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*The language of the Spirit,
the language of the Gospel,
is the language of communion
that invites us to get the better
of closedness and indifference,
division and antagonism.
— Pope Francis,
The Church of Mercy*



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

✠ Spirituality
✠ Tradition
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Mass Schedule

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

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday, 4:00-4:30pm

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**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 24, 2016**



*Today this Scripture
passage is fulfilled.
—Luke 4:21*

Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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Pastor's Column

Christian Stewardship—Empowered by God's Grace and Mercy

In this month of January, we continue our trek through "Christian Stewardship Awareness and Renewal Month" here at St. Thomas More Parish.

Last week, we had the opportunity to reflect upon the Miracle at Cana and how Jesus brings goodness and abundance into our lives when we invite him into our lives!

The purpose of stewardship in whatever environment or realm is linked to the concept of sustainability. Stewards are called to sustain whatever it is to which they are connected.

As Christian Stewards, we are called to sustain the Mission and Ministry of Jesus for this time and this place and to then hand it on to the next generation, as has been done for the last 2,000 years.

We commit our time, talent, and treasure to continue the work of Jesus. This just doesn't happen! It takes our conscious efforts, the setting of proper priorities in our lives, and a clear decision that we want to invite Jesus into our lives and help to make him present in our world.

A steward is a person who is called to take care of something belonging to someone else.

The Mission and Ministry of which we are called to take care is not ours. It belongs to Jesus. We are his stewards, sustaining what he began through his Death and Resurrection, and what we now continue through the use of our time, talent, and treasure.

This weekend, at all the Masses, our "Lay Witness Talk" will be given by Tim and Lia Keane and their daughters. Tim and Lia know that it takes a village to raise children and they have made St. Thomas More Parish their village.

They will remind us that we are all called to help Jesus make sure the celebration of life and love continues for this time and this place, and that we continue to celebrate God's mercy and grace!

F. Mike

Considering Becoming Catholic?

Has Pope Francis ignited a spark in you to know more about the Catholic faith and become a member of the Church he shepherds?

If you are already Catholic, perhaps you have a new enthusiasm for your faith that you would like to share with a friend or family member who is searching.

Our lives sometimes go through seasons of change, of closeness to God and distance from God. Yet the Father's love is steadfast, full of mercy, and ever-present to those who seek with a sincere heart, no matter what sins or situations have caused separation.

If you have thought about becoming Catholic and beginning a new "season" in your life, contact Kathleen Bell, 760-809-6526, 80bell80@gmail.com.

Vocations

In today's second reading to the Corinthians, St. Paul talks about all of us being Christ's body, the Church, but being an individual part thereof...not all the same. If you are hearing God calling you to be part of Christ's body as a priest, deacon or vowed religious, explore the possibilities. Contact a priest deacon or sister or Deacon Tom at thomasgoeltz@aol.com or 760-727-8442. We will help you investigate these wonderful and fulfilling vocations.

Facing Surgery or a Serious Illness?

If you, a family member or close friend is facing surgery or has been diagnosed with a serious illness, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick can be powerful and comforting.

For more information, call the Parish Office at 760-758-4100.

On the Trail of Martin Luther: Lutherans, Catholics, and the Reformation— An Ecumenical Celebration of Christ

August 31-September 10, 2016 with Fr. Rich Lewandowski

Destination Germany continues to celebrate Martin Luther's legacy, 500 years of Reformation, and Luther's impact on the Church and world history.

Follow in the footsteps of the reformer and visit places across the country where he lived and practiced his beliefs.

Brochures for this pilgrimage are available in the Parish Office.

STM Archives Wants Your Material

The STM Historian is looking for material from Parish events and activities since our church was established in 1985. The kinds of material that are needed include: photographs, newspaper clippings, brochures, fliers, reports, videos, drawings—anything that represents our congregational memory! Please check your drawers, file cabinets, and that creepy ol' box in the attic. You can drop off your donations at the Parish office. Thanks!

For more information and questions, please feel free to contact: Brandon at 760- 845-5450 or brandon.oswald@gmail.com.

Welcome New Parishioners

**Robert & Sylvia Hanlon & Family
Joseph & Bich Tran**

Congratulations to

Jack & Mary Bruzas

who celebrate their 42nd anniversary of marriage January 26.

