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*A Roman Catholic Parish
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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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**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 7, 2016**



*They left everything
and followed Jesus.*

—Luke 5:11

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

Pastor's Column

Islamophobia

At this time in the history of our global village, it is more important than ever that people of good will come together, rise above differences, rejoice in diversity, seek and celebrate that which we have in common.

It is so important to realize that we are sisters and brothers sharing time together on this Planet Earth only for a while.

Religion should bring people together, not keep us apart.

Unfortunately, today there are people of all religions who are making choices that desire to not only keep us apart, but are choosing to use their religion as a weapon to destroy others whose faith is lived differently than theirs.

Presently, a few fundamentalist Muslims have taken center stage in our world, and they are causing havoc, destruction, and death not only to people of other faiths, but also to people of their own faith who do not live it as stringently as they do.

But what we need to realize is that those fundamentalist Muslims are a very distinct minority. There are 1.2 billion Muslims in the world today!

What would the percentage of these Muslims who are terrorists be? It is probably less than 1/2 of 1%.

Do we blame "all" for the actions of the "few?" Absolutely not! Yet, that is what many in our country today are calling us to do...

We are being told to fear the Muslim, to ban the Muslim from our country.

This kind of fear and action destroys the very foundations of our nation. We are a nation built on new waves of immigrants coming into our country generation after generation.

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Did You Know?

As a Parish, we employ a number of people who comprise our Staff. As a Church institution committed to the Gospel, we not only provide a just wage, but we also offer a variety of fringe benefits for our hard working staff members.

The cost of these benefits for our Parish Staff is for FYE 2016 is \$124,980.

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It is these new groups of people, people of different races, ethnic backgrounds, and religions that bring a freshness, a new energy and enthusiasm into the life of our country. They are the life blood of our future...

Rather than fearing the unknown, we should get to know the unknown.

With that in mind, I want to call to your attention two events that will be taking place in our Diocese and in our Parish this month. These two events can help us to get to know those who many people are telling us that we should fear.

On Wednesday, February 17, at 7:00pm, Bishop McElroy, the Bishop of our Diocese, will be speaking with Sayyid Syeed, of the Islamic Society of North America, at the Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies at the University of San Diego. The title of their presentation is "Deepening Inter-Religious Dialogue and Community Alliances."

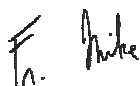
The context of the talk is: "Violent extremism, terrorism, and transnational violent movements under a religious banner have led to growing public concern. Security-based approaches to countering violence and extremism have in turn created new threats, particularly against the Muslim community in America."

On Sunday, February 28, at 12:30pm on the Upper Level of our Parish Center, Sheikh Yasser Qassim, the Imam of Masjid Al-Ittehad, the Mosque in Vista, will be here in our Parish. The title of this presentation, and our time together, will be "Getting to Know Our Neighbors: A Catholic/Muslim Dialogue." All are invited to attend.

In today's bulletin, there is a flyer outlining both of these events.

Take time to get to know our neighbors. Do not let fear rule your lives as so many voices in our country are pushing us to do!

Let knowledge and friendship rule!


Ways to Help Support Your Parish

We offer a variety of options for easier giving: extra mail-back envelopes included in your packet or credit card and automatic checking/savings account deductions by signing up in the office or online. For more information, contact the Parish Office at 760-758-4100 x100 or parishoffice@stmoside.org. To sign up online, visit www.stmoside.org, then click on Donations, then Online Giving.

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.

Welcome New Parishioners

Erik & Maria Acheff & Family
Robert & Sandra Nelke

Announcing the Baptism of

Corbin Nicholas Cababa
on February 7



Our Christian community welcomes you with great joy!

Flower Donations

The Altar Flowers for this weekend were given by **Victor Fresca** in memory of Linda Heaslet.

**In Memoriam**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Bill Ames, who died on January 24. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on **Saturday**, February 13, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep his faithful partner, Jackie Portman, and his family in your prayers.

May his soul 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

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.

Want to Donate Online?

Our website has an online giving option! Go to www.stmoside.org and click on #5 or Donations, then Sign Up for Electronic Offerings.

