend for our annual collection. Look for Deacon Tom's truck in the parking lot before all Masses, and please be generous in providing toiletries, NEW underwear (all sizes needed...for men, women, and children), and disposable diapers. Help us help Brother Benno's support the homeless and needy.

#### 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.

**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!

**Relationship** Skills Workshop—Deacon John and Debbie Fredette will be presenting Relationship Skills Workshops every Wednesday evening at 7:00pm at St. Thomas More, through 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**—God always present: "They [married couples] are to foster this gospel faith among themselves and within their children through their teaching and example. Likewise, they live in hope of God's kindness, mercy, and generosity. In the midst of the inevitable trials and hardships, they trust that God is graciously watching over them and their family. They trust that the Father's love will never abandon them, but that, in union with Jesus, they will always remain in his presence." http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/.

Marriage Moments—Baseball Marriage tip #4: Healthy couples "have no-trade clauses (there's no hot stove league in marriage;) you can't just trade up when things get tough or someone gets into a slump. (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 4: If the child does not obey the first time you give the direction, repeat it once and add what the consequence will be for noncompliance (for example, time-out, loss of a privilege, etc.); Step 5. If the child does not obey, calmly and immediately enforce the consequence. No yelling, no negotiating. Just do it. www.SusanVogt.net

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

#### 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

#### **Parish Events**

#### 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 next breakfast will be on Saturday, September 19, 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...see the flyer in today's bulletin!

#### Women's Guild News

Thanks to everyone who joined us for our first meeting of the year last Monday. It was a well-attended and enjoyable program. Hope to see you again at the next one on Monday, October 14! May the Lord bless you and keep you cool as summer wends its way into Fall!

-Kathy Gerhard, president

#### 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.

#### **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 3:00-4:45pm and **you** are most welcome! For more information, contact Kathleen Bell at 760-809-6526 or 80bell80@gmail.com.

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

#### **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	\$2,500/each
Audio Visual Systems	
Sound and Video Mixing Board	\$12,000
Video Screen (Motorized 21-foot)	\$9,000
Sound System Base Speaker	\$8,000
Sound System Cabling	\$5,000
Overflow Parking Lot Mulch	\$3,500

#### **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

#### HERE IS REFLECTED THE MYSTERY...

#### praying for our dedication Mass

Last week, Fr. Mike shared the Prayer of Dedication that the bishop will pray on our behalf when he blesses the altar in our permanent church.

The Interior Design Team has been praying this prayer at the beginning of our meetings for years, and during that time our praying of it has become a sort of *lectio divina*, a focused reading in which one is open to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit through the words being prayed.

The monthly iterations of this prayer have led me to notice two sections of the prayer that reverberate more and more each and every time I pray them.

First,

Here is reflected the mystery of the Church.

The Church is fruitful...

The Church is holy...

The Church is favored...

The Church is exalted...

These are power words, words that we encounter in the Gospels over and over—in the prophetic writings, in the parables, in the passages about Mary. What do these words mean?

How do these words apply to the Church? How do they apply to me, and my life?

These are words of calling and encouragement—to become more fruitful, more holy, more favored, more exalted. How do I gain these attributes? How do I live a more fruitful life? How do I become more holy? How do I find favor with God? How do I become exalted in God's eyes?

In the end, I find myself asking, "How do I, myself, reflect the mystery of the Church, the mystery of the Body of Christ, the mystery of this faith community gathered as one?"

It is no small task.

And then there's the second part, a beautiful description of the role this sacred space will play in our lives.

Here may the waters of baptism overwhelm the shame of sin...

Here may your [God's] children... be fed at the table of Christ's word and Christ's body...

Here may prayer...resound through heaven and earth...

Here may the poor find justice...



Mark 9:37

From here may the whole world... enter with gladness your city of peace.

Did you notice the change in the last supplication? *From* here...

Not only is this a place for us to enter to receive the God's sacraments and blessings as well as to offer our prayers for the whole world, but it is also a place from which we will depart on our journey from life to death and to eternal life.

These are the parts of this prayer that most resonate with me. I encourage you to take some time—each day, each week—to pray the prayer as we approach our church's dedication. Listen for God's voice. Find out what God wants to give to you to hold in your heart as our faith family gathers for this once-in-alifetime celebration.

#### Upcoming Music

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SEPTEMBER 27 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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5:00pm

Tower Bells

8:30am

Sanctuary Choir

10:30am

Praise Team



#### **Blessing of Animals**

St. Thomas More's annual Blessing of Animals will take place on Sunday, October 4, at 4:00pm.

In remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures, we gather with our beloved pets in the parking lot for this traditional liturgy of celebration, prayer, and blessing.

Bring your furry and not-so-furry friends to the church early to meet and greet each other.

We ask that you make sure your pets are under complete control, as we expect the gathering to be a bit boisterous.

See you there!

## Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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

Family Faith Formation

# COMING SOON!

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING INSPIRING TO DO ON A SUNDAY AFTERNOON??

Adult Faith Formation will be offered once a month during our 12:30-2:00pm REACH sessions beginning **Sunday, October 11.** Please attend this opportunity for faith and fellowship! Contact Debbie in the Faith Formation Office for more information. No registration required to attend.

# MATTHEW KELLY

Coming to North County at St. Elizabeth Seton Saturday, February 6, 2016

Tickets Are Going Fast! Get Yours Today by Contacting the Faith Formation Office

# Sacrament Prep News



Mandatory Parent Meeting
for families whose children will be making their
Sacraments of Reconciliation and
First Communion this year.

Sunday, September 27, 12:30-2:00pm.



Confirmation Year 2 Families and Sponsors are invited to attend our first M3 (Mass, Meal, Message) Event

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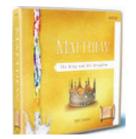
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#### For more information please contact:

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

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

#### Collection for Week of September 12/13, 2015 Number of Registered Households 1.160 \$12,273,43 Offertory Offertory (Loose Collection) \$894.00 Total \$13,167.43

#### Mortgage/Building Completion Fund Income September 15, 2014 to August 31, 2015

Memorial Items   Please continue to support the	\$753,534.90
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Mortgage Payment Overage/(Shortfall)	(\$64,067.28)
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Payment toward Mortgage	
Payment toward Parish Reserves (10%)	\$49,385.00
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#### What is our Motto?

A hastily parked car belonging to a teenaged boy was idling on our street. It held a rear bumper sticker declaring:

> "I'm spending money I don't have, on things I don't need, to impress people I don't know."

Hopefully, the young man intends this sentiment to be humorous, rather than an honest reflection of his life. But there is a truth here: People of all ages do need to get their priorities in order. We, as Christians, call this stewardship.



Good stewardship means using everything wisely. It means doing the right thing for the right reason. It means striving for the best. Our responsibility is to keep growing in love for God, put our faith into practice, and allow God to continually enrich our lives.

One way to do this is to use everything God gives us in serving God. Summarizing one great Christian's teachings, our motto for living and giving can be:

> "Do all the good you can, in all the ways you can, for all the people you can, in every place you can, as long as you can."



As stewards, we are accountable to God for our time, talent, and treasure. We return to the Lord, the giver of all our gifts, a truly grateful first share of our time, talent and treasure.

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### **News & Information from the Larger Church**

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**Peace Prayer Vigil**—Monday, September 21, 6:30pm, St. James Church Parish Conference Room, 625 S. Nardo Ave., Solana Beach. Celebrating International Peace Day.

**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.

**Life Perspectives' Life Walk 2015**—October 24; visit *www.LPLifeWalk.com* for details on walking and/or sponsoring.

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**Around the Diocese**—Visit *www.diocese-sdiego.org* to learn more about activities available through the Diocese and other Parishes.

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

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

**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*.

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

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

#### STM Mental Health Ministry Network

Are you interested in participating in the Ministry team of the STM Mental Health Ministry Network to help serve as "prayerful companions" for fellow Parishioners experiencing mental health issues, walking with them through the treatment process, and helping to provide Parish-wide education on the subject of mental illness? For more information, contact Deacon John at 760-758-4100 x104 or *johnf@stmoside.org*.

#### Jail/Detention Ministry

Jesus said, "I was in prison and you visited me. What you did for the least of these you did for me." To volunteer and bring the gifts of presence, compassion, hope, and love to those in prison, call Rita at 760-758-4100 x100. For more information, visit www.diocese-sdiego.org/restore, where you will find information on not only visiting those in prison, but ways to provide support for victims or their families and ways to get involved with victim/offender mediation and reconciliation.

#### Young Adult Opportunities around the Diocese

Ultimate Frisbee, Mondays, 5:30-7:30pm, Liberty Station.

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#### Catholics Come Home

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## Centering Prayer



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**Contact Mary Williams:** 

(760) 758-4100 x100 maryw@stmoside.org







May our prayers arise as incense in your sight.

And may the lifting of our hands be as an evening sacrifice.

Psalm 141:2



# Prayer Vigil

In preparation for Pope Francis' visit to U.S.

Please join your fellow Parishioners
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22
LOWER LEVEL at 7:00 p.m.



You are invited to bring a symbol from nature (plant, flower, rock, shell) to be placed at the foot of the altar during the Prayer Vigil.

"We are not faced with two separate crises, one environmental and the other social, but rather one complex crisis which is both social and environmental."

- Pope Francis, Encyclical

# Answering Earth's Call: An Interfaith Forum on Climate Justice

Thursday, 9/24 at 7:00 pm (doors open 6:30)
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# Speakers

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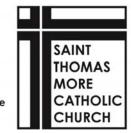
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