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 **Jack & Marge Gillen** in honor of their anniversary of marriage and by **Jack & Mary Bruzas** in honor of their anniversary of marriage.



In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Mary Wallace, who died on December 30. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, February 5, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep her son, David, and her family in your prayers.

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

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

Want to Donate Online?

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Our Mission is to:

worship God,

teach and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ,

and serve God's people in word and deed.

Readings for the Week Ahead

Sunday Year C; Weekday Year II
Readings online at www.usccb.org.

Sunday, January 24 (69)

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nehemiah 8:2-4a,5-6,8-10

Psalms 19:8-10,15

1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Luke 1:1-4;4:14-21

Monday, January 25 (519)

Conversion of Paul, apostle

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22

Psalms 117:1bc, 2

Mark 16:15-18

Tuesday, January 26 (520)

Timothy and Titus, bishops

2 Timothy 1:1-8 or Titus 1:1-5

Psalms 96:1-3,7-8a,10

Luke 10:1-9

Wednesday, January 27 (521)

Angela Merici, virgin

1 Peter 4:7b-11

Psalms 148:1bc-2,11-14

Mark 9:34b-37

Thursday, January 28 (522)

Thomas Aquinas, priest, doctor

Wisdom 7:7-10,15-16

Psalms 119:9-14

Matthew 23:8-12

Friday, January 29 (321)

2 Samuel 11:1-4a,5-10a,13-17

Psalms 51:3-7,10-11

Mark 4:26-34

Saturday, January 30 (322)

2 Samuel 12:1-7a,10-17

Psalms 51:12-17

Mark 4:35-41

Sunday, January 31 (72)

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 1:4-5,17-19

Psalms 71:1-6,15,17

1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13

Luke 4:21-30

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

Changa Aguilera
Ernie Aichele
Mary Alexander
Frank Austin
Carrie Autrey
Joshua Avery
Gretchen Baker
Rosemary Ballard
Dee Barakman
Jose Luis Barbosa
Patricia Barbour
Francie Barron
Clarice Bednarz
John Bennici
Regina Bentz
Lisa Berg
Roseanne Berg
Mary Betz
Betty Jean Bielich
Pieter Boets & Family
Zane Breier
Beth Brewer
Janet Brown
Todd Brown
Katie Browne
Jack & Mary Bruzas
Anita Buerger
Shelby Campbell
Brianne Campos
Aria Cappeluti
Jorge Cartajena
Donald Cashmore
Anne Caywood
The Vaughn Clevenger Family
Carl & Dorothy Coleman
James Coleman
Judy Colson
Geoff Coolidge
Steven Cresencia
Lené Crowe
Karen Flaharty Daley
Beverly de Gelder
Velia Deal & Family
Nick Del Sesto
Paul Del Vecchio
Hugo Delgado, Jr.
Cassandra D'Ercole
Christine DeSantis
Cecilia DeSimone
David deVilleneuve
Carole Dillon
Elizabeth Doherty's Aunt Jackie
Art & Dave Dossman
The Dumas Family
The Dunbar Family
Harlan Dunn
Marge Egan
Jerome Elbacha
Arthur Eral
Carolyn Erickson Ey
Victoria Lopez Fenton
The Fiore Family
Fr. James Flanagan
Mary Fleming
Ryan Flum
Ernie Follis
Eugene Franciscus
Kathryn Franklin
The Greg French Family
Brian Frink
Jim Gallagher
The Joe Garcia Family
Kathy Gardner
Joan Gay
Alyssa Gerhard
Jack & Marge Gillen
Merle Glime
The Godfrey Family
Wendy Gonzales' Dad
Rick Gonzalez
Tillie Gonzalez
Lou Gordon
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
Samara Hook
Susan Hori
Iolanda Iacobelli
Sue Johnston
Laura Kater
Dottie Kearney
Connor Kerzie
Peggy Kiernan