Readings for the Week Ahead

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

Sunday, February 7 (75)

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 6:1-2a,3-8
Psalm 138:1-5,7-8
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 5:1-11

Monday, February 8 (529)

Jerome Emiliani, priest;
Josephine Bakhita, virgin

Tobit 12:6-13
Psalm 34:2-11
Mark 10:17-30

Tuesday, February 9 (330)

1 Kings 8:22-23,27-30
Psalm 84:3-5,10-11
Mark 7:1-13

Wednesday, February 10 (219)

Ash Wednesday
Joel 2:12-18
Psalm 51:3-6,12-14,17
2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2
Matthew 6:1-6,16-18

Thursday, February 11 (531)

Our Lady of Lourdes
Isaiah 66:10-14c
Judith 13:18bcde,19
John 2:1-11

Friday, February 12 (221)

Isaiah 58:1-9a
Psalm 51:3-6,18-19
Matthew 9:14-15

Saturday, February 13 (222)

Isaiah 58:9b-14
Psalm 86:1-6
Luke 5:27-32

Sunday, February 14 (24)

First Sunday of Lent
Deuteronomy 26:4-10
Psalm 91:1-2,10-15
Romans 10:8-13
Luke 4:1-13

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

Changa Aguilera
Ernie Aichele
Mary Alexander
The Ames & Portman Families
Christine & Cory Anderson
Carrie Autrey
Joshua Avery
Gretchen Baker
Rosemary Ballard
Dee Barakman
Jose Luis Barbosa
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
The Rick Brown Family
Katie Browne
Jack & Mary Bruzas
Janice Buchanan
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
Marge Egan
Jerome Elbacha
Arthur Eral
Carolyn Erickson Ey
Abigale & Danielle Esper
Erla, Joe, & Family
Victoria Lopez Fenton
The Fiore Family
Fr. James Flanagan
Mary Fleming
Ryan Flum
Ernie Folliis
Eugene Franciscus
Kathryn Franklin
The Greg French Family
Brian Frink
William K. Fullmer
Jim Gallagher
The Joe Garcia Family
Kathy Gardner
Joan Gay
Alyssa Gerhard
Jack & Marge Gillen
Merle Glime
Wendy Gonzales' Dad
Rick Gonzalez
Tillie Gonzalez
Matthew Gora
Lou Gordon
George Gritt
Fred Gritzen and Family
Luke Guenst
Pat & Tom Hannon
The Harker Family
Dorothy Harrison
Barbara Hatem
Bill & Mary Haynes
Lilian Hills
Lisa (Lynn) Hodges
Samara Hook
Susan Hori
Iolanda Iacobelli
Katherine Jacobs
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
Carolyn Mertes
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
Klarabelle Payne
Cynthia Pearson
Salina Pearson
The Perez Family
Elisa Petrie
Merri Phelps
Helen Pingtella
Delilah Plasterer
Perry Postulka
The Joe Prokop Family
Maria Elena Quiroz
Barbara Ramm
Jenni Richard
Evelyn Richards
Jan Riley
Rita Ritchie
Lily Robinson
Maria Rogers
The Rosmino Family
Donna Russell
Louis Russo
The Russo Family
Rachel Sainc
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
The Stoddard Families
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
Germaine Wilcott

Calendar Highlights

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

Feb 7 Liturgy of the Word for
Children at 8:30am and
10:30am Masses
Feb 7 **No Class Just Mass!**
REACH Classes canceled
for family Superbowl
activities
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
Jun 10-12 Annual Campout
Jun 20-24 Vacation Bible School

Questions? Contact Henny at
760-758-4100 x100
hennyj@stmoside.org.

Deployed Military

Gunnery Sgt. Fernando Andrade, Jr.
Lt. Devon Czarasty
Capt. Branden 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
Sgt. Brandon Lysen, 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.

February 8
Sr. Margaret Guinan, RJM
February 9
Sr. Fay Hagen, CSJ
February 10
Sr. Celeste Hanigan, OSF
February 11
Sr. Yvonne Hanke, OCD
February 12
Sr. Ann Hanna, DMI
February 13
Sr. Barbara Hanna, DMI
February 14
Sr. Yvonne Hawker, OSF

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 6, 5:00pm
Linda Heaslet ☩

Sunday, February 7, 8:30am
Angie Rasmon &
Raquel Sainz Maldonado ☩

Sunday, February 7, 10:30am
Linda Iacobelli Bennet ☩

Monday, February 8, 8:15am
Ed Donlik ☩

Tuesday, February 9, 8:15am
Charles Hyde ☩

Wednesday, February 10, 8:15am

Wednesday, February 10, 12:00pm

Wednesday, February 10, 7:00pm

Thursday, February 11, 8:15am
Deborah Anne Dowling ☩

Friday, February 12, 8:15am
Don Kope ☩

Saturday, February 13, 5:00pm
Sterling Rinear ☩

Sunday, February 14, 8:30am
Claire DeAnza ☩

Sunday, February 14, 10:30am
Robert Ratajczak ☩

Social Ministries & Outreach

Brother Benno's Food Drive March 12-13

As we approach Lent, we are reminded of our Christian obligations of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. What better way to give alms than to provide for the daily needs of the homeless and poor for food. On March 12-13, Deacon Tom will have trucks available in the parking lot for STM's annual food drive for Brother Benno's. Please be generous in providing non-perishable food items to help those in need. (disposable diapers are also always in need). Thank you and may God bless you and yours this Lenten season