Debbie Kinney
Mark Kneisel
Dewey Kolbo
Tony Korwin
Helen Kuhn
Lillian Lachance
The Lamelin Family
Bart Landry
Brandon LeBlanc
Jake Lefferdink
Jeremiah Lemus
Ashley Load
Cassandra & Lauren Loretto
Jack Lucarelli
Joaquin Maldonado
The Maldonado Family
The Maldonado Trejo Family
Paige Mansell
Angeles Martinez
Gloria Maupin
Colleen McCall
Virginia McConnell
Paige McCoy
The McGinley Family
Ann McMahan
Bob McWilliams
Joyce Meehan
Kalei Mendiola
Lorraine Micallef
Rita Mikridge
Tom Miller
Phyllis Minaya
Ann Mitchell
June Mitchell
Judy Mitchell and her Mother
June Montgomery
Nancy Moore
Elizabeth Muehlbacher
Conrad Murphy
Margie Myers
Angela Nacional
Melanie Nacional
Nida Navarro
Richard Obsitnik
Kare O'Dell
Josephina Ornelas
Laura Paciorek Gloor
Ethan Palm
Cynthia Pearson
Salina Pearson
The Perez Family
Elisa Petrie
Helen Pingtella
Delilah Plasterer
Perry Postulka
The Joe Prokop Family
Barbara Ramm
Jenni Richard
Evelyn Richards
Jan Riley
Rita Ritchie
Lily Robinson
Maria Rogers
The Rosmino Family
Louis Russo
The Russo Family
Rachel Sainc
Cindy Sanelli
Lori Sanna
Linda Schmidt
Joan Shea
Elizabeth Shirzad
Nick Soltau
Bob Sorenson
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
Mark Urias
Martin Vertson
Lucy Vienna
Lucy Viramontes
Vanessa Vitiello
The Wallace Family
Wilson Wanner
Kevin Watson-Graff
Jerry Wechsler
Patricia Zavala
Jeanne Zeltner

Calendar Highlights

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

Jan 24	Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
Jan 24	RE.A.CH Classes
Jan 26	Matthew Bible Study
Jan 26	Beloved Workshop
Jan 27	Symbolon Bible Study
Jan 31	Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
Feb 6	Women's Guild Fashion Show at Shadowridge Golf Club
Feb 7	Knights of Columbus Breakfast
Feb 10	Ash Wednesday Masses at 8:15am, 12:00noon, and 7:00pm
Feb 14	Spirited Seniors St. Valentine's Day Lunch
Feb 21	Steubenville Information Meeting
Feb 29	Day of Reflection
Mar 13	New Member Reception
Apr 10	Spring Sing
Apr 16	Spring Ring
Apr 29	STM Gala
May 8	Confirmation

Deployed Military

Gunnery Sgt. Fernando Andrade, Jr.
Lt. Devon Czarzasty
Capt. Brandon M. Felker, USAF
Patrick G. Felker, USN
Grant Fischer
Cpt. Ryan J. Fullmer, USMC
MSGT Steve Gallegos, USMC
Sgt. Alex Garcia
Adolfo Granados, MD, U.S. Navy
PFC Samuel Haro, US Army
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.

January 25
Sr. Frances Michele Francese, CSJ
January 26
Sr. Mary Gallagher, RSM
January 27
Sr. Margarita Gallardo-Rodriguez, SJS
January 28
Sr. Gloria del Carmen Galvan, CVI
January 29
Sr. Gloria Galvan, SFCC
January 30
Sr. Ruth Garbani, CSJ
January 31
Sr. Dina Marie Garcia, RJM

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 23, 5:00pm

Dick McGeary ☩

Sunday, January 24, 8:30am

Emiliana Maldonado ☩

Sunday, January 24, 10:30am

Boo Falconer ☩

Monday, January 25, 8:15am

David Leué ☩

Tuesday, January 26, 8:15am

Fr. Charlie Sheslo ☩

Wednesday, January 27, 8:15am

Christopher Alan Goscienski

Thursday, January 28, 8:15am

J.C. Gonzalez ☩

Friday, January 29, 8:15am

Mary Norelli ☩

Saturday, January 30, 5:00pm

Mary Baker ☩

Sunday, January 31, 8:30am

Toney Lucey ☩

Sunday, January 31, 10:30am

Fr. Mike Ratajczak

Social Ministries & Outreach

Brother Benno's

In March, we will hold our annual food drive to help Brother Benno's care for the poor and needy. If you are a coupon cutter, you can start now by stocking up on non-perishable food items at a bargain. You can stretch your charitable dollar and help even more people.