St. Bonaventure Indian Mission

Are there garage sales going on in your neighborhood? If so, see if there are any leftover clothing items that did not sell. We would be happy to send the homeowner a receipt for a charitable deduction for next year's taxes. Our annual collection will be the second weekend in November, but it's never too early to start collecting shoes (no heels please) and clothing. Any questions, contact Deacon Tom at thomasgoeltz@aol.com or 760-727-8442.

STM Mental Health Ministry Network

STM is a member of the San Diego Mental Health Ministry Network (MHMN) and has made a commitment to become a faith community that both understands mental illness and can provide compassionate support. While our ministry is not intended to replace professional or clinical services and does not provide professional care, we do exist to serve individuals and families experiencing mental health issues by offering God's hope and love through encouragement, practical support, and prayer. The volunteers of this ministry have a heart to serve those who are experiencing mental health issues and would like to walk with you through your mental health experience and support you in whatever way we can. If you or a loved one is experiencing mental health challenges, or if you would like to find out how to become a member, please contact us at 760-758-4100 x104.

The MHMN is collaborating with NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, to present a 12-session educational program entitled "Family-to-Family" here at St. Thomas More which serves family members and friends of individuals with serious mental illness. Classes begin Wednesday, March 9, at 6:30pm and space is limited. For more information or to register, contact 760-722-3754 or info@naminorthcoastal.org

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**

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, including a park play date on Monday, February 15, 3:00-5:00pm. Join us! Contact Jen Abelson at jen.abelson@gmail.com.



Separated or Divorced?—The Separated/Divorce Ministry of St. James Parish invites those going through the pain of separation and divorce to find help and healing in a supportive small group setting. Meetings are held each Sunday at 10:15am at St. James Catholic Church at 625 South Nardo Ave., Solana Beach. Contact Frank Grant at 760-533-1520 or fwgrant@gmail.com for more information.

Beloved Series—Deacon John and Debbie Fredette will be presenting a 12-part series Wednesday evenings, continuing February 17 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—Responsible Parenthood: "[Finally], living according to God's design for love and life does not mean that married couples cannot plan their families. The principle of responsible parenthood describes the way spouses can work with God's gift of fertility. Spouses can recognize their own duties towards God, themselves, their families, and human society as they decide when to try to achieve a pregnancy or conclude that there are sufficiently serious reasons to justify postponing one." To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

Marriage Moments—Mardi Gras allows us a last fling before the Lenten penitential season. Do something frivolous together today. Eat something decadent, give each other a massage, wear wild make-up, enjoy being foolish. If you're the uptight type, let go. You'll have six weeks to exercise your over-responsible side.

Parenting Pointers—Ash Wednesday is February 10. Prepare for Lent by talking with your family about how this can be a time of generosity and mercy (forgiveness). For the next seven weeks, I'll give you ideas about how your family can live more simply. Use this week to think of your own.

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.

**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

The Women's Guild Fashion Show on Saturday was spectacular with modeling by St. Thomas More women who did a wonderful job of showing off lovely fashions from Draper's and Damon's. Door prizes and opportunity baskets were amazing and added to the great fun of the day, along with a delicious luncheon. Thanks to all who made this event such a big success.

Registration begins this weekend for the Day of Recollection on Monday, February 29, sponsored by the Women's Guild and Spirited Seniors. Visit the table on the plaza to register and check the flyer for details regarding this popular Lenten experience. It is a half day event, with guest speaker Fr. Larry Dolan, OFM, and includes Mass, light lunch, and Stations of the Cross. You are also encouraged to bring your Bible.

Our next monthly luncheon meeting is Monday, March 14, at 11:00am in the lower level of the Parish Center. We'll be celebrating St. Patrick's Day with an Irish meal from Bobby's Hideaway, and only \$10. Sister Maureen Brown will join us and share her life experiences in the service of Christ. It's not too early to call in to reserve your place: Anna Robinson, 760-842-5205.

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**.

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.

Heartnotes

The next Adult CPR/AED classes will take place on Saturday, February 13, and Saturday, February 20, at 9:30am.

Here is a link to a story that illustrates the importance of having CPR/AED skills: <http://tinyurl.com/jxuqvsf>

To reserve a place contact Dr. Phil Goscienski, 760-732-1414 or drphilg@cox.net.

Need Help with Transportation to Church!

Volunteer drivers are needed in our Parish. Some Parishioners would like to attend Mass and cannot drive themselves. Please prayerfully consider helping some of our fellow Parishioners. If you can help in any way with this service, please contact Ann Eriksson 760-305-9985 or eriksson1@att.net.



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

OUR PRAYERS LIKE INCENSE

Lent — a sense of the season

We mark our days, not according to the numbers and squares on a calendar, but according to the observances of the liturgical seasons. Lent is the time for prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These age-old disciplines reflect our basic concerns; our relationship with God (prayer), with our bodies (fasting), and with each other (almsgiving) that ultimately help us to reflect on our life with Christ and prepare to renew our baptismal vows.

Our new church is filled with meaningful art and architecture; we have come to appreciate all the beautiful thoughtful fixtures and finishes that grace our worship space. We keep our eyes focused on the Sanctuary, mindful that Lent is a time for visual fasting; it is a time to journey with our Catechumens; it is a time to be personally confronted by the Gospel's demand for our ongoing conversion.

The color for Lent is purple. Purple is a symbol of penance. Scripture tell us that a purple garment was

placed on Jesus during his passion as a mockery. The color purple and the days of penance themselves will eventually give way to the color white and celebration of Christ's victory over sin. At this time, less really is more.

Next to the change in color, you might notice that we do not sing the Alleluia. Alleluia is a term of great joy, and our use of the Alleluia during Mass is a way of participating in the angels' worship. It is also a reminder that the Kingdom of Heaven is already established on earth, in the form of the Church, and that our participation in Mass is a participation in heaven. The Alleluia will joyfully return at the Easter Vigil.

In the days and weeks of Lent, we are invited to offer our prayers by writing them down using the prayer cards inserted in the Bulletin and available in the Church. Please place them in the large basket in the Sanctuary before or after Mass. You



Luke 5:5

are welcome to fill out as many as you would like for any personal petitions you may have.

In this Year of Mercy, may we pray for God's mercy in our lives that he might strengthen our resolved to extend mercy to all we meet, that we recognize that mercy is the bridge that connects God and man, opening our hearts to the hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness. Amen.

—Kathy Arciero
Liturgy Chairperson

Upcoming Music

✠

FEBRUARY 10
Ash
Wednesday

✠

8:15am

Cantor &
Congregation

12:00noon

Cantor &
Congregation

7:00pm

Sanctuary Choir

✠

FEBRUARY 14
1st Sunday of
Lent

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5:00pm

Praise Team

8:30am

Tower Bells

10:30am

Sanctuary Choir



Let my prayer
be incense before you;
my uplifted hands
an evening offering.

— Psalm 141:2

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Family Faith Formation

No REACH Classes Today
Our Next REACH Class is February 21

Sacrament Prep News



Expecting ??

Why not schedule your Baptismal appointment today before the arrival of your little one? Please contact the Faith Formation Office at 760-758-4100 x110 or debbief@stmoside.org for more information.

Adult Confirmation

Are You an Adult Who Wishes to Be Confirmed?

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

Little Books For Lent Are Now Available For Purchase

Tommy's Café is Now Open!

Did you know that eating at Tommy's Café helps to send our teens to events like Steubenville San Diego and Life Teen Summer Camps? Can you help send a teen to camp this summer? Contact Debbie in the Faith Formation Office to see how you can make a difference!

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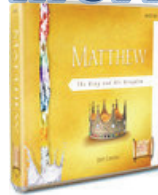
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Adult Faith Formation

Morning Bible Study



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

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Collection for Week of January 30/31, 2016

Number of Registered Households	1,187
Offertory	\$8,544.74
Offertory (Loose Collection)	\$1,468.50
Total	\$10,013.24

Mortgage/Building Completion Fund Income

September 15, 2014 to January 31, 2016

Mortgage Offering Collected	\$807,326.79
Less Administrative Costs	\$35,411.00
Payment toward Parish Reserves (10%)	\$78,797.88
Payment toward Mortgage	\$709,180.91
Mortgage Payment Due	\$732,563.36
Mortgage Payment Overage/(Shortfall)	(\$23,382.45)

Memorial Items	\$1,398,389.90
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Please continue to support the
Mortgage/Building Completion Fund!