St. Bonaventure Indian Mission

The second weekend in November seems to come faster every year. That's when we hold our annual clothing drive to help the Navajo. You can start now collecting shoes and clothing...either by setting aside your slightly used items or asking your neighbors and co-workers to do so. It is for a very good cause and helps those in need.

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 Tim Keane at 760-758-2717; for referrals, contact Deacon John at 760-758-4100 x104.

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.

Heartnotes

February Adult CPR/AED classes are scheduled for Saturdays, February 13 and 20, at 9:30am. Reserve your place at drphilg@cox.net or 760-732-1414.

STM Scrip News

Remember you can shop online and purchase instant Scrip: ScripNow. Check www.stmoside.org/scrip.htm to sign up.

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

P.S. Have you re-registered your Ralphs/Food 4 Less cards so that St. Thomas More receives a percentage of your purchases? Stop by the Scrip table after Mass or visit www.stmoside.org/script.htm for details.

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



Marriage Encounter—Do you have a good marriage but want a little jumpstart? Would you and your spouse like to rediscover and reconnect with each other? Then we invite you to attend a Marriage Encounter Weekend. Weekends take place in San Diego and other Southern California locations throughout the year. For more information, visit www.wvme.org or contact Eddie and Sheila Murphy at 760-295-0008.

Beloved Series—Deacon John and Debbie Fredette will be presenting a 12-part series Wednesday evenings, continuing January 27 at 7:00pm. Learn first hand how to experience the mystery, happiness, and joy of marriage. **Beloved** will help you live out the Sacrament of Marriage more profoundly, so that your love story is drawn ever more into the greatest love story of all... God's own love for us. Contact Debbie Fredette at 760-758-4100 x110 for additional information.

Restoring Marriage Today—Destination: San Diego. Marriage is fundamental to mankind. But it's in serious trouble. Find out how you can be part of the solution. The Catholic Answers Conference, Restoring Marriage Today, will be held in San Diego March 3-5. For more information and to register, go to: https://catholiccom.formstack.com/forms/ca_conference_2016.

Bishops' Letter on Marriage—Contraception: "By using contraception, married couples may think that they are avoiding problems or easing tensions, that they are exerting control over their lives. At the same time, they may think that they are doing nothing harmful to their marriages. In reality, the deliberate separation of the procreative and unitive meanings of marriage has the potential to damage or destroy the marriage. Also, it results in many other negative consequences, both personal and social." To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife>.

Marriage Moments—Does a typical date night in your marriage start with, "What do you want to do tonight?" "I don't know. What do you want to do?" "I don't know..." Repeat. Try something besides a dinner and a movie. Google "Making Love on a Budget" for ideas.

Parenting Pointers—The body is one, though it has many parts. (1 Cor 12:12) Each part of our body is important and connected. So too, is each member of the human family. Remember today the value of each life, born/unborn, neighbor/refugee, friend—even enemy. Let us march to protect all human lives.

For more information, visit [www.diocese-sdiego.org/Ministries/Marriage and Family Life](http://www.diocese-sdiego.org/Ministries/Marriage%20and%20Family%20Life) or call Jen Frost at 858-692-7438.

Catholic Widows and Widowers of North County

For more information, call Carol Kope at 760-726-0533 or visit www.cwwnc.com. See the bulletin board on the lower level for our complete monthly calendar of social activities. RSVPs are required.

Parish Events

Women's Guild News

It is hard to believe that we began to celebrate the birth of Our Lord only a month ago! I know the Spirit of Christmas remains in our hearts in keeping with this Year of Mercy, as decreed by Pope Francis. And our Lenten journey begins in just a few more weeks! The Day of Recollection, sponsored by the Spirited Seniors and Women's Guild, is slated for Monday, February 29; watch for the flyer with all the information in February.

Following is a list of remaining meetings and events for the Women's Guild year (mark your calendars!):

Fashion Show—February 6—see information below.

Day of Recollection—February 29—(Replaces February monthly luncheon meeting)

Monthly Meeting—March 14—featuring Sr. Maureen Brown as guest speaker

Monthly Meeting—April 11—featuring Sally Fay who will share her breast cancer journey; this meeting will include Nominations for Board of Directors for 2016-2017.

Tea Party—Saturday May 7

Monthly Meeting—May 9—featuring “BBB” (Book Exchange, Bingo, and Barbeque); plus election of officers

Installation Luncheon and Quilt Raffle—Saturday June 11—at Shadowridge Golf Club.

“Be merciful, just as your heavenly Father is merciful”!

—Kathy Gerhard, president

Fashion Show and Donations

I can guarantee you that this year's fashion show will include good food, beautiful spring fashions, wonderful and varied opportunity baskets, many door prizes, and an afternoon of fun and fellowship. There are only a few tickets left, so if you do not have one yet, be sure to come next weekend or call Valerie Thompson at 760-630-1703. The event is February 6 at 11:00am. at Shadowridge Golf Club. The cost is \$45, with all proceeds going to the STM building/mortgage completion fund.

If you have promised a donation, please get opportunity baskets to Maureen Tutino and door prizes to Mary Coxon or Jackie Stanislawski. If you cannot do this, please bring them to the Parish Office and I will pick them up. I will also be on the plaza next Sunday after both Masses. If you have an envelope out, please get it back to us with checks by next weekend at the latest. We appreciate your generosity and look forward to a great event!

—Valerie Thompson, Fashion Show Chair

Men's Fellowship Update

Are you hungry for a good message, good fellowship, and a good breakfast? Join us for our Saturday morning men's gathering and breakfast called **iHunger**. 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, **Text @iThirst to 23559**.

Memorial Item Donations Available

Pipe Organ	\$850,000
Christ on the Road to Emmaus Bronze Sculpture for Daily Mass Chapel	\$27,000
St. Joseph and Child Refurbishing	\$1,350
Parish Offices	
Metal Framing Exterior Walls	\$60,000
HVAC Components	\$55,000
Roofing	\$45,000
Exterior Windows and Doors	\$45,000
Exterior Brick	\$30,000
Plumbing	\$30,000
Plumbing Finish and Fixtures	\$10,000

Memorial Item Donations Partial

Jesus, Divine Redeemer and Master of the Universe Mosaic Panels for Memorial Garden (54) 18 available	\$5,000/each
Priests' Dedication Vestments (for extra Bishops and Abbots) (4) 4 available	\$400/each
Pew Seating for the Church (1,000) 713 available	\$300/each
Daily Mass Chapel and Choir Chairs (200) 93 available	\$300/each
Altar Server Albs (15) 15 available	\$125/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

Take St. Thomas More Home!

Saint Thomas More Tapestry Panels, 26" x 30", are available for \$200/each. This “one of a kind” bust is created of the same materials as the actual tapestry that is in our Church! See the sample hanging in the Parish Office. There are 11 available for purchase now. We are offering these, as well as the STM Posters, at our cost. Order forms and posters are available after all Masses at the Parish Information Table on the plaza

Questions? Contact Chris Smith at 760-758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org.

Liturgy & Music *Worship God*

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

BREAKING OPEN THE DESIGN

understanding the design—the Reconciliation Chapel and the Chairs

In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God forgives sins and restores broken relationships—in our own lives, in relationships with others, and in our relationship with God—through the ministry of the Church.

The importance of this sacrament, indeed of God's desire for us to be in right relationship, is visible in our Church's design, that is, in the placement of the Reconciliation Chapel at the foot of the pinnacle of the building, the Tower of Light.

In its discussions of the design of the Reconciliation Chapel, the Interior Design Team focused on the requirements of the rite itself, specifically, that the room be large enough and set up to accommodate both sacramental options as required by the Church—anonymous confession or face-to-face confession. For the former, we have hung a large screen between the penitent and the confessor, and for the latter, we have a chair for the penitent that faces the priest. Either option may be chosen.

One of the features of the chapel is a stained glass window that dominates one corner of the room. This piece, in the words of the artist brings God's light into the room, representing the fluidity between giving and receiving, between redemption and forgiveness, the ascending and descending movement of God's grace in the act of reconciliation. The color scheme allows us to reflect on the glory and mercy of reconciliation with the purple and lavender representing penance and the silver representing our salvation.



In the modern-day church building, flexibility is important. Not in the rites themselves, which are laid out in the liturgical texts, but rather in

our execution of the liturgy so that our worship is a meaningful and fruitful encounter with our God.

To this end, we have chairs in four places in the Church: the front rows of the Church, the Daily Mass Chapel, the music ministry area, and at the back of the Church. Let's look at each of these, in reverse order.