"Did You Know " Collection January 2016

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For more information please contact:

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A Temple Built of Living Stones includes our faith journey as well as the build out of our Parish Campus.

We Are God's Lighthouse

A Christian steward works as an instrument of God. In all aspects of daily life, he or she cheerfully performs the work God has planned for his people. Being a Christian is accepting the role of steward.

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- * If you fail to come to work two or three times a month, would your boss call you faithful? If your refrigerator quits for a day now and then, do you excuse it and say, "Oh, well, it works fine most of the time"?
- * If you miss a couple of mortgage or car payments during the year, would your bank say, "Oh, well, 10 out of 12 isn't really that bad?"
- * Or, finally, if you count on someone to meet you at a certain place or certain time each week, and this person consistently stands you up, do you consider this person faithful in their promise to you?

Seriously think about applying the same standards to your faith giving as you do in other areas of your total life. God loves a cheerful giver.

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News & Information from the Larger Church

New Paths Support Group for Separated and Divorced—Tuesdays, February 9-May 3, 6:30pm, Sacred Heart Parish Ministry Center, 655 C Ave., Coronado. For more information, contact 619-435-6136 or www.sacredheartcor.org.

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.

St. Joseph Academy (K-8 and High School) Open House—Saturday, February 20, 10:00am-1:00pm. Personal tours also available any time. Visit www.SaintJosephAcademy.org or call 760-305-8505.

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.

Stewardship: A Journey with the Lord—Sunday, February 21, 3:30pm, St. Mary Star of the Sea, 515 Pier View Way, Oceanside. Featuring singer/speaker Renée Bondi.

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 rvttemecula@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.

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

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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online at <http://tinyurl.com/z5toem5>.

Getting to Know Our Neighbors: A Catholic/Muslim Dialogue

Sunday, February 28

12:30-2:30pm

Upper Level of our Parish Center

St. Thomas More Catholic Church
1450 South Melrose Drive, Oceanside

“Faith brings out the best in us. Interfaith brings out the best of our faiths.” —*Imam Abdulo Mujahid*

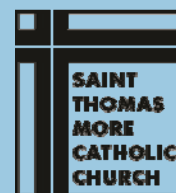
“Turning to mutual respect in inter-religious relations, especially between Christians and Muslims, we are called to respect the religion of the other, its teachings, its symbols, its values. Particular respect is due to religious leaders and to places of worship. How painful are attacks on one or other of these.”

—*Pope Francis*

Sheikh Yassir Qassim, Imam of Masjid Al-Ittehad, the Mosque in Vista, and Rev. Michael Ratajczak, Pastor of St. Thomas More Catholic Church, will facilitate input, dialogue, and discussion about our faiths: what we hold in common, and how we can work together for the common good.

All are welcome! Let's take time to get to know our neighbors and not let fear rule our lives.

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**"You pray for the hungry
THEN YOU FEED THEM
That's how prayer works."**

Pope Francis



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DAY OF RECOLLECTION

for all men & women of the parish & friends

Monday, Feb. 29, 2016

8:30 a.m. to 12:50 p.m.

St. Thomas More Catholic Church
Upper level



Rev. Fr. Larry Dolan, OFM

Sponsored by STM Women's Guild and Spirited Seniors

Sack lunch will be provided after Mass.
Stations of the Cross will conclude the day.

Join us on our Lenten journey. Please return registration form with your check in the amount of \$15 for each person (or \$25 per couple) to the parish office in box 35 or place it in the collection basket. Make checks payable to STM Women's Guild. For more information call Pat Wong (760) 806-1310 or Marilyn Day (760) 509-4545 or Edith Noel (760) 536-9462

Registration deadline is Friday, Feb. 26, 2016

Bring your Bible

Registration Form

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Monday, Feb. 29, 2016

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Name(s) _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Make check out to "STM Women's Guild" \$15 single; \$25 couple. Deadline Feb. 26, 2016





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SERVED 5:30-6:30PM

STM PARISH CENTER LOWER LEVEL

**Baked Cod,
Mac & Cheese,
Roasted Potatoes,
Vegetables,
Corn Bread, &
Salad**



**Dessert
Bar**

Adults: 1 fish \$7

2 fish \$9

Beer & Wine \$4

Kids Dinner \$4

**For information or reservations, contact
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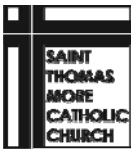
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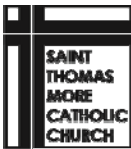
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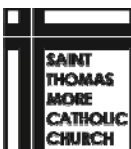
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