First, the armed chairs at the back of the Church are for those who need a little assistance getting up and down before, during, and after during the liturgy. Like the slope that leads to the sanctuary, these chairs provide access to the liturgy for some that may have difficulty with the pews.

Second, in *Built of Living Stones* (BLS), the bishops write, "Music is integral to the liturgy. It unifies those gathered to worship, supports the song of the congregation, highlights significant parts of the liturgical actions, and helps to set the tone for each celebration" (BLS §88). Our parish's music ministry has grown over the past ten years, both in number and in type. The Interior Design Team asked the architect to design a space that allows the various choirs and ensembles to participate in the liturgy both independently and as a combined whole. To do this, flexible seating was critical so that the various groups can adapt the space to their particular needs.

Third, as discussed in last week's article, the chairs in the Daily Mass Chapel allow for the flexibility the Parish needs to expand from our usual complement of eighty chairs to the 100 or more that are sometimes needed for our well-attended smaller funeral liturgies.

Fourth, when the diocesan director of liturgy and spirituality came to visit just before we dedicated the Church, the chairs were not yet



Luke 4:18-19

placed. Her first words were, "How wonderful this would be for the ordination of our new priests." Although it is important for the assembly to be close to the sanctuary during the liturgy, it is also important that the space at the foot of the steps be sufficient to allow us to celebrate liturgies that require more room: the Sacrament of Marriage, especially for the larger wedding parties; Funeral Masses, especially when we have a casket; and the Ordination of Deacons and Priests, when the candidates prostrate themselves during the rite. To accommodate all these needs, removing chairs is much easier than removing pews.

So, as part of the design of our new Church, the Interior Design Team carefully evaluated those places where chairs would be needed to supplement the pews, balancing the sense of permanence that pews afford with the need for flexibility in certain liturgical situations.

And a final note...now that we have lived in the building for just over five weeks (!), we know that we are going to have to swap out the hard rubber pads on the feet of the chairs to alleviate the squeaking sound they make when they rub along the floor. Plans are being made, and we hope to have this taken care of in the next couple of months.

As always, if you have questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Upcoming Music



JANUARY 31
4th Sunday in
Ordinary Time



5:00pm

Sanctuary Choir

8:30am

Praise Team

10:30am

Cappella Choir

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Family Faith Formation

Today is a REACH Sunday!



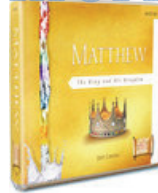
FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Friday February 5

Beginning at 6:00pm, this is a free event for all ages! Family spaghetti dinner packages will be available for purchase. Watch the bulletin for details. All proceeds support youth ministry at STM.

Adult Faith Formation

Morning Bible Study



Next session is
January 27

Matthew:

The King and His Kingdom

Wednesday mornings,

9:00-11:00am

Sign up today to register and get your workbook for the next session.

Contact Patt Goeltz for more information at pattg@stmoside.org.

Sacrament Prep News



MANDATORY Parent Meeting

for families whose children will be making their First Communion this year. Meeting will be held Sunday, January 24, 12:30-2:00pm on the upper level of the Parish Center.

Adult Confirmation

Are You an Adult Who Wishes to Be Confirmed?

Classes for Adult Confirmation have begun on Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:30pm. Contact Debbie in the Faith Formation office for more information and to register.

Tommy's Cafe

**Come Support the Youth of Our Parish
and Have Fun Doing it!**

All proceeds from the café go to supporting the youth's attendance at events like Steubenville San Diego and Life Teen Summer Camps.

Evening Bible Study

Sessions Have Begun For



Join Us Thursday Evenings
at 7:00pm.

Previous week's video shown
at 6:00pm.

Contact Debbie in the Faith
Formation Office for more
information.



Join Us For BELOVED



Sessions have already begun for a 12 part series offered on Wednesday evenings, at 7:00pm. Learn first hand how to experience the mystery, happiness and joy of marriage. **Beloved** will help you live out the Sacrament of Marriage more profoundly, so that your love story is drawn ever more into the greatest love story of all... God's own love for us. Contact the Faith Formation Office for additional information. There is no cost to participate!

Youth Ministry

High School

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School
Wednesdays 6:00-8:00pm

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jr. high ministry

Sunday from 4:30-6:00pm
**There will not be EDGE on
Sunday January 31**

Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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Collection for Week of January 16/17, 2016

Number of Registered Households	1,177
Offertory	\$7,316.69
Offertory (Loose Collection)	\$1,289.00
Total	\$8,605.69

Mortgage/Building Completion Fund Income

September 15, 2014 to December 31, 2015

Mortgage Offering Collected	\$767,605.15
Less Administrative Costs	\$33,328.00
Payment toward Parish Reserves (10%)	\$75,029.02
Payment toward Mortgage	\$675,261.13
Mortgage Payment Due	\$687,757.15
Mortgage Payment Overage/(Shortfall)	(\$12,496.02)
Memorial Items	\$1,382,849.90

Please continue to support the
Mortgage/Building Completion Fund!

St. Francis and St. Thomas More Offertory Envelopes

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TOWERS OF FAITH

Future Support & Estate Planning Options

Towers of Faith is a movement that has arisen due to the visionary leadership and generosity of several of our Parishioners. We stress that this is not about the gift amount, but rather the love and thought behind the gift.

These individuals (*several anonymous*) have included STM in their estate planning. This helps to ensure their ongoing support and a legacy for our Parish. *Towers of Faith* is a valuable portion of our future support.



Examples of the various future planning vehicles are:

**Designated Beneficiary Accounts,
Last Will and Testament, Living Trust, Life Insurance,
Stocks and Bonds, Real Estate, and Endowments.**

Parishioners who have already included STM in their estate plans are *Towers of Faith* participants. If you are interested, please contact us. Your participation is most welcome and appreciated!

Chris Smith at 760-758-4100 x120, or chriss@stmoside.org.

Empowered by God's Grace and Mercy in 2016

Today's reading from the Gospel of Luke offers us the first words of Jesus as he begins his public ministry. The words reflect his understanding of his Spirit-anointed mission. His words are his "Mission Statement."

Good stewards rejoice in being followers of Jesus. They realize that Jesus' commission is their commission as well. They embrace it and adopt it as their own.

We, too, have "glad tidings" to bring to a suffering world. This year, how will we fulfill Christ's commission in the world in which he has placed us, using the gifts entrusted to us?

—Partially excerpted, ICSC Stewardship 2016 January e-bulletin
(with permission)

Our mission statement at St. Thomas More Catholic Church is:

**"To worship God, teach and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ,
and serve God's people in word and deed."**



This weekend we welcome our 2016 lay witnesses, Tim and Lia Keane, and their beautiful daughters, Chloe, Ellie, and Abby. The Keane's have been with us at St. Thomas More since 2005. Tim, Lia, and the girls lead very busy lives, just as many of us do. Their stewardship of time and talent started out with bringing salads and desserts for the funeral receptions. This is a great way to be involved without adding too much time to balance busy lives. We all eat, and thus, we all go to the grocery store. I share this with many of our new Parishioners as a way of "giving back" to the Lord. Dessert and salad ingredients are easy to pick up!

Over the years, their ministry involvement expanded to Faith Formation Catechists, Adult Praise Team, Men and Women's Ministries, Knights of Columbus, Hospitality Ministry, Youth Handbells, Altar Servers, and more.

Tim is chair of our new Mental Health Ministry Network, along with Deacon John. Lia is our new Wedding Coordinator. Lia will also be coordinating "The Ark," a child-care center that we are creating in our Parish Center which will be available for child care for various Parish events and also during the 10:30am Mass on Sundays.

*Many thanks to the Keane family for sharing
their gifts and setting a great example for us all!*

News & Information from the Larger Church

We All Count Volunteer Opportunity—Friday, January 29, 4:00-7:30am, Interfaith Community Services, 550 W. Washington Ave., Escondido. An annual single-day event that provides an estimate of the number of homeless persons living in San Diego County in order to plan assistance for homeless families, veterans, and individuals. For more information and to sign up, visit <http://tinyurl.com/h8as7kb>.

2015 Diocesan Revival—February 2-4, 7:00pm each evening, St. Rita Catholic Church, San Diego. Rev. Anthony Bozeman will be the preacher. There is no charge and all are welcome.

New Paths Support Group for Separated and Divorced—Tuesdays, February 10-May 5, 6:30pm, Sacred Heart Parish Ministry Center, 655 C Ave., Coronado. For more information, contact 619-435-6136 or www.sacredheartcor.org.

18th Annual Divine Mercy Conference—February 5-6, Mission San Antonio De Pala. Mass at 7:00pm on Friday with celebrant Archbishop Julian Porteous. Inspiring video Message of Hope and Healing will follow Mass. Saturday includes speakers Archbishop Julian Porteous, Fr. Christ Alar MIC, Fr. Don Calloway MIC, and Fr. Dave Leon. Music by Donna Lee and friends. Closing Mass at 6:00pm. For more information, contact www.SDdivinemersey.org or 619-276-6637.

Body of Worth Workshop—Saturday, February 13, 9:00am-3:00pm, Birth Choice San Marcos Center, 277 S. Rancho Santa Fe Rd., San Marcos. A Christian-based program where women can learn and understand their biology, the risks of sex outside of marriage, and God's plan for fertility and how to protect the gift. Grandmothers, mothers, daughters, and nieces are welcome. A box lunch will be provided. For more information, contact 760-621-3414 x102 or www.birthchoicedonors.net, then Events, Body of Worth Class.

Fr. Joe's Villages Ladies Guild Annual Charity Luncheon—Tuesday, February 16, 10:45am, "Ooh-La-La Paris" at the Sheraton Mission Valley. \$55 per person; free parking. All proceeds benefit the children at Fr. Joe's Villages. For information/donations, contact Kristi at 858-453-9640 or kristikeith@mac.com or Jane at 858-453-7016 or janehargrove67@gmail.com.

Rachel's Hope After-Abortion Healing Retreat—February 19-21, St. Mary's Retreat Center, Escondido. For more information, contact Patti Smith, 760-305-8044, gridirongranny@live.com, or www.RachelsHope.org. Sponsored by the Diocese of San Diego.

Learning about the Priesthood—Saturday, February 20, 8:30am-3:00pm, St. Francis Center, University of San Diego. For more information, check with the Parish Office or Fr. Pedro Rivera at 619-291-7446.

Rachel's Hope Workshop for Men Saddened by a Past Abortion—February 20, 9:00am-6:00pm, Diocesan Pastoral Center, 3888 Paducah Dr., San Diego. For more information, contact 858-581-3022 or RachelsHope.org.

Rachel's Vineyard Post Abortion Healing Weekend Retreat—March 18 - 20. The retreat is an opportunity for any woman or man who has struggled with the emotional & spiritual pain of abortion. For more information or to register please call Dolores at 951-325-7702 or email rvtemecula@verizon.net. Also visit www.rachelsvineyard.org.



Around the Diocese—Visit www.sdcatholic.org to learn more about activities available through the Diocese and other Parishes.

Bereavement Support Group—Meets every Tuesday, 9:30-11:00am, at St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Room 5 of the Parish Center, 6628 Santa Isabel St., Carlsbad. All those negotiating the loss of a loved one are invited to participate. For more information, contact Liz Littel at 760-917-4404.

Young Adult Opportunities around the Diocese

Upcoming activities include Theology on Tap and several service projects.

For more information, visit www.yamsd.org. To receive text updates, text **YAM** to **84576**.

Visit www.sandiegocac.org for activities around the Diocese for adults of all ages.

Catholic Radio—AM 1000/Sirius 130—San Diego

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Do you have a family member, friend, or co-worker who has left the Catholic Church? If so, encourage them to visit www.CatholicsComeHome.org.

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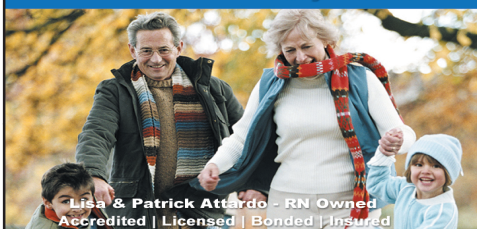
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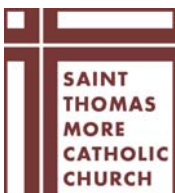




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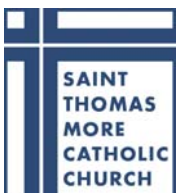
**Please join us for an informational meeting
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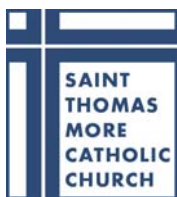
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